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From: Santiago Yturria Garza <syturria.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 17:32:24 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 07:54:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Flotilla' Over Lima Peru - Yturria

>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=dkNdXncScmY>

>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.

Really? Then it seems the Russians are already invading the
aereal space in Chile, Mexico and other countries where these
ufo fleets have been seen and videotaped for years including the
US.

Besides, those Russians are seriously menacing the comercial air
traffic with those devices over the populated cities don't you
think?

Check these images and tell me if you really think these are
Russian devices over Guadalajara, Mexico.

Check how the spheres fly in formation under the clouds, more
than 200 spheres. This is a Flotilla.

Do I need to say more ?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKzzsM-_sg

Your friend is exagerating and presuming over an alleged
technology that we don't even know they have, not as he
describes. Your friend must do some research on the UFO fleet
phenomena before putting out a theory that he can't prove.

Unless your friend provides solid evidence about these
'Cosmospheres' invading other countries and the technology,
including flying tests, his story doesn't have foundations.

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Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Kimball

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 13:45:42 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 07:56:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Kimball

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 15:56:52 +0100
>Subject: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

Stuart:

>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.

To be fair, there are a lot of shoddy documentaries out there,
and not just about the UFO phenomenon, so critiquing them is no
great wrong in my book... even if one of those films, in
someone's opinion, happens to be mine. But I agree with you
about the "stab in the back" stuff, and said so on SDI last week
- I've never met a documentary maker who purposefully went out
and said, "hey, let's screw this guy over, or treat him
unfairly." Usually, it comes down to the fact that the
documentary maker(s) have different opinions than you do, or
have reached different conclusions. There are, I suppose, the
exceptions that prove this rule, but I haven't met them, nor has
anyone I know who works in the industry.

>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.

It's at this point that I must object to your subject title.
It's not really "Paul Kimball's Best Evidence" - it's Brad
Sparks', Dick Hall's, and Stan Friedman's, and Kevin Randle's,
and Bruce Maccabee's, and Nick Redfern's, and Nick Pope's, and
Mac Tonnie's, and Don Ledger's, and... well, you get the
picture. They're the ones who, with one exception (#10, the 1561
Nuremberg case) picked the cases. I was just one voice among
many in that regard.

Further, when it came to the actual making of the film, again,
I'm just the quarterback. Kudos to the rest of the team - folks
like John Rosborough (post audio and music), Zan Rosborough
(post audio), Findlay Muir (DOP), Jim Kimball (co-producer),
Christine Boss (production coordinator), Brian Howald and
Breandan McGrath (head animators), Thor Henrickson (on-line
editor), and of course the good folks at Space who commissioned
the film (especially Charlotte Engel), the NSFDC who provided
much of the financing (especially Ann MacKenzie and Linda Wood),
and B7 Media in the UK who are distributing the film (especially
Andrew Mark Sewell). Finally, super kudos to actress Kris Lee
McBride, who narrated the film and gave it a unique "voice" -

i.e. young and female. You don't hear that in many docs, alas - especially UFO-related docs. My mom loved it!

In the end, of course, there are the people to whom the film truly belongs - the witnesses, including the three who appear in the film, Lieutenant Colonel Bruce Bailey (RB47), Colonel Charles Halt (Rendlesham), and Captain Robert Salas (Malmstrom).

>Simple, clear, un-sensational, 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.

On behalf of all of the above, my friend - thank you (especially for letting Findlay and I crash at your house a year ago)!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.bestevidence.blogspot.com
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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A REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT QUARANTINE AUTHORITY

The detention of a man infected with tuberculosis who may have exposed fellow passengers on commercial airliners to a particularly resistant form of the disease has generated new interest in the government's power to quarantine and isolate persons who may pose a threat to public health.

A recent report of the Congressional Research Service provides extensive legal, factual and historical background on the subject.

In a nutshell, "state and local governments have the primary authority to control the spread of dangerous diseases within their jurisdictions, and the federal government has authority to quarantine and impose other health measures to prevent the spread of diseases from foreign countries and between states," the CRS report explains.

See "Federal and State Quarantine and Isolation Authority," updated January 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33201.pdf>

and, relatedly, see "Quarantine and Isolation: Selected Legal Issues Relating to Employment," updated February 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33609.pdf>

"The term 'quarantine' is derived from the Italian words quaranta giorni, which refer to the 40-day period during which certain ships arriving at the port of Venice during the Black Death plague outbreaks of the 14th century were obliged to sit at anchor before any persons or goods were allowed to go ashore," the CRS notes.

NATIONAL INTEL COUNCIL SPONSORS WIKI ON GLOBAL DISEASE

Students at Mercyhurst College created a wiki-based resource on global disease to support the National Intelligence Council, while demonstrating the utility of the wiki approach for intelligence analysis.

"The fundamental question had to do with the impact of chronic and infectious diseases on US national interests over the next 10-15 years," said Prof. Kristan J. Wheaton, whose class produced the wiki.

"The 26 students in the class worked for the 10 weeks of the course on the project, producing over 1000 pages of analysis on every country in the world. They also wrote global, regional and national interest reports. They even produced a process report that talks about how they did what they did and several videos to accompany the reports. The project was completed using entirely open sources."

"The final product is interesting on a number of levels," Prof. Wheaton told Secrecy News, "not the least of which is the way in which wiki technology facilitated the analysis."

A description of the activity with a link to the final product can be found on the National Intelligence Council web site here:

http://www.dni.gov/nic/research_globaldisease.html

CHINA NAVAL MODERNIZATION

The significance of China's naval modernization programs and their impact on U.S. national security considerations are explored in a newly updated report from the Congressional Research Service.

See "China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated May 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33153.pdf>

Hans Kristensen of FAS observed that a recent Department of Defense annual report on Chinese military power conspicuously declined to endorse press reports (mainly attributable to Bill Gertz of the Washington Times) that China intends to deploy five new Jin-class ballistic missile submarines.

"Are you building five SSBNs or not?" Hans inquired in a followup letter to the Embassy of China. "No one here even knows the answer to your question," the Embassy replied.

See "Pentagon China Report Ignores Five SSBNs Projection," Strategic Security Blog, May 25:

http://www.fas.org/blog/ssp/2007/05/pentagon_publishes_annual_ch_in_1.php

CASTRO'S CUBA TODAY

"The chances for a radical change in leadership in Cuba are remote," the Central Intelligence Agency assessed in a 1966 analysis that was declassified last year.

"Fidel Castro is still the undisputed 'maximum leader' of the Cuban revolution and the dominant figure in Cuban politics, despite rumors to the contrary which circulated widely last spring."

See "Castro's Cuba Today," Current Intelligence Weekly Special Report, 30 September 1966, declassified October 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/cia/product/cuba1966.pdf>

See also "Cuba: U.S. Restrictions on Travel and Remittances," Congressional Research Service, updated May 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31139.pdf>

and "Cuba: Issues for the 110th Congress," updated May 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33819.pdf>

CANADA-U.S. RELATIONS

"The United States and Canada maintain the world's largest trading relationship, one that has been strengthened during the past fifteen years by the approval of two multilateral free trade agreements," according to another recently updated Congressional Research Service report.

"But it has been over security-related matters, particularly defense spending, Iraq, and missile defense, that the two governments had their sharpest differences."

"Notwithstanding these controversies, Canada and the United States have been working together on a number of fronts to thwart terrorism, including strengthening border security, sharing intelligence and expanding law enforcement cooperation."

See "Canada-U.S. Relations," updated May 15, 2007:

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Re: Theological Implications Of Fermi And Drake -

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 18:52:38 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 08:10:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Theological Implications Of Fermi And Drake -

>Source: The Practicalithe(ology) Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/2ubf62>

>5/30/2007

>Theological Implications Of Fermi's Paradox And The Drake
>Equation

<snip>

>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.

I don't see it that way. We can be 'unique', but that has no bearing at all on whether some other beings on other planets might be sentient or not. No linkage there.

I've been curious most of my life as to why Jesus called himself Son of Man. Maybe there are saviour Sons of other species of sentient beings too.

Eleanor White

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Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 08:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Nielsen

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
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I'm probably asking too soon. But since credible documentaries rarely play to a wide audience, when will the DVD version be available for sale?

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SDI #441 20 Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 08:21:03 -0400
Subject: SDI #441 20 Questions

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20 Questions royally addressed by regular Dave Furlotte, Fortean expert Dr. David Clarke, and James. E. McDonald Biographer Ann Druffel... as raked, seeded, and rolled by the ebullient Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Why would Paul Kimball wish to be born in the body of Jessica Alba? Is this at the root of the new appreciation 'Bubba' seems to be cultivating for same?
2. Free of the remotest hint of any untoward vermin, and actually quite fastidious, why does Dave Furlotte scratch his head?
3. If there is no ufological evidence... like a required ufological evidence... anywhere near the ufological evidence extant... how is there ever any ufological evidence at all?
4. Dr. David Clarke: Sincere skeptic or stealthy skeptibunky?
5. Whatever happened to BUFORA? Was just one piece of published prosergy from Alfred Lehmborg enough to finally implode it?
6. How does Dr. Clark justify his sympathy for a closed institution (Military Intelligence) very suspiciously lying to the persons it is supposed to serve over and over again with alarming guile and brittle alacrity... to the point where it discredits and invalidates itself into a needlessly dangerous irrelevancy? What other sympathies might Doctor Clarke have?
7. Does Dr. Clarke maintain an unsupported benefit of the doubt for the veracity of official responders to FOIA requests who report, unequivocally, that there is no information on the subject at hand... when there is?
8. How is 'Condign' a "punishment well deserved" How did the UFO files come to be salted with asbestos? What saved the files from destruction for same?
9. What can remotely justify the destruction of gun-camera footage of genuine UFOs?
10. What finally satisfies an assessment of corporeal reality for a UFO with regard to its definition as a structured Object? When is a UFO a 'craft' and where does it become an 'atmospheric phenomena'. Why can't an atmospheric phenomena be a craft somehow... Is Dr. Clarke a little quick to recognize and accept a 'phenomena' where he is a little too reluctant to admit to a 'craft'?
11. Is Dr. Clarke perhaps a little too glib regarding what seemed to be an arbitrary destruction of paper and audit trails or other records as regards UFOs in the UK?
12. Can the famous Condon referenced Lackenheath case, Aug. 1956

in the UK, be relegated to British jets chasing stars, balloons, or new atmospheric phenomena like, ball lightning, disappearing rainbows, and water nixies? Was it contrived for a psycho-social experiment in public gullibility?

13. Just who the _hell_ was author and intelligence officer Bernard Newman, and why was he writing the "Roswell" Story as fiction just after "Roswell" went down in fact?

14. Why should nascent ufologist and suspicious suicide J.E. McDonald have statues erected to his memory?

15. Is it remotely possible for Philip Klass be tried in a civil suit posthumously for the death of Dr. McDonald?

16. Was McDonald harassed by government officialdom over a period of years to include imposters traveling the country giving contrary messages to discredit him? Were Dr. McDonald's civil rights trounced and obviated

17. Was Congress complicit in this torpedo job of McDonald's character and competency plus the violations of his civil rights?

18. Is there a recorded collection of McDonald lectures and presentations to be had anywhere for a _peanuts_ fee?

19. Government & UFOs: cock-up or cover-up?

20. Has a detailed review of Anne Druffel's McDonald bio Firestorm, been made available in the Archives of UFO UpDates?

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June 1st 2007

Profile Gary McKinnon

Being public enemy number one is a lot more mundane than you might think, the notorious hacker tells Paul Fisher as he awaits extradition.

It's a miserable, cold day and the rain has become persistent. Standing at the entrance to Wood Green tube station, I'm waiting to meet Gary McKinnon, the man US prosecutors claim is responsible for the biggest military hack of all time.

That sounds like an honour, but it isn't. For the man who arrives in jeans, trainers and a baggy black anorak on the other side of the station entrance it's part of a story that threatens to take away his liberty and land him in an American prison for the rest of his life.

The case surrounding McKinnon has been dragging on for more than five years. What is widely known is that he allegedly hacked into a number of US military and NASA computers in 2001 and 2002. He was arrested by detectives from the now-defunct high-tech crime unit after an indictment was issued by US authorities. Nothing much happened for three years, and McKinnon became a bit of a celebrity in the hacking community - although he's keen to point out that he doesn't see himself as any kind of anti-hero.

Then the extradition threat that had been in the background since 2002 suddenly became very real in 2005, when the home secretary cleared the way. Various appeals followed, but since the start of this year it began to feel that time was running out for the former system administrator. His appeal to have the extradition stopped was turned down by the High Court in April, and his hopes now rest with the House of Lords. But the procedure is not encouraging; the High Court has to appeal on his behalf and may refuse to do so. McKinnon now has to wait and see if he gets a call from the High Court. "It could take ages," he sighs. And even then his fate rests with three unnamed law lords, who may or may not make themselves fully aware of the facts in the case.

As we sit down to talk in a coffee shop, he tells me that waiting around is something he has become quite good at over the past few years. Unable to work, he has to fill his time on the =A353.14 a week he gets in benefits. Under the terms of his bail he is banned from using the internet, which, he says was annoying at first, but he has got used to it. Then there is the weekly chore of signing on at Wood Green police station to prove he hasn't fled the country. Not that the life of a fugitive appeals. "I wouldn't want to flee. Anyway, my passport has been

taken away - even though it ran out in 1982. I've never really been much of a traveller, I always preferred camping in the UK."

The teenage McKinnon was more interested in science fiction and UFOs - an interest that has never left him and is largely responsible for his current predicament. It was his quest for evidence of UFO activity that led him to poke around in NASA and US military computers. He claims that the existence of UFOs is kept secret by a process of ridicule. "Yet, some of the world's greatest problems could be solved. The oil-based economy would be out the window," he says. He really does believe this, too.

Meeting McKinnon you quickly realise that he hardly fits the bill as far as the quasi-terrorist persona the US seem to have created for him. He's quietly spoken and polite. He seems relaxed, sipping his tea, yet it's not hard to imagine the stress he must be under. The beta-blockers his GP prescribed have helped, he admits.

He says he has always been quite good at compartmentalising problems in his mind, although I wonder, when faced with a 70-year prison sentence, how much of a compartment that must take up. "It prays on my mind, but I try to maintain a fair bit of optimism, although my core of confidence and wellbeing, that has been eroded," he says.

In some ways, McKinnon is unlucky. He happened to be active around the time of 9/11 and its aftermath. A press release issued in December 2002 by a prosecuting US attorney talks of the "grave intrusion into a vital military computer system at a time when we, as a nation, had to summon all our defenses against further attack". There is also the matter of the "calling cards" that he is alleged to have left criticising US policy. This can't have helped his case?

"I might have left messages criticising their security, sometimes an anti-US government policy message," he admits. But nothing, he insists, to do with the country or its people. "I've been there, had a great time. I'm not anti-American. I'm just anti-US foreign policy over successive governments." And the alleged damage? "Either they invented that or someone else did it. I would love to see the evidence of the damage, what physical form that took," he says.

He's not alone in this. Other security experts I spoke to have also expressed a degree of scepticism at the US government's damage estimates - it's extremely difficult to prove. Plus there's the issue, often overlooked, at the ease with which McKinnon managed to access so many military-grade systems with off-the-shelf hacking tools. Others in the security community have questioned why no one has been brought to book for this. Some of his supporters say that it is the system administrators that should be tried and prosecuted, he says.

Has the Free Gary McKinnon website helped or hindered his cause? "It's definitely helped. In terms of support I've gotten, it gives a warm feeling," he tells me. He likes the fact that some US military personnel have left abusive messages - with their IP addresses traceable.

If his final appeals fail, then this, he says, is what will happen. It's almost worthy of Kafka. He will get a letter telling him to report to Heathrow airport, where he will be met by two US marshals. He will be cuffed, put into leg irons and taken on to a plane. This will be done by foreign police officers on British soil to a British citizen.

And when he gets to the US, he may have to wait up to two years for his case to come to trial - in jail. In an interview with The Guardian in 2005, he spoke of his terror at the prospect, so bad that he could hardly control his legs as he walked down the road or sleep at night. Now he says, it's not as bad, the fear comes and goes.

He has support from the US as well, especially from the UFO community, who post onto the website. "Dan Aykroyd mentioned me on a US chat show, with David Sereda," he tells me with pride.

He believes that he is caught between two conflicting schools of thought in the US. One is that he has embarrassed the US government and it might be best if the whole thing was

forgotten, while others feel he should be made an example of. So what does he think should happen to him? "If I am completely neutral, I would say that I should be tried, but tried in the UK. If I am not, I would say that I would like the whole case to be dropped, as since 2002 my life has been a sentence in itself," he says.

As far as McKinnon is concerned, the UK government has not covered itself in glory over this affair. He feels an affinity with the NatWest Three, extradited to the US for different reasons, but subject to what many people feel is a one-sided extradition treaty. He feels very let down by home secretary John Reid.

"I realised when he was speaking that he understood very little of the US/UK extradition agreement. He was given an A4 brief. I understand more than he does," he says. He claims that someone very senior in the Crown Prosecution Service, told him that someone "very high up" had gone over Reid's head to ensure he would be extradited.

So now his hopes of remaining in the UK rest with the High Court and three unknown Law Lords who will look at his appeal. What would he say to them? "Please review the US/UK extradition treaty in its entirety - it's very definitely one-sided. The US has an agreement with 119 countries. The UK is the only one that will hand over its own citizens without evidence," he says. And if, and it's a big if, he is acquitted and gets his life back, he promises he would devote much of his time to getting that treaty changed.

THE CASE AGAINST MCKINNON

In its indictment, the US government charges seven counts of fraud and related activity that took place between February 2001 and March 2002. Gary McKinnon is accused of illegally accessing 98 computers, variously belonging to the US army, navy, air force, NASA, Department of Defense and a number of private companies.

On each count, McKinnon faces a maximum sentence of ten years in prison and a \$250,000 fine. According to the US Department of Justice, he is responsible for "an estimated loss of approximately \$900,000 (=A3454,000)".

However, the exact level of damage caused is one of the most controversial points in the case against McKinnon. Different figures are routinely bandied about by the press, and the wording of the original indictment is ambiguous; it does not state the actual levels of damage for each of the computers McKinnon is said to have accessed and damaged.

According to the Free Gary McKinnon website (freegary.org.uk/), he admits accessing NASA computers as part of his search for evidence of extra-terrestrial life, but denies deliberately causing any damage.

McKinnon now faces extradition to the US to face these charges. If found guilty, he is effectively looking at life imprisonment. At the time of writing, he is waiting to hear whether his application of appeal to the House of Lords against the extradition has been approved by the High Court.

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

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Great suffering and most baragrugous ZOT, but can you give a guy
a second to see the DVD and compose a forkina response? Here's a
draft of something I'm working on just to let you know that you
should be careful what you wish for, eh? See, your shaming was
not remotely required! <g>

Best Evidence? Best ever!

Perchance to revision entirely, repudiate ironically, or mea
culpa humbly? I suspect not. It's against the poet/warrior
charter and in the bylaws somewhere. Issues, of course, remain.

Moreover, pushing 60 I've learned there is often another shoe to
drop, eh? True, my perhaps tediously prosecuted and melodramatic
multi-media perturbation with the irrepressible Mr. Kimball is
long, detailed, and even easily Googled. We've battled
magnificently, if I'm allowed, in the poetic sense following the
tradition of Lord Byron and Bob Southey in Don Juan...

The thrust of my consternation; however, described in "Why I
Fight," located at my Weblog - leaves Mr. Kimball handily free
of any personal responsibility for my perhaps... exuberant
explication in his regard over the years. Seriously... unless
there's too much broccoli water, perhaps, but you'll have to
read Why I Fight for that. It's all philosophy, eh?

The short version? As always, the proceeding can be taken as

sincere reportage and not a convenient course change currying favor of a star in obvious ascendancy, even as that causes a shudder to some readers. No apologies, eh?

Still, I am most gratified to be able to make this report.

All that said? This writer asserts that Paul Kimball has raised the bar, decidedly, on what constitutes a competent film documentary about UFOs, and he has produced a work at once wonderfully convincing and thoroughly authoritative... indeed as interesting as it is compelling in every conceivable way.

Searching hard, reader, being bitten and therefore shy, I find I can be contrary only about the run-time of the piece. It was too short by a factor of three.

Best Evidence, in one word? Simply: More. There is much more after all.

An always improbable perfect storm of informed intelligence, controlled talent, and vetted support from key individuals, Kimball is able to ask society at large... reasoned, reasoning, and reasonable questions about UFOs, reader, which cannot go unanswered - ultimately - questions.

Allow me to digress a moment and address this concept of 'questions'. Consider the generic root 'question'. The interrogative.

See? The interrogative shapes perception... where the answer only restricts itself to the question provoking it; am I right? If one wants the most useful and productive answer available? One must first ask the correct question, eh?

I should think that this makes questions more important than answers by an order of karmic magnitude! Why not?

Moreover, this will be true, I suspect, even when the answers are not forthcoming - as they often are not... remember. No, 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, right? Shouldn't we all aspire more to a 'reach' over grasp, or how are any of us supposed to grasp anything new? That seems a no-brainer.

Besides, what does that boon answer do, actually, but provoke the next appropriate set of freaking question, regardless! Verily, the bigger we build the fire the more the shadows are revealed!

This is a benefit of doing what it is we do, reader, you and I, indulging our curiosity for the "out of the box" stuff. Shadows are regularly revealed and novelty begins to increase; am I wrong? The borders are pushed back, our intellectual horizon gets wider still, and we discover that there is all manner of potential in those heretofore unrealized shadows. To sleep perchance to dream, eh? Then, from those aggregate dreams improve an individual actuality. This is a sub-text of Kimball's film.

Its the rare flower should get a little water, eh? Good is often interred with bones, no? Evil, conversely, lives on and on, right? Kimball's documentary as rare 'good' living on and on for a change? We begin:

I think the thing I liked most about Kimball's film was the steady width of its beam of stark inclusiveness, an inclusiveness not dismissible as playing merely to the "lowest common denominator. It remains, everybody can get the point of Kimball's film.

Indeed, disparate persons could get the film wherever they approached it on the Bell curve, and in as much as the smartest person on the planet is numbingly stupid about some things, proper respect and appreciation gets shown to what has ever been inappropriately maligned, too readily disrespected, and heartlessly betrayed as the dimmer left half... of what is an overworked and inappropriately applied, if famous, Bell-curve. Kimball talks down to no one, and is straight with everyone! Everyone gets respect!

Truthfully, I was all set for a tedious viewing ordeal, upon which I would I would strafe and pan a review of equal tediousness. It was not to be.

In fact I was immediately delighted, hugely interested, and completely absorbed with the program from its onset. With a little shame I'd started ready to sneer. But I was spared that!

Strap yourself down reader! The boost's not over at perigee! Acceleration is ongoing! Infinity and beyond! Conrescence looms and beckons!

Like a ten stage rocket for a micro-mini mind-missile, the reality of a ufological profundity is fired so high and hard into the ufological fence-sitter's forebrain, that said fence-sitter can't really look at UFOs the same way ever again. Seriously, for every iterated case or stage of this rocket... given the quality of the persons involved? The numbers of quality persons involved? The corroborating evidence involved? The quality of science involved?

Well... lets just say that the aforementioned fence-sitter has every right, authorization, and duty to float right down from that fence and be amongst her fellow anti-klaskurxians and sharp-beaked pelican-hawks... feast on the well invalidated skeptibunky flesh hereby vanquished! But seriously, trees of ufological liberty finally nourished by the blood of harsh klaskurtxian tyrants, no? That's a subtext of Kimball's film and small hyperbole reader.

At case #10, even conversant I was, "Wow!" By #5, I was, "Great suffering Zot!" At #9? Well, my exuberance knew no bounds, reader! You see, Kimball has paid the awful debt incurred by a scurrilous lapdog mainstream in the abortive second half of the infamous Peter Jennings Special. Yes! Jennings' ABC is put paid by Kimball's Redstar! No one is more gob-smacked than myself!

Indeed, Kimball's Best Evidence is filled with all manner of meaningful and constructive surprises. One such is an employment of one Kris McBride, a serious young female actor, as a narrator.

There was some small discussion whether or not McBride was the correct choice to provide the aforementioned narration. Based on what I heard consistently throughout? She was, actually, if I may say so.

Her understated approach to the material sampled, coupled with the calm confidence of her informed delivery, contrasted productively with the youthfulness of her voice in a wide-sweep synergistic sense. Consequently, her performance compelled and communicated at many levels where a masculine delivery would not, I suspect. This girl is more than the sum of her parts, assuredly!

Moreover, she shows a rare courage (always guaranteed to blow my dress up) associating herself with even a serious ufology lest she be painted as a "woo-kookian or tin-foiler"!

Finally, the full blown DVD of Kimball's Best Evidence is predicted to add all the material not entertained by network television, so the work could better approach the run-time wished for at the beginning of this essay. I submit that it will be a wealth of valid information about not being alone in a back-water galaxy, and whatever the implications of that are, you can bet that it is a great pay-off to a conrescence graphed asymptotically, I've heard. Buckle up! The future is inexorable, but I suspect, still, that that is good news.

Mr. Kimball? Good work, Sir!

I wonder... could this be the other shoe dropped regarded earlier? Time will tell, but I'll keep my saber loose in its scabbard. There are seasons to stand firm. This is not one of them, however; Best Evidence is sea change, if we let it.

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Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jun 2007 12:00:27 -0400
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>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 16:31:04 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
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>I'm probably asking too soon. But since credible documentaries
>rarely play to a wide audience, when will the DVD version be
>available for sale?

Rick:

Probably not until the fall sometime, although that's up to our
British distributor, B7 Media

<http://www.b7media.com/evidence.html>

as well as being dependent on when I can find the time to work
on the bonus materials. Hopefully we'll have an American
broadcaster on board by the end of 2007.

On a slightly related note, the DVD version of Fields of Fear,
my 2006 documentary about Canadian cattle mutilation
investigator Fern Belzil, should be out soon, through Tim
Crawford's UFO TV - with an added disc of bonus materials that
will heavily feature the chupacabra investigation Nick Redfern
and I conducted back in September, 2005, in Puerto Rico with
researcher Orlando Pla, but which didn't make the film. Good
timing, as Nick's new book, Memoirs of a Monster Hunter, is due
out in September - he discusses the Puerto Rico trip therein.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

<http://www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com>
<http://www.bestevidence.blogspot.com>

Also, the narrator of Best Evidence, Kris Lee McBride, has a
blog folks might want to take a look at:

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Date: Fri, 01 Jun 2007 17:08:27 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 02 Jun 2007 12:01:51 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #441 20 Questions - White

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 1 Jun 2007 06:02:58 -0500
>Subject: SDI #441 20 Questions

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>7. Does Dr. Clarke maintain an unsupported benefit of the doubt
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>report, unequivocally, that there is no information on the
>subject at hand... when there is?

Woo-Hoo! Bravo for question number 7!

Eleanor White

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Is there any progress on further distribution (of the documentary)?

Stuart

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By Robert Freeman
The Progress

Believe it or not, Dave Francis and his girlfriend Kelly McDonald saw something otherworldly Sunday night.

And their story backs up the report of neighbour Lisa McCubbin, who saw a large triangular-shaped object appear just after midnight in the skies over the UCFV campus in Chilliwack.

But unlike McCubbin, who's holding out for a rational explanation, Francis, 29, and McDonald, 30, are sold on the belief they saw something not of this world.

"I really think it was a UFO," says Francis, a local deeJay. "I don't really care if anybody else believes me... it was the craziest thing I ever saw."

"I know that I saw something that wasn't from here," says McDonald. "I've never seen anything move that way."

UBC astronomer Jaymie Matthews doesn't dismiss what all three Chilliwack residents saw, but he believes that city lights reflecting off the bellies of a flock of birds is a more "reasonable" explanation.

He says flocks of birds do take off at night, and the light reflecting off their bellies can give the appearance of a single translucent object.

Unlike our ancestors, he says, people today are "spending less and less time looking up at the night sky... and there's a lot of stuff that happens up there on a regular basis that looks weird."

But all three Chilliwack witnesses insist what they saw did not move anything like birds.

"It wasn't birds," McDonald says flatly. When the triangular-shaped object came closer, she says, "it broke apart into 20 or more of these little spheres... birds don't dive-bomb in at each other."

Francis agrees that what he saw could be explained as a bunch of birds flocking together into a triangular shape, but frankly he simply prefers the UFO explanation.

"I want to believe what I saw," he says, adding that birds don't

"shimmer" and they don't change shape.

"Whatever it was, they were moving from place to place as a unit," he says, and then "just faded away" in the skies over the Promontory area.

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Hello List

Seems some folk might not trust the stuff coming from NASA.

European Meeting Fuels Future Space Exploration Missions To Mars
And Moon

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/05/070531104324.htm>

China And Russia Join Hands To Explore Mars

http://english.people.com.cn/200705/30/eng20070530_379330.html

Cheers

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corner selling hotdogs from a street cart has as much expertise
as Baart about aliens. There are no experts.

Usually that word expert implies a hands-on knowledge of - in
this case - aliens, where Baart has studied them extensively,
presumably when they weren't looking... or they weren't studying
him.

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Thanks.

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>interesting as it is compelling in every conceivable way.

Thanks again. I'll put this one on the DVD box. :-)

>Searching hard, reader, being bitten and therefore shy, I find I
>can be contrary only about the run-time of the piece. It was too
>short by a factor of three.

A one hour doc for television is, alas, somewhat constraining in terms
of running time.

>Best Evidence, in one word? Simply: More. There is much more
>after all.

Fortunately, that's what DVD bonus materials are for. There will
definitely be more of Dick Hall, Brad Sparks, Bruce Maccabee,
Stan Friedman, Don Ledger, and others (some great stories from
Lieut. Col. Bailey), as well as clips from previous filmed
interviews with the late Karl Pflock, Nick Redfern, Kevin Randle
and probably Greg Bishop. Oh yes, and more from Mac Tonnies as
well. I may also sit down, time and money available, and conduct
a few more interviews with others (Chris Styles, for example),
just for the DVD.

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>controlled talent, and vetted support from key individuals,
>Kimball is able to ask society at large... reasoned, reasoning,
>and reasonable questions about UFOs, reader, which cannot go
>unanswered - ultimately - questions.

Well, somebody had to. ;-)

<snip>

>Kimball's documentary as rare 'good' living on and on for
>a change?

Well, we'll see. But one thing I committed to doing I will
follow through on - once the bonus materials are complete and
the DVD released, I'll be sending copies to all federal Canadian

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>Mr. Kimball? Good work, Sir!

Always remember - I was just the quarterback. The whole team shares any credit. But thanks again.

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Paul Kimball

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The aforementioned Ms. McBride can be found at:

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Paul is informed but not co-operative by the way...

He's held in check by a series of ugly pictures that he doesn't want anyone to see. I have shots of him with his hat off.

Don Ledger

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>if that isn't putting the boot in, then I don't know what is.

I don't think the Jennings film was malicious per se. It just
represented a different view of Roswell and abductions, that's
all - a point of view shared, in each case, by at least some
within ufology. So, one could disagree with Jennings et al, as
many within ufology did, but I don't think there's any evidence
that they were malicious.

Now, I haven't seen the second example you mention, but that
does indeed sound pretty bad. But, as I said, there are always
exceptions that prove the rule.

<snip>

>>It's at this point that I must object to your subject title.
>>It's not really "Paul Kimball's Best Evidence" - it's

<snip>

>I mean no disrespect to the list of names that followed Paul, but
>someone had to think it up and put it together. If it had turned
>out awful you would have copped the blame so you might as well
>get the kudos while the going is still good.

Yes, this is true, but a producer or director knows that going

in. It's part of the job, so we shouldn't get any bonus points as a result.

>What I tried to say in my previous post, and didn't elucidate >too clearly, is that people make great contributions to this >subject but often don't get acknowledged. Be it books, research, >whatever, we snipe and criticise but don't often say "Well >done".

Actually, you were quite clear, and again I thank you. I just wanted to make sure that everyone else got the recognition they deserve, and not just me.

>For reasons I can't fathom, you're particularly keen to have >mention made of Ms Kris Lee McBride. She most certainly did an >excellent job, very understated, excellent tone, pace, style - >almost a menace in her voice. But where is Ms. Veronica >Reynolds? We were just getting used to her Paul but it seems she >is cast aside and now no doubt locked away in some room, >desolate and tearful. You heartless brute.

Fear not, thane of Altrincham, Ms. Reynolds is still around, and will no doubt be working on a future Redstar project at some point and time.

>Is there any progress on further distribution (of the documentary)?

All sorts of things bubbling under the surface, but these things take time.

Best regards,

Paul

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UFO Mystics Interview

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 14:56:57 +1000
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 09:08:19 -0400
Subject: UFO Mystics Interview

Hi all,

Just a short note, that I have posted a chat I recently had with Nick Redfern and Greg Bishop:

<http://dailygrail.com/node/4765>

Plenty there to shock, anger, confuse and delight most of ufology.

Better than being bored I say. ;)

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 12:27:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 13:27:21 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Gammon

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Seems we have another person gifted/cursed with, as Jesus put
it, 'Eyes That See'.

Unfortunately most find out the hard way that the blind relish
their ignorance/arrogance.

As a child, my cries of wanting to include my parents in my
witnessing of a rainbow or a circle around the moon were more
often than not met with apathy or far worse, hushed mumblings of
anger. I didn't understand why adults were so dead inside then,
and I still don't now. Then again the fact that the dead can
form groups or societies and pretend to be upstanding citizens
in itself is mind-boggling. What strange world we inhabit.

A word of caution from a fellow 'see-er'; The dead hunger for
the part of us that still lives. They will gang up on and
inflict their perverted will upon all those individuals who
still possess a soul, merely because they sold their own ages
past.

Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Gammon

With regard to UFOs, I can't know for certain, but I suspect that many a person I am familiar with would respond in a similar fashion as to my parents response toward my cries of 'Rainbow!'. Most would not care, and many would not even look up.

- Jason Gammon

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs -

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 09:41:10 -0700
Fwd Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 13:29:57 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs -

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 05:49:24 -0700 (PDT)
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>film.

Hi James,

I think these little "critters" are actually moths that look
like Hummingbirds.

<http://tinyurl.com/2cv5c4>

Their similar appearance to hummingbirds is the result of
convergent evolution. This evolutionary process is also probably
responsible for the humanoids we occasionally notice, and their
craft which invade both our space and imaginations.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jan/m02-006.shtml>

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Could you email a photo of what you saw?

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I agree.

Ed

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'Chad's UFO Drone' Language Deciphered

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 13:41:00 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:21:19 -0400
Subject: 'Chad's UFO Drone' Language Deciphered

Well after a close look at the Chad UFO hovering thingie that's been all over the place I realized I'd seen similar pictograms as seen on the underside of the craft.

Then I found a picture of similar symbols.

Hope this helps. :)

<http://www.evolbaby.com/tsm.jpg>

Best,

Greg

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Dyke

From: Roderick Dyke <RodBD.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 13:50:57 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:24:28 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Dyke

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 05:49:24 -0700 (PDT)
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James,

What you photographed was most likely a Hummingbird Hawk-moth
[*Macroglossum stellatarum*], not a real hummingbird. This error
is rather common.

For more information see:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hummingbird_Hawk-moth

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Maltby

From: Carol Maltby <carolmaltby.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 14:09:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:27:15 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Maltby

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It sounds like you have encountered a Hummingbird Moth (some species in the Sphingidae family are known as Sphinx Moths), and were ill-served by the Smithsonian. These members of the Sphingidae family are a splendid example of convergent evolution, having evolved their shapes to sip nectar from tubular flowers. The kind that I see most in our area looks like a little furry red flying lobster.

If you are ever in a position to wonder about the nature of erect bipeds that you meet, think "Bird, moth, lobster?" before you make any assumptions.

Carol Maltby

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I Was On A UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:32:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:32:52 -0400
Subject: I Was On A UFO

Source: PR-Inside.com (Pressemitteilung) - Vienna, Austria

<http://www.pr-inside.com/ginger-i-was-on-a-ufo-rl43616.htm>

2007-06-04

Ginger: 'I Was On A UFO'

Wildheart's frontman Ginger believes he was kidnapped and taken on board a UFO as a child.

The British glam rocker - real name David Walls - says the experience as a five-year-old child forced him out of his neighbourhood.

He says, "I'm sure that I was taken on board a UFO when I was five. Obviously I can't prove it so I don't know. I went into hypnotic regression to try and get to the bottom of what happened, but I couldn't target that particular instance; what it did was target an out-of-body experience I had as a kid.

"All I remember about the UFO was that it was huge and it came across the houses and then absolutely nothing and just running to my friends house and when I woke up it was cold and dark.

"My friend was in hysterics; he was crying and his mother was like 'You go away!' We moved from the area soon afterwards so I never found out what happened."

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UFO Books

From: Royce J. Myers III <ufowatchdog.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 12:09:59 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:35:17 -0400
Subject: UFO Books

Listers,

I sold off the vast majority of my UFO book/video collection some time ago as one of several steps I'm taking away from the UFO scene. I have a few books left for those who are interested:

Is Something Up There? by Dale White (first print, 1969)

Encounter Case from Flying Saucer Review edited by Charles Bowen (first print, 1977)

The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry by J. Allen Hynek (first print, 1974)

Socorro Saucer in a Pentagon Pantry by Ray Stanford (first edition, 1976, signed, hardcover)

Light Years by Gary Kinder (first edition, 1987, hardcover)

The Day After Roswell by Corsco and Birnes

Spaceships of the Pleiades: The Billy Meier Story by Kaptain Kal K. Korff (no dust jacket, hardcover)

Send offers via e-mail. I would like them to go to a good home. If I don't have any takers in a week or two, I'll throw them up on e-Bay.

Thanks

-- Royce

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 16:39:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:36:15 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - White

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Are you saying a man-made _radio_ antenna?

Eleanor White

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 17:22:43 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:38:08 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Shell

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 05:49:24 -0700 (PDT)
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Hummingbirds do not have antennae - ever. They are birds.

What you are seeing and trying to photograph are hawk moths. One is even called the Hummingbird Hawk Moth:

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

There is nothing unusual about them, and they do not come from the Amazon. They're native to North America. If you have the right flowers they will come. Some species are larger than the smaller hummingbirds. Most are night flyers, so you don't see them, but the ones you are seeing are day flyers.

I have no idea why you think this has anything to do with UFOs.

Bob
Originally trained as a zoologist - entomologist

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part VII

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 17:47:32 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:42:07 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part VII

Part Seven - On The Road To Roswell 2007: A Discussion With Dr.
Tom Van Flandern

<http://tinyurl.com/26p3c2>

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Secret Info About People You Know

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Mon, 04 Jun 2007 21:58:16 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:46:09 -0400
Subject: Secret Info About People You Know

Source: Unknown

Many will recall that on July 8, 1947, witnesses claimed that an unidentified object with five aliens aboard crashed onto a sheep and cattle ranch just outside Roswell, New Mexico.

This is a well-known incident that many say has long been covered up by the U.S. Air Force and the federal government.

However, what you may not know that in the month of March 1948, exactly nine months after that historic day, George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Bill O'Reilly, Rush Limbaugh, Condolezza Rice, and Dan Quayle were all born.

See what happens when aliens breed with sheep. This piece of information may clear up a lot of things.

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UFO Amusement Park In Roswell

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 00:21:39 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 07:56:10 -0400
Subject: UFO Amusement Park In Roswell

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Sat, 26 May 2007 08:54:55 -0400
>Subject: Roswell Considers Building Alien Theme Park

Picture the entrance. People walking through what looks like a hatch of a UFO. In the park we could have Strawberry ice cream (the kind preferred by Greys) along with a choice of green burgers for lunch, and a side of Cosmic Fries.

We could have a wax figure of a certain Army Colonel, shown peeking in a shipping crate loaded with ET technology. We could also have souvenir shops peddling Tee Shirts, and mugs, made to look like jewel encrusted helmets. Not to mention the souvenir CD album.

We could have an Imax theatre with flights over all 7 or 8 claimed crash sites.

We could have the Roswell Crash roller-coaster ride, featuring a flaming roller-coaster going through various gyrations, finally appearing to crash in the desert.

Last but not least, we could purchase Roswell the Board Game in which we go on a search for the truth, with alien figurines and space ships being the game pieces.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon - Shough

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Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 13:33:52 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 09:12:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon - Shough

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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This post combines responses I already made on another List:

For what it's worth, this doesn't look like any kind of a/c trail or cloud to me. In fact it looks more like either a) reflections in window glass, possibly of a curtain or similar, illuminated by subdued interior light and showing some blurring due to movement during the 1-second exposure, b) lens flares from orangeish light sources out of shot, or c) accidental double exposure (it doesn't say if they are digital or photo emulsions images) Both photos show some milky glare that could be light scattered by window glass, especially the left hand one.

Without knowing the circumstances it's difficult to say. If the photographer swears blind that they were taken in a wide open place with no windows, no possibility of double exposure, no camera flash, no other possible nearby lights, and no other objects or reflections in the shot, then they're unidentified streaks.

Do you know who "the astronomer" is, or the other person who "apparently" saw a red cloud? Where did the person see it from and how was it described? How long between the shots? Were any others made? Was there anything on them? Did the photographer notice anything at all when (s)he made the photos?

Eric Rush on the ufologyinuk list suggested that the photos looked similar to aurora borealis, and there are similarities. It's worth looking at. But first note that there are some problems with this report.

The nameless "an astronomer" gives his location as:

DEC. +45* 42' 30"
LAT. 73* 56' 15"

mixing celestial and terrestrial coordinates, neither of which makes any sense. Declination has no place alongside latitude, and in any case the declination of the moon at the time is less

than 6 degs, not 45. And the latitude of Mirabel is nowhere near 73 degs 56' either. In fact the DEC seems to be terrestrial latitude, and the LAT is actually longitude!

OK, some mix up. But if this is an aurora, who would be best qualified to know what he was looking at and least likely to send it to a UFO website? An astronomer, I would have thought. And wouldn't at least one of the "number of astronomers" who are supposed to have been unable to explain the photos have recognised it as an aurora?

Maybe the astronomers are not genuine, but the photos are? I've seen many auroral displays, not from Canada it's true, but from the extreme north of Scotland, which is actually about 13 degs (~1000 miles) north of Mirabel, Quebec. In fact Mirabel is on about the same latitude as Bordeaux or Milan, and not especially well-placed for aurorae. (The auroral zone on average is centred at about 67 degs magnetic. Mirabel gets slightly more benefit of the ~ 7 deg magnetic deviation from the geographic pole than does Scotland, but this is not worth worrying about). But I've never seen auroral streamers looking like this. I'm very suspicious of the sharp-edged lines, the coloration also looks unnatural, and both the colour and the brightness are very unlikely IMO for a 1-second exposure of any aurora.

And this was not high in a clear, dark, north sky at midnight where faint displays would be feavaoured, but very low on the W horizon just after sunset (the time given, 1944 local, is exactly astronomical dusk so the last direct sky illumination by the sun is just vanishing), and any haze, mist or cloud might still scatter some light along the horizon, in addition to the light of the crescent moon right in the middle of the view. According to my planetarium programme, tthe moon should have been just about exactly on the horizon at Mirabel at the time stated for the first photo, and at least twice its own diameter below it by the time of the second photo. OK, given some play in the times and coordinates we can fudge this a little; but plainly if these are auroral streamers, in which case they are obviously above the horizon, then the moon shown, which is at higher elevation than the very bright "streamers", has to be much higher - at least several degrees above the horizon. So for me a few small anomalies start to add up at this point.

If this was an extremely brilliant auroral display at unusually low latitude, a) the "astronomer" would have seen it himself at the time (evidence that he did not see it is the fact that he was not photographing the "aurora" but the moon, which is centred in the frames whilst the "aurora" bleeds off at the edges), b) surely one or more of the "number of [mystified] astronomers" would either have seen it or would have known about it, and/or c) there would be some record on the web of extreme auroral activity noticed all over the world down to low latitudes on March 20. I don't find any reference to such. Maybe Gary knows of something, but I only find references such as:

<http://tinyurl.com/yudfrs>

Blog post, March 20, Iceland: "After we ate a lobster dinner in the seaside village of Stokkseyri, we began hunting the aurora borealis... We found one patch of clear sky, and, while the stars looked amazing, the northern lights eluded us. We have two more nights of searching, though, and everyone remains hopeful. I'll let you know how it turns out."

The Chicago area GN TV channel's Weather Centre blog shows photos of the same crescent moon at a similar time on the evening of the same date (March 20) showing no sign of auroral lights, or any other anomalies. Earlier posts archived on the same page record widespread auroral activity seen in December 2006. But there's no mention of anything in March 2007:

<http://tinyurl.com/28p7rd>

Some very beautfiul aurora photography done 4 days after the photos in question, by Dennis Anderson from 60 degs North at Deep Creek, Alaska (well worth looking at for its own sake) is accompanied by a lament about the long absence of good auroral shows during the solar minimum :

"Finally, things were beginning to click into place once again... On the early morning of March 24, 2007 the aurora came

strong like a healthy newborn screaming its lungs out upon the sight of its new world.Or maybe that was just me screaming in excitement over the sight of an incredibly active aurora. For a while I had begun to think that the aurora was broken. Tonight proved it wasn't."

Nothing notable on March 20, then. BTW his photos, showing nothing remotely as bright and sharp-edged, required in excess of 10 times the exposure claimed in the dubious photos (up to 3 minutes in some cases) and he is only able to drive down exposures below 10 seconds by using a 98mm f/1.4 "light bucket".

To sum up, I doubt very much these are auroral phenomena, but at the same time I even doubt the provenance of the photos unless the astronomers concerned publicly identify themselves or other evidence is forthcoming. In any case the relevance to UFO studies seems tenuous, except as an exercise in analysis.

Martin Shough

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Maybe that other person who also "apparently" saw a red cloud low in the western sky near the Moon and the setting Sun may have observed a single red cloud in an otherwise unspectacular sunset.

Nothing strange or unusual about this strange cloud or UFO.

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Seen Over Tucuman Argentina

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 08:55:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 10:42:19 -0400
Subject: UFO Seen Over Tucuman Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
June 4, 2007

Source: Planeta UFO and La Gaceta de Tucuman

http://www.lagaceta.com.ar/vernotae.asp?id_nota=3D220985

Date: June 4, 2007

ARGENTINA: UFO Seen Over Tucum=Eln

* Several witnesses were treated to the sight of strange lights. "It moved slowly and suddenly made a turn, making a rapid course change," said a local resident.

* Strange lights were seen last night over the [provincial] capital, said numerous witnesses who contacted this paper's newsroom. The incident occurred at approximately 21:30 hours.

It has not been possible to determine the origin of the Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) up to now, although various informants agreed in their stories about what they were able to see. "My mother saw a white, somewhat dim light that made a rapid turn and changed course swiftly," said a resident of Yerba Buena.

Non-official sources told LA GACETA On Line that airport records do not show any flights over the skies of Tucum=Eln at that time, with the exception of a landing by Austral AU2470, although the flight did not pass over the capital.

Another witness noted that he had seen an unidentified flying object "that moved in an irregular maner" and then disappeared.

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Propulsion System Based On 'The Boys Topside'

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 08:56:54 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 10:46:10 -0400
Subject: Propulsion System Based On 'The Boys Topside'

I have just returned from the Society for Scientific Exploration conference at Michigan State University in East Lansing where a colleague and I demonstrated a revolutionary new propulsion system based on a new science that can explain how flying saucers move about in our sky and even why they glow in the dark.

The news media and the conference participants, including many prominent ufologists such as Robert Wood, Peter Sturrock and Mark Rodeghier were very impressed with our model which was inspired by the research done by the late Wilbert B. Smith with the help of "The Boys Topside".

Nick Balaskas

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Horak

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 06:49:18 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:02:40 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Horak

>From: Roderick Dyke <RodBD.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 13:50:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs

>>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 05:49:24 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs

>>What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs

>>Something happened in the Amazon Basin about seven years ago
>>that sent many new species of hummingbird up here that spring.
>>It so happened I was late clearing the winter growth and had
>>many wildflowers in my back and front yards. I started noticing
>>this little fellow that appeared to have antenna.

>James,

>What you photographed was most likely a Hummingbird Hawk-moth
>[*Macroglossum stellatarum*], not a real hummingbird. This error
>is rather common.

>For more information see:

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hummingbird_Hawk-moth

Roderick,

I apologize, what I should have entitled the post was, What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us of Ufologists. Several asked me for the images for which I'm only too happy to oblige.

What is interesting is that these sightings were made over a length of time and involved various species of hummingbirds with antenna.

Some of these I saw from less than a foot away, just as did my neighbor. My eyesight was good and I can, at least at that distance, determine the difference between a feathered creature and an insect. Unless you prefer to discuss, insects with feathers.

JCH

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Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 15:11:15 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:19:04 -0400
Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs - Shough

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 17:22:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: What Hummingbirds Can Teach Us Of UFOs

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>>One morning my neighbor was pulling out of her driveway and I
>>>walked over to explain the camera tripod and "set-up" I had
>>erected in the front yard. She was sitting in her car by a
>>little rose bush being, at that very time, visited by a most
>>interesting little wing-flurrier. He was white and black and
>>had his tail feathers neatly rolled up in something of a ridge
>>right at the top of his little behind. And, yes, he had antenna.

>Hummingbirds do not have antennae - ever. They are birds.

>What you are seeing and trying to photograph are hawk moths.
>One is even called the Hummingbird Hawk Moth:

<snip>

>I have no idea why you think this has anything to do with UFOs.

Bob,

James' original point was plain enough: It was about the unreasonable scepticism encountered by witnesses to unconventional phenomena.

When the phenomenon was an anomalous hummingbird, that was a valid point with a lesson that we should all heed.

Now that the phenomenon is a commonplace moth, the lesson has become rather the obverse, and is another that we should all heed.

Martin

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Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 15:49:53 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:30:42 -0400
Subject: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

The latest Parliamentary Question on Project Condign has now been answered:

Norman Baker: To ask the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster whether the Defence and Overseas Secretariat received a copy of the Government's Unidentified Aerial Phenomena report.

Hilary Armstrong: The Defence and Overseas Secretariat has no record of receiving such a report.

Here's the link to the appropriate part of the Parliamentary website, where the question is second from the top:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ak2sk>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 11:06:03 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:37:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon - Ally

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 13:33:52 +0100
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It says that the film used was Kodak ASA 400.

It looks an awful lot like lens flare to me. Note that the
"whatever" has moved significantly, with relation to the moon,
in the second pic. I think it's unlikely that this was something
actually in the sky (although there's no information as to how
much time elapsed between each photo).

Also, the colour looks a lot like that given off by sodium lamps.

Also note that the camera was a Pentax K1000, which is a very
economical film SLR and the lens was a zoom. I doubt, then, that
this lens had very advanced optics. Ergo, lens flare.

I'm curious as to why an astronomer would be making such lousy
images of the moon using one of the cheapest SLRs and a zoom
lens. I'm skeptical about this claim.

b

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Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:39:31 -0400
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To cause a lens flare the sun would have to be above the horizon
to send light directly into the camera optics. As you rightly
say, the sun was about 18 degrees below the moon. The photos
were supposedly taken at 19:44-19:50, when the moon was setting
and the sun was long gone, setting about 1800 local, so it's not
a lens flare unless the time is inaccurate by about 135 minutes.
Of course it could be, in principle.

The coordinates are garbled, and maybe the time is too. The
photos don't appear to show an horizon so the moon could be well
up. But at the same time a featureless horizon might be
indistinct and washed out in the glare, and the effect doesn't
really look much like a solar lens flare to me anyway. I'd still
prefer a reflection in window glass, but am content really to
shrug, probably as all those astronomers did who are said to
have been "unable to explain" it.

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From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 11:46:28 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 12:57:36 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Chad's UFO Drone' Language Deciphered - Groff

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 4 Jun 2007 13:41:00 EDT
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><http://www.evolbaby.com/tsm.jpg>

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That drone was left here by the Kanamit Race and has been
probing us since 1962, no doubt looking for more men to serve :-)

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ODNI DOCUMENT SUGGESTS A LARGER INTELLIGENCE BUDGET

Classified budget numbers concealed in an unclassified PowerPoint document suggest that total U.S. intelligence spending is significantly larger than generally assumed, perhaps around \$60 billion annually.

The briefing document, prepared by Terri Everett of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), was first obtained by Tim Shorrock of Salon, who wrote a probing account of the growing prominence of contractors in U.S. intelligence agencies, who now consume 70% of the total intelligence community budget. See "The corporate takeover of U.S. intelligence," Salon, June 1, 2007:

http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2007/06/01/intel_contractors/

Annual intelligence contract awards were illustrated in a bar chart in Ms. Everett's briefing document, without dollar figures attached. But by using the edit function in Power Point, it is possible to discern the classified figures that were used to prepare the bar chart.

R.J. Hillhouse, an author and former intelligence officer who writes on intelligence and outsourcing, explained how to retrieve the concealed data in her blog The Spy Who Billed Me. See "Office of Nation's Top Spy Inadvertently Reveals Key to Classified National Intel Budget," June 3:

http://www.thespywhobilledme.com/the_spy_who_billed_me/

The data appear to indicate that \$42 billion was awarded to contractors in FY 2005. If so, and if that represented 70% of the total budget, as stated in the preceding Power Point slide, it would follow that the total is \$60 billion, rather than the \$45 or \$48 billion usually cited.

Intelligence officials were not available to comment on the disclosure, and a certain amount of deliberate obfuscation surrounds the subject such that it is hard to draw a firm numerical conclusion regarding overall spending. The new budget figures on contractor awards do not distinguish, for example,

between "national" and military or tactical intelligence, nor is it clear whether they account for supplemental appropriations.

The Everett briefing document, which had been publicly available on the Defense Intelligence Agency web site, was withdrawn yesterday. But a copy has been posted here (see slide 11):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/everett.ppt>

ODNI FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT POLICY

The Office of the Director of National Intelligence has issued a proposed regulation for public comment on implementation of the Freedom of Information Act.

"The proposed regulations address all aspects of FOIA processing, including how and where to submit FOIA requests, fees for record services, procedures for handling business information, requests for expedited processing and the right to appeal denials of information," according to the notice published in the June 4 Federal Register. See:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/06/fr060407.html>

The ODNI FOIA case log, listing the subjects of all FOIA requests submitted to the ODNI through April 2007, is available here (courtesy of James Klotz and Michael Ravnitzky):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/foia2007.pdf>

Naturally, the fact that an item was requested does not necessarily mean that it will be released.

LETTERS ON SCOOTER LIBBY RELEASED BY COURT

Letters sent to Judge Reggie B. Walton regarding the sentencing of vice presidential aide Lewis I. "Scooter" Libby, who was convicted of obstruction of justice, were released by the court today. Several of them touched on matters of secrecy and national security policy.

"If there is anyone who fully understands our 'system' for protecting classified information, I have yet to meet him," wrote John R. Bolton, former ambassador to the United Nations, implying that infractions of classification rules are to be expected.

Former CIA officer Fritz Ermarth recalled that Mr. Libby had assisted him "in a matter, although less grave, somewhat similar to that which put him on trial. It concerned official secrecy and classification, its definition and interpretation, varying recollections of who behaved how with respect to it, and aspects of abuse by authorities."

"Mr. Libby has done more to enable the United States to address the challenges of bioterrorism than any other single person," ventured Seth Carus of National Defense University.

"Scooter worried that liberties restricted during times of danger do not always get restored when the danger passes," wrote Doug Feith, the controversial former Pentagon official. "A major part of the terrorist threat, he and I agreed, was the danger that a series of 9/11-type attacks could fundamentally alter -- perhaps permanently -- the state of civil liberties in America."

Somewhat ironically, Mr. Libby once undertook "to persuade a newspaper not to publish information that would have endangered the life of a covert CIA agent working overseas," wrote former deputy defense secretary Paul Wolfowitz. "Late into the evening, long after most others had left the matter to be dealt with the next day, Mr. Libby worked to collect the information that was needed to persuade the editor not to run the story."

Most of the letters favor clemency for Mr. Libby. Many of them are poignant and heartfelt. Quite a few others are pompous and self-aggrandizing. An angry minority demand the maximum possible sentence.

The full set of letters in alphabetical order by author may be found here (373 pages in an 18 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/jud/libby/letters.pdf>

Mr. Libby was sentenced to two and a half years in prison and fined \$250,000.

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Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 17:45:17 -0400
Fwd Date: Wed, 06 Jun 2007 08:48:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon - Shell

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 05 Jun 2007 11:06:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Strange Cloud Near Moon

>It says that the film used was Kodak ASA 400.

No such thing. The old ASA system of film rating was done away with in the 70s. Film is rated by ISO numbers. I assume this is ISO 400 color negative film and either the negatives or prints were scanned to get digital images.

>It looks an awful lot like lens flare to me. Note that the
>"whatever" has moved significantly, with relation to the moon,
>in the second pic. I think it's unlikely that this was something
>actually in the sky (although there's no information as to how
>much time elapsed between each photo).

Yep. Just about a 99.44% likelihood that this is flare.

>Also, the colour looks a lot like that given off by sodium lamps.

>Also note that the camera was a Pentax K1000, which is a very
>economical film SLR and the lens was a zoom. I doubt, then, that
>this lens had very advanced optics. Ergo, lens flare.

Cheap lens on cheap camera. Righto.

>I'm curious as to why an astronomer would be making such lousy
>images of the moon using one of the cheapest SLRs and a zoom
>lens. I'm skeptical about this claim.

I think someone forgot to put the word "amateur" before
"astronomer in the original.

These pictures are a waste of time.

Bob

"If you think hiring a professional is expensive, wait till you
hire an amateur." -- Red Adair

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Boldly Going Nowhere

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 07:59:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 07:59:48 -0400
Subject: Boldly Going Nowhere

Source: The South Missourian News - Salem, Arkansas, USA

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

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Boldly Going Nowhere

The Summer of 1947
by
Bret Burquest

The summer of 1947 was an amazingly eventful moment in human history, in more ways than one.

In June of 1947, a French scholar named Jean Doresse discovered the importance of 52 books, referred to as the Nag Hammadi Codices, found in December of 1945 in a cave in upper Egypt. These books were allegedly hidden by early followers of Jesus Christ, called Gnostics, nearly 2,000 years ago. Gnostics (gnosis is a Greek word meaning inner knowledge or insight) were considered heretics and persecuted by orthodox Christians.

These books included: the Gospel of Thomas, the Gospel of Philip, the Apocryphon of John, and the Gospel of Truth. Also in this collection were writings attributed to early followers of Jesus Christ, such as the Secret Book of James, the Apocalypse of Paul, the Letter of Peter to Philip, and the Apocalypse of Peter.

Also in the summer of 1947, 15,000 fragments from 500 manuscripts were discovered in 11 caves on the shore of the Dead Sea, about 13 miles east of Jerusalem. These are known as the Dead Sea Scrolls. Fragments of every book in the Old Testament (except the Book of Esther) were found. Prophecies by Ezekiel, Jeremiah and Daniel, plus psalms attributed to King David and Joshua, not found in the Bible are written in the scrolls.

According to scholars, the Dead Sea Scrolls were written by the Essenes (a strict apocalyptic Jewish sect that dwelled in the wilderness) between 200 B.C and 68 A.D. The Essenes were led by a priest known as the "Teacher of Righteousness" who was opposed (and possibly killed) by the established priesthood in Jerusalem.

On June 21, 1947, an airplane pilot named Kenneth Arnold spotted what he described as "flying saucers" over Mt. Rainier in Washington. The term "flying saucer" soon became part of the English language. Over the next few weeks, hundreds of reports of flying saucers appeared in newspapers across the USA.

On July 4, 1947, several witnesses, including an older couple sitting on their porch, an archeologist and his students on a field trip and two nuns changing shifts at a local hospital saw an object late at night "come in out of the north- northwest sky

at a very high rate of speed" near Roswell, N.M., and crash into the earth.

This unidentified object was spotted on Army Air Force radar and an armed unit was dispatched to the area.

Sometime thereafter, during the daylight, Mack Brazel discovered a large amount of unusual debris scattered over his ranch near Roswell. He informed the local sheriff who informed the Army Air Force Base in the area.

On July 8, 1947, Major Marcel, intelligence officer of the 509th Bomb Group at the Roswell Army Air Field, released a statement to the press that a flying disk had been recovered from a ranch in the Roswell vicinity. The recovered debris was flown to "higher headquarters" where it soon disappeared from the radar screen altogether.

The official explanation, by General Ramey of the Army Air Force, was a weather balloon. Apparently, an intelligence officer and numerous witnesses were unable to distinguish between a balloon and a metallic saucer.

No big deal. Now we can all sleep better at night knowing our government isn't keeping any secrets from us.

In the summer of 1947, Jews began returning to their ancestral homeland, from Europe and Russia, to form a new state named Israel (officially recognized in 1948). The United Nations set up partitions for Arabs and Jews.

In the USA that summer, Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball; Chuck Yeager broke the sound barrier; construction began on the U. N. building in New York; and the minimum wage became a dollar an hour.

The ever-expanding federal government created the Atomic Energy Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the National Security Council, the Department of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. One wonders how much of this "defensive" buildup, following a world war, was related to a perceived UFO threat.

It was quite a remarkable coincidence that significant holy scriptures were discovered in the Middle East and UFO activity became intense during the same short span of time. Or perhaps, it wasn't a coincidence at all.

The summer of 1947 wasn't much different than the summer of 2007. The human race is still populated by morons and maniacs who demand conformity to their way of life. But at least we can watch it all on TV now.

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Re: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

From: Joe (ntl:) McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 09:51:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 08:49:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 5 Jun 2007 15:49:53 +0100
>Subject: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

>The latest Parliamentary Question on Project Condign has now
>been answered:

<snip>

Hello Nick,

Given your expert knowledge of defence matters in the UK, do you have any idea why Norman Baker would specifically ask this question of the Defence and Overseas Secretariat, or why he might have expected them to have received a copy of the Condign report?

What is the significance of this question and it's response?

Regards,

Joe

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Large Sink Holes On Mars?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 09:53:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 07:14:12 -0400
Subject: Large Sink Holes On Mars?

Science/Astronomy:

Today on SPACE.com
June 6, 2007 12:36

* Deep Hole Found on Mars

<http://bcast1.imaginova.com/t?r=2&ctl=13603:4F746>

A very dark spot on Mars could be an entrance to a deep hole or cavern

Hi Everyone!

Planetary scientists from the U.S. and Canada (including a team from Toronto's York University) that have experiments aboard Phoenix, the next Mars lander scheduled to be launched in less than two months, are very encouraged by this discovery of deep vertical cave openings.

The goal of this latest Mars mission is to "follow the water" which is believed to exist just below the surface of the Red Planet. Since sink holes found on Earth are created through erosion by water flowing just beneath the ground, this discovery is further evidence that Phoenix will locate the vast amounts of missing water that once filled the large basins and now dry lake beds on Mars.

Sink holes on Mars would make ideal sites for future manned settlements of Mars since they offer protection from the harse local conditions - but they may be already occupied by other creatures that are indigenous or got there before us to the fourth planet in our solar system from the Sun.

Nick Balaskas

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NRO RELEASES COMPENDIUM OF DECLASSIFIED DATA

The National Reconnaissance Office, the U.S. intelligence agency that builds and operates spy satellites, has released a redacted version of its declassification guide for review of historical records that also provides a unique overview of the agency.

Although the primary purpose of the document is to assist official reviewers in the declassification process, it also serves as an authoritative compendium of declassified data regarding the NRO, which was established in 1961 and publicly acknowledged in 1992.

From organizational history to satellite programs to agency products and capabilities, the declassification guide itemizes the various "facts" in each category that are now declassified.

Valuable appendices identify key individual participants in the National Reconnaissance Program and provide a glossary of code words. Excerpting at random:

"The term 'Area 58' [may be released] when limited to the context of a very general association with the NRO, intelligence activities, imagery intelligence, or satellite reconnaissance but not revealing any geographic location information."

"EVEN STEVEN" is "the code word associated with 29 U-2 flights in 1970 that overflew the Suez Canal ceasefire zone between Israel and Egypt."

"ECI" stands for "Exceptionally Controlled Information," which is "an NSA administrative COMINT flag."

The document was declassified and released in response to a Freedom of Information Act request from researcher Michael Ravnitzky, who kindly provided a copy to Secrecy News.

See "National Reconnaissance Office Review and Redaction Guide for Automatic Declassification of 25-Year-Old Information," 2006 edition (165 pages, 6.5 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nro/declass.pdf>

NSA REPORTS HUGE GROWTH IN CONTRACTOR BASE

The industrial base of contractors in industry seeking to do business with the National Security Agency has mushroomed in recent years, according to an NSA acquisition official.

In 2001, only 140 contractors were eligible to compete for NSA contracts. Today, there are six thousand such contractors, said Deborah Walker of the NSA. She spoke at a contractor conference sponsored by the Defense Intelligence Agency last month.

The number of contractor facilities cleared by the NSA has grown from 41 in 2002 to 1265 in 2006, according to a chart that she presented in her talk.

The result is an increase in competitiveness and improved communication with industry, Ms. Walker indicated. "Partnerships with industry [are] vital to mission success," she said.

See "Acquisition Resource Center," presentation by Deborah Walker, National Security Agency, May 2007, Unclassified/FOUO:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/nsa/walker.pdf>

Contractors now consume as much as 70% of U.S. intelligence spending, reported Tim Shorrock in Salon last week.

CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATIONS ON DOMESTIC SURVEILLANCE

The constitutionality of the so-called Terrorist Surveillance Program was examined from various points of view at a hearing of the House Judiciary Committee today.

"The President had ample authority to authorize the Terrorist Surveillance Program under acts of Congress and the Constitution," said Steven Bradbury of the Justice Department.

It's not so simple, said Louis Fisher of the Law Library of Congress in an extended analysis. "Federal courts have rejected the theory that the President has 'inherent' constitutional authority to engage in warrantless domestic surveillance."

The President's program is clearly illegal, argued conservative critic Bruce Fein. "If Congress leaves the Bush administration's illegal spying programs unrebuked, a precedent will have been established that will lie around like a loaded weapon ready for permanent use throughout the endless conflict with international terrorism," he said.

See the prepared testimony from the June 7 hearing on "Constitutional Limitations on Domestic Surveillance" here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_hr/index.html

THE "PROBLEMATIC" DEFENSE ACQUISITION STRUCTURE

The convoluted procedures by which the U.S. government purchases weapons and other military systems are rendered almost intelligible in a new report of the Congressional Research Service.

The report introduces the defense acquisition structure, summarizes several recent analyses of that structure, and points towards some unfinished business.

"The unparalleled complexity of DOD's defense acquisition structure lends itself to the continued emergence of many problematic issues," the CRS report said.

"Simply put," the House Armed Services Committee said last year, "the Department of Defense (DoD) acquisition process is broken... The rising costs and lengthening schedules of major defense acquisition programs lead to more expensive platforms fielded in fewer numbers."

A copy of the new CRS report was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Defense Acquisition: Overview, Issues, and Options for Congress," June 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL34026.pdf>

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NICAP'S The Year Of The UFO On Blog

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Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 11:29:30 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 07:19:35 -0400
Subject: NICAP'S The Year Of The UFO On Blog

Dear List Readers,

Since beginning a UFO-related blog in April, I've tried to add a mix of UFO history and my now, mostly, past-tense relationship with the subject. However, this week I've also begun posting an old gem of great historical and reference significance. From my files as a NICAP member I've extracted and scanned "The Year of the UFO," NICAP's 1972 monthly offering listing significant UFO-related events in calendar format. After 35 years in a box, all six pages (with a calendar month on each side) survived well, and by the end of June I expect to post all 12 months. January's page is already posted.

I discovered this week that The J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies also features this series on a NICAP-related compact disc, a mammoth collection drawn from an extensive NICAP document file currently in the possession of CUFOS, and I also mentioned this in an entry just prior to the January calendar.

I suggest you print the pages and keep them at your fingertips. Then, when you conveniently find a bit of UFO history of interest to you, just consult your favorite search engine (in this case, the NICAP site search engine - linked on my blog - may be the best source) and type in the date and key words.

But wait, there's a bonus! When you stop by my UFO blog, be sure to check the link for my other blog, Robert Barrow's Air Force, where you can both see some old photos of me when I looked like A Classic Geek, and you can read a little about my four Air Force years, too. Was I a dashing pilot, protecting the world from both friend and foe? Was I a general at the Pentagon, arming the world for international battles? Was I a leader among men, building an Air Force the likes of which every military unit in the world envied?

Heck no, I was an enlistee working in the medical corps. That's right, I was part of the U.S. Air Force medical corps, just like... just like... (Hold on, I need to have a little talk with myself... say it, just say it! I can't, the words won't... Say it! Say it! No, please, I don't want the world to know. It's not my fault... You Must! Say it! Just get it out, you'll feel better! Oh god, alright...).

I was a member of the U.S. Air Force medical corps... just... like... Art Bell. There, I've said it, and may neither history, Satan, nor Royce Myers judge me harshly!

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Totally Silent Drone

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 16:37:48 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 07:22:25 -0400
Subject: Totally Silent Drone

Listening to accounts of the standoff between federal authorities and tax protesters Ed and Elaine Brown at Plainfield, New Hampshire, U.S.A. here today.

One Chicago talk show host who has been in close touch with Ed and Elaine by telephone says that Ed and Elaine have reported they have been under surveillance by a totally silent drone with a powerful searchlight. The sighting lasted for about half an hour between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

This could have been a balloon with quiet electrically powered propellers, of course. However, in large scale long term standoffs, enforcement officers do sometimes roll out their most advanced equipment.

Eleanor White

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Annual Colorado UFO Briefing

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Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 07:28:50 -0400
Subject: Annual Colorado UFO Briefing

Source: PR.Com - Levittown, NY, USA

<http://www.pr.com/press-release/41194>

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Annual Colorado UFO Briefing to Feature Pilots, Retired
Military, Law Enforcement and More

Colorado UFO Research Community to Brief the Public

Denver, CO, --(PR.com)-- A search at the Mutual
UFO Network's reporting website reveals that they receive on
average 5 to 12 UFO sighting reports per month in the state of
Colorado, and nearly 150 per month throughout the country. This
is one of the many facts about UFOs that doesn't make it to the
public.

In order to share with the public the vast amount of eye opening
information related to the UFO subject, the large and growing
UFO research community in Colorado will be holding an all day
briefing on the Auraria Campus at the Tivoli Center in downtown
Denver on July 21st, 2007.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) is the largest civilian UFO
investigation organization in the country. With certified
investigators throughout the country, they take reports and
actively look into them. Actor Dan Aykroyd sponsors this
international organization, which is headquartered right here in
Colorado.

MUFON's Director, James Carrion, will be one of the speakers at
the briefing to talk about his organization and their findings.
Other speakers include a few more credible Coloradoans, Franklin
Carter, a retired Navy radar technician, Don Daniels and David
Cootz, commercial airline pilots, Chuck Zukowski, an engineer
and reserve police officer, and Paola Harris, an international
journalist. They will speak about their personal experiences
and/or research.

Not only are Coloradoans reporting UFOs, more and more they are
actively researching and meeting to discuss UFOs.

The Colorado UFO Briefing is sponsored by 7 separate UFO
research and/or investigation organizations throughout the
state. Each of these organizations hold their own meetings to
discuss UFOs, or to bring in some of the many UFO researchers in
the US as speakers. Each group ranges in size from 20 to over
200 members.

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Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Belzil

From: Fern Belzil <fbelzil.nul>
Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 21:03:09 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 07:37:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence - Belzil

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 1 Jun 2007 16:50:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 31 May 2007 16:31:04 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 30 May 2007 15:56:52 +0100
>>>Subject: Paul Kimball's Best Evidence

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>>I'm probably asking too soon. But since credible documentaries
>>rarely play to a wide audience, when will the DVD version be
>>available for sale?

>Rick:

>Probably not until the fall sometime, although that's up to our
>British distributor, B7 Media

><http://www.b7media.com/evidence.html>

>as well as being dependent on when I can find the time to work
>on the bonus materials. Hopefully we'll have an American
>broadcaster on board by the end of 2007.

>On a slightly related note, the DVD version of Fields of Fear,
>my 2006 documentary about Canadian cattle mutilation
>investigator Fern Belzil, should be out soon, through Tim
>Crawford's UFO TV - with an added disc of bonus materials that
>will heavily feature the chupacabra investigation Nick Redfern
>and I conducted back in September, 2005, in Puerto Rico with
>researcher Orlando Pla, but which didn't make the film. Good
>timing, as Nick's new book, *Memoirs of a Monster Hunter*, is due
>out in September - he discusses the Puerto Rico trip therein.

Hi Paul

Thanks for mentioning the documentary we did last year. I have
had a lot of feedback. I hope we can do another one sometime. I
did a program with the University of Montana in Bozeman. They
asked permission to use it in class.

I had a mutilation yesterday that I went to.

I hope you will send me the DVD or let me know if it airs on TV.

All the best,

Fern Belzil
St Paul, Alberta

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Re: Totally Silent Drone - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 8 Jun 2007 13:07:23 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 08:23:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Totally Silent Drone - Shough

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 16:37:48 -0400
>Subject: Totally Silent Drone

>Listening to accounts of the standoff between federal
>authorities and tax protesters Ed and Elaine Brown at
>Plainfield, New Hampshire, U.S.A. here today.

>One Chicago talk show host who has been in close touch with Ed
>and Elaine by telephone says that Ed and Elaine have reported
>they have been under surveillance by a totally silent drone with
>a powerful searchlight. The sighting lasted for about half an
>hour between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, Wednesday, June 6, 2007.

>This could have been a balloon with quiet electrically powered
>propellers, of course. However, in large scale long term
>standoffs, enforcement officers do sometimes roll out their
>most advanced equipment.

Don't rule out the the possibility of our old friend Venus -
always a suspect for long-duration, silent, hovering lights -
which is close to maximum brilliance (mag -4.5 or so) at the
moment. The time stated would be just after sunset when Venus is
prominent over the W horizon.

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Just Kidding About 'Straight Talk'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 08:28:37 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 08:28:37 -0400
Subject: Just Kidding About 'Straight Talk'

Source: Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20070606/BLOG32/70606001>

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Just Kidding About 'Straight Talk'
by
Billy Cox

Just kidding about goading John McCain's 'Straight Talk Express' into investigating the Phoenix Lights. That's an unfair burden to impose on any public servant torn between constituent obligations and getting elected.

During his presidential bid in 2003, retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark made the mistake of going off-script and saying that he thought humans could someday exceed the speed of light.

Between the 'General Moonbat' media smirks and late-night comic fodder, Clark's campaign was pretty much toast after that (David Letterman: "Today, Clark time-traveled to the Democratic convention and found out he wasn't nominated because of stupid time-traveling remarks.")

And you don't get a pass long after you've left office, either.

In February, 83-year-old former Canadian defense minister Paul Hellyer advocated the declassification of American UFO data under the assumption that harnessing alleged alien propulsion technology could end the global economy's dependence on polluting fossil fuels.

"If you think this is kooky, then correct yourself," retorted Rush Limbaugh - no stranger himself to contradictory positions - from his radio pulpit in March. "This is emblematic of the entire global warming movement, folks. It's no more outrageous and it's just as credible as this whole carbon offsets scam."

Global warming and UFOs =96 now there's a radioactive linkage sure to knock environmental fence-straddlers back into their 10 miles-a-gallon Hummers.

So until they start making Brooks Brothers suits out of Kevlar, a politician who talks about opening the books on UFOs is either a) committing career suicide, or b) attempting to regain the confidence of more than 70 percent of Americans (see 6/4/07).

Hmm. Come to think of it, that's almost as high a percentage as Americans who think we should be allowed to import cheaper prescription drugs from Canada (84 percent, 2002 Harris poll).

Congress laughed that off, too.

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Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 12:49:14 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 12:14:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Ledger

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 09:53:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
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>A very dark spot on Mars could be an entrance to a deep hole or
>cavern

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Hi Nick,

These were reported last week as well in another science journal and it was explained just how the hole would have had to be constructed inside to make such an obvious black hole. This would include the fact that they are not only very deep but undercut below the rim to some degree otherwise the bottom of the hole would be visible.

The pictures I viewed were very hi-rez.

Apparently seven of these have been found in various places. Extremely interesting formation.

Don Ledger

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Two Objects Over Dieppe New Brunswick

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 13:34:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 13:48:47 -0400
Subject: Two Objects Over Dieppe New Brunswick

Just over a week ago I received a report of two objects maneuvering over Dieppe, New Brunswick - here in Canada - and still inside the Moncton Control Zone. The objects were viewed between 3pm and 3:20pm local time.

Regrettably I have to delete the witness's name.

See the report below:

Don,

I was not much of a believer in this sort of thing, until last Sunday. I work with TC (Transport Canada)* and I met you in your office back some years ago. Please don't release my name. People still think your crazy if you say anything. I live in Dieppe just south, but inside of the Moncton control zone.

Sunday (May 27,2007) I was enjoying a beautiful afternoon on my back deck sometimes watching aircraft in the circuit passing by the back of my house. At about 15:10 I was looking to the east and saw a strange object, I estimate 5 nm from me, moving slowly west bound towards my position. The altitude I am not sure of because I did not know the distance or size of the object. If the object was about 5 nm then I would estimate the altitude at about 4000 to 5000 ft. (Note that about 12 miles to the east of that position is the Northumberland Strait separating New Brunswick from Prince Edward Island.

Sunday afternoon was clear with very little haze. The object appeared to be mainly dark orange with a little black and bright silver on the left side of the object. The shape was hard to explain. It appeared to be initially oval with a black something on the top, and with a silver color on the left side.

Being a pilot for about 30 years I could not match the object with any aircraft I have seen. I showed my wife who was sitting along side of me. At first she could not see the object because her eyes were not focused. I told her to look at some high circus cloud and then she picked it up immediately. I asked her to keep her eye on the object until I could get my binoculars. Of course, when you want these things you can never find them. By the time I got back the object had changed shape and now was perfectly round. The silver and black colors were gone. When you first looked at the round object you would think it was a balloon but it was slowly moving in the wrong direction for the wind.

While looking at the this object and just to the left and above the first object was a bright silver object that quickly climbed straight up and almost went out of site. I could still faintly see the second object high in the sky. The orange object then climbed steadily until it reached, I estimate, very close to the silver object and then they continued up until they disappeared. The whole thing took about ten to fifteen minutes.

What do you think? Am I going crazy. Do you know if anyone else saw anything on Sunday?

This event has impinged heavily on this pilot's paradigm. He's been deeply affected by what he saw.

I checked around looking for other reports. Stan Friedman had no reports of anything at that time. I checked with the Shift Manager at Moncton Center who reviewed the 'tapes' and responded that nothing unusual was found on them. In fact they don't use tape it's digital and saved to a hard-drive for review.

I have no other data, but I do have a very qualified convert.

Any other information re possible reports for that date and time and location would be greatly appreciated.

Some facts to consider:

These objects were inside the Moncton Control Zone. The CZ stretches 7 miles out from the Moncton Tower. The Moncton CZ is embedded in Air Traffic Control's TRACON [Moncton Center] for lack of a better word. Traffic is heavy through this area due to aircraft being handed off from Boston Center to Moncton when heading either east or west from overseas.

The witness is a thirty year pilot with multiple endorsements on various aircraft in a ranking position with Transport Canada. He checked the winds to eliminate balloons as the culprits. The UFOs were maneuvering slowly against the wind and in the vertical plane much of the time. The objects were viewed through binoculars. The skies were relatively clear of haze and low lying cloud.

I'm continuing with this investigation.

Don Ledger

* Transport Canada equates with the Federal Aviation Authority, FAA, in the United States or the Civil Aviation Authority, CAA, in the UK.

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Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 11:19:24 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 13:50:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Tarbell

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 09:53:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
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>The goal of this latest Mars mission is to "follow the water"
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>Planet. Since sink holes found on Earth are created through
>erosion by water flowing just beneath the ground, this discovery
>is further evidence that Phoenix will locate the vast amounts of
>missing water that once filled the large basins and now dry lake
>beds on Mars.

Hi Nick,

Several of these 'holes' have recently been found on Mars. I was struck by their remarkable circularity, but apparently this is a common feature of sinkholes in karst topography on Earth. Here is an example slightly larger than the Martian one above:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/mexiculture/436515445/>

Any liquid water or ice that was exposed in the Martian holes should boil off or sublimate into the dry, low pressure atmosphere. If that process were still ongoing, I should think there would be visible evidence (e.g., a cloud plume) if any substantial amount of water were involved. It still might be worthwhile to check for excess water vapor in that area.

It would also be interesting to see these features from a more oblique angle so as to determine if the walls are actually undercut (i.e., 'steeper' than vertical), which the existing view seems to suggest.

Mike

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More On The 'Totally Silent Drone'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 08 Jun 2007 19:21:11 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 09:34:40 -0400
Subject: More On The 'Totally Silent Drone'

I just heard on one of the shortwave shows what may be the true explanation. Ed Brown was quoted as saying the drone could have been as high as 5,000 feet, not "low" as was reported by someone else earlier.

Low power turbofan or turboprops at an altitude like that could be quiet enough to be called "totally silent" if at a cruise power setting. In I've noticed light piston aircraft at cruise settings at somewhere near that altitude which I couldn't hear from the ground.

There is such focus on other facets of the standoff, in which a Brown house guest out walking their dog was shot at (actually heard the bullets zip through foliage above him)... that this "silent drone" thing may not be reported in further detail, but it's not looking as unusual now as previously.

I believe I heard a very quick mention of silent helicopters today, but not clearly enough to say that was for certain what was being described.

** Ufologists: I thought I've heard of silent helicopters accompanying UFO sightings. Is that true?

Eleanor White

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Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 09:40:29 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 09:40:29 -0400
Subject: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

Source: NewScientist.Com News Service

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

15:33 08 June 2007

[Image at site]

Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface
by
David Chandler

A new analysis of pictures taken by the exploration rover Opportunity reveals what appear to be small ponds of liquid water on the surface of Mars.

The report identifies specific spots that appear to have contained liquid water two years ago, when Opportunity was exploring a crater called Endurance. It is a highly controversial claim, as many scientists believe that liquid water cannot exist on the surface of Mars today because of the planet's thin atmosphere.

If confirmed, the existence of such ponds would significantly boost the odds that living organisms could survive on or near the surface of Mars, says physicist Ron Levin, the report's lead author, who works in advanced image processing at the aerospace company Lockheed Martin in Arizona.

Along with fellow Lockheed engineer Daniel Lyddy, Levin used images from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory's website. The resulting stereoscopic reconstructions, made from paired images from the Opportunity rover's twin cameras, show bluish features that look perfectly flat. The surfaces are so smooth that the computer could not find any surface details within those areas to match up between the two images.

The imaging shows that the areas occupy the lowest parts of the terrain. They also appear transparent: some features, which Levin says may be submerged rocks or pebbles, can be seen below the plane of the smooth surface.

Smooth surface

The smoothness and transparency of the features could suggest either water or very clear ice, Levin says.

"The surface is incredibly smooth, and the edges are in a plane and all at the same altitude," he says. "If they were ice or some other material, they'd show wear and tear over the surface, there would be rubble or sand or something."

His report was presented at a conference of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and will be published later this year in the institute's proceedings.

No signs of liquid water have been observed directly from

cameras on the surface before. Reports last year pointed to the existence of gullies on crater walls where water appears to have flowed in the last few years, as shown in images taken from orbit, but those are short-lived flows, which are thought to have frozen over almost immediately.

Speedy evaporation?

Levin and other researchers, including JPL's Michael Hecht, have published calculations showing the possibility of "micro-environments" where water could linger, but the idea remains controversial.

"The temperatures get plenty warm enough, but the Mars atmosphere is essentially a vacuum," says Phil Christensen of Arizona State University, developer of the Mars rovers' mini-Thermal Emission Spectrometers. That means any water or ice exposed on the surface evaporates or sublimates away almost instantly, he says.

But, he adds, "it is theoretically possible to get liquid water within soil, or under other very special conditions". The question is just how special those conditions need to be, and whether they ever really are found on Mars today.

If there were absolutely no wind, says Christensen, you might build up a stagnant layer of vapour above a liquid surface, preventing it from evaporating too fast. "The problem is, there are winds on Mars... In the real world, I think it's virtually impossible," he told New Scientist. Simple test

Levin disagrees. He says his analysis shows that there can be wind-free environments at certain times of day in certain protected locations. He thinks that could apply to these small depressions inside the sheltered bowl of Endurance crater, at midday in the Martian summer.

He adds that highly briny water, as is probably found on Mars, could be stable even at much lower temperatures.

Although the rover is now miles away from this site, Levin proposes a simple test that would prove the presence of liquid if similar features are found: use the rover's drill on the surface of the flat area. If it is ice, or any solid material, the drill will leave unmistakable markings, but if it is liquid there should be no trace of the drill's activity.

Levin's father Gilbert was principal investigator of an experiment on the Viking Mars lander, which found evidence for life on the planet, although negative results from a separate test for organic materials led most scientists to doubt the evidence for biology.

Journal reference: R. L. Levin and Daniel Lyddy, Investigation of possible liquid water ponds on the Martian surface (2007 IEEE Aerospace Applications Conference Proceedings, paper #1376, to be published in IEEE Xplore)

[Thanks to Tom Horn for the lead]

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Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 10:05:21 -0600
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 14:08:02 -0400
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Even in the absence of wind, it isn't clear at all how such a
'bowl' of water vapor could persist. The atmosphere of Mars is
virtually pure CO₂, which is ~2.5 times as dense as water vapor
when both are at the same temperature. The bouyant water vapor
would quickly be displaced by the heavier CO₂, unless the water
vapor were in some anomalous supercooled state at a temperature
~160 degK colder than the surrounding atmosphere and the liquid
water interface.

Mike

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Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Ally

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 14:11:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Ally

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>missing water that once filled the large basins and now dry lake
>beds on Mars.

>Sink holes on Mars would make ideal sites for future manned
>settlements of Mars since they offer protection from the harsh
>local conditions - but they may be already occupied by other
>creatures that are indigenous or got there before us to the
>fourth planet in our solar system from the Sun.

When I saw this last week, I wondered if it might be possible
that these are not holes at all, but craters filled with some
sort of organic material.

I did see the paper that was published but have lost the link to
it.

There was information about the temperature monitored during
both day and night. I'm thinking that some sort of biological
process might have evolved such that an organism (or several)
had developed a very black coloration so as to absorb a great
deal of sunlight and radiate a very little of it.

Perhaps, in conjunction with a very briny solution of water - as
mentioned in the New Scientist article, posted here today - and
maybe some other process, there could be some way for something
to live there.

Any thoughts?

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 10:47:16 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 14:14:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>Source: NewScientist.Com News Service

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

>15:33 08 June 2007

>[Image at site]

>Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface
>by
>David Chandler

>A new analysis of pictures taken by the exploration rover
>Opportunity reveals what appear to be small ponds of liquid
>water on the surface of Mars.

-snip-

I wish this was surface water; unfortunately in this case I doubt it. As mentioned in some other forums, the "puddles" in the photo (which looks false colour to me as well) are just a part of many other similar linear features on Burns Cliff in Endurance crater. They are not on the crater floor, as stated, they are on the cliff wall, which is fairly steep. The "puddle" area is circled here in a linked photo of Burns Cliff, compared to the photo in the article:

<http://tinyurl.com/yplxs7>

<http://web.mac.com/paulscottanderson/iWeb/planetaria/puddle.jpg>

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Bottom Line Physical Proof

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 14:32:27 EDT
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:21:38 -0400
Subject: Bottom Line Physical Proof

As the saucer turns we're still looking for irrefutable physical proof on many UFO fronts.

ETH physical proof, mechanical physical proof, biological physical proof.

What's taking so long? What are the obstacles?

We have tons of eyewitness accounts, high end government officials spilling the beans, radar, sonar, photos, videos, film, trace cases but no irrefutable physical proof.

Whassup with that?

Not one country, friend or foe has dished up anything.

Or has there been but we're not either privy to it nor aware of it.

That's about the end to this circle of saucers.

Best,

Greg

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 11:38:55 -0700
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:23:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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We're talking about liquid water here, not vapour. Water clouds
have long been known to exist in Mars' atmosphere, and have been
photographed by the rovers as well as from orbit. Also dense fog
banks in some low-lying areas.

But also re. liquid water, a number of studies now have shown it
could exist on Mars' surface for brief amounts of time depending
on temperature, elevation, etc. (salty, briny water). I think it
probably does, just not in the particular images posted before.
Also the evidence for current brief seepage of water in some
gullies, found by Mars Global Surveyor and previously reported
on late last year.

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UAVs Warton & Triangles

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 21:35:06 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:27:48 -0400
Subject: UAVs Warton & Triangles

We have added another totally exclusive video at the link below.

UAV in action - what the remote pilot sees when guiding a Hunter
UAV in actual wartime scenario.

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/triangle8.html>

And just think about it, they are testing these things right
under our noses!

Best,

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 21:46:04 +0100
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:33:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Cheers

Ray D

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 16:57:53 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:36:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

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

>15:33 08 June 2007

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>"The temperatures get plenty warm enough, but the Mars
>atmosphere is essentially a vacuum,"

Has there ever been any debate as to the actual pressure at the surface of Mars? I'm wondering, given the water evidence, if the genuine atmospheric pressure has been covered up, as too high a figure could lead to popular acceptance that life really could be there.

I'm thinking of the incident when, correct me if I'm wrong, the first Mars rover started sending back pictures of a fairly Arizona-like planet, and JPL allegedly had technicians busy adjusting staff monitors to show a very dull red, inhospitable image.

Given that revelations that life exists on other planets (and that UFOs as ET craft is actually a very probable situation) would be a disaster current governments really dont' want to deal with, I can't help wondering if the genuine Mars atmospheric properties are being covered up.

Eleanor White

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 16:59:57 -0400
Fwd Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 18:37:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Hi Paul,

Perhaps my point was unclear. My issue was with the proposed scenario in which the liquid water would be prevented from boiling off due to the presence of an overlying stagnant volume of gas saturated with water vapor, which I find untenable. I do not dispute the existence of water vapor clouds in the Martian atmosphere.

Mike

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Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Anderson

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 00:03:47 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:26:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Large Sink Holes On Mars? - Anderson

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2007 09:53:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Large Sink Holes On Mars?

The holes are very interesting. As noted in the original Mars Odyssey and Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter reports, they are thought to most likely be "skylights" - holes in the tops of old lava tubes, which can also be found on Earth, since they (the seven found so far) are very close to the large Arsia Mons volcano. Collapsed lava tubes have been tentatively identified close to the holes. The caverns below the surface could be huge.

http://hirise.lpl.arizona.edu/PSP_003647_1745

<http://www.lpi.usra.edu/meetings/lpsc2007/pdf/1371.pdf>

http://www.space.com/scienceastronomy/070402_mm_mars_caves.html

<http://www.sciencenews.org/articles/20070414/notes10.asp>

<http://planetary.org/blog/article/00000984>

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 00:14:17 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:28:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 21:46:04 +0100
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The problem is that at least the ones in the one photo in the
article are on a steep_slope.

The specific location on the cliff was recognized immediately by
many who have followed the rover missions all along.

There are also closer images taken of these same "microchannels"
as they are called (all over the cliff) where you can see the
granular nature of the dust or soil. They were first
photographed and discussed by the MER team about 2 years ago
now.

These "ponds" are inclined just as much as the surrounding cliff
area, so how could it be standing water? They are not on the
bottom of the crater as stated in the article.

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 00:20:31 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:30:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 16:59:57 -0400
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Again, we're talking about liquid water pools here, not vapour,
big difference.

As I said before, water clouds and fog are well known on Mars.
Liquid water would last only briefly on the surface, and that's
if it was salty/briny enough and the temperature and other
factors at the time were right - which they can be in some
places.

But using the term vapour here (Michael Tarbell) only confuses
the issue.

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From: **Xavier Delamarre** <xavier.delamarre.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 13:24:10 +0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:36:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Sat 9 Jun 2007 16:40
>Subject: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface
>by
>David Chandler

>A new analysis of pictures taken by the exploration rover
>Opportunity reveals what appear to be small ponds of liquid
>water on the surface of Mars.

>The report identifies specific spots that appear to have
>contained liquid water two years ago, when Opportunity was
>exploring a crater called Endurance. It is a highly
>controversial claim, as many scientists believe that liquid
>water cannot exist on the surface of Mars today because of
>the planet's thin atmosphere.

<snip>

About water on the Mars surface, I would also suggest
looking here:

<http://tinyurl.com/37evyg>

image taken by the high definition camera of MRO. Zoom into
bottom right corner. The dark streaks show unmistakable traces
of water flowing. The explanation given by NASA of 'dust slides'
is not very convincing.

There is a discussion on this at:

<http://xenotechresearch.com/cgi/wp/?p=155>

Any (authorised?) comment?

<http://www.pctools.com/fr/spyware-doctor/>

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Heaven's Gate Resurrected With New Followers

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:45:52 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:45:52 -0400
Subject: Heaven's Gate Resurrected With New Followers

Source: NowPublic.Com - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/2f7w9h>

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Press Release News

Heaven's Gate Is Resurrected With New Followers

by weslody

"WARNING: The following paragraphs are strictly the opinions of a new adherent to the Heaven's Gate UFO cult. The new convert expresses that his opinions reflect the majority of new converts in the Heaven's Gate UFO community. Some theological content may be objectionable or offensive to some viewers who are outside of this specified religious practice. Discretion is strongly advised."

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Review Of Best Evidence

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:58:20 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 08:58:20 -0400
Subject: Review Of Best Evidence

Source: UFOMystic.Com - Pasadena, California, USA

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/best-evidence-ufos-2/>

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Best Evidence UFOs

Nick Redfern

Earlier this week I received in the mail a DVD copy of Paul Kimball's latest UFO documentary, Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO Sightings, which was made for Canada's Space Channel.

This is a film that I have been looking forward to seeing for a long time: last summer, while we were both in the UK, Paul was telling me about some of the cases he would be using, and the commentators, researchers, authors and investigators who had agreed to come on board and be interviewed. And, as a result, it became pretty clear to me that this was going to be a good one. And indeed it is.

Thankfully, this is not some half-hearted effort, put together on a shoestring budget, with bad visuals, muddled voice-overs, and cheap special-effects. Rather, it is an excellent, thought-provoking and illuminating study of some of the most profound UFO cases on record.

The premise behind the production of Best Evidence is intriguing: Paul arranged for a multitude of leading lights in ufology to submit their "best" cases, and was finally able to whittle that huge array of reports down to those ten that appeared to offer the best evidence in support of a genuine UFO presence in our midst.

So, which incidents made it?

Well, coming in at number 10 (Yes, I know I sound like a DJ counting down the pop charts!) is the strange series of encounters that occurred at Nuremberg in 1561, in which countless UFOs were seen by awe-struck townsfolk - a story that continues to both intrigue and mystify people to this day. And both Stan Friedman and Don Ledger stress the important point that, as the Nuremberg case demonstrates, UFOs are nothing new, and stretch back centuries - if not even longer.

At number 9 is the startling story of the Skylab encounter of 1973 - an encounter that involved three trained astronauts who were witness to a huge UFO, possibly 800 to 1,000 feet in diameter. As Brad Sparks notes, it is the credibility of the witnesses that really makes this event a strong one.

Then comes a notable encounter in Canada's Yukon in December 1996, which - importantly - was supported by the independent testimony of various individuals, all of who were certain that some sort of huge object of unknown origin was operating in the

Yukon skies on that winter's night more than a decade ago. Stan Friedman discusses the Mother-ship scenario, and we are left with the question: was the giant Yukon UFO the cosmic equivalent of a Navy aircraft-carrier?

Case number 7 is both a profound and unsettling one, since it involves the apparent disabling by a UFO of the nuclear warheads (or at least the disabling of the ability to launch the nukes) at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana in 1967. Captain Robert Salas, USAF (Ret.) provides excellent, credible commentary on his own personal recollections of the affair and, today, is of the opinion that the intelligences behind the UFOs were trying to get a dramatic message across: get rid of your nuclear weapons.

Canada's Shag Harbor encounter of October 1967 follows next. Although a UFO incident, it could quite easily be argued that in this case, the 'U' in UFO stood for 'underwater' just as much as it stood for 'unidentified'. With accounts of UFOs zipping in and out of the waters of Shag Harbor, of a concerned Canadian and US military, and seemingly highly advanced unidentified technology skulking around both in our skies and beneath the waves, this is a case that is truly eye-opening. Don Ledger, who is one of the leading investigators of the case, provides much food for thought.

Case number 5 is that of Kelly Johnson - of U2 spyplane fame - whose sighting in 1953 of a 200-foot long UFO is surely one of the most important on record; given the man's background and integral role in aviation history. And Stan Friedman makes the important and highly valid point that if anyone was in a prime position to know what we, the human race, were flying in our skies back then, it surely would have been Johnson. Yet, the fact that Johnson concluded that he had seen something truly extraordinary only amplifies the nature of the case, and hits home the fact that a small number of UFOs do appear to be true unknowns.

While there are certainly countless examples of alleged UFO caught on film or camera, perhaps none provokes such debate as do the famous McMinville photos taken by farmer Paul Trent in 1950. And, it is this encounter in UFO history that makes number 4 in Best Evidence - with commentary and endorsements provided by Bruce Maccabee.

At number 3 is the controversial Rendlesham Forest, England UFO landing of December 1980 that can arguably be classed as the British Roswell - at least, in terms of commentary, numbers of people involved, and books written on the subject. Colonel Charles Halt, USAF (Ret.), and former Ministry of Defense man Nick Pope talk about the case - lights in the sky, object moving in the woods, elevated radiation readings found at the scene, the list goes on. And Halt surely makes the understatement of the whole show when he notes that the aftermath of the affair - that, he says, included USAF people being drugged and hypnotized, and the confiscation of radar-tapes showing the movements of the UFOs - was "quite interesting." I'll say!

Coming in at a close second: the Iranian Air Force's "UFO dogfight" of 1976, that saw two Phantom F-4's implicated in a striking UFO encounter over the nation's skies, and that also saw the Phantom's utterly out-performed, and - more disturbingly - profoundly affected in terms of weapons and electrical systems being temporarily shut down by the unknown visitor. And as Stan Friedman notes with respect to the fact that the Iranian's launched two of their state-of-the-art aircraft in hot pursuit of the UFO: "You don't scramble if you're not worried." Indeed.

So which case makes number one? The 1957 encounter of the USAF crew of an RB-47 aircraft, who were shadowed for more than two hours and across more than a few US states by a distinct unknown. With aerial observations, airborne tracking, ground radar-based confirmation, and a plethora of trained, high-quality observers, the RB-47 event is one that makes Stan Friedman pose the question: "What more can you ask for?"

And there you have it.

Of course, there will be those who will inevitably ask: "Hey, why wasn't the [insert name here] incident discussed?" Well, the answer to that question is that this Top 10 list was one based

solely upon the responses provided to Paul by those researchers that he polled.

There will always be those who will disagree with the cases presented, and I can personally think of one or two others that I would have included had it been my Top 10. But, regardless of that, Best Evidence is a first-class production, with strong cases, good production and special-effects, a fine narration from Kris Lee McBride, and solid commentary from a host of researchers and investigators.

And Best Evidence is refreshing for two other reasons, too: number one, it doesn't try and force-feed a particular theory for the UFO presence down our collective throats. It merely hammers home the fact that some presence, some unknown, is most assuredly among us.

And, second, you will find no debunkers in this production. Now, I'm not against having the views of those of a skeptical nature presented in a show such as this - it can, sometimes, provide a welcome balance to get both sides across.

But what I am against is this mentality of so many shows (and channels) that interview UFO researchers with the sole intention of having them knocked down by some debunking type with a few letters after their name.

In the case of Best Evidence, however, it is those who were personally there and those that have dug deep into the cases in question that are given air-time; rather than the myriad debunkers who prefer to pontificate from the comfort of their armchairs; and who, in many cases, have done zero personal research into the things they are babbling on about.

The final word I will leave to researcher and author Mac Tonnies, who is quoted in the closing moments of Best Evidence as noting that, if real, the UFO presence on our world appears to be influencing both the way we think and our own mythologies, and that "this is a sacred thing to be messing with."

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Source: The Shreveport Times - Louisiana, USA

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

June 10, 2007

Community Briefly: The Times Seeks Your Flying Saucer Stories

July marks the 60th anniversary of one of the enduring mysteries of the age =97 announcement of the flying saucer supposedly found crashed near Roswell, N.M.

That incident, first reported by the military as an actual saucer but quickly discounted as a weather balloon, was just one of the sightings that summer.

According to the Air Force, there were at least 16 sightings in what has been called "the UFO Wave of 1947," from May 17 to July 12, 1947. Some researchers claim as many as 800 reports from that period.

Some of those saucer sightings occurred in and around Shreveport. A club was formed by several women to watch for disks and hunt for them.

Well, The Times wants to hear flying saucer stories from Shreveport area residents from that time who remember the strange sights and lights in the skies and who don't mind sharing their memories.

Call John Andrew Prime at (318) 459-3250 or send e-mail to jprime.nul about your story of a close encounter of the Shreveport kind.

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Close Encounters Of The Local Kind

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Close Encounters Of The Local Kind
By Rick Murray
Journal Register News Service

A Fort Dix Military Policeman supposedly pumped five bullets into what looked like a gray-type space alien and one more bullet into an apparent flying saucer hovering above his patrol car.

The gray then somehow cleared a high chain-link fence before collapsing dead on a runway in a remote area of McGuire Air Force Base. The creature stank of ammonia and had the skin of a reptile, or so the story goes.

Prominent Ufologists have argued they possess solid evidence that such a case did indeed transpire nearly thirty years ago on Jan. 18, 1978.

Officials of the U.S. Air Force have repeatedly denied the claim, saying again this week that the so-called evidence in the case was discredited as a hoax years ago.

Still, the old story offers a bizarre prologue to the recent saga of base incursion involving the now notorious Fort Dix Six, who await court action as alleged Islamic terrorists.

McGuire's civilian base historian, Gary Boyd, acknowledges the UFO story has over the years taken on a life of it's own. The Internet to this day, he says, offers detailed reports of Ufologists' investigations into the case.

True or not, the story packs a dramatic wallop, with UFO investigators quoting what they claim is an eyewitness.

The so-called eyewitness notes: "...A Fort Dix MP was pursuing a low flying object which then hovered over his car. He described it as oval shaped, with no details, and glowing with a bluish green color."

He goes on to say: "...At that time, in front of his police car, appeared a thing, about four-feet tall, grayish brown, fat head, long arms, and slender body," the eyewitness noted. "The MP panicked and fired five rounds from his .45 cal into the thing, and one round into the object above."

As late as two years ago, Boyd says, amateur UFO researchers sought to gain access to base records about the alleged incident, while pretending to seek information about their military backgrounds. Boyd says he's fielded a total of ten inquiries about what in UFO circles is called, "the night the

alien died."

"It's a complete fiction," Boyd said, laughing, in an interview this week. "It's humorous fiction because it wasn't even well hoaxed."

The chief piece of physical evidence supporting the UFO incident's reality is a military incident/complaint report, which purportedly details the alleged events of the night in question. Boyd, however, laughingly dismisses the document, noting it reflects numerous and blatant inaccuracies.

"The chain of command is totally screwed up and they even have the wrong zip code for the base," says Boyd.

A similar conclusion about the report was reached by the National Institute of Discovery Science, a Las Vegas, Nev. based collection of scientists and investigators, whose probes into a variety of paranormal phenomenon are financed by aerospace/real estate tycoon, Robert T. Bigelow.

NIDS gained fame in recent years for a book called "Hunt for the Skinwalker", based on the organization's investigation into a bizarre range of paranormal episodes -- ranging from Bigfoot and UFO sightings to shapeshifter and poltergeist activity -- at a ranch in a remote corner of Utah.

After conducting a preliminary investigation of the McGuire case, NIDS investigators determined that neither the base commander at McGuire in 1978, nor four other key Air Force officials, "admitted any memory of the incident."

Although they could not locate the principal eyewitness, NIDS investigators decided the case smelled enough like a hoax that no further investigation was necessary. However, NIDS through its website "encourages" anyone with information about the alleged McGuire encounter to contact them, noting, "the case is still pending."

The case's biggest continuing supporter is Richard H. Hunt, a Brentwood, Md.-based author specializing in the Civil War and UFOs, who has formerly been associated with the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomenon, an organization that has enjoyed a good reputation for at least its sincerity.

NICAP was founded during the UFO flaps of the '50s, by retired Marine Corps Major Donald Edward Keyhoe, who became world famous for his articles in True Magazine maintaining that "Flying Saucers are Real."

Hunt picked up on the McGuire investigation upon the death of another NICAP stalwart, Leonard H. Stringfield, who also served for such other respected ufology organizations as the Mutual UFO Network.

Stringfield, or so the story goes, heard from the principal eyewitness after giving an interview broadcast over Armed Services Radio. That interview had inspired the witness, a man Stringfield and Hunt identify as Jeff Morse, to write the letter containing the graphic account of the MP shooting the strange creature.

Before his death in 1992, Stringfield had interviewed Morse numerous times, although there were apparently big time gaps between conversations. Morse reported, and Stringfield believed, that the interruptions owed to federal agents intercepting mail and phone calls.

Finally, Morse mailed Stringfield a copy of the report, written on what military officials agree is a standard DD 1569 form. The report seemed authentic to Stringfield, who acknowledged at the time having no way of being sure. What impressed him most, though, was Morse's demeanor.

"I got to know Morse as amiable, bright and alert and inclined toward reticence," wrote Stringfield, who said he was encouraged that Morse at no time claimed that what he saw was an extraterrestrial.

Morse, a rookie Air Force security officer at the time of the alleged incident, reported actually seeing the creature sprawled

on the runway as he and other security officers worked to secure the area.

He later said the creature was whisked away on a C-141 to Wright Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio, where, according to UFO lore, several of the dead aliens from the famous Roswell incident are said to be stored.

Morse has said he and other low level security officers were also taken to Wright Patterson for a tough debriefing session, but a Morristown, N.J. attorney he identified as one of his interrogators has denied ever taking part in, or knowing anything about, any debriefing related to UFOs.

Morse went on to earn a bachelors degree in business management and a masters in human relations, according to Hunt who is equally impressed with Morse the man.

"I have a full picture of his family background and professional career," Hunt writes. "At this point there is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that the report is authentic, and since it literally represents a case of corpus delicti, it is of the first order of importance.

"The fact that several of the officers involved have denied to other investigators having any knowledge of the incident is not surprising," Hunt continues. "I have long since come to the conclusion that this case is so important and held in such complete secrecy that it will take a thorough Congressional investigation to pry loose the full story."

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 09:59:25 EDT
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 11:32:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Best Evidence - Boone

>Source: UFOMystic.Com - Pasadena, California, USA

><http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/best-evidence-ufos-2/>

>Jun 08 2007

>Best Evidence UFOs

>Nick Redfern

>Earlier this week I received in the mail a DVD copy of Paul
>Kimball's latest UFO documentary, Best Evidence: Top 10 UFO
>Sightings, which was made for Canada's Space Channel.

<snip>

Thanks much for the review Nick Redfern!

I cannot wait to see this documentary. It's more of what is
needed as I from now on just send the wondering public to the
best documentation regarding UFOs. It makes life a lot easier,
conversations much shorter and friends much friendlier.

>The final word I will leave to researcher and author Mac
>Tonnie, who is quoted in the closing moments of Best Evidence
>as noting that, if real, the UFO presence on our world appears
>to be influencing both the way we think and our own mythologies,
>and that "this is a sacred thing to be messing with."
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I'm confused here. If what is real? If he means UFOs we already
know UFOs are real or we wouldn't perceive them. Nothing unreal
exists some smart guy said. Even our imaginations are real. They
contain energy and mass and occupy space. Mr. Friedman has a
video that's been available for years called "UFOs Are Real".

The only thing we don't have is irrefutable physical evidence.
There're only two reasons we don't and the unreality of things
isn't the answer.

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>plans are already moving to have Best Evidence broadcast outside
>of Canada. So, keep watching the TV listings: you definitely
>don't want to miss this one.

=46rom what I'm hearing and from what you've just written, this
documentary is going to be a must-have mainstay for everyone who
studies UFOs.

It should be required data for every news service and
educational institution on the planet.

I'm making my own big bibliography to pass on to folks who ask
me about UFOs. It's best people study on their own to see what
most of us here already know.

Again, thanks for the review!

Best ,
Greg

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SDI #442 Twenty Questions!

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 09:20:34 -0500
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 11:40:48 -0400
Subject: SDI #442 Twenty Questions!

SDI #442 Twenty Questions

20 Questions very fairly addressed by Dave Furlotte, Keith Chester, and Alfred Lehmborg; then brewed, distilled, and refined by an esteemed (if steaming) Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Is Errol Bruce Knapp abundantly capable of asking gob-smacking if meaningful questions of his own? Does the scorpion have a sting in its tail?
2. Why is well hammered 'shit' so seriously shown alongside a more sincere 'Shinola'? Why will the latter remotely tolerate the former, given that the former is rewarded with the association and the latter discredited with same?
3. Why does Furry go bad on Baart? Why does Lehmborg later urinate on the already thoroughly deconstructed ashes of same? Why does he stir with a short stick to produce line art of strutting, errant, and uninformed marionettes with nose bubbles about which they are unaware?
4. Given, one: the fact of several kinds of reasoning intelligence evolving on this planet, trans-species, as proof of concept, alone, and two: a well supported scientific suspicion with regard to a plethora of planetary potentials in a portentous and unending space, intemperate and furiously busy time, complicated by a googolplex of infinite surface areas spuriously manufactured for any exploitation possible, and finally, three: the ponderous abundance of substantive evidence across six categories indicating the startling antithesis ...wait for it... Are we alone in the universe?
5. Why does it not matter that a Vegas wager on 'aliens' appearing at any specific time is a sucker's bet?
6. Why is Seth Shostak worse than a potty-mouth?
7. Has Paul Kimball hit a legitimate home run with Best Evidence?
8. What is the strangely complementing parallel between Keith Chester, his Strange Company, and Frank Feschino's Shoot Them Down!
9. Is it time for Jerry Clark to comment on his analysis of state-of-the-art Ufology, why it is in the state argued, and course changes possible for more productive courses in a ufological regard?
10. Were there bona fide UFO sightings in the early 1930s?
11. Why are 60 year-old records regarding UFOs still classified?
12. What in a bastard's-blasted-blue-blazes does 9/11 have to do with UFO disclosure?
13. Why will all the papers of George W. Bush be classified

for generations to come?

14. Did commanding officers routinely fudge on UFO reports because they did not want to appear irrational to higher-ups? Is this a kind of treason and obliquely contrary to oaths sworn?

15. Why are there big 'blanks' in the National Archives at key periods?

16. Did strange visual objects the size of the moon dodge or absorb 20mm cannon fire from allied bombers during the war?

17. Did every side in the war figure FOOs for the other guy's 'secret weapon'?

18. Is a ufological cover-up obvious?

19. Are FOOs at the root of a continuing, modern, and current interest in UFOs?

20. Is it, again, just the proverbial surface being scratched as we sift the ufological salt from the klasskurtxian coal?

Zounds! And 28 minutes remain? No Pelicans were spared, by the way, in the production of this particular program!

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Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 11:35:43 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 15:18:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 09 Jun 2007 17:35:06 -0600
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>Perhaps my point was unclear. My issue was with the proposed
>scenario in which the liquid water would be prevented from
>boiling off due to the presence of an overlying stagnant volume
>of gas saturated with water vapor, which I find untenable. I do
>not dispute the existence of water vapor clouds in the Martian
>atmosphere.

Ok, thanks for the clarification, Mike. :-)

Paul

Planetaria
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From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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Fwd Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 15:21:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>Source: [NewScientist.Com News Service](#)

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

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>Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface
>by
>David Chandler

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>If confirmed, the existence of such ponds would significantly
>boost the odds that living organisms could survive on or near
>the surface of Mars, says physicist Ron Levin, the report's lead
>author, who works in advanced image processing at the aerospace
>company Lockheed Martin in Arizona.

<snip>

This is exciting stuff!

The co-author of this paper is Ron Levin whose father is Gilbert Levin, principal investigator of the 1976 Viking Mars lander's 'Labeled Release' experiment which did indeed discover life on Mars - after the 1976 Viking data is reinterpreted in light on what we now know 3 decades later regarding the high surface temperatures, soil composition and the abundance of liquid water on Mars just below the ground (see URL below).

http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/viking_life_010728-1.html

Ron was a 20 year-old graduate student and at JPL when the first color images came in from the Viking Mars lander. He said those original images showed a blue sky and rocks with greenish patches on them but that those images were quickly adjusted so that the sky and the rocks all had the same reddish tint. Ron got into trouble with the JPL staff when he re-set the monitors to the original colour settings.

Ron later speculated that the colour of the Viking Mars images were made to look much redder because the greenish patches evident on the Martian rocks strongly suggested to scientists that plants were growing on them - all under a blue Earth-like sky - and they "knew" this was not possible...

For further evidence as to why I believe that the original colour Viking images were the correct ones you simply have to look at the red, white and blue U.S. flag printed on the two Viking Mars landers. The U.S. flag's colours look much closer to the true colours when seen in the original images than in those corrected reddish tinted ones.

Of course, I am not suggesting that NASA participated or is involved in an ongoing cover-up regarding the discovery of ET life on Mars, but it does seem that way.

Maybe the next Mars lander, Phoenix, whose mission it is to 'follow the water' will allow us to determine which views

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regarding liquid water and present-day life on Mars are the correct ones.

Nick Balaskas

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Fwd Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 08:08:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Review Of Best Evidence - Groff

>Source: UFOmystic.Com - Pasadena, California, USA

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>Nick Redfern

>Earlier this week I received in the mail a DVD copy of Paul
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I am patiently waiting for my copy which should be arriving soon.

I am chomping at the bit to see it and Paul has given me permission to screen it at a future MUFON meeting followed by a Q&A session by phone. We can't afford to fly Paul down to Dallas (dammit) so I've volunteered my phone and service. I figure a long distance call to Halifax is cheaper than airfare.

Looking forward to this.

No, I won't make you a copy. See Paul about that. :-)

Terry Groff
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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 14:32:27 EDT
>Subject: Bottom Line Physical Proof

>As the saucer turns we're still looking for irrefutable physical
>proof on many UFO fronts.

>ETH physical proof, mechanical physical proof, biological
>physical proof.

>What's taking so long? What are the obstacles?

>We have tons of eyewitness accounts, high end government
>officials spilling the beans, radar, sonar, photos, videos,
>film, trace cases but no irrefutable physical proof.

>Whassup with that?

>Not one country, friend or foe has dished up anything.

>Or has there been but we're not either privy to it nor aware of
>it.

>That's about the end to this circle of saucers.

Hi Greg!

In my office desk drawer at York University I have two very interesting items which were analyzed here in Toronto at the appropriate labs, thanks partly to funding provided by the Discovery Channel which is producing a new TV documentary on UFOs and ETs that is based on this physical proof.

Last week at the SSE meeting in Lansing, Michigan I met with Peter Sturrock who also has such physical proof in his desk drawer at Stanford University. It will be re-analysed at the same Government of Canada labs in Ottawa where Wilbert B. Smith had his physical proof of flying saucers analysed.

The thing that is in common with the physical proof for UFOs and ETs that is in the public domain is that we cannot establish beyond doubt that it originated from an actual crashed UFO or is indeed ET biological tissue because the researcher who has this physical proof was not the same person that recovered or obtained the specimen(s). So although we have lots of physical proof, we really do not have irrefutable physical proof.

I have been able to track down compelling evidence for such irrefutable physical proof through my personal contacts within Canada's Department of National Defence, National Research Council and private industry but this proof is still highly classified to this day and is not available to the public or even to our highest elected government representatives.

One of the reasons that I was given for the continued secrecy is that some of these UFO physical proof cases involve foreign governments and/or private companies and a few of these UFO

studies, investigations or projects may still be ongoing!

For example, recall the close encounter Robert Sufferin had with a UFO and one of its occupants in Bracebridge, Ontario back in 1975 investigated by CUFORN. Shortly afterward Sufferin was visited by three men who showed him a large book with many close-up pictures of UFOs and explained what had happened to him. He stopped openly talking about his UFO close encounter after that. Although one of those men was a Canadian lieutenant from Falconbridge Air Force Base, the other two were with the U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the U.S. Office of Naval Intelligence. I have talked with someone who has seen and catalogued the large and amazing DND collection of UFO photos but will not confirm in public that these photos even exist.

Another example that our government agencies are still very much interested and involved in UFOs is a special 'smoking gun' photo I have of U.S. Army Lt. General Arthur Trudeau together with top Avro engineer John Frost that was taken in Canada.

Recall that General Trudeau was Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso's boss and was in charge of UFO debris located at the Pentagon. After the UFO 'invasion' of Washington, D.C. in 1952 where fighter jets were sent up many times to intercept and shoot down the invaders, debris shot off one of these flying saucers was sent to Wilbert B. Smith who was with Project Magnet in Ottawa for analysis.

Apparently unknown to Smith himself, another entire recovered flying saucer was shipped to Avro where it was studied and reversed engineered away from the curious American public using Frost's 'secret' AvroCar project as a cover. The real flying saucer was being built in a separate Avro hanger that was protected by armed guards which AvroCar workers were not allowed to enter.

Fortunately, I was able to located a still secret Avro technical report on Project Y, the prototype of the still secret man-made flying saucers which are flying to this day.

With a secret U.S. manned space program that remains hidden from everyone including American taxpayers, I don't see the U.S. giving us permission to release our own secret UFO files anytime soon.

So Greg, we'll have to patiently continue to wait for that "irrefutable physical proof" to become public knowledge.

Nick Balaskas

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Supposed UFO Crash Film May Have Been Footage Of Weapons Testing
by
Mike Smith

On a rolling desert plain, shabby with yellow grass and sagebrush, a large, white, oval-shaped object falls through the sky at an estimated speed of 200 to 300 mph - bouncing and skidding across the desert before exploding into a shower of fiery debris. As if expecting it, a camera captures the entire event - panning smoothly to the left along the course of the crashing object, carefully framing its every motion - and the footage sweeps across the Internet.

The majority of people familiar with this video believe it to have been filmed around southern New Mexico's White Sands Missile Range in early 1997, and many believe it to be the first recorded footage of an extraterrestrial UFO crash.

In this column's previous installment, it was learned that perhaps one of the first people to show this video to the public was a well-known UFO enthusiast and TV personality named Ted Loman. A friend of Loman, Peter Gersten, claimed Loman may have manufactured the video to aid a documentary. At the time, Loman was unavailable for comment, but an online video clip showed him saying that he had gotten the clip from Mexican UFOlogist Jaime Maussan.

Recently, I spoke with Loman from his home in northern Idaho.

"Peter G. is a close friend, and not knowing where I got the infamous lead-in video, thought I had (created it using) computer graphics," Loman said. "Not true. At first, I thought it was a flying saucer... but now I think it isn't of a UFO. It's a missile being tested. It was almost as if it was staged. Someone had to know where to put the camera at the right time ... But I don't even care if it was a missile. It looked provocative."

Loman recalls that even the copy of the video he first saw almost 10 years ago seemed to have been a copy of a copy of something that had originally been shot on film.

"I got it from Jaime (Maussan) in the late 1990s," Loman said.

"I don't even remember where he said he got it from. He was kind of secretive about where he got it. Very hush-hush."

More than one UFO Web site has said this video first premiered at the Australian International UFO Symposium of 1997. Glennys MacKay, the organizer of the symposium, confirmed this and said

the film was submitted to them by author Jonathan Eisen of Auckland, New Zealand. Eisen recalled first showing the video to keynote a UFO symposium that he held in Auckland in 1997. He took the video to the Australian UFO Symposium, and later that year it was shown on television in Australia, England and New Zealand.

"I received the crash video from Jaime upon his arrival in New Zealand," Eisen said. "(Maussan) said at the time that it arrived anonymously at his desk in Mexico City, and he never found out who did it."

And then there's Monte Marlin. Marlin represents White Sands Missile Range's Public Affairs Office, and recently said, "Our optics branch identifies (this video) as an infrared shot of a Navy missile test... I do not have any specific information on this test or its date. I am fairly confident that it is from White Sands."

At this point, it seems safe to conclude that this video shows something being officially tested at White Sands - maybe some sort of top-secret missile - but certainly something that was expected, something that eventually made its way to Maussan, who then began promoting it, perhaps a bit dishonestly, perhaps just prematurely, as the crash of an extraterrestrial craft. Maussan has remained unavailable for comment, but no matter what he might have to say on the matter, far too much contradictory information exists surrounding this enigmatic video to draw any final conclusions. And maybe that's all right. Maybe the mystery is more interesting than the truth. Maybe we should just enjoy this video for all the possibilities it implies.

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Kecksburg Incident Continues To Intrigue

By Marilyn Forbes

Sometime close to 5 on the evening of Dec. 9, 1965, a bluish object was spotted over several American states and parts of Canada.

The unidentified flying object was reported to seemingly change course until it finally plummeted to Earth, resting in a densely wooded area in Kecksburg, Mt. Pleasant Township.

What was the object and why was the military called out?

Was there a government cover up?

What was the acorn-shaped object that was reported to have been removed from the area, under a taut tarp on the back of a flat bed truck?

What fell from the sky that winter night?

Greensburg native Stan Gordon has been studying these very questions since the incident occurred and has become a devoted researcher and popular lecturer on the subject that has come to be known as "The Kecksburg Incident."

In keeping with the Mt. Pleasant library's program "Get a Clue @ Your Library," Gordon was asked to be a guest lecturer.

"We thought he would be a good choice and people are interested in his talks," librarian Jamie Falo said. "We hoped for a good crowd."

And Gordon did draw a good crowd, showing his video presentation, and fielding a question and answer period for a crowd of about 40.

Gordon, who has been fascinated by the occurrence for more than 40 years, has spoken across the country on the subject, and is continually compiling facts as new people come forward with information.

"There is a huge amount of interest in the Kecksburg incident," Gordon said, "but so many people didn't come forward at the time."

Television programs about the Kecksburg incident have been shown on the History Channel and on the series "Unsolved Mysteries."

"After the shows air, we'll have people from all over the country contact us," Gordon said. "Many of them heard things from family or from friends and many of them moved right after the incident."

The crowd enjoyed the video presentation that included a mixture of photographs from the scene and of eyewitnesses to the UFO and the aftermath.

"He's always so interesting," said Sue Wallace, of Indiana County. "I grew up in the area and now my grandchildren are fascinated by the whole thing."

Wallace herself did not see anything that December night, but that's not unusual for people intrigued with the subject.

"I've spent many years gathering information on a number of things," Gordon said. "I've researched Bigfoot and many UFO sightings, especially in Pennsylvania, but I've never seen anything myself."

Other upcoming programs at the Mt. Pleasant Library include a 1:30 p.m. June 30 presentation of "Mysteries, Tales and Truths" with Michael List; a 6 p.m. July 9 discussion of the book "Meet You in Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick, and the Bitter Partnership that Transformed America"; and a 2 p.m. July 17 presentation titled "The Egyptian Mummy."

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Yes, the apparent colour of the Martian rocks and other surface features will depend, in part, on the ambient illumination but is this ambient illumination on Mars really red? It is not. The reflected light off the Martian surfaces does not contribute to the colour of the Martian sky anymore than the green fields of Saskatchewan make the prairie skies look green.

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Just like the Earth, the source of light on Mars is the Sun which is predominately yellow in colour, not red. Unlike Sodium light, the solar spectrum is not limited to just two nearly identical wavelengths of yellow light so your example is not a valid one.

While living and working in the Middle East, I experienced many dust storms ("weather" conditions that most North Americans are not familiar with). Although the entire sky from horizon to the zenith was red in colour, I could still see colours so that my blue jeans still looked blue (not mud coloured) and the scare green vegetation still looked green, not red under the red sky.

Of course, when viewed through narrow band red coloured sunglasses, not from a reddish coloured sky, everything would look red! This is the erroneous and misleading result NASA produced, either intentionally or unintentionally, by playing

around with the colour filters on the TV monitors after the first Viking lander images came in from Mars in 1976, a practise that NASA (fortunately not other space agencies) continues to this day.

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Martin, when you examine pictures of the Martian sky at higher elevations taken by the two Viking landers in 1976, as well as pictures taken by all other NASA landers, you will see that the colour of the sky is NOT red.

This morning commuters from the suburbs driving to work in Toronto will have noticed a brown haze low over the city. Like the Mars landers pictures, if a commuter were to snap a picture of the city skyline and send it to a friend who has never been to Toronto, he/she may also come to the erroneous conclusion that the colour of the sky over Toronto is brown! In fact, the sky above the brown haze all the way to the zenith was a bright clear blue colour.

Further evidence in support of my "theory" that NASA got the colours all wrong comes from observations of Mars made by astronomers on Earth and from the Hubble Space telescope.

Although the planet's surface has a predominately red colour, just like Earth's surface when seen from space is predominately blue in colour, it does exhibit seasonal variations in its albedo and colour.

Past and present spectroscopic studies made from Earth and spaceprobes have associated these periodic variations in Mars' albedo and colour to the flow of liquid water which moistens and darkens the soil during Martian summers. These studies have also identified absorption bands that match those for chlorophyll based vegetation like the green plants found on our planet.

If JPL staff did not make those colour adjustments to the first images obtained from the surface of Mars back in 1976 (a few of these "uncorrected" images did make it in magazines soon after they were displayed live from Mars), I believe that man would have already settled on Mars and become a multi-planet species.

The bluish Martian skies, the greenish plant-like patches on Martian rocks and even the evidence of abundant flowing water would have been too welcoming for mankind not to go there now.

Some others obviously had different goals and this may have led to NASA's continued suppression of the truth.

Nick Balaskas

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CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT IS INTENSIFYING, ODNI SAYS

"Intelligence community contracting and procurement activities are receiving increasing scrutiny from Congress," an official of the Office of Director of National Intelligence told a meeting of industry officials last month.

"Congressional oversight is intensifying," said Daniel C. Nielsen, ODNI Deputy Procurement Executive.

Among other things, "Senior congressional leaders favor increased IC procurement data reporting," he said.

He cited a 2006 proposal by Rep. Henry Waxman to require providing to Congress "the same information for classified contracts that is required for unclassified contracts."

Although intelligence-related procurement programs run into the tens of billions of dollars annually, they has never been subject to accountability and reporting requirements comparable to those for unclassified acquisition. This is expected to change, Mr. Nielsen indicated.

See "Intelligence Community Procurement Metrics: Needs, Goals and Approach" by Daniel C. Nielsen, ODNI, presented May 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/nielsen.pdf>

Baseline acquisition data-collection requirements were set forth last year in an Intelligence Community Directive (ICD), which stated that "all... major system acquisitions shall have a [program management plan] that includes cost, schedule, and performance goals, as well as program milestone criteria."

See ICD 105, "Acquisition," Director of National Intelligence, August 15, 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-105.pdf>

"Acting under pressure from Congress, the CIA has decided to trim its contractor staffing by 10 percent," reported Walter Pincus and Stephen Barr in the Washington Post today.

NEW BILL WOULD MANDATE PUBLIC ACCESS TO CRS REPORTS

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives last month would require that certain reports of the Congressional Research Service be made publicly available online.

The "Congressional Research Accessibility Act" (HR 2545) was introduced on May 24 by Rep. Christopher Shays (R-CT), along with Reps. Jay Inslee (D-WA) and David Price (D-NC). See:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/congress/2007/hr2545.html>

The bill was flagged by the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government, www.cjog.net.

The proposed legislation does not offer everything one might hope for. In particular, it would prohibit public access to CRS reports until 30 days after they are first published on the internal congressional web site.

This is good news for commercial vendors of CRS products, who have (unauthorized) near-real time access to CRS publications and could continue to exploit that advantage for financial gain. But the delay would significantly diminish the utility of many such publications for the general public.

For example, on June 5, CRS issued a report on "Extensively Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis (XDR-TB): Quarantine and Isolation," which was then the subject of current news interest:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RS22672.pdf>

Under the proposed legislation, this report would not become widely available to the public for more than three weeks from now when, one may hope, it will be old news. (It was obtained independently and published previously by the Center for Democracy and Technology's OpenCRS, www.opencrs.com.)

Confidential reports and responses to individual member requests would understandably not be released under the new proposal unless the requester chose to release them. But neither would other CRS products that are not confidential if they do not fit the proposed definition of what is to be released.

That might be the case, for example, with this new non-report tabulation of "Overt U.S. Assistance to Pakistan, FY2001-FY2008," June 2007:

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

The congressional sponsors of the new bill, apparently fearing that CRS' sharp analytical tools could be blunted by contact with their dull constituents, insist that CRS reports shall be published "in a manner that... does not permit the submission of comments from the public."

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Hi Nick,

Certainly the second section/part-# Enc to DIS 'UFO Incident' files PDF [22.4 KB]-shows the level of frustration of the bureaucratic file clerk who has clearly better things to do with his/her time than alot said time to something as un-important as the pursuit of documents dealing with some phenomenon past his/her comprehension.

It shows just how tenuous the support line can be for documents for which there is clearly no interest by the archieving staff.

It's a bit scary actually.

It makes one wonder just how much history has been destroyed by frustrated clerks more concerned with document storage than content.

Certainly this lack of attention to quality and detail has been exhibited by the National Archives, here in Canada, where UFO documents are concerned. In some cases the quality of the microfilming of these documents has been pitiful.

Best,

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Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 17:13:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 11:37:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 15:06:26 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

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>This is exciting stuff!

>The co-author of this paper is Ron Levin whose father is Gilbert
>Levin, principal investigator of the 1976 Viking Mars lander's
>'Labeled Release' experiment which did indeed discover life on
>Mars - after the 1976 Viking data is reinterpreted in light on
>what we now know 3 decades later regarding the high surface
>temperatures, soil composition and the abundance of liquid water
>on Mars just below the ground (see URL below).

>http://www.space.com/news/spacehistory/viking_life_010728-1.html

Thanks for the background info, Nick.

If altering the monitors isn't evidence of cover up, I don't
know what would be.

Do you know how many different surface atmospheric pressure
tests have been made on Mars, and what the readings were?

Eleanor White

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Sarasota UFO Challenges Its Witness

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 11:41:58 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 11:41:58 -0400
Subject: Sarasota UFO Challenges Its Witness

Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20070611/BLOG32/70611009>

June 11. 2007

Sarasota UFO Challenges Its Witness
by
Billy Cox

A few more UFO sightings over Arcadia, Port Charlotte, and Sarasota have been added to NUFORC's database this spring. Since they're all anonymously posted, it's hard to tell what, if any, impact these events have on witnesses.

But every now and then, someone like Cathy Mills will step up and volunteer some life-altering details.

On the evening of Feb. 28, around 8:30, Mills and her husband were driving north along McIntosh Road, leaving Sarasota Square Mall when, off the passenger side to the east, a row of four whitish lights in the sky flashed on so brightly they illuminated low clouds nearby. They stayed that way for maybe three seconds, according to Mills, revealing the doughnut-shaped contours of a round, hovering object, before blinking off.

Mills' husband, the driver, said, "Did you see that?" but he kept his voice low, not wanting to alarm their three preoccupied kids in the back of the van. The lights flashed once more, for another three seconds or so, before going black. And that was that. Event duration =96 maybe 10 seconds.

"It was not a plane, it was not a helicopter, it was not normal," says the Sarasota resident. "Never in a million years did I expect to see something like this."

She went back to the scene the next day, trying to figure out if she'd missed a lighting tower or some other feature. She called the police, to no avail. She'd drive past the site at night, wondering if it would come back. Come April, she was Googling UFOs, and she filed her story online at UFOs Northwest:

<http://tinyurl.com/23r6ko>

"I'm a Christian and I've grown up with God all my life," she says. "Now I find myself trying to figure out how this fits into the picture, because your logical mind wants an explanation."

Lately, at night, when Mills steps outside for a cigarette, she anticipates things. Maybe that's its own reward.

"What I realized is," she says, "I've never really looked up at the sky before."

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Re: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 16:17:05 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 11:50:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

>From: Joe (ntl:) McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 07 Jun 2007 09:51:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: Latest Project Condign Parliamentary Question

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In the absence of any informative response from our esteemed MoD Expert, here is my take on it:

>Given your expert knowledge of defence matters in the UK, do you
>have any idea why Norman Baker would specifically ask this
>question of the Defence and Overseas Secretariat, or why he
>might have expected them to have received a copy of the Condign
>report?

It is my very amateur opinion that this was due to an elementary mistake - the question should have been in relation to the Directorate of Air Staff (DAS) rather than the Defence and Overseas Secretariat (DOS). I called Norman Baker's Parliamentary office shortly after the question was tabled, but was assured that the question was correctly addressed. It will be interesting to see if it re-tabled with a redirection to DAS.

The description of DOS can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/227pew>

and it appears to be a cross-ministry quango. I can think of no good reason for them to have received a copy of the Condign report. On the other hand, since DAS was the publicly acknowledged focal point for matters involving UFOs, there would be every reason to expect them to have received a copy.

It is also worth mention that the question was originally directed to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister's office then delegated the question to the "Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster" which I find confusing. The current incumbent of that position is Hilary Armstrong MP, and a description of the role of the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster can be found at her web site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2y9pdx>

Where it states:

".....As part of Hilary Armstrong's brief she has been given responsibility to oversee the government's drive against social exclusion and relationship with the Third Sector."

This may provide a clue as to why she was asked to respond to Baker's question - perhaps she is also overseeing issues about social exclusion relating to aliens from Mars Sector 6!

>What is the significance of this question and it's response?

I think it's only significance is as an example of a bureaucratic cock-up on a scale which only governments and civil servants can achieve. It's a pity that no expert opinion on this

was forthcoming though.

Regards,

Joe

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Psychopolitics & The UFO Skepti-Debunkers

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 12:33:22 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 08:35:06 -0400
Subject: Psychopolitics & The UFO Skepti-Debunkers

<http://www.lawfulpath.com/ref/brainwsh.shtml>

I'm sticking my neck out here because the patterns are too familiar.

If you're unfamiliar with the former Soviet/Marxist documentation called Psychopolitics then you're in for a big overwhelming shock.

In brief it's a very detailed instructional procedure for undermining truth, justice, and the American way.

Actually it undermines everything that's good.

What startled me about the document is how it instructs it's use in the handling of truthsayers. Note how closely it resembles the tactics used by skepti-bunkers since the 1950's regarding UFOs.

Part of me wants to say Joe McCarthy was right.

These documents issued in one form or another since the 1930's are definitely worth studying to see what's being used against us.

There are several versions and the one I'm linking to appears to have it better organized than most.

I've often said that a major part of the UFO experience revolves around mind control, behavior modification, aka brain washing.

Everyone's out to control our minds. Especially those pesky TV commercials.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained -

From: David Rossoni <david.r3.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 18:51:09 +0200
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 08:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained -

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2007 10:10:15 +0200
>Subject: Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained

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>has been upgraded recently, after reviewing the files
>completely. The previous estimation was 13 to 14%. I am
>preparing an article on the release of the French files, and on
>the publication of an important collective book under the
>direction of Yves Sillard, the President of the steering
>committee of GEIPAN, entitled "Phenomenes aerospaciaux non
>identifies".

GEIPAN (Group for Studies and Information on Unidentified
Aerospacial Phenomena), formerly known as GEPAN and SEPRA, is
the official unit at the French Space Agency, CNES, that
investigates UFOs.

For those who read French, a free e-book analyzes the history
and the work of the Group for 30 years :

Les OVNI du CNES, trente ans d'etudes officielles (1977-2007)
- CNES's UFOs Thirty Years Of Official Studies (1977-2007):

<http://www.zetetique.info/archives/00000080.html>

<http://www.zetetique.fr/page/doc.php?publication=1&ecritId=37>

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Re: Bottom Line Physical Proof - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 13:11:50 EDT
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 10:28:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Bottom Line Physical Proof - Boone

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 18:09:47 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Bottom Line Physical Proof

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 9 Jun 2007 14:32:27 EDT
>>Subject: Bottom Line Physical Proof

>>As the saucer turns we're still looking for irrefutable physical
>>proof on many UFO fronts.

>>ETH physical proof, mechanical physical proof, biological
>>physical proof.

>>What's taking so long? What are the obstacles?

>>We have tons of eyewitness accounts, high end government
>>officials spilling the beans, radar, sonar, photos, videos,
>>film, trace cases but no irrefutable physical proof.

>>Whassup with that?

>>Not one country, friend or foe has dished up anything.

>>Or has there been but we're not either privy to it nor aware of
>>it.

>>That's about the end to this circle of saucers.

>Hi Greg!

>In my office desk drawer at York University I have two very
>interesting items which were analyzed here in Toronto at the
>appropriate labs, thanks partly to funding provided by the
>Discovery Channel which is producing a new TV documentary on
>UFOs and ETs that is based on this physical proof.

>Last week at the SSE meeting in Lansing, Michigan I met with
>Peter Sturrock who also has such physical proof in his desk
>drawer at Stanford University. It will be re-analysed at the
>same Government of Canada labs in Ottawa where Wilbert B. Smith
>had his physical proof of flying saucers analysed.

>The thing that is in common with the physical proof for UFOs
>and ETs that is in the public domain is that we cannot establish
>beyond doubt that it originated from an actual crashed UFO or is
>indeed ET biological tissue because the researcher who has this
>physical proof was not the same person that recovered or
>obtained the specimen(s). So although we have lots of physical
>proof, we really do not have irrefutable physical proof.

>I have been able to track down compelling evidence for such
>irrefutable physical proof through my personal contacts within
>Canada's Department of National Defence, National Research
>Council and private industry but this proof is still highly
>classified to this day and is not available to the public or

>even to our highest elected government representatives.

>One of the reasons that I was given for the continued secrecy is
>that some of these UFO physical proof cases involve foreign
>governments and/or private companies and a few of these UFO
>studies, investigations or projects may still be ongoing!

>For example, recall the close encounter Robert Sufferin had with
>a UFO and one of its occupants in Bracebridge, Ontario back in
>1975 investigated by CUFORN. Shortly afterward Sufferin was
>visited by three men who showed him a large book with many
>close-up pictures of UFOs and explained what had happened to
>him. He stopped openly talking about his UFO close encounter
>after that. Although one of those men was a Canadian lieutenant
>from Falconbridge Air Force Base, the other two were with the
>U.S. Air Force Office of Special Investigations and the U.S.
>Office of Naval Intelligence. I have talked with someone who has
>seen and catalogued the large and amazing DND collection of UFO
>photos but will not confirm in public that these photos even
>exist.

>Another example that our government agencies are still very much
>interested and involved in UFOs is a special 'smoking gun' photo
>I have of U.S. Army Lt. General Arthur Trudeau together with top
>Avro engineer John Frost that was taken in Canada.

>Recall that General Trudeau was Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso's boss
>and was in charge of UFO debris located at the Pentagon. After
>jets were sent up many times to intercept and shoot down the
>invaders, debris shot off one of these flying saucers was sent
>to Wilbert B. Smith who was with Project Magnet in Ottawa for
>analysis.

>Apparently unknown to Smith himself, another entire recovered
>flying saucer was shipped to Avro where it was studied and
>reversed engineered away from the curious American public using
>Frost's 'secret' AvroCar project as a cover. The real flying
>saucer was being built in a separate Avro hanger that was
>protected by armed guards which AvroCar workers were not allowed
>to enter.

>Fortunately, I was able to located a still secret Avro technical
>report on Project Y, the prototype of the still secret man-made
>flying saucers which are flying to this day.

>With a secret U.S. manned space program that remains hidden from
>everyone including American taxpayers, I don't see the U.S.
>giving us permission to release our own secret UFO files anytime
>soon.

>So Greg, we'll have to patiently continue to wait for that
>"irrefutable physical proof" to become public knowledge.

>Nick Balaskas

Well I knew I could count on good ol' Nick Balaskas to set things straight.

Thanks Nick! I don't think most people realize how much work you do in this field.

However, the need for irrefutable physical proof is needed immediately.

The reason being is the opposition is panicking again and using strong arm tactics as well as their usual degrading comments to back off witnesses and such.

It's gotta end. 60 years of this stuff is way past the due point.

It's time to get boiling mad and perhaps it calls for a sacrifice play.

Mankind only advances due to sacrifices. I know I've given my fair share and have the lumps to prove it. Many of the people on this List have sacrificed so much that one wonders how they have managed so.

I'm talking real life risks, financial, familial, career. It

doesn't end.

Yet those sacrifices lifts all of mankind up a notch or two or three.

Will someone out there be a stand up kind of Joe and come clean with the goods once and for all. Are we the people worth that sacrifice?

I know I've got more sacrifices and even though I have to deal with my own threatening persons and attacks that just pushes me to go for broke.

I think the people are worth it.

So Nick, the more we wait the more casualties arise.

Maybe this disclosure is the last sacrifice of humanity?

Best,

Greg

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Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 23:42:08 +0300
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 10:31:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's

In this Rover image:

<http://tinyurl.com/2t76kz>

- bottom right.

Or is it dust again?

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Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Finally Resolved

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 10:35:55 -0400
Subject: Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Finally Resolved

Source: Mass Media Distribution LLC - Naples,FL,USA

<http://tinyurl.com/37bnt9>

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Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Finally Resolved

Finally the Truth is Told About the Roswell Incident!

After 60 years, the speculation is over!

The last living survivor of the 1947 incident tells his, and his father's story.

The Roswell Legacy
by Jesse Marcel, Jr.

To be Released Worldwide July 4, 2007

At the 60th Anniversary Roswell Festival in

Roswell, New Mexico, July 5-8

[June 12, 2007, Helena, MT]... In 1986, on his death bed, retired Major Jesse Marcel told his son; "You must tell the world the truth about Roswell. When the military no longer has a hold over you and your family, please set the record straight!"

Major Jesse Marcel was the head of intelligence at an Army Air Field located at Roswell, Nevada. On July 7, 1947 Major Marcel was sent to inspect what was being reported as the crash of an unidentified object on a ranch seventy-five miles northwest of the base. After inspecting the crash site, Marcel stopped by his home to show his family what he had discovered. Jesse Jr. was only eleven years old at the time, but vividly remembers his father's excitement, and seeing and handling a foil-like material that his father said was scattered around the wreckage. It was shiny and paper thin, but could not be torn or cut. It also retained a memory, mysteriously unfolding each time his father tried to fold it. And then there was that beam of metal several feet long, which was covered with hieroglyphic-type writing and markings. It was indeed something that was not of this world.

Sample Image Sample Image

Upon return to his Air base, Major Marcel's superior officer, Col. William "Butch" Blanchard, ordered him to fly the material to Wright Patterson Air Base in Akron, OH, first stopping in Fort Worth, TX to show the strange findings to Gen. Roger Ramey, the head of the Eighth Air Force. When Ramey learned that Blanchard had issued a press release stating they had recovered a "flying disc," and that it was being flown to Wright-Pat,

Ramey was livid, and immediately called a press conference. Marcel would be photographed (see photo right) holding remnants of a weather balloon, and was forced to tell the media that these were his only findings at Roswell. From that time on, and despite dozens of collaborating witnesses at the crash site, Major Marcel was forced to live with that lie the rest of his life.

His father's words haunted Jesse Jr. for nearly twenty years. As his retirement finally approached, while serving his tour of duty in Iraq in 2004, Jesse Jr. decided to put pen to paper. In a few short months the U.S. Military could no longer force he and his family to keep the secret any longer. He remembered how embarrassed his father was when he was forced to tell the world that the object he inspected was only a weather balloon. The famous photo of his father (see right), kneeling and holding the remnants of a weather balloon have been an injustice the Marcel family had endured for nearly sixty years.

Now with release of The Roswell Legacy, Jesse Sr. will finally be vindicated and the world will learn the truth. With a forward written by the renowned ufologist, Stanton Friedman, this book clears the air

"The world has waited a long time for the inside scoop on Roswell. Truth is an excellent curative for false proclamations. The Roswell crashed saucer retrieval is one of the most important UFO cases ever, anywhere. We need more information from those directly involved, and this book provides a good deal of important new material." --Stanton T. Friedman

The Roswell Legacy will be released Worldwide on July 5, 2007 in Roswell, NM, at the 60th Anniversary celebration. Interviews and appearances with Jesse Marcel are now being scheduled. Jesse will appear for book signings at the Roswell International UFO Museum July 5-8, 2007.

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Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 16:21:48 -0700
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Well, the article and claim have been officially retracted now:

<http://www.newscientist.com/blog/space/2007/06/no-puddles-on-mars.html>

I'm glad it's been retracted, noting that the most basic glaring error (the location on Burns Cliff) was the one that a number of people have been saying for several days now... :-)

Planetaria
<http://web.mac.com/paulscottanderson/iWeb/planetaria>

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Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

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Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 00:10:52 -0400
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Subject: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald (May 7, 1920 - June 13, 1971)

On June 13, 1971, Dr. James E. McDonald (born May 7, 1920), noted atmospheric physicist and UFO researcher, was found dead from a gunshot wound to the head, an apparent suicide. (Source: Tucson Arizona Daily Star, June 15, 1971)

McDonald spoke before the United States Congress for a UFO hearing in 1968. In part, he stated his opinion that "UFOs are entirely real and we do not know what they are, because we have laughed them out of court. The possibility that these are extraterrestrial devices, that we are dealing with surveillance from some advanced technology, is a possibility I take very seriously." (Clark, 368)

In 1969, McDonald was a speaker at an American Association for the Advancement of Science UFO symposium. There he delivered a lecture, "Science in Default", which Jerome Clark calls "one of the most powerful scientific defenses of UFO reality ever mounted." (Clark, 370) McDonald discussed in detail a handful of well documented UFO cases which seemed, he thought, to defy interpretation by conventional science. (Source: Jerome Clark; The UFO Book: Encyclopedia of the Extraterrestrial; Visible Ink, 1998)

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>and the work of the Group for 30 years :

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>- CNES's UFOs Thirty Years Of Official Studies (1977-2007):

><http://www.zetetique.info/archives/00000080.html>

><http://www.zetetique.fr/page/doc.php?publication=1&ecritId=37>

David Rossoni,

Why don't you state clearly that your Zetetique group is the major skeptical group in France? I have just verified, rapidly, that your presentation is, indeed, a purely skeptical one.

However, I recognise that is is very well made, and I will read it more closely. It's amazing to see the amount of work done by skeptics to systematically create doubt of all UFO files.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained - Horak

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 06:04:24 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 16:05:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained - Horak

>From: David Rossoni <david.r3.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 18:51:09 +0200
>Subject: Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Apr 2007 10:10:15 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Half Of French UFOs Remain Unexplained

>... it is true that this percentage of unknowns
>has been upgraded recently, after reviewing the files
>completely. The previous estimation was 13 to 14%. I am
>preparing an article on the release of the French files, and
>on the publication of an important collective book under the
>direction of Yves Sillard, the President of the steering
>committee of GEIPAN, entitled "Phenomenes aerospaciaux non
>identifies".

There is a reason French agencies would be less inclined to pass off so many sightings as explained since they are less inclined towards dishonesty and disingenuity in their investigations. In fact they operate far more in the capacity of seriously considering them and the UFO phenomena as purposeful.

The French approach has been tactful and comprehensive as well, lending enough accumulated data in one place to erect some kind of overview. Out of this has come the discovery that in France the UFOs tend to observe flight patterns along ley lines. Though this may be true to some degree (and observed) elsewhere, the benefit of such observations is not progressed to the point of overview openly so that minds outside the bubble can participate in the analysis.

Compartmentalization and lack of access to evidence and findings should be compensated for by thinking outside the box due to such sinister limitation. It is evident that secrecy has long been more important than utilizing the thinking of those without security oaths.

In such an arena, ufologists should feel justified in constructs that might not be as confined to scientific method as those of someone that has such access. Going through reports, patterns emerge that can thus be imposed (in theory) upon others when not directly observed in the case at hand. Thus we might start constructing categories of UFOs and infer common categories might be anticipated to have common features...although not specific to any one experience.

Case in point, I once mentioned an experience I had had while riding to work early one morning on a motorcycle. The UFO, its description and behavior perfectly matched another person's who began corresponding with me and who visited me later on. We could see occupants through windows in the craft looking at us, windows like those in a press box at a sports stadium. But, the occupants were wholly different. That suggests many things, doesn't it?

JCH

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On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part VIII

From: Tom Horn <raidersnewsupdate.nul>
Date: Tue, 12 Jun 2007 17:39:04 -0700
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:28:09 -0400
Subject: On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part VIII

On The Road To Roswell 2007 Part VIII:

A Discussion With Dr. Bruce Maccabee

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

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Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 16:56:45 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:30:15 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files - Pope

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 15:16:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 10:53:17 +0100
>>Subject: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files

>>Details of the 24 Defence Intelligence Staff UFO files that are
>>currently being reviewed for release are now available on the
>>MoD website, in the Freedom of Information section:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2xx5pz>

>>Certainly the second section/part-# Enc to DIS 'UFO Incident'
>>files PDF [22.4 KB]-shows the level of frustration of the
>>bureaucratic file clerk who has clearly better things to do with
>>his/her time than alot said time to something as un-important as
>>the pursuit of documents dealing with some phenomenon past
>>his/her comprehension.

<snip>

There is a degree of frustration about this at the MoD, but
it's not coming from file clerks.

FOI requests - particularly the more complex ones - generally
have to be handled by the relevant subject matter experts. This
is because only the subject matter expert will have the
specialist knowledge and experience needed to identify all
material covered by the request, and then to consider whether
any Exemptions apply.

I've led on and contributed to FOI requests myself. It can be a
time consuming task.

Officials were given good guidance and training in the run up to
the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act, but few - if
any - extra resources to deal with the additional workload.

The MoD receives more FOI requests on UFOs than on any other
subject, so officials who were already busy are now having to
deal with numerous FOI requests in addition to their previous
duties.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Cameo Of Dr. James E. McDonald

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 11:29:12 -0500
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:36:46 -0400
Subject: Cameo Of Dr. James E. McDonald

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 00:10:52 -0400
>Subject: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

>Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald (May 7, 1920 - June 13, 1971)

>On June 13, 1971, Dr. James E. McDonald (born May 7, 1920),
>noted atmospheric physicist and UFO researcher, was found dead
>from a gunshot wound to the head, an apparent suicide. (Source:
>Tucson Arizona Daily Star, June 15, 1971)

If I may, Loren, here's a detailed cameo inspired from Druffel's bio of same:

Dr. James E. McDonald, seminal ufologist and a man of undeniably objective science, was a man who might be observed at two seemingly disparate levels. On one level he possessed exactly what our suspect society stridently proclaims it prefers from its citizenship: intelligence, courage, self-improvement, civic involvement, sterling productivity. He was a total asset to humankind's elevation and advancement on every level. On the other hand, he was a hapless fool-however magnificent! I think both observations are correct as strongly as I believe that he can be, oddly enough, congratulated and otherwise lauded on both of these levels. At once, Dr. McDonald's story is a hard lesson and a much needed, certainly gainful, inspiration to us all. This is what was drawn from Anne Druffel's powerful, informative, and very well-woven and excitingly readable biography of James McDonald entitled Firestorm: Dr. James E. McDonald's Fight for UFO Science (Wildflower Press, 2003).

Dr. McDonald, by way of introduction, was a good man, a kind man, a renaissance man, and a family man; he was a man instrumental, key actually, in elevating the status of aggregate ufology to the level of seriousness that it remotely enjoys against all odds today. Yet, today, he is almost totally unknown even by those with more than a passing interest in the field.

This is a tragedy beyond debate. Ms. Druffel, in a near peerless effort, would put that error aright. Druffel portrays the physicist James E. McDonald, accurately it would seem, as a highly respected world-class research scientist and much-beloved teacher, academic coach, and gifted educator. A renowned atmospheric physicist, he was a nascent prototypical ecologist, an incisive social scientist, and a master of diverse multiple subjects: a brilliant man in every regard. He changed the minds of hostile governments, steered academic boards, chaired lofty research sections, and headed significant causes.

Then he got interested in UFOs.

I've written before about an insidious social aspect of our hijacked society I tentatively call the Mothman FutilityMechanism. The sufferer of this mechanism is an otherwise rational person innocently encountering an aspect of the highly strange. In a justifiably passionate investigation of that very real strangeness, this person is destroyed in one way or another as a result of paying an awful and inevitable penalty

for the pursuit of that enigma's teasing challenge, as imposed by that nonelected leadership mentioned before. Such was the fate of Dr. McDonald. Druffel writes a compelling cameo, indeed, about the mechanism in action. It is portrayed exceptionally well in the heartbreaking and heartbroken subject of her startling biography.

This fine man, by step, by increment, and seemingly by design was progressively failed by society, its science, and by those closest to him. He would pay more than most for his provoked transgression. He would be-perhaps deliberately-aggravated so that he suffered unmitigating depressions that he found, at last, he could no longer endure.

Indeed, Druffel succinctly conveys how he would be inexorably driven over the cliffs of the blackest despair. He would be goaded, lead actually; drawn out on a precarious limb after years of government duplicity, institutional subterfuge, and agency chicanery. And then the limb was sawed off. With great deliberation and at the nadir of this abject hopelessness, he took his own life.

His was the kind of intelligent effort and efficacious artifice the aforementioned agencies, institutions, and governments would want to finesse for a managed failure and conveniently thwarted success, one might suspect when reading between Druffel's lines. Indeed, I recall that many of the major players on the ufological scene have been documented as being drawn down the same kinds of primrose path ending so tragically for McDonald. His story is a pointed lesson for the observer of it.

Jacques Vallee wrote about Linda Moulton Howe and Stanton Friedman being played in a similar fashion. J. Allen Hynek and Edward J. Ruppelt wrote about the many hundreds of credible witnesses who initiate a report and then, abruptly, don't follow up on their testimony. Richard Dolan and David Jacobs make rationally credible cases for an unelected government's ufological interference and manipulation. and worse things.

Worse things, reader.

Given today's realities, one could surmise many reasons why someone of McDonald's caliber and propitious drive would have to be stopped-one way or another. The mechanisms used against the good doctor are obvious and not so obvious, Druffel more than intimates. Not the least of these-jealous mechanisms of a hostile mainstream - were the scurvy tactics of otherwise inexplicable persons such as Philip Klass and Edward Condon. These were shallow men without imagination and courage, at best. At worst, they were drunk on their own baseless hubris and perhaps even cooperating drones for that conjectured unelected leadership.

Both were two-faced authoritarian murmurers with a predilection for whisper-campaigning, name-calling, hate mongering, and the yellowest of yellow presses. They were the hackish agents of stupefying misrepresentation and the instruments of crass deception and misinformation. They were the blindsiding backshooters and the artless shadow-snipers. They are the reason the rest of us are reluctant to be bold!

These, and others like them-known and unknown - were the cowardly hurdles that Dr. McDonald was compelled to clear. They were the cheaters. They were the liars. They, themselves, were what they were pretending to warn us against!

McDonald, on the other hand, Druffel writes, was only a genuine scientist of the first water made aware, as a result of his researches, that a significant number of UFO reports could not have prosaic explanations. He was justifiably intrigued.

He was also demonstrably and justifiably aghast that his much revered science, in the person of the military and the scientists it employed, was not taking a remotely competent look at it. That UFOs should be exhaustively investigated was abundantly obvious to McDonald, along with few significant others. He understood all too clearly that they were not being properly investigated by any means. So he readily took up, as a man who is not a coward will, the campaign to bring mainstream science on line for that competent investigation. We are well served, ultimately, that he did.

For his trouble, Druffel notes, he was bait-and-switched, drawn out over empty air with high-level and well-connected promises of the financial support necessary for a quality investigation which, carrot-like, never materialized, and he, along with his family, was phone-tapped and threateningly followed in obvious ways.

Concurrently, even as McDonald is hobbled and persecuted in his righteous study of the problem, Edward Condon throws away a half million dollars in government grants for a negatively biased foregone conclusion regarding UFOs that he would later foist on the scientific community and a hapless public, very nearly ruining the whole ufological enterprise with his patent obfuscation of it, out of hand.

The bastard! Verily.

Condon and Klass were too little, too late for a complete destruction of nascent ufology, it seems, as Druffel points out with ready alacrity. Condon was clearly and suspiciously identified by McDonald, even before the formal report was released, as a duplicitous ax-grinder who apparently had not even read the report which he chaired and for which he was writing the conclusion. McDonald also made decisively short work of Philip Klass' ludicrous expository, too. Klass was, summarily, inarguably, and effortlessly dismissed.

But for McDonald's sterling science, faultless logic, expansive intelligence, and stalwart bravery, the bucket of cold water that was poured on UFOs by these two might have snuffed out the interest in them, altogether. McDonald was truly key in keeping them alive for subsequent generations. Druffel makes this clear, also. Oh, but what McDonald might have done with the half million dollars that Condon just pissed away on his fake study. I don't think it unlikely that humanity might already be living expressive lives in the asteroid belt as a result. A living ring of humanity around our sun; a glittering halo of progressive humankind living between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter. but I digress.

Why was Dr. McDonald a fool, then? Everything expressed thus far would seem to indicate that he was a fool's very antithesis. And he was, good reader; he was. But he was also a Boy Scout and a believer. Not a believer in the paranormal or a believer in UFOs, but a believer in a government of the people, by the people, and for the people as a working reality.

He had a Boy Scout's confidence in the institution of science that went where the data went and not where it could, itself, be driven. He believed in demonstrable right and the courage of tested convictions, not easy convenience, untested faith, and profitable complacency. He believed in the rule of law, the rationality of due process, and the efficacious profits of professional behavior; he believed in the inevitable elevations and advancements discovered in frank open-mindedness, and he believed in the certain ultimate rewards found in a passionate investigation for the truth. Truth though heavens fall.

McDonald's belief was that his society was an accurate reflection of the preceding. It was not then. It is not now. McDonald, astonishingly, even as he can't really be blamed, one discovers, believed he fought his scientific battles on a field that was remotely level.

The monumentally magnificent fool, forgetting for a moment that he is exactly the kind of fool that this writer and Ms. Druffel, I suspect, aspire to be and always admire; in fact, the only foolishness we'd insist upon. Fairness, rationality, forthcoming-ness, progressiveness, consistency, intelligence, and individual respect one should be able to take for granted.

Any other path is back-stepping, inane insanity. It is also apparent foolishnesses, given the state of the union today and half a century's ufological denial, extra-normal dismissal, and thoughtlessly executed and canted denunciation by profit-taking pelicanists, scurvy skeptibunkies, and conflicted klasskirtxians.

These were the presumptions Dr. McDonald held, writing off the inconsistencies of science he witnessed as a monumental cock-up

of crass incompetence and not what it more than likely was-a monumental cover-up of crafted duplicity.

And one not in our best interests I'd suspect; nor, I predict, would Ms. Druffel. Those who have would keep on having without regard to the sensibilities of those who have not.

Would that McDonald had been better able to take stock of his culture's duplicity, he might have proceeded along more successful lines. Druffel points out a few occasions where information held out on him by knowledgeable authority provoked assumptions he was making regarding the veracity of professional persons he was otherwise forced to deal with. Thus, more encouragement outwards on that precipitous limb.

These were the officious anti-intellectuals and ethically bankrupt authoritarian toads such as Klass, Condon, Menzel, a host of intelligence operatives, wind-sensing (and passing) politicians, and timid academic functionaries. Betrayers of truth, all!

Verily, Ann Druffel is clear that Dr. McDonald was a fine, upstanding, and intelligent man of ethical consistency and rare courage who was betrayed by persons closest to him; betrayed when those persons knew he was on the right track, doing the right thing, and doing it in exactly the right way.

Where was the doctor's wife when he had the future by the shirttails and enigma by the scruff? Where were his learned colleagues who knew he was right when he was blindsided by the convenient bias of pompous detractors who'd have to scale a ladder to buff his shoe tops? Where were his friends? What have they done in the aftermath to keep McDonald alive then, and for the future?

Dr. McDonald's story is a hard lesson, because we are reminded of the prices that are sometimes demanded for the pursuit of human advancement. He is a wonderful inspiration when we recall that his name will be remembered long after the names of Klass and Condon and Menzel are less than ignoble dust.

In closing, this is a book of such power, intelligence, and accuracy that it has compelled this writer to reassess all of Ms. Druffel's past work in a new, more interested and attentive light. It is that kind of book. Not to diminish the volume in any way, but it could be a dazzling film featuring Matthew McConaughey or Russell Crowe.

They might do Mac justice.

Firestorm! The very title of Ann Druffel's book is an astonishing hint to just how close McDonald may have been to putting us in the asteroid belt to which I'd alluded earlier. Be that as it may, I am improved, fortified, and emboldened with the reading of it.

I'd suggest you would be, too.

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DNI ISSUES NEW POLICY ON INTELLIGENCE AWARDS

The U.S. intelligence community may acknowledge professional excellence by presenting employees or others with one of several monetary or honorary awards specified in a new Intelligence Community Directive.

"It is the policy of the DNI to recognize and honor all individuals and groups for distinguished service and/or exceptional contributions to the security of the U.S.; the development and execution of the U.S. National Intelligence Strategy and its various implementation plans; the integration and transformation of the IC, and/or the accomplishment of its mission;" and so forth.

Awards may range from certificates and "keepsakes" of no monetary value to large financial gifts. Amounts in excess of \$25,000 must be approved by the President.

Covert personnel are not permitted to take possession of their awards.

Instead, "the IC element and/or the ODNI retain(s) the award when the individual is covert or a future covert assignment or affiliation is likely."

Intelligence Community Directive 655, entitled "National Intelligence Awards Program," was issued by Directive of National Intelligence Mike McConnell on May 23, 2007.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-655.pdf>

ATTORNEY IN FOGGO CASE SEEKS TO "OPT OUT" OF SECURITY CLEARANCE

A defense attorney in the prosecution of former CIA executive director Kyle "Dusty" Foggo and contractor Brent Wilkes on bribery charges has refused to undergo a background investigation or submit to other procedures required in order to obtain a security clearance for access to classified information.

Defense counsel should not be required "to undergo any kind of a

process by which my adversary in an adversarial system is going to determine whether or not I can represent my client," argued celebrity attorney Mark Geragos, who represents Brent Wilkes.

Instead, he indicated, the government should simply provide the defense with all exculpatory material.

But it doesn't work that way, government attorneys said. In a June 8 pleading, they asked the court to require imposition of a security clearance, administered by a judicial branch official if necessary, or to take other steps to safeguard up to 15,000 pages of classified discovery materials.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/foggo060807.pdf>

The unusual dispute was first reported by Justin Rood in "Attorney Geragos Accused of Subtle Extortion," ABC News' The Blotter, June 11.

http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/06/attorney_gerago.html

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Notable new reports of the Congressional Research Service include the following.

"Iran: Ethnic and Religious Minorities," May 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL34021.pdf>

"National Continuity Policy: A Brief Overview," June 8, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secretary/RS22674.pdf>

"'No Confidence' Votes and Other Forms of Congressional Censure of Public Officials," June 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34037.pdf>

"Veterans and Homelessness," May 31, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34024.pdf>

"Border Security: The San Diego Fence," updated May 23, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homesec/RS22026.pdf>

"Latin America and the Caribbean: Fact Sheet on Leaders and Elections," updated June 1, 2007:

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Re: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald - Hall

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Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 17:23:44 +0000
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:40:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald - Hall

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 00:10:52 -0400
>Subject: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

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>noted atmospheric physicist and UFO researcher, was found dead
>from a gunshot wound to the head, an apparent suicide. (Source:
>Tucson Arizona Daily Star, June 15, 1971)

<snip>

A man well worth remembering. But it was not an "apparent"
suicide; he left a note, and the background is well known to
those of us who were his close friends. Paranoia to the contrary
not withstanding.

- Dick Hall

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E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 01:45:07 +0100
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:48:21 -0400
Subject: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

Hello List

The European Space Agency (ESA) just successfully tested an 'entanglement link' over 144 kilometers inside Earth's atmosphere. So it's fairly certain that such a link should work fine through interstellar space.

http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEMXM7O08ZE_index_0.html

What the ESA release doesn't stress is that such a link might give us instantaneous interstellar communications.

More importantly, by attaching a de-modulator to a telescope you've also got a real SETI detector - looking for real, viable advanced communications, not the 'radio smoke signals' that they're presently seeking.

Maybe check details:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/ftlcomms.html>

that's maybe where ESA got the idea from.

Cheers

Ray D

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Well here's a dandy!

I'm glad someone is spying on us. It's good that our guys are keeping tabs on things in the name of national security.

No problem with that at all.

Wish I'd find me one of them evil foreign spies. I'd try out my Spysmasher moves on em'.

That is the classic Spysmasher movie serial from the 1940's. One of the best if not_the_best serial ever.

Best,

Greg

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Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist?

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The Real 'X-Files': Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist?

Gus Russo

[Note: In late May 2007, I was asked by Dan Smith, who is discussed in this article, to attempt to write an overview of the apparent interest of the intelligence community in UFOs. Although Dan paid me a modest retainer for my time, he agreed to have absolutely no editorial control over my work or its conclusions. He was fully prepared to be, possibly, unhappy with whatever I delivered.]

With terrorism, drug trafficking, climate change, and ever-present pork projects on its plate, the US government, one would think, would have zero free time -- not to mention resources - to devote the supremely elusive topic of flying saucers. But, for some observers, there is compelling evidence that it does - and in direct contradiction of its own official statements.

These federal forays into the fanciful seem inspired by the relatively new buzzwords added to the UFO lexicon, not the iconic "Roswell," "Alien Autopsies," or even "MJ-12 documents" of old. Those pass=E9 riddles are no longer considered "coins of the realm." Now the most intense debates involve subjects with names like Project Beta, SERPO, Project Camelot, Operation Snow White, and Star Gate. And weaving in and out of all these alleged controversies, especially in the UFO internet chat rooms, are at least three senior intelligence analysts and one retired Air Force Special Investigator: "Tom" (pseudo.), a MASINT specialist (Measures and Signals Intelligence) with a PhD in chemistry and Paul, an aeronautics scholar interested in "breakthrough propulsion and gravity-modification technologies," work down the hall from each at the Directorate of National Intelligence (DNI) headquarters in Washington. "Jim" (pseudo.), a physician and former CIA officer in the Directorate of Science and Technology, maintains his security clearance, and travels back to Washington often to work on classified psychological studies. Richard "Rick" Doty, a longtime friend and colleague of Jim, was an investigator assigned the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI).

What has been confounding UFO buffs for years is the regular presence of these well-informed "spooks" (and others less active) in both the physical UFO world and the world of cyberspace saucers. The mystery seems to have its origins in 1956, pre Tom- Paul-Jim-Rick, and pre internet, and in the most unlikely of settings: the office of Ward Kimball, one of Walt Disney's key animators. At a 1979 UFO symposium in San Francisco, Kimball told how the US Air Force had approached Disney to make a UFO documentary, the ostensible purpose being to help prepare the collective American psyche for planned

revelations concerning the reality of extraterrestrials. If that wasn't enough, the senior flyboys offered to supply actual UFO footage, which Disney would be allowed to use in his film. It must have seemed to Kimball that his character Jiminy Cricket's "wish upon a star" had actually been answered. However, a few weeks later, the offer was withdrawn just as quickly as it had been made. Kimball said that an Air Force Colonel said brusquely, "There indeed was plenty of UFO footage, but that neither Ward, nor anyone else, was going to get access to it."

The Air Force revisited the gambit in the early seventies, when Air Force Colonels Robert Coleman and George Weinbrenner approached documentary filmmaker Robert Emenegger with a very similar astounding offer. The two colonels, who were possibly attached to AFOSI, took Emenegger to Norton AFB near San Bernardino and awed him with footage of what appeared to be three flying saucers landing at Holloman AFB in New Mexico in 1971. Incredibly, the Air Force was again, according to the colonels, going to give the footage to Emenegger as a climax to his forthcoming film, UFOs, Past, Present and Future. But once again, at the eleventh hour the Air Force changed its mind, they said, because of the Watergate scandal. Perhaps the country couldn't handle more bad news.

In the eighties, AFOSI agent Rick Doty, a longtime colleague and friend of analyst Jim, appeared in New Mexico in order to tease scientist Paul Bennewitz with promises to divulge the government's UFO secrets. And in this case, the Air Force actually delivered the goods, in a sense. Bennewitz, an entrepreneur who specialized in selling high altitude testing equipment to the Air Force, had contacted AFOSI after filming bizarre flying craft near Kirtland AFB, outside Albuquerque. As a result, Doty was tasked not only with determining if Bennewitz had stumbled onto classified aircraft tests (and also scientific research such as Project Starfire), but also with feeding the physicist mountains of disinformation about UFOs, the furtive purpose being to divert his attention from classified goings-on, and later, to monitor the flow of information through the UFOlogy network. A still-unidentified Air Force intelligence officer also seduced best-selling UFO writer Bill Moore (The Philadelphia Experiment and The Roswell Incident) into assisting Doty in his spycraft; in exchange, Moore was offered real UFO information, including meeting a live extraterrestrial -- promises that, like Emenegger's UFO footage, never materialized. The charade played out for most of the eighties, driving poor Bennewitz, who coined the disclosures Project Beta, to a mental meltdown. Moore actually admitted his double agent role to an astonished UFO community at a Las Vegas convention in July 1989, however the bizarre alien tales he fed Bennewitz poisoned the UFO database, perhaps permanently. Infinite mutations of the Doty fictions continue to spread like an internet virus. Just google "SERPO" for a taste.

In 1983, the government next approached Emmy Award winning documentarian Linda Howe, then at work on a UFO film for HBO. After meeting with Howe in Albuquerque, Rick Doty took her to the AFOSI offices at Kirtland, and not only promised her the same footage that was dangled in front of Emenegger, but he went one step further.

"My superiors asked me to show this to you," Doty said as he handed Howe a file entitled "Briefing Paper for the President of the United States." Allowed only to scan the explosive cache, Howe saw tales of crashed extraterrestrial craft, alien bodies, and even more astounding, UFO crash survivors. Although Howe was not allowed to take the papers away, Doty promised her the same "landing footage" promised to Emenegger a decade earlier for his film. But, just as they had with Emenegger, months of negotiating went absolutely nowhere. Doty later admitted to author Greg Bishop that the ploy was but another government counterintelligence probe into the UFO community.

The Kimball, Emenegger, Bennewitz, and Howe affairs were just the beginning of excursions into the world of UFO ephemera by federal employees. In the 1990's the feds seemed determined to insert their agenda into the nascent internet, where UFOlogists were now trading "evidence" around the world at lightening speed. Their newest civilian contact became a soft-spoken computer analyst who was determined to use the new technology to get to "the truth."

Dan Smith of Maryland, the son of a former economic advisor to the White House, has spent two decades, largely via internet blogging, pursuing his interest in future apocalyptic scenarios. Invariably, his quest led him into the miasma of rumored UFO disclosure scenarios. In 1991, Smith learned of the possibility of a real-life X-Files when UK crop circle researchers made him aware of analyst Tom, and his forays into their provenance. Before calling Tom, Smith vetted him with NASA, which readily agreed that Tom was the government's man on "phenomenology." Thus, in September 1991, Smith started calling Tom, and in only their second conversation, Tom floored Dan by announcing, "I'm going to Los Alamos next week to talk to aliens." The trip to the famed nuclear lab never happened, as best Dan can ascertain.

Dan and Tom's relationship has progressed from phone calls and email exchanges to attending family outings and ball games together, and even to meeting at his agency's headquarters. Throughout the course of the relationship, Tom made it abundantly clear that he is officially following the UFO topic as part of his intelligence portfolio, admitting that he had participated, as did Jim, in an inter-agency "Phenomenology Working Group." When pressed for details, however, Tom only gives obtuse, often cryptic answers as to why the monitoring of the UFO crowd consumes what one insider estimates as 20% of his publicly funded workday. Unbeknownst to Smith, in 1992 Tom allegedly admitted to another internet contact, Habib "Henry" Azadehdel, that he had indeed been part of a working group. In a phone conversation recorded by Azadehdel, Tom, or someone impersonating Tom, confided that he had been the first member of an inter-agency "working group." "You know," Tom offered, "I was a member of that Working Group, ah, when it started=85I was a member of it, but I, I resigned I guess after the first meeting," claimed Tom. The meeting, he explained was organized by Jim, and there were "about a dozen people there."

In his 1990 book *Out There*, New York Times reporter Howard Blum described a top secret inter-agency Working Group, which he contended met in the Pentagon in 1987, the purpose being to investigate UFOs. The participants Blum named overlapped too nicely with those known to be in Tom and Jim's gathering: in the minds of many UFOlogists, Tom and Jim were members of Blum's UFO Working Group. Thus the current controversy often postulates that their interest relates to an ongoing UFO Working Group mandate.

Although Smith seemed only bemused by the attention, one of his friends, an engineer who frequently holds classified government contracts, became so concerned that he reported Tom to his agency's Inspector General. "I later found out that it became a six-month internal investigation," says the friend, "but, in the end, Tom was able to convince them that his communication with Smith fell within his official purview." Still, Smith's friends worry that Smith's health is suffering from all the gamesmanship, worried that he might become the next Paul Bennewitz. Since 1994, Tom continues to communicate with Dan on a regular basis.

Next up on the US intel radar was one Bob Bigelow, the billionaire heir to the Bigelow Tea fortune and owner of the Budget Suites of America hotel chain and Bigelow Aerospace. In 1996, Bigelow created the National Institute of Discovery Science (NIDS) to explore paranormal activity, especially cattle mutilations in the Utah badlands and UFO reports. Enter officers Tom and Jim, now nick-named collectively "The Aviary" by their contactees. Jim confirmed to a popular website administrator that Bigelow's think tank was the subject of informal discussion at DIA sponsored meetings he attended on the threats of emerging technologies. More importantly, analyst Tom has openly admitted to Dan Smith that he was so interested in NIDS that he attended its inaugural meeting, and kept tabs on its research until its dissolution on 2004.

The dawning of the twenty-first century saw a marked escalation in the activities of Tom, Jim, and Rick, especially in cyberspace. Chris Iverson, administrator with the internet's "Open Minds Forum," says, "I have spoken directly with Tom, Jim, and Rick. The highlight so far is the conversation I had with Tom several weeks ago. He went quite far in describing not just his relationship with Dan Smith but also covered several other topics as well." Iverson says that Tom corroborated what he told Smith years ago about the mysterious trips to Los

Alamos. "The story is that these people made several monthly trips out from Washington DC to Los Alamos several years ago to either meet directly with "The Visitors" or to meet with the people who were responsible for holding or communicating with them," explains Iverson. "Tom stated that yes, these trips did take place, but they occurred over 15 years ago and are not happening today."

The list of contacts goes on. Gary Bekkum, of Starstream Research, says, "I have had increasing contact, by email, and phone, with some of the Aviary members, concerning stories I have written about their activities, including requests not to expose 'sources and methods.' I have also had increasing contact from others, including a DARPA (Defense Advanced Research Project) subcontractor." Ryan Dube, of Reality Uncovered notes that his first contact with the trio came when Doty began harassing one of his moderators. "Tom contacted us in 2006, via email, with a request to assist him in his investigation of Richard Doty," remembers Dube. "He wanted to know the details of the harassment and Rick's supervisor contact information. I was suspicious of Tom from the start, and didn't believe him. However we verified that his emails were coming from DIA military servers and the contact phone number he initial gave me was in fact located in the DC area. That's when I realized that I was actually talking to the real Tom - the intelligence analyst. I've been in contact (phone and email) with Tom up until about three months ago, as well as Jim."

The Tom, Jim, and Rick Show even enjoys syndication across the pond. Brendan Burton, the British administrator for the "Open Minds" forum, vividly recalls when Jim emailed him in early 2006. The missive is again a bit of a tease, wherein the agent makes "hypothetical" statements about the size of the UFO cover-up. But, Burton adds, "He seemed to confirm that the US government was indeed in this thing, right up to their necks!" The UK's Caryn Anscumb, who frequently contributes to the "Reality Uncovered" and "Starstream" sites, first heard from analyst Jim in 2004, and has had regular communications from him ever since. Ditto Steve Broadbent, another Reality Uncovered administrator from England.

Both Tom and Jim have made only half-hearted attempts to hide their identities (this is especially peculiar regarding Tom, who still works full-time at the highest echelons of US intelligence.) Their impressive CV's, contact information, and emails are regularly exchanged by the bloggers as the amateurs try to brainstorm an answer to the ultimate question: what is their agenda? Also asking the question is UK filmmaker John Lundberg, who has been traipsing across the US recently, filming anyone who will agree to speak on the subject for his forthcoming film Miragemen. Lundberg has, like this writer, also had communications with both Tom and Jim.

Dan Smith and the rest of his web colleagues, who are still in regular contact with Tom, Jim, and Rick, are confused for another reason: the feds have officially stated ad nauseum that they maintain no interest in the subject of little green men. The proclamations began in 1953 with the publication of the CIA's "Robertson Panel Report." Chaired by CIA physicist Howard Percy Robertson, the panel concluded that 90 percent of UFO sightings could be readily identified with meteorological, astronomical, or natural phenomena, and that the remaining 10 percent could be similarly explained with more study. It further suggested that the Air Force should begin to reduce "public gullibility" and utilize the mass media, including influential media giants like the Walt Disney Corporation, to demystify UFO reports.

In 1968, Rick Doty's Air Force weighed in with the 1,438-page Condon Committee Report, a two-year study chaired by physicist Edward Condon. The investigation, undertaken by eight faculty members from the University of Colorado, concluded (albeit with some dissention amongst the faculty ranks) that all UFO reports had conventional explanations, and further study of the subject would not be worthwhile. The Air Force put the issue aside for almost three decades, then in 1995 released a UFO "Fact Sheet" that noted: "From 1947 to 1969, the Air Force investigated Unidentified Flying Objects under Project Blue Book. The project, headquartered at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, was terminated Dec. 17, 1969. Of a total of 12,618 sightings reported to Project Blue Book, 701 remained 'unidentified.'"

Two years later, a Pentagon spokesman told the press that the military had "long ago" stopped tracking UFOs. That same year, Gerald K. Haines, the official historian of the CIA, joined the chorus of denials when he authored the Agency's position in its official publication, *Studies in Intelligence*. Although the CIA was concerned about UFOs until the early 1950s, Haines wrote, it has since "paid only limited and peripheral attention to the phenomena." Haines added that the actual explanation to the UFO mystery was much more mundane than the fantasy of alien visitation: UFOs were nothing more than classified, experimental US aircraft.

How then to explain the ongoing presence of Tom, Jim, and Rick?

UFOlogists are quick to point out one other study that might explain their true goal. In 1960, the Brookings Institution drafted a 100-page report for NASA, advising the newborn US space agency of societal chaos if it discovered alien life and did not release the story in a very controlled way. (NASA ultimately ignored the Brookings warning when, in 1972 it launched the Pioneer 10 spacecraft to the farthest reaches of space; affixed to the craft was a gold-anodized aluminum plaque engraved with a map showing the location of Earth.) Thus, it is postulated, the intelligence community might be preparing the world for "Disclosure."

Some Answers

Greg Bishop, who chronicled the Bennewitz-Doty saga in his 2005 book *Project Beta*, and has himself been contacted separately by four intelligence professionals, sums up the feelings of many, saying "There is no denying a concern with the UFO subject in the corridors of the Pentagon and the halls of our government. How much these people actually know is the subject of hot debate." Recently, however, in private statements to bloggers and to this writer, some clarity is coming to the issues of "who knows what" and "what is their agenda?" Research for this article points to these answers: they know little or nothing about UFOs, and their agendas differ.

Ryan Dube recalled what Tom once revealed about his interest. "Once," Dube said, "when I pushed Tom over the phone on why he remains so involved with in ufology "his statement - paraphrased, was essentially: 'No one needs to know why I'm interested...and if I have any hint that anyone is at all on to why I am interested, I'll certainly do everything within my power to distract them - but I can tell you one thing - my interest certainly has nothing at all to do with aliens or UFOs.'" This is consistent with Tom's statement to another site administrator: "There are no classified files on UFOs because UFOs don't exist." Ryan points out the obvious paradox: "The active involvement of current and former government officials certainly suggests that our government sees value in the field of UFOlogy for some reason."

Tom's motivation, it now appears certain, can be summed up in two words: national security. In a recent interview, a senior intelligence official who is familiar with spooks in cyberspace explained, "Tom is interested in the subject because, one, he is concerned that DIA officers parading as CIA officers - a felony - are leaking classified material to the UFO groups. He also knows that in years past the KGB used parapsychology and paranormal groups to get to military people with classified information. He is concerned that any enemy group could easily use these forums to search out national security secrets." Joel Brenner, the United States national counterintelligence chief recently said that the number of Russian agents operating in the country had reached "Cold War levels," according to the Russian News & Information Agency.

"They are sending over an increasing and troubling number of intelligence officers into the United States," Brenner reported. Former head of FBI counterintelligence David Szady echoed Brenner's, adding that Russian agents often arrived in the U.S. under the cover of students or businessmen. The Times UK recently noted the Russians' escalation in spy wars against the US: "White House intelligence advisers believe no other country is as aggressive as Russia in trying to obtain US secrets, with the possible exception of China. In particular the SVR, as the former KGB's foreign intelligence arm is now known, is using a

network of undercover agents in America to gather classified information about sensitive technologies, including military projects under development and high-tech research." The article adds that Putin's intelligence apparatus views cyberspace as a powerful new weapon. Among the evidence cited is Moscow's recent cyber attack against the Baltic state Estonia over its decision to relocate a Soviet-era military monument.

Some see corroboration for the government's interest in internet UFO writers in the so-called "Stargate Archive" files. Stargate was the name of a remote viewing project founded by the DIA in 1972, then later transferred to CIA. In 2004 the CIA released under a FOIA request the Stargate Archive files, which reveal that the CIA was indeed concerned about monitoring UFO authors who might be privy to classified material.

Then there were the security breaches that occurred during Operation Stargate itself, which Tom was instrumental in bringing to an end in 1996. By the mid-seventies it was learned that Stargate, which had Aviary members on its board, and other CIA projects, had been massively infiltrated, the target of Scientology's infamous "Operation Snow White." In 1979, eleven highly placed Church executives, including Mary Sue Hubbard (wife of founder L. Ron Hubbard and second in command of the organization), pleaded guilty or were convicted in federal court of obstructing justice, burglary of government offices, and theft of documents and government property.

Tom admits that there is one other minor reason for him to be surfing the UFO web. In a recent email, he let his guard down a tad, explaining how UFO bloggers can serve a patriotic purpose, if inadvertently. "Under normal times this tendency towards mass delusional states and radical heresies is perhaps a weakness," Tom wrote. "However in stressful times it promotes radical out-of-the-box thinking=85[it] plays an increasingly important role as we approach cataclysmic species survival stress points. The end of accessible oil could be such a point. Most people will continue to believe new oil discoveries are just around the corner=85[bloggers] search for solutions in the strangest places. Perhaps they will find one in time."

Working down the DNI hall from Tom, cyberspace regular Paul, the aeronautics and advanced propulsion researcher, explains that, much like fictional X-Files agent Fox Mulder, he believes because he wants to believe. Further, he hopes to end his science colleagues' discrimination against UFO believers.

Then there is Jim, whose professional history in the subject goes back to his personal involvement in the Stargate project in the 1970's and as a participant in the legendary "Working Group" meetings in the eighties. As one of the intel community's most senior medical analysts, Jim frequently communicates with UFOlogists. Chris Iverson believes that Tom and Jim clearly have differing agendas, noting, "Jim is the person I have had the most contact with over the last several months and he seems to be interested in the spreading of viral memes over the internet, particularly in relation to this subject." Iverson is not far off the mark. However, in a recent meeting with this writer, Jim explained that his internet presence emanates from a number of overlapping pursuits.

"The whole subject," Jim says in wonderfully measured speech, "is composed of three components: delusion, sociological groupthink, and a kernel of truth." Jim then reminds that he is first and foremost a medical scientist. "My interest in this subject is much, much more professional than it is personal. That is, 90 to 95% of all persons who are engaged fully with this [UFO] subject are psychiatrically ill, and by that I mean that they are on medication or should be." Jim elaborates that "viral memes,"[see below] in which disturbed people seek validation in numbers on the web, is, or should be, a growing public health concern. That said, Jim nonetheless has a real interest in UFO's, and seemingly with good reason.

"I believe there's a 'core story'," Jim explained, "but I don't know what it is. I have been told by people more senior than me that there is some truth to it, but they told me time and time again to stop pursuing it with CIA people and other intel types. Two very senior officials told me they saw briefing books, [however] the only ones who would be cleared to know the story are the most senior Pentagon career officers." Jim refuses to

divulge his sources, but when pressed, he reiterates what they told him: look to the Pentagon and the private sector's aerospace and weapons labs, etc. US intelligence "doesn't have labs capable of dealing with something this profound." He also notes that over the years he has received thousands of UFO-related government documents in unmarked envelopes. Although some are obvious fakes, others, according to Jim, contain information that correlates with known, but still classified, scientific studies. In an intriguing footnote, Jim adds, "I have spoken to three former Presidents and the subject always comes up, not as a briefing, but they also want to know the truth. But apparently they aren't cleared for it."

Both Tom and Jim seem to share at least one rationale for their internet excursions: studying the frightening potential of "viral internet memes." Coined by evolutionary theorist Richard Dawkins in 1976 (*The Selfish Gene*), a meme is a unit of cultural information that evolves the way a gene propagates from one organism to another, and subject to all the analogous unintended mutations. In the view of many, computers and blogs could function as powerful meme "replicators." Richard Brodie, the creator of Microsoft Word, notes, "Most of these viruses of the mind are spread because they are intriguing or frightening or inspiring, and not necessarily because they're true. That's the problem." It doesn't take much intuition to envision an enemy creating memes that can be used to destabilize a society, or a freelance predator utilizing them to cozy up to potential victims. Caryn Ansbomb writes online, "The UFO community has been deeply penetrated by the manipulators of information, who couldn't really give a fig whether there might be any valuable data pertaining to Aliens and contact hidden behind the deafening noise. That's not their business; their business is information warfare."

Rick Doty's intent seems by far the most mysterious. He has been vouched for by two former Directors of Central Intelligence (DCI) -- as well as Jim -- but has been excoriated by his former superior at AFOSI, Col. Richard L. Weaver, who recently noted that Doty had been "cashiered out of OSI" and that he has a well-known "lack of veracity." It should also be noted that the two DCIs only knew Doty before they ran the Agency, when they all were deployed in Europe together. The DCIs are only vouching for his previous work, not his UFO allegations.

Doty has promulgated some of the most outlandish "alien contact" stories extant. He not only fed them to Paul Bennewitz in the 1980's, but to the public at large in his 2005 book with Robert Collins, *Exempt From Disclosure*. But amidst the book's sci-fi-like claims of extraterrestrials in US custody and "reverse engineered" saucers - currently being exploited by one Gordon Novel with his Project Camelot - Doty also admits the following: "There are times when you deceive the public you are doing the public a great service and I certainly protect the public with deception operations if it were for their own good." Nonetheless, much the same way that reporters speculated about the fraudulent New Orleans DA Jim Garrison forty years ago, there remains a group of UFO bloggers who continue to opine about Doty: "He must have something."

Greg Bishop, among the most sober of the UFO authors, sums up the continued presence of federally employed UFO believers like Jim, Paul and Rick thus: "Their agenda is to do their jobs first, and find out what is going on behind the scenes with the UFO enigma=85 They get hints, but never the whole picture, and that becomes the quest after they leave active service."

What then of the so-called "Top Secret UFO Working Group" in which Tom, Jim and others participated in the 1980s? Fortunately, four participants in those gatherings have communicated with this writer, and one in particular shared original paperwork from the meetings with Caryn, who graciously shared them with me. Consequently, the following can be said of the Working Group story:

=95 The key meetings were held from May 20-25, 1985 in the secure facility of the BDM Corporation (a high clearance military contractor) in MacLean, VA.

=95 There were twenty known attendees (we have the names) representing Los Alamos Nuclear Labs, Army Intelligence, CIA, Lockheed, McDonnell Douglas, and various scientists with

security clearances. Other unnamed guests such as Jim attended.

=95 The meeting was titled "Advanced Theoretical Physics Conference" and its main objective was to study odd radar tracings to determine their origins ("friendly" "enemy" or "unknown"). They turned out to be totally anomalous.

Jim notes that quite a few of the attendees turned out to be closet UFO buffs who only showed up to see who knew the truth about ETs (no one did). He called it a waste of time, leaving after just the first day. Tom recalls attending a follow-up meeting at the Pentagon that was so silly that he made a derisive remark before walking out in the middle of it.

Summing it all up, there is certainly a very small percentage government officials with intelligence clearance - some active, some retired - who are interested in the UFO research community, if not UFOs themselves. Some of these men are of the impression, rightly or wrongly, that a very few individuals in government and the private sector are keeping the big secret even from them. This is small consolation to earnest UFO researchers, but at least they should no longer feel alone and marginalized as kooks completely at odds with officialdom.

All this does not mean that evidence for alien visits is non-existent, it's just that Tom, Jim, Paul, and Rick don't appear to be the keepers of it. The opinion of Ryan Dube appears inarguable. "If the field of UFOlogy could be cleaned of the rubbish," Dube wrote me, "we may find that there remains very valid and important evidence and stories that demand our attention - and might actually finally reveal the truth about the alien and UFO question." And if Jim ever decides to reveal his sources, things could get very interesting.

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>>Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald (May 7, 1920 - June 13, 1971)

>>On June 13, 1971, Dr. James E. McDonald (born May 7, 1920),
>>noted atmospheric physicist and UFO researcher, was found dead
>>from a gunshot wound to the head, an apparent suicide. (Source:
>>Tucson Arizona Daily Star, June 15, 1971)

>Jacques Vallee wrote about Linda Moulton Howe and Stanton
>Friedman being played in a similar fashion. J. Allen Hynek and
>Edward J. Ruppelt wrote about the many hundreds of credible
>witnesses who initiate a report and then, abruptly, don't follow
>up on their testimony. Richard Dolan and David Jacobs make
>rationaly credible cases for an un-elected government's
>ufological interference and manipulation. and worse things.

Add Dr. Norman Bergrun to the mix.

JCH

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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 10:46:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell 1947 UFO Crash Finally Resolved - Shell

On Jun 13, 2007, at 10:35 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

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>June 12, 2007

<snip>

>Major Jesse Marcel was the head of intelligence at an Army Air
>Field located at Roswell, Nevada.

<snip>

No wonder we couldn't find the answers. We've been looking in
the wrong state all these years!!

Bob

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 10:51:00 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:29:15 EDT
>Subject: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/06/toms_motivation.html

>Well here's a dandy!

>I'm glad someone is spying on us. It's good that our guys are
>keeping tabs on things in the name of national security.

>No problem with that at all.

>Wish I'd find me one of them evil foreign spies. I'd try out my
>Spysmasher moves on em'.

>That is the classic Spysmasher movie serial from the 1940's. One
>of the best if not_the_best serial ever.

Greg:

My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books) was a full-length study of how and why government, military, intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy) on elements of the UFO research community.

During the course of researching the book, I obtained files and documents on numerous people in US-based Ufology, including Gray Barker, Albert Bender, George Adamski, George Van Tassel, George Hunt Williamson, Leonard Stringfield, and many more.

In the UK, I was able to uncover evidence that various people in the subject had been watched by the British Police Force's Special Branch, including Matthew Williams, Matthew Bevan and Robin Cole.

Since publication of my book, Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts have published, in their latest book The Flying Saucerers, the official files they obtained via the terms of the British FOIA from Special Branch on George King of the Aetherius Society.

However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a) intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into gathering for them classified defense information of a specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had concerns about.

I found no instance where any ufologist was being watched because they were getting 'too close to the truth' about literal ET-driven UFOs. Doesn't mean such official files don't exist; but they haven't surfaced yet.

Also, Bruce Maccabee wrote a very good review of my book in the Journal for Scientific Exploration, and confirmed that there was an FBI file on him - but that it too was related to advances made to him by the Russians in 1993, and not strictly UFOs or aliens per se.

The one area where I found evidence of surveillance where the UFO angle seemed to be the dominating one - rather than Russian spies and extremist politics - related to alien abduction accounts.

I have uncovered a disturbing story of deep official interest in abductions - but that this interest is not linked with tales of ET; but is tied in with controversial religious angles, eschatology, demonology, profiles of abduction researchers and authors and their influence on mainstream society, and much more.

Of course, much of this is based upon the pre-existing belief systems of the people involved in the project - which is on-going - and the fact that they are employees of Uncle Sam may be wholly secondary.

But, it's a weird tale that I will be telling in full soon. Just recently I secured the release of some of the files of this group of people - which includes material on well-known players in the abduction arena - and they make for notable reading.

Nick Redfern

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Re: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist? - Horak

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Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:50:15 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 10:57:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist? - Horak

>From: Terry W. Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 23:13:29 -0700
>Subject: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist?

>"The active involvement of current and former government
>officials certainly suggests that our government sees value
>in the field of Ufology for some reason."

Focus on what looms as 'priority'. Cybernetics became an actual field of endeavor only when it was noticed that workers turning over the cake of drying uranium concentrates in the sun couldn't keep track of time due to radon gas. This was the first instance brain mapping was ever seriously discussed within the circles your post appears to be touching upon.

The same focus, for evidently the same reasons, took place after Orson Well's radio performance rendering of Verne's, War Of The Worlds.

The mad rush to discredit, Report From Iron Mountain is another indication. No matter how one might feel about it, in retrospect it is haunting.

Technology is controlled more than any might imagine. Edison is largely responsible, flooding the Patent Office with applications that were received well only on the laurels of his fame, not working models. Today they cloud every attempt to develop equation-changing advances due to questions arising out of patent infringing.

It boils down to what is subsidized... guess who is the determining subsidizer.

Thus ufology has become, part and parcel, a key element of social engineering. Nothing better parameters our thinking that to treat the single greatest issue since the astrolabe within the confines of a laboratory rat matrix.

How does the 'scientific community' view itself in its complicity? Allow me to give you an excellent indication:

Have they ever come clean about going along with the military over the helium fraud perpetrated on the world over the derivation of helium upon the advent of airship technology just to keep German from finding out how to obtain their own?

No, and they won't about the existance of Second Technology, the mess they've made of the Periodic Chart of the Elements and of a guidance system that serves as the sole drive of a star ship with its secret, the sensory detection of its destination's gravity wave.

Remember where you first heard about that.

JCH

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Re: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:34:10 -0300
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:04:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 17:23:44 +0000
>Subject: Re: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

>>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 13 Jun 2007 00:10:52 -0400
>>Subject: Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald

>>Remembering Dr. James E. McDonald (May 7, 1920 - June 13, 1971)

>>On June 13, 1971, Dr. James E. McDonald (born May 7, 1920),
>>noted atmospheric physicist and UFO researcher, was found dead
>>from a gunshot wound to the head, an apparent suicide. (Source:
>>Tucson Arizona Daily Star, June 15, 1971)

><snip>

>A man well worth remembering. But it was not an "apparent"
>suicide; he left a note, and the background is well known to
>those of us who were his close friends. Paranoia to the contrary
>not withstanding.

Dick is right on about Jim and his suicide. Because of rumours
flying that the government had taken out Jim and that I would be
next, I spoke then with Jim's daughter, a colleague, and later
his wife to get the real story. Ann Druffel got it right.
Definitely a suicide.

In my normal college lectures one of the five major studies to
which I always refer is the Congressional Hearings on UFOs on
July 29, 1968, and especially Jim's paper. I have been making it
available for years, 71 pages long with 41 separate cases. Best
such collection around as far as I am concerned. It is listed for
\$10.00 at my website:

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

The other 4 are Hynek's The UFO Experience, The Condon Report,
Project Blue Book Special Report 14 (also listed at the website)
and both the original and the updated The UFO Evidence by Dick
Hall.

I still rank Jim number one of all ufologists, based on contacts
with him in the 1960s. But Bruce Maccabee has been at it longer
and has produced a larger body of work... More easily accessible
because of the Internet. It is just a pity that Jim never wrote
a book.

Stan Friedman

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Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August 10

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The 60th Anniversary Of The UFO Crash In Roswell

Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman, the researcher that broke the story on Roswell will be speaking in Denver this August.

Denver, CO, June 14, 2007 --(PR.com)-- Nuclear physicist and UFO researcher, Stanton Friedman will be speaking at the Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) Annual Symposium in Denver on August 10th, 2007. He will be the keynote speaker at the opening Dinner that will commence a weekend of lectures from some of the most prominent UFO researchers in the US, Canada, and the UK. Friedman is a board member and scientific consultant to MUFON, the largest civilian UFO research organization in the US.

In 1978 Friedman, interviewed Jesse Marcel, the Air Force intelligence officer first on the scene to a reported UFO crash outside of Roswell, New Mexico. Marcel confirmed Stanton's suspicions that Marcel did not misidentify a weather balloon for a flying disc of unknown origins. They really had found something unexplainable. This interview along with other research done by Friedman and his colleagues launched the Roswell incident into one of the world's most intriguing legends, and made the small New Mexico town a household name.

Friedman will be speaking on the 60 years of Roswell along with other prominent UFO researchers. George Knapp, a Television news journalist from Las Vegas, Nevada, who broke the story of Bob Lazar, a man who claimed to work at a secret Air Force installation in the Nevada desert known as Area 51. This story made Area 51 famous, and started the second largest UFO legend next to Roswell. Historian and Author, Richard Dolan will speak on the Extra-Terrestrial presence on earth and why it is revolutionary. Dolan appeared recently on the Sci-Fi network as a host to their series Sci-Fi Investigates. Other lecturers include Robert Salas, a retired Captain in the US Air Force who was witness to a UFO incident at Maelstrom Air Force base which caused nuclear missiles to go offline, John Greenewald, a documentary producer for the History channel and a Freedom of Information Act research expert, Timothy Good, a leading expert in the United Kingdom, and many more.

The Mutual UFO Network was created in 1969 for the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity through investigations, research and education. It has become the largest civilian UFO investigation organization with certified investigators across the country actively researching UFO reports.

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Chilean Huamachuco Regiment NCO Case?

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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 13:25:50 -0400
Subject: Chilean Huamachuco Regiment NCO Case?

Dear Colleagues,

My friend, a German writer whose books cover various paranormal subjects, is very ill, and in great pain. He is a tough guy, and keeps on writing.

He asked me to get the following information about the UFO case with Valdes in Chile, years ago: a photograph of this NCO of the Huamachuco Regiment.

If anyone can help, I will forward the photo to Germany.

Thank you.

Paul Stonehill

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Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds]

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 16:14:00 -0400
Subject: Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds]

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 12:36:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 22:47:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 15:06:26 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's
>>>Surface

><snip>

>>>For further evidence as to why I believe that the original
>>>colour Viking images were the correct ones you simply have to
>>>look at the red, white and blue U.S. flag printed on the two
>>>Viking Mars landers. The U.S. flag's colours look much closer
>>>to the true colours when seen in the original images than in
>>>those corrected reddish tinted ones.

>>Doesn't the colour depend on the ambient illumination, which
>>involves the scattering properties of the Martian atmosphere
>>and the reflectance at different frequencies of the surfaces
>>of the local landscape?

>Yes, the apparent colour of the Martian rocks and other surface
>features will depend, in part, on the ambient illumination but
>is this ambient illumination on Mars really red? It is not. The
>reflected light off the Martian surfaces does not contribute to
>the colour of the Martian sky anymore than the green fields of
>Saskatchewan make the prairie skies look green.

Of course I wasn't suggesting that the sky colour is caused by
reflection from the land, that's just silly. The question I asked
was directed specifically at your argument based on the colours
of the flag, because you seemed not to be alive to the issues of
calibration.

You said that we "simply" have to look at which Mars images show
the American flag with the "true" colours of a flag on Earth to
see which are genuine. But the comparison is far from simple, it
seems to me.

It is not a question of the camera passively 'just looking'.
Digital data from separate colour channels gets rendered into
images by software that needs to take account of sensor
responses and filter spectra that aren't flat, and you can't do
this at all without making guesses about what the natural colour
balance 'should' be. The whole process is obviously artificial,
just like when you dye a flag in the first place this is an
artificial process adapted to the light you are doing it in, and
you need to know if there is some reason to expect the colour
balance of the local daylight to be different on Mars. And in
this sense the issue is connected to the colour of the sky.

What you seem to be alleging is that the sky of Mars seen by an average human eye should be what you call "a blue Earth-like sky". But the pressure, gas composition and general cleanliness of the Earth's atmosphere and the sun brightness are (surprise, surprise!) 'just right' for producing a bright blue Earth-like sky (Google a rather famous paper by Bohren and Fraser 1985), whereas Mars is probably not.

What Rayleigh scattering there is on Mars will be blue, but unfortunately the pressure is 1/100 that of Earth and the scattered brightness of the blue light will be proportionately weak, and the sunlight reaching Mars is about 1/2 as bright to start with. So even though you will naturally adjust the equivalent exposure of your camera to give you a nice bright image this doesn't mean the naked-eye Martian sky would 'really' be bright, it wouldn't, it will be dark compared to Earth. The blue scattering is a large-angle scattering that favours higher elevations towards the Martian zenith, where the atmosphere is thinnest, and here it will be a tint in a dark sky unlike the bright blue of earth (maybe think of the zenith above a very high altitude aircraft on Earth).

In addition impurities in the atmosphere will tend to overwhelm the Rayleigh effect, especially where your cameras are going to be looking. At lower elevations as the sky brightens towards the horizon the saturation of the zenithal blue will pale and fade and here the colour could well be dominated by Mie scattering from hazes of fine mineral dust which remain a long time in suspension on Mars and will preferentially absorb the blue, reddening the light. This is the sky that will appear in your landscape panoramas and horizon shots.

Another factor that might be involved is that oxygen molecules are virtually absent, and not only does O₃ (ozone) help scrub fine dusts out of Earth's atmosphere, the scattering from the 20% of O₂ molecules is said to be responsible for most of the Rayleigh blue in Earth's atmosphere, so that the reducing atmosphere of the early Earth would have been a different colour (unfortunately I've mislaid the reference for this interesting point).

>>If you see a blue car under a sodium lamp it might look like >>mud, and if (for the sake of argument) sunlight everywhere had >>that same narrow sodium emission peak then "mud" would be the >>"true colour" of all similar cars.

>Just like the Earth, the source of light on Mars is the Sun >which is predominately yellow in colour, not red. Unlike Sodium >light, the solar spectrum is not limited to just two nearly >identical wavelengths of yellow light so your example is not a >valid one.

Surely you can understand the difference between an illustration of principle and a literal model? And thank you, we are all aware that Mars is illuminated by the same sun as Earth, but the colour of the light incident on a rock or a flag is not just the emission spectrum of the sun, even on Earth, and the difference is likely to be greater on Mars.

You point out that the sun's light is predominant yellow - indeed so, and the degree to which direct sunlight on Mars dominates over the blueing effect of Rayleigh scattering (very small compared to that on Earth) will tend to emphasise that warm colour. The region of the Earth's surface around you receives a contribution in the blue part of the spectrum from photons which, were it not for the large-angle Rayleigh scattering high in the atmosphere, would never reach it and would contribute nothing to the colour balance at your retina or camera. These are real blue photons, a real net blueing of the light reflected by objects around you, not some illusion. If the atmosphere were to leak away this indirect light would become progressively less bright, leaving the total incident light increasingly dominated by the yellow solar emission spectrum, i.e. the net colour balance would become warmer.

How much warmer when you get down to 1/100th atmosphere? I don't know, but some. And what allowance should be made for scattered light from suspended dust? Or for the light reflected up from the surrounding rusty terrain? The point is that corrections to your Martian colour settings have to be made against a Martian

reference spectrum, and there is some legitimate debate about this. Crying "conspiracy" seems way too easy.

<snip>

>>From a strictly objective point of view the "true" colour of a
>>flag on Mars will be the spectrum it reflects in Martian light,
>>not the one you may be familiar with. Does your theory about
>>NASA suppressing the "correct" Viking images allow for this?

>Martin, when you examine pictures of the Martian sky at higher
>elevations taken by the two Viking landers in 1976, as well as
>pictures taken by all other NASA landers, you will see that the
>colour of the sky is NOT red.

No need to shout, Nick, since I never said it was. One would expect to see the maximum blueness in views at "higher elevations", with the caveat that what you are seeing is not going to be a realistic (i.e., naked eye) sky brightness. But the iconic Viking images which are at issue show horizon views, and in many similar views from Pathfinder, Spirit and Opportunity I see similar sky tones, with some variation presumably due to changing dust concentrations and sun positions.

>This morning commuters from the suburbs driving to work in
>Toronto will have noticed a brown haze low over the city. Like
>the Mars landers pictures, if a commuter were to snap a picture
>of the city skyline and send it to a friend who has never been
>to Toronto, he/she may also come to the erroneous conclusion
>that the colour of the sky over Toronto is brown! In fact, the
>sky above the brown haze all the way to the zenith was a bright
>clear blue colour.

So you acknowledge that even on a planet with your bright and clear "blue Earth-like sky", photos could show a sepia-coloured skyline caused by dust haze. How much more likely is this under a much darker Mars-like sky filled with suspended oxide dust? The Viking sky colour therefore doesn't make your case for a conspiracy of suppression, even if your guess about the bright blue of the Martian zenith is correct.

So we revert to the flag and calibration swatches on the the lander, remembering that we are likely to be in a situation where, compared to Earth, direct illumination is reduced, Rayleigh blueing is dramatically reduced, dust haze reddening is dramatically increased, and reflected ground light will also be generally red (unless you are also wanting to 'correct' hundreds of years of remote ground- and space-based optical and instrument observation of the Red Planet)

<snip>

>If JPL staff did not make those colour adjustments to the first
>images obtained from the surface of Mars back in 1976 (a few of
>these "uncorrected" images did make it in magazines soon after
>they were displayed live from Mars), I believe that man would
>have already settled on Mars and become a multi-planet species.

The 'original' images were as seen on monitors where the colour settings had just been left at default values "around the middle" of their ranges, according to Levin, and JPL staff subsequently altered or 'tweaked' these to turn the rather more blue-grey colour balance to a warmer one. NASA does not appear to argue with this. It happened, and the original balance that Levin saw was also seen by the press and the world - the first released picture was less red than the subsequent versions.

NASA's explanation is that this was a raw false-colour picture released because of a cock-up due to haste, before corrections had been made for unavoidable imperfections in the colour filters (in particular, a significant leakage into the blue channel from the IR). I've seen scepticism expressed - how likely is such a highly convenient cock-up?

The conspiracy theory is that this was a raw true-colour picture released because of a cock-up due to haste, which was rapidly covered up because the pictures were part of a plot to deceive the public.

Inverting the sceptical response, how likely is such a highly

_in convenient cock-up in the context of what is alleged to be a massive conspiracy of deception?

The idea behind the Levin story seems to be that just leaving your colour settings at a default median value gives you a raw 'true' colour, whilst active correction is a sort of cheat. But I don't think this means much where the colour response of filters is not flat, where it is understood ahead of time that the balance is going to have to be callibrated against some seat-of-the-pants reference standard (even if the difficulty and sensitivity of that task were not appreciated in the heat of the moment), and where that standard remains even today a matter of debate.

The Levins themselves (father and son) wrote a paper in 2003 called Solving The Color Callibration Problem which (by definition), acknowledges that there is a problem and points out that there is "no consensus" on what are the properly callibrated colours of soil, rocks and sky on Mars, precisely because there is

"great uncertainty in the illumination spectrum"

which means that

"whilst the reflectivity of the [callibration] charts is well known, the spectrum of their illumination on Mars is not."

I think that's something like what I was saying.

http://mars.spherix.com/spie2003/SPIE_2003_Color_Paper.htm

They offer some ancillary arguments for adopting a callibration that favours a bluer result, some of which I agree are interesting (if reddened reflected light dominates over direct light then this might not be consistent with the existence of strong shadows, and Pathfinder's solar cells would not have been efficient in red light). But it's really a much more subtle and difficult issue than it seems when you first hear about "original" images being suspiciously "altered".

Maybe Tom Mutch, leader of the original Viking imaging team, gave the best and most sensible _qualified_ answer to the question of how realistic the lander images are:

<http://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/SP-4212/ch11-4.html>

"In summary," Mutch said, "the color of the Martian scene, perceived by the necessarily abnormal eyes of Viking, is elusive. In response to the inevitable question: 'Is that exactly how it would look if I were standing on Mars?' a qualified 'yes' is in order."

Maybe soon someone will be able to go there and have a proper look. Then they can paint the scene for us. We'll just have to hope they have 'normal' colour vision.

Martin Shough

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Images Of Unusual Sydney Activity

From: Chris Beacham <cbeacham.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 03:33:29 +0800
Fwd Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 16:16:56 -0400
Subject: Images Of Unusual Sydney Activity

Hi List,

For several years I have witnessed and recorded unusual activity here in Sydney. Sometimes I have seen light phenomena, and sometimes objects.

I was able to record them because I detected a pattern to the activity. Different camera settings will reveal differing results, but I work mainly with slower shutter speeds at night.

Here are a few of my pics from a couple of years ago. The first image was shot raw with my Nikon Coolpix 5000 at 1/2 sec, the second image at 1 second, and the third at 2 secs.

<http://www.surfin.com.au/raw.jpg>

<http://www.surfin.com.au/1second.jpg>

<http://www.surfin.com.au/2seconds.gif>

Chris

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isn't as well known as some of the others.

I would add that I hope Richard Dolan isn't going to put his
participation in Sci-Fi Investigates, which was a bizarre hodge-
podge of investigators, anywhere near the top of his resume.

The show, IMO, was ill-conceived as a 'reality' investigation
program, and I loved the segment where they were filmed bobbing
up and down while floating in a water tower tank, discussing
their findings, in the Roswell Dig follow-up.

One wonders if they'll have anything at the MUFON Symposium
about the O'Hare case? Or studies related to more recent
events?

Steve

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Where The Hell Is Wendy Connors?

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 23:53:27 +0000
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:08:51 -0400
Subject: Where The Hell Is Wendy Connors?

Greetings to the Listarians,

Many people have emailed asking where I am and what is going on. Some have even suggested that I have been silenced by the government. How silly!

In actuality, I haven't been doing much of anything because I'm pretty much blind as a bat due to cataracts and surgery is scheduled for next week and again in August. I have the really bad cataracts that are behind the lens (most are in the front of the lens). It is, of course, close to impossible to see much and computer work is mostly out of the question at the moment. By late summer I should have my eyesight back and completing the third and final volume in the Primer series.

I continue my retirement from Ufology and looking forward to being able to read Updates for myself, rather than having it read to me. <g>

Anyway, that's the reason I haven't been answering emails. No government conspiracy...just a conspiracy of getting old. Now that this matter is cleared up, I will go back to falling over the cat, walking into walls and listening to old UFO programs on my iPod while await seeing the world through new peepers (upside is I won't have to wear glasses for the first time in over 52 years). <g>

Best Always and Keep Up the Good Fight!

Wendy Connors

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Re: Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds]

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 21:06:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:11:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds]

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:24:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 12:36:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 22:47:47 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 10 Jun 2007 15:06:26 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's
>>>>Surface

<snip>

>>>>For further evidence as to why I believe that the original
>>>>colour Viking images were the correct ones you simply have to
>>>>look at the red, white and blue U.S. flag printed on the two
>>>>Viking Mars landers. The U.S. flag's colours look much closer
>>>>to the true colours when seen in the original images than in
>>>>those corrected reddish tinted ones.

<snip>

>You said that we "simply" have to look at which Mars images show
>the American flag with the "true" colours of a flag on Earth to
>see which are genuine. But the comparison is far from simple, it
>seems to me.

Thank you Martin for taking the time to properly research and
write-up a long but very informative reply. To keep my reply
short, I will focus on the colours of the U.S. flag on the many
Mars landers that NASA has released and argue that they cannot
be the true colours.

Just what would the red, white and blue "Old Glory" look like to
Martians (with eyes similar to our own) or future visitors from
Earth? The red stripes would still look red, but would the white
stars and strips look pinkish and the blue background look more
purplish? I don't think so.

I have seen pictures of Mars with whitish haze within deep
craters and valleys and pictures of Martian rocks taken by the
two Viking landers that are covered by a layer of white frost.
Why were these clouds and layers of frost not pinkish in
appearance just like the pinkish looking white stripes of the
U.S. flag? Were NASA's colour censors caught off guard this time
or, more likely, are NASA's colour adjustments purely arbitrary
and misleading?

>What you seem to be alleging is that the sky of Mars seen by an

>average human eye _should_ be what you call "a blue Earth-like
>sky". But the pressure, gas composition and general cleanliness
>of the Earth's atmosphere and the sun brightness are (surprise,
>surprise!) 'just right' for producing a bright blue Earth-like
>sky (Google a rather famous paper by Bohren and Fraser 1985),
>whereas Mars is probably not.

Probably not? If you, Bohren and Fraser are not sure, then just do this simple experiment. To replicate the lower air density or pressure of Mars, just simply recall what you have seen sitting in the window seat of a Boeing 747 that was flying higher than Mount Everest - a blue sky!

Although the two most abundant gases in Earth's atmosphere are Nitrogen and Oxygen, the introduction of other gases such as water vapour and carbon dioxide, two key ingredient in Mars' atmosphere, would not make Earth's sky look red too.

As for general cleanliness, there are dust storms on Earth and dust storms on Mars (from the many dust devils that are a common sight on Mars to planet-wide dust storms that last for weeks and reach altitudes higher than the tallest peaks obscuring the every surface feature) and this will make the skies on both planets look red - but not always.

Finally, as for the lower sun brightness on Mars, just recall that the colour of the sky on Earth at midday is the same colour as the sky at dawn - blue! (even when the Sun is still below the horizon and Sun brightness is even much less than when the Sun is high above the Martian sky).

>>This morning commuters from the suburbs driving to work in
>>Toronto will have noticed a brown haze low over the city. Like
>>the Mars landers pictures, if a commuter were to snap a picture
>>of the city skyline and send it to a friend who has never been
>>to Toronto, he/she may also come to the erroneous conclusion
>>that the colour of the sky over Toronto is brown! In fact, the
>>sky above the brown haze all the way to the zenith was a bright
>>clear blue colour.

>So you acknowledge that even on a planet with your bright and
>clear "blue Earth-like sky", photos could show a sepia-coloured
>skyline caused by dust haze. How much _more_ likely is this
>under a much darker Mars-like sky filled with suspended oxide
>dust? The Viking sky colour therefore doesn't make your case for
>a conspiracy of suppression, even if your guess about the bright
>blue of the Martian zenith is correct.

This brown haze seen over cities is a gas or photochemical smog that is created when Nitrogen and Oxygen gas molecules in our atmosphere are combined together to form NOx gas molecules from the heat energy inside the internal combustion engines of cars. Since NOx quickly breaks down in sunlight to form Nitrogen and Oxygen gases again, brown haze is most evident during early morning rush hour and again at dusk when people are driving home from work.

As for your Martian sky filled with suspended oxide dust (not the same as NOx which is a gas and not particulate matter), how could Mars' atmosphere which is supposed to be 1/100 times the pressure of Earth's keep all that dust suspended for very long?

>The Levins themselves (father and son) wrote a paper in 2003
>called Solving The Color Callibration Problem which (by
>definition), acknowledges that there is a problem and points out
>that there is "no consensus" on what are the properly
>calibrated colours of soil, rocks and sky on Mars, precisely

>"great uncertainty in the illumination spectrum"

>which means that

>"whilst the reflectivity of the [callibration] charts is well
> known, the spectrum of their illumination on Mars is not."

<snip>

>Maybe soon someone will be able to go there and have a proper
>look. Then they can paint the scene for us. We'll just have to
>hope they have 'normal' colour vision.

The weather station on the Phoenix Mars lander which will be launched towards the Red Planet this summer was designed and built by planetary scientists here at York University in Toronto where I work. Using Lidar technology that was perfected here, Phoenix will, for the first time, be able to accurately measure the thickness of the Martian atmosphere and the amounts of particulate matter at various elevations. I think that there will be big and unexpected surprises and many old beliefs that atmospheric scientists had about Mars will have to be discarded or revised.

If Phoenix has a successful landing (its the resurrection of the failed Mars Polar Lander) we will not have much longer to wait before we can confidently say if either you or I are correct.

Nick Balaskas

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:15:38 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 11:28:45 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Sparks

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:29:15 EDT
>>Subject: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/06/toms_motivation.html

>>Well here's a dandy!

>>I'm glad someone is spying on us. It's good that our guys are
>>keeping tabs on things in the name of national security.

...

>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books)
>was a full-length study of how and why government, military,
>intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy)
>on elements of the UFO research community.

>During the course of researching the book, I obtained files and
>documents on numerous people in US-based Ufology, including Gray
>Barker, Albert Bender, George Adamski, George Van Tassel, George
>Hunt Williamson, Leonard Stringfield, and many more.

<snip>

>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to
>the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a)
>intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were
>being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into
>gathering for them classified defense information of a
>specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research
>as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some
>ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly
>spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had
>concerns about.

>I found no instance where any ufologist was being watched
>because they were getting 'too close to the truth' about literal
>ET-driven UFOs

Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
believe, which you do not consider or mention. Pity to miss out.
I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the matter
yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
think you are way off base.

Good luck.

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Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 11:33:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 18:08:39 -0400
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Steve, I, too, wish they had focused on others, though the paper
will be a new adventure for me.

There is a lot of new information in Kathleen Marden's paper
Saturday morning about new info on the the Betty and Barney Hill
case. Kathleen is Betty Hill's niece and has all the tapes and
correspondence.

She and I have co-authored a new nook Captured!: The Betty and
Barney Hill UFO Experience. Autographed copies will be available
soon and at the Conference. Some people will be upset.

Stan Friedman

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I hope no one believes that the optics NASA and JPL have at
their disposal in any way prevents obtaining true colors.
Anymore than when the debate was hot and heavy over what lay on
the Plains of Cydonia, an orbiting spy satellite (of the type we
have 144 gridding every square foot of earth simultaneously)
couldn't cheaply solve.

If one examines closely what falls through the cracks from time
to time, from the darlings of industry in their service to our
"grand space endeavor" we get some clues as to what's actually
taking place behind the backdrop of the sideshow we're
presented.

Did you know an highly revealing book on, Lunar Petrology has
been around a number of years? Something that couldn't be
compiled without a base there?

Did you know that about ten years ago a Japanese corporation
revealed it was in pursuit of a space program of its own to
exploit an, "isotope of helium" that could afford the energy
needs of a city for a year with a mere few pounds of its magical
self? Not that I believe this for a moment, but it is curious to
speculate on what that corporation was really interested in to
spend billions devising such a operation while being bigger
lying asses about it than governments.

Did you know that the Astronaut Association approved a set of
trading cards that reveal far more about plans for establishing
advanced bases on, of all things, moons of planets by now? It
also featured prominently, The Face on Mars. A beautiful set
that ended up unpromoted with most of the stock tucked away in
warehouses just like Theodore Dreiser's first novel.

I could go on but I think you get the picture. The list becomes
endless, with more to come.

The inescapable conclusion is that the military take-over of NASA has produced a public relations outfit that thinks we're all morons. Take Schumacher/Levi for instance. You really believe that a comet fragments almost outside the view of our solar system, it's pieces stay in a direct line millions of miles on their way to Jupiter and then enter exactly the eye of a storm there, one by one and not be under intelligent guidance? If you do then NASA has your number. They may very well need a few more limp weanies for their public relations staff.

JCH

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Sixty Years Later, We're Still Alone

In June, 1947, an Idaho businessman invented the idea of 'flying saucers.' Thousands of supposed sightings later, the world remains alien-free

Scott Van Wynsberghe, National Post

Sixty years ago this month, on June 25, 1947, an Idaho businessman named Kenneth Arnold showed up at the offices of an Oregon newspaper, the East Oregonian. He had quite a story to tell.

Arnold claimed he had seen something strange near Mount Rainier, in neighbouring Washington state, while piloting his own plane the day before. It was a bizarre formation of aerial objects scooting around at what he reckoned was over twice the speed of sound. The objects moved, he said, "like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water." At that moment - as described by aerospace historian Curtis Peebles in his 1994 book Watch the Skies! - the concept of the flying saucer was born, and the UFO movement began to stir.

Exactly what Arnold saw remains uncertain, but he did not help his case when he fell in with Ray Palmer, a science-fiction editor who had been boosting the sales of his magazine by printing the ramblings of a paranoid schizophrenic about the existence of a scientifically superior race living under the earth. Palmer became such an unflagging popularizer of UFOs that Peebles has dubbed him, not Arnold, "the man who invented flying saucers."

Generations later, the Arnold incident still pretty much sums up the field of unidentified flying objects, as repeated in countless similar episodes all over the rural United States: Something supposedly was seen and reported-and then a lot of fuss is stirred up by an irresponsible element. Once the dust has settled, we invariably are left with no proof that the sky has yielded anything unusual, and so no proof to dispute the default assumption that we are alone in the universe.

This unchanging pattern over six decades should be sufficient grounds to dismiss the possibility that our earth is being visited by space aliens. But in case you aren't convinced, here are 10 more reasons.

1 Humanity has yet to detect a single, extraterrestrial civilization. For decades, the heavens have been scanned by both government and private agencies for unusual, electromagnetic emissions, with no significant result. A turning point may have

been reached in 2000, when The New York Times, Time magazine and Scientific American all reported on the growing pessimism even among UFO enthusiasts.

This is as it should be, because much of their enthusiasm was based on false assumptions made by an astronomer named Frank Drake. In 1961, Drake devised a famous equation proving (he thought) that our galaxy was teeming with advanced species. Alas, in a 1997 book, *Yes, We Have No Neutrons*, science writer A.K. Dewdney showed that a simple - and logical - reinterpretation of the equation yields a result of just one species. "That," Dewdney commented, "must be us."

2 People have always seen too much in the night sky. Astrology, for example, has stubbornly survived, based on ancient, esoteric interpretations of random star patterns. Comets, too, have regularly been interpreted as mystical portents. We seem to have some inborn need to look to our sky in search of existential succor.

3 Human perception is shaky. By the mid-1970s, it was already understood by both UFO believers and skeptics that eyewitnesses could be wrong. J. Allen Hynek, a prominent believer, conceded in *The UFO Experience* (1974) that claimed sightings always occurred more often at night, when human visual perception is weakest. Philip J. Klass, a debunker, spent a whole chapter of his own *UFOs Explained* (1976) on the impossibility of estimating the size, distance, and altitude of an unknown, aerial object in the absence of any known point of reference. (A frisbee one yard away looks much like a giant flying saucer one mile away.)

4 Consequently, almost all UFO sightings are explainable. At a 1977 UFO conference in Chicago, American researcher David M. Jacobs observed that the rate for explainable sightings was "90% or more." In recent, annual surveys, Canadian researcher Chris Rutkowski has arrived at such rates as 83% (2003) and 88% (2006).

5 And the "unexplained" sightings may not be unexplained at all. So much is now known about CIA and Pentagon activities involving balloons and spy planes in the post-war years that the history of UFOs for that era has had to be completely rewritten. Peebles, cited earlier, is also an authority on U.S. aerial reconnaissance in the Cold War, and his book *Shadow Flights* (2000) makes clear that U.S. authorities chose to allow "UFO" sightings to spread rather than admit to the existence of widespread airborne intelligence. In one case, Peebles uses declassified records to produce an exact match between a balloon launch on May 21, 1952, and a same-day "UFO" sighting that was documented by flying-saucer enthusiasts Jim and Carol Lorenzen. Historian Gerald Haines has estimated that "over half of all UFO reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s" were caused by spy flights.

6 Nor is there a government conspiracy to conceal alien visitations. For example, in the case of the widely claimed "UFO crash" at Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a 1994 study by the U.S. Air Force found that reports of mysterious wreckage actually involved yet another intelligence effort. It was called Project Mogul, and it used specially equipped balloons to detect atmospheric traces of Soviet nuclear tests. One of the secret balloons came down at Roswell.

7 There are no alien abductions. In the late 1980s, UFO skeptic Klass noticed that almost all abduction claims came from the U.S. To him, that suggested a cultural problem, not a cosmic one. In 2005, Harvard psychologist Susan Clancy argued that even the apparently sincere claimants of abduction were probably just victims of sleep-related hallucinations, recklessly administered hypnosis, and social influences.

8 UFO activists are their own worst enemies. A 1995 article in *Saturday Night* magazine detailed how abduction researchers muddied the waters for decades through unprofessional, investigative techniques. It was not until 1994 that the efforts of a Toronto-based psychotherapist, Dr. David Gotlib (who became aware of the problem through his patients), convinced them to adopt a code of conduct. (Meanwhile, in 1996, three UFO fanatics on Long Island were arrested for plotting to assassinate local politicians and officials suspected of covering up the "truth" about aliens.)

9 The study of UFOs is riddled with fraud and hoax. As early as 1950, a convicted swindler in Denver, Colorado, named Leo GeBauer began passing himself off as a UFO expert, "Dr. Gee." A few years later, Californian handyman George Adamski declared he was in contact with spacemen, but his only evidence was blurry photographs and witnesses who later recanted. From the late 1950s until his confession in 1966, U.S. Navy radio operator Z.T. Fogl mischievously spread doctored photographs across the flying-saucer community.

In the 1980s, the UFO world was rocked by a 1947 U.S. government document that mapped out a flying-saucer cover-up entitled "Majestic 12" (or "MJ-12"). The document was a forgery, and such activists as Kevin Randle have since denounced it. Beginning in 1991 (and as recently as 2002), British tricksters have come forward to admit responsibility for huge numbers of crop circles that appeared in their country.

10 In the end, UFOs are just an overgrown offshoot of science fiction. As noted above, science-fiction editor Ray Palmer was present at the birth of the field in the 1940s, but the groundwork was prepared as far back as 1898, when H.G. Wells brought out his alien-invasion novel, *The War of the Worlds*. Orson Welles turned that book into the infamous radio broadcast of 1938, and Kenneth Arnold's sighting occurred just nine years later. In turn, the flap caused by Arnold helped inspire science-fiction writers and filmmakers in the 1950s.

From art to "sightings" to art: That has a neat circularity. Perfectly round. Almost like, well, a flying saucer.

-Scott Van Wynsberghe lives in Winnipeg.

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Master Knapp:

The editor of the Post has said that a substantially-edited version of my letter may appear in the Post tomorrow or Monday.

From: canadianuforeport.nul
To: letters.nul
Subject: Re: UFOs and Scott Van Wynsberghe
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Letter to the editor, re: Sixty Years Later, We're Still Alone
(15 June 2007)

In response to fellow Winnipegger Scott Van Wynsberghe's editorial about aliens and UFOs, I should like to clarify some misconceptions about the search for extraterrestrial life and the perceived connection with UFOs.

As Scott correctly points out, the term "flying saucer" was coined by a journalist, not Kenneth Arnold, the witness to the observed object in 1947. But it has been the media which has carried the ball, continuing the association between UFOs and aliens ever since, demonstrated effectively in Scott's article.

The reality is that people around the world continue to observe and report unusual objects in the skies overhead, many of which do have prosaic explanations. Scott notes a value of 88% of Canadian UFO sightings in 2006 as the percentage of cases that are explained, citing my own research. As clearly categorized in The Annual Canadian UFO Survey, this value is actually the combination of explained cases, cases with possible explanations and those with insufficient data to allow explanations. In fact, the Survey goes further to note that even of the 12% "Unexplained", only as few as 1% are allowable as higher-quality cases without simple explanations. So, the scenario could be described as worse than Scott posits.

However, even these few do not automatically mean that aliens are invading Canadian skies. They are simply cases of unidentified objects seen over Canadian airspace, sometimes by seasoned skywatchers like air traffic controllers and pilots. The issue of aliens and bug-eyed monsters is absent from the UFO reports themselves, but injected by journalists with their own biases.

As for his 10 reasons to dismiss the possibility that aliens are visiting Earth, few have any bearing on that possibility at all, and all are trivial to the problem of UFOs.

1. "Humanity has yet to detect a single, extraterrestrial civilization." First, this is not surprising, since our technology is only now capable of detecting planets around even the nearest stars. And the Drake equation, which Scott notes can show there is only one intelligent civilization in the galaxy ("us"), can be easily tweaked to show there is actually less than one... which may explain a lot more than Scott would allow.

2. "People have always seen too much in the night sky." Thankfully. That's how modern astronomy was born from ancient astrologers and magi.

3. "Human perception is shaky." Indeed. But we still trust pilots to land us safely on runways and police still rely on eyewitnesses to convict criminals.

4. "Almost all UFO sightings are explainable." So? Is it more likely that aliens would be sending hundreds or thousands of spacecraft to visit Earth every year, or just a few?

5. "Unexplained sightings may not be unexplained at all." And that's why we re-analyze case reports for all possible explanations, including military activities. It's likely that many are secret projects of one kind or another, but that's interesting in itself. Would a secret spy plane be flown over downtown Toronto for observation by civilian witnesses?

6. "Nor is there a government conspiracy to conceal alien visitations." What's Scott's military clearance? How would he know if there was or was not a secret such project? Either our government and military are effective, competent and capable of clandestine operations - or they aren't.

7. "There are no alien abductions." But there are many people having sessions with clinical psychologists and therapists every year about what seem to be such abductions. If they aren't really happening, then perhaps the medical profession should be more concerned about a psychological condition that may be affecting a significant percentage of the population.

8. "UFO activists are their own worst enemies." Indeed. And all politicians are crooks because some are.

9. "The study of UFOs is riddled with fraud and hoax." So is cancer research, but we still fund it because we know most researchers are serious scientists.

10. "UFOs are just an overgrown offshoot of science fiction." Perhaps the "aliens in flying saucers" concept is the sibling of science fiction, but not the reality that people since historic times have been observing and recording sightings of unusual objects in the sky.

In the end, if UFOs are not a physical phenomenon, then they are at the very least a psychological or sociological one, and in any case they should be taken seriously and studied in detail.

As for the possibility that there are extraterrestrial civilizations elsewhere in our galaxy, that's another debate altogether, that may have nothing to do with UFOs.

Sincerely,

Chris Rutkowski
Ufology Research

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Mexican Airliner Crew See Spherical UFO

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Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 09:32:02 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:03:39 -0400
Subject: Mexican Airliner Crew See Spherical UFO

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
June 15, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 07.14.07

Mexico: Airliner Personnel Sees Spherical UFO
A report from Ana Luisa Cid

According to a report from researcher Alfonso Salazar, the crew of Flight 735 saw a spherical UFO entering and exiting a cloud on Monday, June 11, 2007.

The sighting took place at 1500 hours when the Boeing 737-500 (registration XA-MAA) was flying through the air corridor at an altitude of 10,000 meters heading for Mexico City from the city of Huatulco in Oaxaca.

Captain Edwing Adame Cuevas, the first officer, was the first to notice the object, and in turn informed flight captain Hector Coss and mechanic Emmanuel Esquivel of the sighting.

Mr. Esquivel was able to see the UFO, but the commander, who was reading the instrument panels, did not.

Witnesses describe the object as a sphere with a metallic appearance and did not consent to releasing the airline's name.

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1978 GEPAN Report To The Scientific Committee

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 11:47:43 -0400 (EDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:08:11 -0400
Subject: 1978 GEPAN Report To The Scientific Committee

Here is an excerpt from GEPAN Report to the Scientific Committee, June, 1978.

Source: <http://ufoevidence.org/documents/doc1626.htm>

"Taking into account the facts that we have gathered from the observers and from the location of their observations, we concluded that there generally can be said to be a material phenomenon behind the observations. In 60% of the cases reported here, the description of this phenomenon is apparently one of a flying machine whose origin, modes of lifting and/or propulsion are totally outside our knowledge."

Most interesting part is about "flying machine".

My question: is this report available somewhere to read? I didn't find it. All I found is an article for the International UFO Reporter...

Source:

http://www.ufocom.org/pages/v_us/m_articles/GEPAN_to_SEPRA.htm

"... these reports were never published so that only insiders had an idea of the important amount of good work done by Poher and his team."

Sergey Shpakovsky
Toronto

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Re: Martian Colours - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:12:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Colours - Shough

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 21:06:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles'...]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:24:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

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>I have seen pictures of Mars with whitish haze within deep
>craters and valleys and pictures of Martian rocks taken by the
>two Viking landers that are covered by a layer of white frost.
>Why were these clouds and layers of frost not pinkish in
>appearance just like the pinkish looking white stripes of the
>U.S. flag? Were NASA's colour sensors caught off guard this time
>or, more likely, are NASA's colour adjustments purely arbitrary
>and misleading?

I have seen pictures where frost appeared pinkish. Possibly this is because of dust settling on it. Certainly there's a well-known picture of polar layered ice which appears distinctly pink for (we are told) just this reason. But there's also a lot of variation in colour values and contrast in the thousands of images out there, some of which are tonally skewed to bring out different detail. Here are Viking images of frost and cloud appearing white or blue white

<http://www6.uniovi.es/solar/cap/mars/frost.htm>
<http://www6.uniovi.es/solar/cap/mars/noctis.htm>

The frost image also shows a distinctly blue (if pale) sky. But notice the very blue-heavy colour balance, making the terrain appear strangely purple.

I think you're right that some of the colour representations are misleading, and I don't find this very surprising, especially given the lack of experience in the early Viking days. JPL's Tom Mutch acknowledged that his "yes" to the question "Would Mars really look like this?" could only be a very qualified "yes", and the NASA narrative of how the whole Viking picture cock-up occurred discloses by implication that they were not really prepared either for the difficulty of the problem or for the public controversy it aroused. Possibly the corrected "official" flag colours are not perfectly "true" for Mars, and possibly Levin's re-corrected "terrestrial" colours are not perfectly true either. Possibly Levin's enthusiasm for an Earth-like Mars got the better of him 30 years ago, just as it did recently when he published shamelessly vivid false-colour images of Mediterranean-blue "standing water" on Mars that turned out to be dust.

>>What you seem to be alleging is that the sky of Mars seen by an
>>average human eye should be what you call "a blue Earth-like
>>sky". But the pressure, gas composition and general cleanliness
>>of the Earth's atmosphere and the sun brightness are (surprise,
>>surprise!) 'just right' for producing a bright blue Earth-like

>>sky (Google a rather famous paper by Bohren and Fraser 1985),
>>whereas Mars is probably not.

>Probably not? If you, Bohren and Fraser are not sure, then just
>do this simple experiment. To replicate the lower air density or
>pressure of Mars, just simply recall what you have seen sitting
>in the window seat of a Boeing 747 that was flying higher than
>Mount Everest - a blue sky!

I think to find the equivalent air pressure you'd need to go a
mite higher. At 30,000 ft the pressure is still about 300 mbar.
To get down to just a few mbar, equivalent to Mars, you'd have
to keep going to well over three times the height of Everest.
You've never holidayed here. This is the regime of lonely
research balloons and rockets. Besides, even here I think it's
only the zenithal sky brightness that might approach being a
comparison to Mars, because of the multiple Rayleigh scattering
through the much greater depth of atmosphere at lower elevations
- even from negative elevations.

>Although the two most abundant gases in Earth's atmosphere are
>Nitrogen and Oxygen, the introduction of other gases such as
>water vapour and carbon dioxide, two key ingredient in Mars'
>atmosphere, would not make Earth's sky look red too.

Don't understand this at all.

>As for general cleanliness, there are dust storms on Earth and
>dust storms on Mars (from the many dust devils that are a common
>sight on Mars to planet-wide dust storms that last for weeks and
>reach altitudes higher than the tallest peaks obscuring the every
>surface feature) and this will make the skies on both planets
>look red - but not always.

Yes there's dust on Earth and it gets blown about, but Mars is
different in that it is covered in the fine powdery stuff and
there are, as you indicate, constant winds taking it aloft. The
uniform rust red colouration of the Mars dust also has an
effect. Spirit has observed dust devils at the rate of dozens
every day, as well as filming lateral wind gusts carrying blown
dust. Images of the typical dusty "smog" seen by Spirit at
different times and in different lights can be seen here:

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

No, Mars' atmosphere won't look like this in every shot, but it
will look like this a damn sight more often than on Earth, and
at least some reddish sky colouration seems to be the case more
often than not. Looking through the many Pathfinder and MER
images the skies look almost uniformly some shade of
butterscotch or nicotine, and note that this is so even when
white foreground details on the spacecraft appear as pure white.

>Finally, as for the lower sun brightness on Mars, just recall
>that the colour of the sky on Earth at midday is the same colour
>as the sky at dawn - blue! (even when the Sun is still below the
>horizon and Sun brightness is even much less than when the Sun
>is high above the Martian sky).

Earth's sky at dawn - or dusk - is indeed blue, towards the
zenith at least, if not near the horizon where Mie scattering
from particulates dominates over Rayleigh scattering and will
desaturate the blue to a milky haze or, very often, produce
those longer wavelengths much admired by photographers and
painters. This is not the point. There is no dispute that Mars'
atmosphere will experience some amount of Rayleigh scattering
and therefore show some blue in some cases. But you need to
establish that the Martian sky is so blue, so often, and
down to so near the horizon, that the few Mars lander images
showing blue among the much greater number showing tan horizon
colours must be evidence of ongoing scientific incompetence or
systematic fraud.

>>>This morning commuters from the suburbs driving to work in
>>>Toronto will have noticed a brown haze low over the city. Like
>>>the Mars landers pictures, if a commuter were to snap a picture
>>>of the city skyline and send it to a friend who has never been
>>>to Toronto, he/she may also come to the erroneous conclusion
>>>that the colour of the sky over Toronto is brown! In fact, the
>>>sky above the brown haze all the way to the zenith was a
>>>bright clear blue colour.

>>So you acknowledge that even on a planet with your bright and
>>clear "blue Earth-like sky", photos could show a sepia-coloured
>>skyline caused by dust haze. How much more likely is this
>>under a much darker Mars-like sky filled with suspended oxide
>>dust? The Viking sky colour therefore doesn't make your case
>>for a conspiracy of suppression, even if your guess about the
>>bright blue of the Martian zenith is correct.

>This brown haze seen over cities is a gas or photochemical smog
>that is created when Nitrogen and Oxygen gas molecules in our
>atmosphere are combined together to form NOx gas molecules from
>the heat energy inside the internal combustion engines of cars.
>Since NOx quickly breaks down in sunlight to form Nitrogen and
>Oxygen gases again, brown haze is most evident during early
>morning rush hour and again at dusk when people are driving
>home from work.

>As for your Martian sky filled with suspended oxide dust (not
>the same as NOx which is a gas and not particulate matter),

I'd be embarrassed if you really thought I didn't realise
that...

>how could Mars' atmosphere which is supposed to be 1/100 times
>the pressure of Earth's keep all that dust suspended for very
>long?

There's such a tremendous amount of it, virtually the whole
planet is one vast desert of it, there's no great swathes of
vegetation and marshlands to bind it, Mars' gravity is low, it's
very fine and being lofted continually by winds and dust devils,
and there's nowhere for it to go, no oceans and river systems to
trap it, and no water precipitation to wash it out of the
atmosphere in the first place. It collects on spacecraft and
degrades solar cell efficiency.

>>The Levins themselves (father and son) wrote a paper in 2003
>>called Solving The Color Calibration Problem which (by
>>definition), acknowledges that there is a problem and points
>>out that there is "no consensus" on what are the properly
>>calibrated colours of soil, rocks and sky on Mars, precisely

>>"great uncertainty in the illumination spectrum"

>>which means that

>>"whilst the reflectivity of the [calibration] charts is well
>>known, the spectrum of their illumination on Mars is not."

><snip>

>>Maybe soon someone will be able to go there and have a proper
>>look. Then they can paint the scene for us. We'll just have to
>>hope they have 'normal' colour vision.

>The weather station on the Phoenix Mars lander which will be
>launched towards the Red Planet this summer was designed and
>built by planetary scientists here at York University in Toronto
>where I work. Using Lidar technology that was perfected here,
>Phoenix will, for the first time, be able to accurately measure
>the thickness of the Martian atmosphere and the amounts of
>particulate matter at various elevations. I think that there
>will be big and unexpected surprises and many old beliefs that
>atmospheric scientists had about Mars will have to be discarded
>or revised.

>If Phoenix has a successful landing (its the resurrection of the
>failed Mars Polar Lander) we will not have much longer to wait
>before we can confidently say if either you or I are correct.

All I'm advocating is a sceptical open mind, and I think I've
been clear that whilst I don't disagree there may be some
discussion still to be had about the Martian daylight I don't
see convincing evidence of your NASA conspiracy of suppression.

Instead I see evidence of the usual human fumbling towards the
truth in difficult circumstances.

Obviously if you are right, and if there is a conspiracy of
suppression, then one thing we can confidently predict is that

all those intriguing measurements are at risk of being fiddled
and corrupted before you see them - unless, that is, they do
show what you hope to see.

Martin Shough

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Re: Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August

From: **Alejandro T. Rojas** <arojas.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 13:21:33 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:18:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August

[Non-Subscriber Post]

The Friedman Press Release is just one of many that will be released. We felt it was important to write one that focuses on Stanton because of his popularity with the public. I know as researchers we love to hear about the latest and greatest, and especially those of us that monitor e-mail Lists such as this.

However, in our surveys Stanton is the one the general public and MUFON members want to hear and know about. I think this press release will be very effective with the general media.

So, I apologize if it isn't that exciting for you all, you hard core researchers weren't the focus, and I appreciate your humility Stanton, but you are just one popular fella.

Now, for you group of hard cores, there are some great presentations you won't want to miss!

- As Stanton mentioned Kathleen Marden will be speaking on new evidence regarding the Betty and Barney Hill case.
- Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood will be presenting new revelations on the origins of MJ-12.
- Michael Nelson will present startling new evidence on the Portage, Ohio case.
- Sam Maranto will present the latest information on the O'Hare Airport and Tinley Park Sightings.
- Dr. Rudy Schild, a noted research astronomer, will give us an insider's insight into the University Community's response to UFO research. You might be surprised by what you learn.
- John Greenwald will emcee the event, and will be speaking during a special luncheon. He has been producing some of the best UFO documentaries for the History channel, and he has a lot to share about his experience in the television industry.
- Journalist George Knapp who wrote the incredible book "Hunt for the Skinwalker", and has done some monumental research in this arena, will be speaking the opening night.
- UK researcher, Timothy Good will present on: NEED TO KNOW: UFOs, the Military and Intelligence
- Richard Dolan will speak on the ET Presence on Earth: Why It is Revolutionary. You will also have the chance to catch him between talks and ask him about his thoughts on his recent experience with the Sci-Fi channel. If nothing else, I thought he did a great job.
- Ryan Wood will be doing a special MJ-12 workshop.
- And last but not least, one of the most incredible and meaningful UFO events, Robert Salas will be speaking on the new book Faded Giant, which covers the events that took place at the Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana in 1967.

This is going to be a great line-up and I think everyone who reads this List can find something they would love to see at this year's symposium. I hope you can make, we would love to see you there. For more information visit:

<http://www.mufon.com/symposia.htm>

Alejandro T. Rojas
MUFON Director of Public Education

"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious.
It is the source of all true art and science." --Albert Einstein

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Re: Martian Colours - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 10:28:40 -0600
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:20:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Colours - Tarbell

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 21:06:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Martian Colours [was: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles'...]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:24:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

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>>You said that we "simply" have to look at which Mars images show
>>the American flag with the "true" colours of a flag on Earth to
>>see which are genuine. But the comparison is far from simple, it
>>seems to me.

>Thank you Martin for taking the time to properly research and
>write-up a long but very informative reply. To keep my reply
>short, I will focus on the colours of the U.S. flag on the many
>Mars landers that NASA has released and argue that they cannot
>be the true colours.

>Just what would the red, white and blue "Old Glory" look like to
>Martians (with eyes similar to our own) or future visitors from
>Earth? The red stripes would still look red, but would the white
>stars and strips look pinkish and the blue background look more
>purplish? I don't think so.

>I have seen pictures of Mars with whitish haze within deep
>craters and valleys and pictures of Martian rocks taken by the
>two Viking landers that are covered by a layer of white frost.
>Why were these clouds and layers of frost not pinkish in
>appearance just like the pinkish looking white stripes of the
>U.S. flag? Were NASA's colour censors caught off guard this time
>or, more likely, are NASA's colour adjustments purely arbitrary
>and misleading?

I think you may be underestimating the effect of light reflected
diffusively from Martian soil as a source of illumination. As
you say, this does not impart a reddish color to the sky itself,
but objects near ground level that have non-horizontal surfaces
will definitely display some of this color, and depending on
orientation, perhaps predominantly so. White clouds and haze
viewed from above are showing only the component due to direct
sunlight. Likewise for frost distributed horizontally at ground
level.

I do find it somewhat puzzling that the color calibration
problem is apparently so troublesome, which probably indicates
that I don't fully appreciate the problem. It wouldn't seem to
be that difficult to analyze the spectrum of light incident from
the various sources - direct sunlight, scattered atmospheric,
reflected from soil, etc. - that are illuminating the target
object (e.g., the US flag). This would seem sufficient to tell
us what red, white, and blue should look like under the
ambient conditions.

Mike

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 09:46:42 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:24:55 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:15:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 04:29:15 EDT
>>>Subject: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/06/toms_motivation.html

>>>Well here's a dandy!

>>>I'm glad someone is spying on us. It's good that our guys are
>>>keeping tabs on things in the name of national security.
>...

>>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books)
>>was a full-length study of how and why government, military,
>>intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy)
>>on elements of the UFO research community.

>>During the course of researching the book, I obtained files and
>>documents on numerous people in US-based Ufology, including Gray
>>Barker, Albert Bender, George Adamski, George Van Tassel, George
>>Hunt Williamson, Leonard Stringfield, and many more.

><snip>

>>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to
>>the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a)
>>intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were
>>being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into
>>gathering for them classified defense information of a
>>specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research
>>as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some
>>ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly
>>spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had
>>concerns about.

>>I found no instance where any ufologist was being watched
>>because they were getting 'too close to the truth' about literal
>>ET-driven UFOs

>Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
>believe, which you do not consider or mention. Pity to miss out.
>I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the matter
>yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
>think you are way off base.

>Good luck.

Brad:

No, I'm not off-base. I'm right on it.

Granted, I'm sure that there could be a whole number of reasons why people in Ufology have been watched - some, even, that no-one has ever considered.

But I know that in many instances it is because of the issues I cited above. Indeed, it's something that is actually quite easy to prove - particularly if you are familiar with British Ufology.

For example, one of the stories I cite in my 'Saucer Spies' book is that of British ufologists Robin Cole and Matthew Williams.

In 1997, Cole wrote a self-published booklet that looked at the links between UFOs and GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters - the UK equivalent of the NSA).

He was interviewed on British TV about this, and as a result, the following morning he received a phone call from the British Police's 'Special Branch' (SB from now on for the rest of this email).

SB asked if they could come and speak to Cole. He agreed. But as they asked in advance in a phone call, Robin had a short period before they arrived by car from their offices to hide his tape-recorder in his living room, where the two SB guys wouldn't see it, but where it would easily and secretly pick up and record the entire conversation.

And it did. I have listened to the tape.

One of the (various) things that SB asked Robin about were the actions of another British ufologist named Matthew Williams.

Williams - particularly in the mid to late 1990s - was very active in investigating allegations of secret UFO research undertaken allegedly at a Royal Air Force base in the UK called RAF Rudloe Manor.

Williams spent a lot of time hanging around the base, taking photos, jumping the fence to get pictures, tracking down employees and trying to get them to talk, etc.

Then, in the summer of 1997, he and Richard Conway of the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) broke into a nearby facility called Monks Park.

This is an underground installation whose tunnels (at one specific point) link up with the extensive array of tunnels that exist under the Rudloe base.

Monks Park at the time was storing components and parts for Navy related defense projects.

Williams and Conway took lots of photos while underground - some of which appeared in a summer 1997 issue of the British news-stand magazine, 'Alien Encounters'.

Now back to Robin Cole: it was not long after the 'Alien Encounters' article written by Williams appeared that Cole got the SB visit.

SB specifically wanted to know if Cole felt that Williams' actions of breaking into bases, hanging around them and taking photos etc, was actually nothing to do with trying to find dead alien bodies etc; but if Williams was actually using the UFO angle as a cover for working with the Irish Republican Army - the IRA.

Well, of course he wasn't. Williams really was just looking for evidence of UFO activity; but undertook his quest in a fashion that had probably never been done by a British ufologist before - and had probably never been done by any ufologist before. In the US, the equivalent would probably be parachuting into Area 51, or scaling the fence at Wright-Pat and charging into some underground storage facility on-base - if you didn't get shot in the process, of course.

Anyway, the crux of this is that, as I said, Robin Cole taped the interview. I have heard it. I know the name of the SB official that questioned Cole about Williams and since publication of the book I have spoke with some of his colleagues, some of who are no longer with SB.

The whole British Ufology/surveillance angle is one not at all well known outside of the UK; and it appears that it was in the 90s - for the most part, with some brief but intense activity in the mid-70s - that things really took off.

There was also the significant fact that SB were making links with other researchers during their investigations of Williams.

I'll explain what I mean: Cole and Williams were friends and colleagues. Williams was friends with a man named Matthew Bevan - who hacked Wright-Pat in the mid 1990s in search of UFO data while still a teenager, and who became the subject of a major investigation by Scotland Yard's Computer Crime Unit.

Do a Google search on Matthew Bevan and you'll find much material and how he was perceived by the official world for what were really UFO-driven actions.

So there was this angle that seemed to SB to be wholly believable - that a whole bunch of UK ufologists were investigating bases in the UK and US (Wright-Pat, Rudloe, Monks Park, GCHQ, Porton Down - this latter one, by me), and the fear was that there was an ulterior motive. But there wasn't.

But when you have the tape-recorded conversation that Cole had with SB, the picture becomes very clear.

Also: in the files on Adamski, he makes it clear that in his view, his "aliens" had a Communist style government.

No agency would have ignored this at the height of the whole Reds-under-the-beds saga, given that Adamski was speaking at gigs, selling books by the tens of thousands (re 'Inside the Space Ships', at least), and possibly influencing the thinking and minds of people.

But none of this cited above requires real aliens to play a role in any way, shape or form. Now, they may be out there; but they are not required here.

It's chiefly agencies fearing the worst. The truly ironic thing is this: I mentioned that agencies feared that people were being recruited by overseas agencies and subversive groups, and that's why the surveillance was undertaken, etc. But...in no case was it ever actually proven. Again, just the Intel world theorizing and coming to that conclusion.

Of course, had it been proven that the things the official world feared really were going on (namely researchers using UFOs as a cover - as per the Williams allegations), we would know, because the relevant ufologist would be sitting in jail right now!

So, the Intel world got it wrong. But that doesn't take away the fact that we can prove their motives re certain 1990s UK ufologists - and those motives are just as I said: the fear that Ufology was rife with people hired by subversive groups and overseas agencies and groups and who were using the UFO subject as a cover to allow them to undertake other activities of a non-UFO nature.

Nick Redfern

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Re: Caution More Press Bias & 'Research' - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 14:21:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:26:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Caution More Press Bias & 'Research' - Ledger

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: The National Post - Toronto, Canada

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

>Friday, June 15, 2007

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>Sixty years ago this month, on June 25, 1947, an Idaho
>businessman named Kenneth Arnold showed up at the offices of an
>Oregon newspaper, the East Oregonian. He had quite a story to
>tell.

I've already sent in a rebuttle to this nonsense.

Don Ledger

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Gammon

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 14:28:23 EDT
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:28:01 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Gammon

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:15:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

<snip>

>Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
>believe, which you do not consider or mention. Pity to miss out.
>I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the matter
>yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
>think you are way off base.

>Good luck.

Hmm...You've aroused my curiosity. So Brad, if you don't mind me asking, just what is your opinion on this subject.

As to my opinion, I feel that our intelligence officers are so dizzy that no one is quite sure what the truth of the situation is.

I believe that there are very high-ranking people who do believe in the reality of the UFO phenomena and of it's implications toward not only National Security, but of it's possible global threat status.

I also believe that there are many intelligence officers who are convinced that many in the UFO field are indeed spies, or more importantly secret agents. Has anyone ever pondered the similarities between alien abductees and mind-controlled agents? There are many points of comparison.

Finally, I believe there are many intelligence officers who subscribe to wacky, cult-like beliefs. Such beliefs must contaminate their professional sphere to some degree, implying that there may exist groups of rouge agents using their connections for ulterior and criminal purposes.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Martian Colours - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 16:41:49 -0400
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:29:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Colours - White

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:24:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

<snip>

>What Rayleigh scattering there is on Mars will be blue, but
>unfortunately the pressure is 1/100 that of Earth ...

Is that actually true? Are there actual readings posted
somewhere?

If monitors at JPL were tampered with to make everything look
red, is it possible the pressure readings have also been
falsified?

Multiple cover stories for Roswell don't make me very confident
of anything from official sources.

Eleanor White

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Drake Equation Factor Increases Billion-Fold

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:32:10 -0400
Subject: Drake Equation Factor Increases Billion-Fold

Hello List,

Many of us can remember chauvinist experts and text-books that claimed that our Solar System was unique and there were probably no other planets in the galaxy or even in the universe.

Accordingly, the 'planetary density' factor in the Drake Equation has been set pessimistically low.

Big science now has to admit it has dramatically increased - as we can suspect some others should be - by a billion or even a trillion-fold. Here's 14 June 2007 quote from our pal Seth Shostak:

"'Virtually all single stars (stars that are not in binary systems) must have planets of some sort - rocky, gaseous, Neptune-like, and so forth,' says Marcy. 'Among the binary stars, all those separated by at least the distance from us to Pluto also have planets of some sort.'

Since roughly half of all stars are binary, and half of those are widely separated, the bottom line is that Marcy suspects that roughly three-fourths of all galactic stars have planets. From an astronomical perspective, that's as good as all of them.

...the visible universe contains a hundred billion trillion worthy worlds."

www.space.com/searchforlife/070614_seti_grandtally.html

Realizing that other Drake factors have been unrealistic, like specifying only carbon-based life and its necessary conditions, should bring big science to a drastic, even shocking reassessment. But, to save embarrassment, that'll probably only happen in a decade or so.

Short summary of last few years of planet-finding controversies at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/blinded.html#solsys

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 22:35:54 +0100
Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:34:02 -0400
Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 01:45:07 +0100
>Subject: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

>Hello List

>The European Space Agency (ESA) just successfully tested an
>`entanglement link' over 144 kilometers inside Earth's
>atmosphere. So it's fairly certain that such a link should work
>fine through interstellar space.

>http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEMXM7O08ZE_index_0.html

>What the ESA release doesn't stress is that such a link might
>give us instantaneous interstellar communications.

>More importantly, by attaching a de-modulator to a telescope
>you've also got a real SETI detector - looking for real, viable
>advanced communications, not the `radio smoke signals' that
>they're presently seeking.

>Maybe check details:

><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/ftlcomms.html>

>that's maybe where ESA got the idea from.

The ESA story is about quantum cryptography, not FTL signalling. The entanglement link does not itself carry any information. It carries an encryption algorithm. Nonlocal entanglement is ideal for encrypted communications for the very reason that the entanglement itself contains zero information.

A photon polarisation state (say) measured by Bob at B is correlated with another elicited or "forced" by Alice at A, so A knows that Bob's state is instantaneously different, but this is not useful information for Bob. Bob makes a "measurement" on a photon and reduces the polarisation quantum state vector to +1 or -1 unpredictably, according to the usual probabilistic rules. As Bob cannot know what the polarisation "would have been" without Alice's intervention there is no way for him even to know directly that there has even been any intervention, and therefore there is no signal for him to receive. The difference between two random outcomes is not information. The information exists only in the total experimental set-up, which includes both Alice and Bob, a decryption key, and a message, which is not part of the entanglement but is sent separately by Alice to Bob by radio, pigeon post, whatever, i.e. at < light speed.

This means that Ray's cosmic Alice and Bob, on opposite sides of a star and intercepting entangled photon pairs emitted by it, can perform whatever operations they like on these photons, and correlations will be instantaneous, but the polarisation states detected by either of them will contain no useful information. The information is latent in the pairs of states, and can only be extracted retrospectively by comparison done at the speed of light. Hence the "no signalling" theorem governing entanglement.

That's not to say that some future theory may not reinterpret the meaning of nonlocality in a new way and find an unexpected way around this. But in terms of present day quantum theory - and present day quantum theory is what the ESA experiment is all about - instantaneous signalling is not possible via entanglement. The Alain Aspect presentation linked from Ray's webpage explains in more detail why this is so.

Martin Shough

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Re: Caution More Press Bias & 'Research' - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Fwd Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:37:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Caution More Press Bias & 'Research' - Boone

>Source: The National Post - Toronto, Canada

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>Friday, June 15, 2007

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>Scott Van Wynsberghe, National Post

>Sixty years ago this month, on June 25, 1947, an Idaho
>businessman named Kenneth Arnold showed up at the offices of an
>Oregon newspaper, the East Oregonian. He had quite a story to
>tell.

>Arnold claimed he had seen something strange near Mount Rainier,
>in neighbouring Washington state, while piloting his own plane
>the day before. It was a bizarre formation of aerial objects
>scooting around at what he reckoned was over twice the speed of
>sound. The objects moved, he said, "like a saucer would if you
>skipped it across the water." At that moment - as described by
>aerospace historian Curtis Peebles in his 1994 book Watch the
>Skies! - the concept of the flying saucer was born, and the UFO
>movement began to stir.

<snip>

>Once the dust
>has settled, we invariably are left with no proof that the sky
>has yielded anything unusual, and so no proof to dispute the
>default assumption that we are alone in the universe.

>This unchanging pattern over six decades should be sufficient
>grounds to dismiss the possibility that our earth is being
>visited by space aliens. But in case you aren't convinced, here
>are 10 more reasons.

1 Humanity has yet to detect a single, extraterrestrial
civilization.

<snip>

He's right here as far as we the public are concerned. Some
might argue but I've said over and over again, since these
abductees or contactees are speaking for the 'space brothers'
what they have to say has to be taken with a big grain of salt.
Why? Because if you don't have a messenger you don't have a
message. We can't allow people claiming to be in contact with
superior civilizations and those reps from said superior
civilizations are too chicken squat to speak for themselves.
Can anyone say Mr. Applewhite? It's too dangerous to allow
this nonsense.

<snip>

>2 People have always seen too much in the night sky. Astrology, >for example, has stubbornly survived, based on ancient, esoteric >interpretations of random star patterns. Comets, too, have >regularly been interpreted as mystical portents. We seem to have >some inborn need to look to our sky in search of existential >succor.

Okay here's where things start to fall apart. Dude had a great start but using the term always is the first indicator of generalizing. That's the first stage to blanket covering and non specific data that a pro researcher is supposed to do.

>3 Human perception is shaky. By the mid-1970s, it was already >could be wrong. J. Allen Hynek, a prominent believer, conceded >in *The UFO Experience* (1974) that claimed sightings always >occurred more often at night, when human visual perception is >weakest. Philip J. Klass, a debunker, spent a whole chapter of >his own *UFOs Explained* (1976) on the impossibility of estimating >the size, distance, and altitude of an unknown, aerial object in >the absence of any known point of reference. (A frisbee one yard >away looks much like a giant flying saucer one mile away.)

Again he's falling apart here when he could have been on the right track by using the word sometimes human perception is shaky.

Humanity wouldn't be here on this hostile world if our perceptions were that shaky. It takes good eyes to hit a deer with an arrow or spear or rock and we've done quite well for several million years. Avoiding those pesky predators, telling the difference between poisonous foods, inventing writing, fine art, knitting, sewing, plucking eyebrows etc. We do quite well on the perception dept.

Now had he said something about how sometimes our imagination in conjunction with our perceptions and recall can be shaky I'd be on his side to a degree.

>4 Consequently, almost all UFO sightings are explainable. At a >1977 UFO conference in Chicago, American researcher David M. >Jacobs observed that the rate for explainable sightings was "90% >or more." In recent, annual surveys, Canadian researcher Chris >Rutkowski has arrived at such rates as 83% (2003) and 88% >(2006).

Those statistics I'll leave up to the respective researchers to confirm. Wouldn't surprise me if they were accurate. Bottom line is if one million people reported a UFO and only 10% were unexplainable that would be a heck of a lot of unexplainable to deal with. If just one of those were from an advanced Earthly or non terrestrial source that would be news. It could mean a foreign government or our neighbor Joe had more fun on the weekends tinkering in his garage.

>5 And the "unexplained" sightings may not be unexplained at all. >So much is now known about CIA and Pentagon activities involving >balloons and spy planes in the post-war years that the history >of UFOs for that era has had to be completely rewritten. >Peebles, cited earlier, is also an authority on U.S. aerial >reconnaissance in the Cold War, and his book *Shadow Flights* >(2000) makes clear that U.S. authorities chose to allow "UFO" >sightings to spread rather than admit to the existence of >widespread airborne intelligence. In one case, Peebles uses >declassified records to produce an exact match between a balloon >launch on May 21, 1952, and a same-day "UFO" sighting that was >documented by flying-saucer enthusiasts Jim and Carol Lorenzen. >Historian Gerald Haines has estimated that "over half of all UFO >reports from the late 1950s through the 1960s" were caused by >spy flights.

<snip>

Okay now he starts off better. Sure we know some UFO reports are military craft and experiments. Problem is when these experiments and craft interfere with our daily goings on we report on them. Try to find out about them. National security is a must so that's understandable and forgivable. Consider the source is best laid here because we all know that no branch of our government would lie to we the investors.

>6 Nor is there a government conspiracy to conceal alien
>visitations. For example, in the case of the widely claimed "UFO
>crash" at Roswell, N.M., in 1947, a 1994 study by the U.S. Air
>Force found that reports of mysterious wreckage actually
>involved yet another intelligence effort. It was called Project
>Mogul, and it used specially equipped balloons to detect
>atmospheric traces of Soviet nuclear tests. One of the secret
>balloons came down at Roswell.

There've been government conspiracies to conceal murders, well
poisons, beatings, rapes, and all sorts of horrific situations.

If there's a conspiracy to conceal something regarding aliens
does that or would that surprise anyone? Bottom line is we have
no irrefutable proof of alien visitations of any kind so that is
indeed still up in the air and the final cog to this wheel. The
government is so infiltrated with hateful, greedy, bigotted,
egotistical criminals that if they came out tomorrow with a
disclosure I'm sure the battle hardened UFOlogist would still do
the due diligence to study the data presented.

>7 There are no alien abductions. In the late 1980s, UFO skeptic
>Klass noticed that almost all abduction claims came from the
>U.S. To him, that suggested a cultural problem, not a cosmic
>one. In 2005, Harvard psychologist Susan Clancy argued that even
>the apparently sincere claimants of abduction were probably just
>victims of sleep-related hallucinations, recklessly administered
>hypnosis, and social influences.

Diction again. 'almost all' and 'were probably' are about as
scientific as Bullwinkle Moose's Mr. Know-It-All routine.
Consider the source.

>8 UFO activists are their own worst enemies.

<snip>

Yes, I've noticed how UFO activists have been seen punching
themselves in the face and ruining their own bank accounts and
using broad generalities in their research papers.

>9 The study of UFOs is riddled with fraud and hoax. As early as
>1950, a convicted swindler in Denver, Colorado, named Leo
>GeBauer began passing himself off as a UFO expert, "Dr. Gee." A
>few years later, Californian handyman George Adamski declared he
>was in contact with spacemen, but his only evidence was blurry
>photographs and witnesses who later recanted. From the late
>1950s until his confession in 1966, U.S. Navy radio operator
>Z.T. Fogl mischievously spread doctored photographs across the
>flying-saucer community.

>In the 1980s, the UFO world was rocked by a 1947 U.S. government
>document that mapped out a flying-saucer cover-up entitled
>"Majestic 12" (or "MJ-12"). The document was a forgery, and such
>activists as Kevin Randle have since denounced it. Beginning in
>1991 (and as recently as 2002), British tricksters have come
>forward to admit responsibility for huge numbers of crop circles
>that appeared in their country.

Name one field of research or any social structure that isn't
riddled with frauds and hoaxes? We humans are masters of frauds
and hoaxes. Maybe we should rename ourselves homo sapiens
bullshottus or something. As long as we have the resistance to
fair and impartial research and study and as long as we have
stonewalling, lies and threats while doing research in this
field we'll have opportunities for such frauds and hoaxes.
That's why some of us have been petitioning for years for open
discussion on the issue with our legislators with full
protection for our witnesses. If there's nothing there, then why
the fear to grant our witnesses protection? We need an open
discussion with facts only so we can avoid and put an end to the
crooks and psychopaths who use the mystery associated for
personal profit and gain.

>10 In the end, UFOs are just an overgrown offshoot of science
>fiction.

<snip>

Well that last statement by the writer killed about any redeemable value to his story.

One wonders who pays people like this to do such half-assed research and to make such broad unsubstantial claims?

Sounds like someone is afraid of something. Maybe someone is afraid of something and they don't even realize it.

Bottom line is in 60 years of research and popular culture we have no irrefutable physical evidence. Some disagree and some debate but it's the oddest thing ever that like ghosts, UFOs have that 'must have been there' aspect to them.

Best,

Greg

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Subject: Re: Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 18:08:39 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friedman At MUFON Symposium In Denver August 10

>>Source: PR.com - Levittown, New York, USA

>><http://www.pr.com/press-release/41880>

>>June 14, 2007

>>The 60th Anniversary Of The UFO Crash In Roswell

>>Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman, the researcher that broke the
>>story on Roswell will be speaking in Denver this August.

>Not to criticize Stanton Friedman's participation or his work,
>but please wake me when something new comes up at the Symposium.
>Personally I might have given top billing to Timothy Good, who
>doesn't come to this side of the pond that often, but his name
>isn't as well known as some of the others.

>I would add that I hope Richard Dolan isn't going to put his
>participation in Sci-Fi Investigates, which was a bizarre hodge-
>podge of investigators, anywhere near the top of his resume.

>The show, IMO, was ill-conceived as a 'reality' investigation
>program, and I loved the segment where they were filmed bobbing
>up and down while floating in a water tower tank, discussing
>their findings, in the Roswell Dig follow-up.

>One wonders if they'll have anything at the MUFON Symposium
>about the O'Hare case? Or studies related to more recent
>events?

Hi Steven,

You should really look at the speaker lineup at
www.mufon.com/symposia.htm to see that there are many other
speakers who will present new information that has never been
publicly aired. Some of the most provocative new information is:

- Kathleen Marden - new information on the Betty and Barney Hill
case

- Michael Nelson- new uncovered information on the Portage Ohio
UFO chase based on a private investigation carried out by the
law enforcement officers who participated in the chase

- Brad Sparks/Barry Greenwood - new revelations on the origins
of MJ-12 that will make you question what you know about the
provenance of these documents

- Sam Maranto - the latest update on the O'Hare investigation

In addition we will have on public display for the first time
ever, copies of the McMinnville UFO negatives.

Hope to see you there August 10 - 12 in Denver.

Also, Richard Dolan's presentation will have nothing to do with SciFi Investigates.

Best wishes,

James Carrion
MUFON International Director

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>Brad:

>No, I'm not off-base. I'm right on it.

You are completely off base. You give explanations A, B and
the rejected C (Ufologists who get "too close to the truth"). Then
I remind you there is a specific real and principal explanation D
that I have previously posted about, and you beat the dead
horse again on A and B, instead of researching D.

Are you going to continue to beat the dead horse on A and B?

By the way, are you still in contact with your disinformation
psychological warfare experts from your BS in the Desert book?
What do they say about your latest venture? Did they provide any
of the information for it?

Also, just for the record I found some evidence that in the very
earliest days there was some Official Harassment of type C

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(UFologists getting "too close to the truth") but it merged with type B (Ufologists treated as subversives) and transformed into type D.

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>>http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEMXM7O08ZE_index_0.html

>>What the ESA release doesn't stress is that such a link might
>>give us instantaneous interstellar communications.

>The ESA story is about quantum cryptography, not FTL signalling.
>The entanglement link does not itself carry any information. It
>carries an encryption algorithm. Nonlocal entanglement is ideal
>for encrypted communications for the very reason that the
>entanglement itself contains zero information.

<snip>

Martin,

You're smart enough to see they can be the same thing,
regardless of what you call them.

A quantum (entangled) link automatically comes with
cryptographics as an optional extra.

Basic set-up is a source of entangled photons (they come in
pairs) plus at least two 'receivers' - which can be telescopes
fitted with 'detectors' or demodulators').

As a result of their experiment ESA now knows you can probably
have two telescopes say sixty light-years apart and use a mid-
way star as a source of entangled photons - stars generate them
(in pairs) for free.

The beauty of such a quantum-link is that one terminal can
'modulate' received photons and instantly the other terminal -
sixty light years away - can 'read' the change.

Of course if you wanted two-way real-time conversation you'll
need a slightly different set-up, involving two separated mid-
way stars.

However broadcast is simplicity itself, and, given the sudden
huge expansion of the Drake Equation, it's almost certainly
permeating our galaxy at this time.

And we can do most of it (rather crudely) right now. The trick
will be tweaking our 'demodulator' to detect all potential
signaling. As always 'sensitivity', 'selectivity' and 'mode'
will be the big challenges.

I suspect that's being worked on right now - would you want to
bet?

And, just thinking about this - if astronomers focused on a star at the 'edge of the universe' (the visible universe that is) there are some even more intriguing implications.

Cheers

Ray D

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>In response to fellow Winnipegger Scott Van Wynsberghe's
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>misconceptions about the search for extraterrestrial life and
>the perceived connection with UFOs.

>As Scott correctly points out, the term "flying saucer" was
>coined by a journalist, not Kenneth Arnold, the witness to the
>observed object in 1947. But it has been the media which has
>carried the ball, continuing the association between UFOs and
>aliens ever since, demonstrated effectively in Scott's article.

Very good point.

>The reality is that people around the world continue to observe
>and report unusual objects in the skies overhead, many of which
>do have prosaic explanations. Scott notes a value of 88% of
>Canadian UFO sightings in 2006 as the percentage of cases that
>are explained, citing my own research. As clearly categorized in
>The Annual Canadian UFO Survey, this value is actually the
>combination of explained cases, cases with possible explanations
>and those with insufficient data to allow explanations....

Very bad point. With all due respect this is a good example of
Scott's (actually real culprit and virulent debunker Curtis
Peebles') point 8: "UFO activists are their own worst enemies."

This statistic is false debunker propaganda which we UFO
researchers have uncritically swallowed for far too long. The
standard propaganda spiel is that 95% (or 99% or 88% or whatever
the hell the figure of the day happens to be) of all 'UFO'
sightings are explained or explainable as IFOs therefore the
tiny remainder of 5% (or whatever) unidentifieds are just IFOs
too, as if they are no different, just low-quality junk reports
of no scientific significance or value.

As I have posted innumerable times this is a statistical and
definitional trick, an old Project Blue Book scam that Ruppelt
invented in late 1952, when he decided that his staff would look
better in Pentagon briefings if he just merged the "Probable"
and "Possible" IFO categories with the very small Known IFOs
that he was coming up with.

Only about 11% were coming out as Known IFOs, which technically
means that about 89% were possible or definite UFO's, which is a
shocking reversal of the debunker lie that most sightings are
explainable IFOs (it's a knowing, willful lie, they know

exactly what they are doing). But if BB just lumped all the Possibles and Probables together with Known IFOs and not tell anyone they were changing definitions then it would look like BB was 'solving' about 90% (later 95%) of the cases, even though most of that was the product of sheer guesswork not actual investigation. That looks better than only 'solving' 11% of the cases.

But in fact most of these BB cases should neither be IFO or UFO because they were not competently investigated or even investigated at all. Nevertheless because many highly competent AF activities sent in good reports that they - not BB - competently investigated, and many poor-quality indeterminate reports were sifted out and never sent on to BB, there are still a huge number of genuine UFO Unknowns in the BB files.

I agree with McDonald's estimate of about 30% to 40% Unknowns in the BB files. That is why I have worked with Will Wise on the Blue Book Archive and Fran Ridge on the NICAP website for several years now to sort out and make public on the Web this vast and important Air Force UFO material which I consider to be the number one body of UFO evidence on earth. Not civilian files.

When we straightjacket ourselves within the narrow deceitful worldview of the debunkers we 'forget' our best evidence and our best arguments. Why the hell are we still arguing over damnable nocturnal lights reported by hyperactive teenagers as if that's all there is to the UFO phenomenon? Do we not know that PhD astronomers of the caliber of Lincoln LaPaz, one of the world's leading meteoriticists of his time, had Daylight Disc UFO sightings meticulous detail reported?

Do we just overlook the astronomer Clyde Tombaugh and his multiple-witness sighting? Just junk-heap the instrument sightings by Los Alamos scientists? Develop amnesia about the world's leading aircraft designer Kelly Johnson and his independent Lockheed crew of top engineers and their triangulated Daylight Disc sighting? Shove under the carpet the Pentagon R&D director's Daylight Disc sighting with independent triangulation?

How the hell does the AF missile tracking camera triangulation cases from White Sands get forgotten in favor of the housewife sighting a funny light in the sky? Do we really think that a military case where the UFOs were photographed with tracking instruments moving from azimuths 86deg 9' 9.2" to 85=B047' 9.2" and elevations 25deg 48' 0" to 25deg 7'50" over 74 frames (14.6 secs) is in the same caliber with 'I saw a shiny object in the sky'? Hard scientific quantitative data! Or do we just not bother to find out about such cases and just grovel in garbage reports instead?

Most 'UFO' witnesses do not report a quote "UFO" or "flying saucer" or "alien spaceship."

The UFO label is slapped on by the agency or the Ufologist collecting the report. Most witnesses report quite correctly and neutrally an "object" or a "light" and not a quote "UFO". These are indeterminate sightings and they constitute the vast bulk of all sightings. They are not UFOs. The witnesses do not even say they are 'UFOs', for the most part, and the witnesses are not required to be the PhD scientist investigators of their own cases - except by debunkers who then seize on the witnesses' failure to produce PhD-level lab reports on their sightings.

By Hynek's definition, published back in 1972 (and even earlier but anyone can get hold of his classic 1972 textbook of Ufology, The UFO Experience) a sighting is not classified as a 'UFO' until after it has been scientifically and competently investigated first.

If cases are passed through the Hynek screening then most of those cases will never be explained as IFOs. In fact some major prime example IFO cases such as Phil Klass' beloved RB-47 case have been completely reversed after thorough investigation and converted into prime example Unexplained UFO cases. See Paul Kimball's outstanding television documentary Best Evidence. (And note that I speak as one who rejects the ETH, always have, do not believe in 'alien visitations', but am willing to look for and consider evidence for ETH especially if it is scientific

evidence.)

Also Klass' demolition of the 1956 Lakenheath-Bentwaters case as IFO has now itself been demolished and returned to the UFO category. See Martin Shough's website for much of the data and my previous posts.

This is a crucial watershed issue not some hyper-technical argument. The survival of UFO research hangs in the balance. If we cannot properly define our own field so that it has some scientific validity, and not continually vulnerable to the sophistry of malicious debunkers, then we are doomed. If we let the debunkers fabricate the fundamental definitions for our own study then we are doomed.

Brad Sparks

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>>>>Well here's a dandy!

>>>>I'm glad someone is spying on us. It's good that our guys are
>>>>keeping tabs on things in the name of national security.

>><snip>

>>>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books)
>>>was a full-length study of how and why government, military,
>>>intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy)
>>>on elements of the UFO research community.

>>>During the course of researching the book, I obtained files and
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>one has ever considered.

>But I know that in many instances it is because of the issues I
>cited above. Indeed, it's something that is actually quite easy
>to prove - particularly if you are familiar with British
>Ufology.

Nick,

It is not difficult to find examples of ufologists and witnesses who have been monitored by secret services, not because of suspected spying activities, but because of their specific involvement with UFOs.

As an example, I remind you of the story of a missed rendez-vous of Dennis Balthaser with a potentially important witness about Roswell, on behalf of the Roswell Museum, in 1997. His meeting was cancelled by two alleged FBI agents who admitted that they had been monitoring their phones, including the one of the Roswell Museum. The story was published by CNI News, and on this list at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/1997/nov/m02-001.shtml>

Another, rather obvious example is related to the interview of Jesse Marcel Sr, in 1982, by Linda Corley. She waited until 2000 to publish that interview, at the MUFON Symposium because, soon after having taped that interview, she was called by Marcel, sounding under great stress, who told her not to say a word of the interview. It is not difficult to guess at what may have happened.

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Astute, but if I might press a point, when ufologists catch these clowns lying, more than the usual tail-tucking should occur. Slam them into next year no matter who or what they are. And keep at them..."oh, yes, you're the critter that lied about that...are you lying about this?"

The public needs to see this. That, more than anykind of protestation will tell them something is going on. If they can be brought into the picture further than the poorly contrived TV docu/drama, it won't be so easy for the "conventional wisdom representers" to lead them off into the bushes for another dose of incredulity.

General Ramey was a lying military thug staging a mind warp on an American public eager to know the truth and that had every right to an expectation of it. That's how we should show these treason perpetrators they will be remembered in history.

After all, we didn't defeat the fascists in WWII to become just like them... at least I hope we didn't.

JCH

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Yes, I still stand by the data (much more has come through since
publication of the book); but I do not believe that we will ever
be able to firmly prove any scenario to anyone's or everyone's
satisfaction because of the lack of files etc.

You accept the UFO angle; but equally that does not mean that
you will ever know the truth in terms of being able to prove it.

I think the human experiment angle is the answer to Roswell. But
can it be proven via official files etc? Nope, not a chance in
hell. But none of the other theories can either - not even
Mogul. The files are gone, destroyed or hidden. I see no reason
why that situation should ever change.

So, accepting a scenario as real but actually being able to
prove it is real are two separate things.

Nick Redfern

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We have received an analysis of Guy Jasmin's photograph (showing an anomaly whilst photographing the Moon) from Peter H. Cheasley which utilises Sigma Construction.

We have tried to present the analysis in a way that will be understood by those familiar with Sigma Construction techniques.

Peter is of the opinion that the anomaly was caused by the presence of a craft-like object.

We, at The WHY? Files, present this information in good faith but express no qualified opinions. Might I add that the analysis was conducted using the original photographic prints provided by Guy Jasmin.

See:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/moonfiles2.htm#sigma>

Geoff Richardson
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>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 07:15:38 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

><snip>

>>>>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to
>>>>the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a)
>>>>intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were
>>>>being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into
>>>>gathering for them classified defense information of a
>>>>specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research
>>>>as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some
>>>>ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly
>>>>spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had
>>>>concerns about.

>>>>I found no instance where any ufologist was being watched
>>>>because they were getting 'too close to the truth' about literal
>>>>ET-driven UFOs

>>>Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
>>>believe, which you do not consider or mention.

>Pity to miss out.

>>>I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the matter
>>>yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
>>>think you are way off base.

>>>Good luck.

>>No, I'm not off-base. I'm right on it.

>You are completely off base. You give explanations A, B and
>the rejected C (Ufologists who get "too close to the truth"). Then
>I remind you there is a specific real and principal explanation D
>that I have previously posted about, and you beat the dead
>horse again on A and B, instead of researching D.

>Are you going to continue to beat the dead horse on A and B?

Brad:

Yep to re A and B. And not a dead horse. Special Branch comments on Cole and Williams prove it.

>By the way, are you still in contact with your disinformation
>psychological warfare experts from your BS in the Desert book?
>What do they say about your latest venture? Did they provide any
>of the information for it?

No, and no providing info for 'latest venture'. Actually, it's not a 'latest venture' as such, as it was published in early 2006.

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 09:09:07 -0700
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 08:50:04 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Rudiak

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 02:04:26 EDT
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>>think you are way off base.

>Also, just for the record I found some evidence that in the very
>earliest days there was some Official Harassment of type C
>(Ufologists getting "too close to the truth") but it merged with
>type B (Ufologists treated as subversives) and transformed into
>type D.

Brad, for those of us who don't know what the "type D"
explanation is, could you quickly summarize it? I suspect most
List readers don't even know what you two are discussing.

David Rudiak

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Re: UFOs And Scott Van Wynsberghe - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 14:19:00 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 08:57:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And Scott Van Wynsberghe - Ledger

>From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 15:24:31 -0500
>Subject: UFOs And Scott Van Wynsberghe

>Master Knapp:

>The editor of the Post has said that a substantially-edited
>version of my letter may appear in the Post tomorrow or Monday.

>-----

>From: canadianuforeport.nul
>To: letters.nul
>Subject: Re: UFOs and Scott Van Wynsberghe
>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 11:29:02 -0500

>Letter to the editor, re: Sixty Years Later, We're Still Alone
>(15 June 2007)

>In response to fellow Winnipegger Scott Van Wynsberghe's
>editorial about aliens and UFOs, I should like to clarify some
>misconceptions about the search for extraterrestrial life and
>the perceived connection with UFOs.

<snip>

Hi Chris,

Like yourself I sent a message to the NP which did not respond. I didn't range as far afield as yourself and concentrated on some of the myths-and inaccuracies the piece. But I did take issue with the skimpy numbers thrown about as unknowns. My own feeling is that the numbers are much higher than 5-20 percent.

In my own experience with some 50 odd cases I've looked into over the years the witnesses have been forthcoming with great detail of the "object" and it's behavior. I didn't dismiss a case just because Venus, Saturn or Jupiter was present as did Project BlueBook. In fact in most cases there was no similarity between stars and the description of the object making a planet or star explanation ludicrous. The percentage went more the other way with 60 percent unknown.

The nonsense about the U-2 and the SR-71 accounting for many UFO sightings has to stop. Consider the number of flights, their flight paths and their appearance at altitude particularly at night. These are non-starters in my opinion.

Looks to me as if Wynsberghe read Peebles' book and that was about it. He used it as the basis for his article.

Anyway you brought forth some good points. Hope they don't savage it at the editorial level.

Don Ledger

Article at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/jun/m15-007.shtml>

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Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files - Horak

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 10:21:43 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 09:00:44 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files - Horak

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 15:16:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 11 Jun 2007 10:53:17 +0100
>>Subject: UK Defence Intelligence Staff UFO Files

>>Details of the 24 Defence Intelligence Staff UFO files that are
>>currently being reviewed for release are now available on the
>>MoD website, in the Freedom of Information section:

>><http://tinyurl.com/2xx5pz>

>It's a bit scary actually.

>It makes one wonder just how much history has been destroyed by
>frustrated clerks more concerned with document storage than
>content.

Yes, indeedy, Don. You have no idea how much! Let's just examine
one tiny little example:

During FDR's Emergency Acts, out of which came many measures to
save this country from the Depression's firm grip on America's
hope of recovery, came the program to survive an entire
generation of American artists, many today observed as
legendary... like Georgia O'Keefe. Almost any of her paintings
today sell for well into the millions of dollars.

Artists were given a stipend upon which to live and provided
with materials for the pursuit of their craft. However, all had
to turn over their work (done under this program) to the
government.

They in turn stored it away and then promptly lost it. Lost it,
even to this day. In some bunker underground, protected from a
feared invasion lies a prodigious value in art no fifty museums
in the world put together can boast. Imagine that as just a tip
of the iceberg in support of your point.

JCH

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Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 18:25:14 +0100
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 09:16:42 -0400
Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 10:01:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2007 22:35:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 01:45:07 +0100
>>>Subject: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

>>>http://www.esa.int/esaCP/SEMXM7Q08ZE_index_0.html

>>>What the ESA release doesn't stress is that such a link might
>>>give us instantaneous interstellar communications.

>>The ESA story is about quantum cryptography, not FTL signalling.
>>The entanglement link does not itself carry any information. It
>>carries an encryption algorithm. Nonlocal entanglement is ideal
>>for encrypted communications for the very reason that the
>>entanglement itself contains zero information.

><snip>

>Martin,

>You're smart enough to see they can be the same thing,
>regardless of what you call them.

No, they cannot be the same thing. A quantum communications channel is a mixed channel that requires quantum information and classical information, which is the stuff that belongs to the "ordinary" world of local-real couplings. This is the stuff that is useful to you, that can constitute a message signal. But you can't get classical information out of the quantum channel without putting classical information in. To use a quantum encrypted channel or a quantum teleportation channel you don't just have an instantaneous nonlocal coupling of states and, voila, job done. To complete the channel you have to exchange local, classical information between the two ends of the link, and this is done, by definition, at the speed of light. There is no (known) way around this.

>A quantum (entangled) link automatically comes with
>cryptographics as an optional extra.

>Basic set-up is a source of entangled photons (they come in
>pairs) plus at least two 'receivers' - which can be telescopes
>fitted with 'detectors' or demodulators').

>As a result of their experiment ESA now knows you can probably
>have two telescopes say sixty light-years apart and use a mid-
>way star as a source of entangled photons - stars generate them
>(in pairs) for free.

As a result ESA now knows that entangled photon states can be used as a random quantum encryption key for ordinary light-speed communications with satellites. This quantum comms channel is no more "instantaneous" than any radio I'm afraid. The experiment was just about whether the atmosphere would destroy the entanglement over 144 km between La Palma and Tenerife. It didn't. But to verify this the experimenters from La Palma had to get on their bikes and go to Tenerife, or get on the phone or wait for a postcard. As I already said, the information in the quantum channel is not in the the entanglement itself but is distributed in the _total_ coupling, which includes the classical one.

>However broadcast is simplicity itself, and, given the sudden
>huge expansion of the Drake Equation, it's almost certainly
>permeating our galaxy at this time.

>And we can do most of it (rather crudely) right now. The trick
>will be tweaking our 'demodulator' to detect all potential
>signaling. As always 'sensitivity', 'selectivity' and 'mode'
>will be the big challenges.

>I suspect that's being worked on right now - would you want to
>bet?

>And, just thinking about this - if astronomers focused on a star
>at the 'edge of the universe' (the visible universe that is)
>there are some even more intriguing implications.

Your entangled stellar photons are only as much use as whatever classical information channel you have available. You can use them to encrypt your light-speed communications, which might be useful; you can possibly use them for light-speed quantum teleportation, which might be very useful. But (so far as is known) you cannot use them to transmit messages faster than the speed of light. For messaging purposes the quantum channel is confined on the light cone just like any other.

Given that entanglement is probably the dominant type of coupling in all physical systems, this fact is almost obvious. It is implied in the very fact that the world around you is not a coherent superposition of quantum states, but a classical world of decohered states within a relativistic spacetime structure. In other words, nature is shot through with EPR-type entanglements, and her complete causal structure evidently depends somehow on the fact that they are there, but she doesn't use them for getting classical information from place to place. And neither can we.

Cosmic instant messaging via entanglement is not possible "right now" and it certainly is not "simplicity itself". It is not possible at all. As I've also said already, that statement needs qualifying, in that it is made without prejudice to re-interpretations that may come from future physics. But that's how it stands at the moment.

Martin Shough

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 17:52:44 -0400
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 09:25:26 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs And Scott Van Wynsberghe - White

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 05:21:36 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFOs And Scott Van Wynsberghe

<snip>

>When we straightjacket ourselves within the narrow deceitful
>worldview of the debunkers we 'forget' our best evidence and our
>best arguments. Why the hell are we still arguing over damnable
>nocturnal lights reported by hyperactive teenagers as if that's
>all there is to the UFO phenomenon? Do we not know that PhD
>astronomers of the caliber of Lincoln LaPaz, one of the world's
>leading meteoriticists of his time, had Daylight Disc UFO
>sightings meticulous detail reported?

>Do we just overlook the astronomer Clyde Tombaugh and his
>multiple-witness sighting? Just junk-heap the instrument
>sightings by Los Alamos scientists? Develop amnesia about the
>world's leading aircraft designer Kelly Johnson and his
>independent Lockheed crew of top engineers and their triangulated
>Daylight Disc sighting? Shove under the carpet the Pentagon R&D
>director's Daylight Disc sighting with independent triangulation?

>How the hell does the AF missile tracking camera triangulation
>cases from White Sands get forgotten in favor of the housewife
>sighting a funny light in the sky? Do we really think that a
>military case where the UFOs were photographed with tracking
>instruments moving from azimuths 86deg 9' 9.2" to 85=B047' 9.2" and
>elevations 25deg 48' 0" to 25deg 7'50" over 74 frames (14.6 secs)
>is in the same caliber with 'I saw a shiny object in the sky'?
>Hard scientific quantitative data! Or do we just not bother to
>find out about such cases and just grovel in garbage reports
>instead?

Bravo!

The question at hand, it seems, is how to get these solid cases to the forefront of all future discussions, whether on the Internet, UFO documentaries, or books.

The way I'd do that if I were a ufologist would be to make up a tidy one-sheet summary of the best cases of the type referenced above.

I would hope every ufologist would even carry a photo-reduced laminated version at all times, because in many surprise discussions, it's easy to "go blank" and forget your best material, no matter what your field.

I would hope every ufologist would have the list of solid cases posted beside every PC and telephone.

I would hope every reply to disparaging article or column fronting the 'fluff' cases would include a concise listing of those same cases. No exceptions.

I would hope every ufologist would hand every documentary producer asking about an appearance a copy of that fact sheet,

and insist on an agreement that those _specific_ cases are to be mentioned as a condition of cooperation.

Ditto talk show hosts, and newspaper reporters, columnists, and publishers.

I would hope every serious UFO web site would prominently post that list of solid cases, if not as part of the front page, linked from the front page at the "top tab" level.

Printing the list out, and making it available in laminated or quality paper form at UFO events would be an excellent way to increase coverage of the information.

This would for sure reduce some opportunities, but I think Brad's point is so critically important that it should be carried out with military exactness. It seems to me, a non-ufologist, like about the only way to move the public education campaign to a higher level, and start making real progress in beating back the naysayers and debunkers.

It is do-able, and cheap to do, and I hope it will be done soon.

I am sick to my stomach, having reached age 65, and still not knowing anything more about the substance of UFOs than I did at age 12. Brad Sparks has pointed the way in this _watershed_ email, I feel.

Eleanor White

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Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
Fwd Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 09:29:13 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Hall

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 12:14:47 +0200
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>BTW, I am curious to know where you stand on Roswell today. In
>>your book, and in the following debates on this List, you seemed
>>quite certain that it was the true story of Roswell.

>>But in a recent message, you felt that we will never know the
>>truth:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/apr/m19-001.shtml>

>>Did you change your mind?

>>Now, you are going to present your book again at the Roswell
>>festival in July. Are you going to say again that it is the true
>>story?

>Yes, I still stand by the data (much more has come through since
>publication of the book); but I do not believe that we will ever
>be able to firmly prove any scenario to anyone's or everyone's
>satisfaction because of the lack of files etc.

>You accept the UFO angle; but equally that does not mean that
>you will ever know the truth in terms of being able to prove it.

>I think the human experiment angle is the answer to Roswell. But
>can it be proven via official files etc? Nope, not a chance in
>hell. But none of the other theories can either - not even
>Mogul. The files are gone, destroyed or hidden. I see no reason
>why that situation should ever change.

>So, accepting a scenario as real but actually being able to
>prove it is real are two separate things.

Nick,

The fallacy of your reasoning is the premise that all proposed explanations for Roswell are equally valid and have equal amounts of credible evidence in support of them.

Proof in science is an elusive thing, but your argument is like claiming that since you can't prove anything it is equally valid to believe the fossil record or the Bible when it comes to evolution.

Or that OJ was innocent, not guilty.

Or that UFOs are only a social fantasy construct, not real solid objects.

Taking refuge in the 'no proof' argument is a cop-out.

- Dick

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Martin,

Hope you'll forgive me snipping the opinion stuff - and have to admit that a hundred years ago you could have made that statement without fear of contradiction, in fact only one or two people in the world might have understood it.

Then, well into the century Einstein made a last attempt to 'logically' disbar the physical existence of a 'quantum field' - and was proved wrong by repeated experiments, the best known being by Alain Aspect. Bell's earlier truly logical analysis of the possible results, often called his "Inequality" is still too scary for many 'scientists' to truly admit into their thinking.

And now we know that nature not only uses the quantum field but allows individual beings to use it for their own purposes.

Quote #1

"Plants, it turns out, rely on a similar quantum function to convert sunlight into chemical energy at near-perfect efficiency. As energy passes between molecules involved in photosynthesis, a newly observed 'wavelike characteristic' allows the energy to 'simultaneously sample all the potential energy pathways and choose the most efficient one.'

If scientists figure out how to emulate the process, they might be able to artificially replicate photosynthesis... ushering in, perhaps, a world of leafy green solar power."

http://blog.wired.com/wiredscience/2007/04/quantum_photosy.html

Quote #2

"There is some research to support the view that bees are sensitive to effects that occur only on a quantum-mechanical scale. One study exposed bees to short bursts of a high-intensity magnetic field and concluded that the bees' response

could be better explained as a sensitivity to an effect known as nuclear magnetic resonance, or nmr, an acronym commonly associated with a medical imaging technique. nmr occurs when an electromagnetic wave impinges on the nuclei of atoms and flips their orientation. nmr is considered a quantum mechanical effect because it takes place only if each atom absorbs a particular size packet, or quantum, of electromagnetic energy."

The full report, on 'quantum flag manifold mapping' by bees, is at a long URL in this text file:

<http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/beesqml.txt>

Note: I suspect that many other evolved social insects also use it for comms. Having been attacked by tree ants and other types fairly often I've never believed the "pheromone" story - they react too fast, over too wide an area, and are too concerted in their appraisal of my location (and intentions).

It appears that even humans use it - for consciousness and perceptions

Quote #3

"In a new experiment, we replicate the Moutoussis/Zeki paradigm in a way that allows these two alternative interpretations to be resolved, and which allows statistical test of the 'microconsciousness' theory. Even isolating those trials in which perceptual pairing is confirmed by subject report, we find that the Inequality is violated. We conclude that the activity of cells in V5 must indeed depend partly on colour input and the activity of cells in V4 partly on motion. Visual consciousness must then be considered non-local and inseparable: the microconsciousness does not exist."

<http://www.isc.cnrs.fr/FPAR.htm#Duggins>

As A.R. Wallace said "there is no law of nature yet known to us but may be apparently contravened by the action of more recondite laws or forces" - and we are only just beginning to find out how right he was.

Fortunately (or not) I don't see the CIA-led NASA/JPL accepting your veto, nor Russia, China, Europe or other interested parties.

Cheers

Ray D

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Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Bourdais

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick.redfern.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 12:14:47 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

<snip>

>>I think the human experiment angle is the answer to Roswell.
>>But can it be proven via official files etc? Nope, not a chance in
>>hell. But none of the other theories can either - not even
>>Mogul. The files are gone, destroyed or hidden. I see no reason
>>why that situation should ever change.

>>So, accepting a scenario as real but actually being able to
>>_prove_ it is real are two separate things.

>Nick,

>The fallacy of your reasoning is the premise that all proposed
>explanations for Roswell are equally valid and have equal amounts
>of credible evidence in support of them.

>Proof in science is an elusive thing, but your argument is like
>claiming that since you can't prove anything it is equally
>valid to believe the fossil record or the Bible when it comes to
>evolution.

>Or that OJ was innocent, not guilty.

>Or that UFOs are only a social fantasy construct, not real
>solid objects.

>Taking refuge in the 'no proof' argument is a cop-out.

Thank you, Dick, for saying this much more clearly than I could.
Of all theories proposed for Roswell to this day, the story of
handicaped Chinese prisoners brought back from Manchuria for
horrible tests of irradiation in flight, in New Mexico, aboard
Horten gliders, does not look like the most plausible one, to
put it mildly.

I am curious to see how people are going to react to it in
Roswell.

I am curious to see how far this tale is going to go.

Gildas

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Pope

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 17:48:28 +0100
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 08:15:51 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Pope

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

<snip>

>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books)
>was a full-length study of how and why government, military,
>intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy)
>on elements of the UFO research community.

<snip>

>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to
>the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a)
>intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were
>being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into
>gathering for them classified defense information of a
>specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research
>as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some
>ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly
>spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had
>concerns about.

<snip>

Nick has it right, though looking at some of the posts in this
thread I think there's a danger of making a simple issue unduly
complex.

Many ufologists pay close attention to military bases, military
personnel and military documents. In some circumstances this is
going to bring them to the attention of the authorities, both in
terms of counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence.

CT and CI aside, there's a third factor to bear in mind when
considering why the authorities may be interested in certain
ufologists, and it relates to straightforward criminal activity.

To give an example, in the UK there are a small number of
ufologists who have been involved in drug use, drug dealing and
extremist politics. Clearly this in itself may bring them to the
attention of the authorities.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Hillary/Richardson UFO Ticket

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 08:20:21 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 08:20:21 -0400
Subject: Hillary/Richardson UFO Ticket

Source: The Sarasota Herald-Tribune - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/ys9f7m>

June 15. 2007 9:35AM

UFO Ticket: Hillary/Richardson?

Billy Cox

Depending on who you read, the number of registered lobbyists in Washington, D.C., is between 11,000 and 39,402.

Don't ask.

What you can take to the bank is this: Only one of them is trying to persuade Congress to pry the lid of secrecy off UFOs. Predictably, he doesn't have a whole lot of bribe money, er, spending money, to toss around.

His name is Stephen Bassett, and he's the executive director of the Extraterrestrial Phenomena Political Action Committee, or X-PPAC, at www.x-ppac.org.

Not a lot of water in that desert so far. During his first year in office, President George W. Bush signaled his contempt for disclosing even the most innocuous formalities of history with Executive Order 13233. That one revoked the Presidential Records Act of 1978, a congressionally mandated, Watergate-era reform allowing public access to most presidential papers a dozen years after the end of any given regime.

While waiting for the Bush-Cheney term to expire, Bassett puts the best odds for UFO openness in the next administration on a Hillary Clinton/Bill Richardson ticket.

The Clintons flirted with the issue in the 1990s, even meeting with Laurance Rockefeller at a time when the late billionaire was distributing UFO briefing papers in political circles. Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell revealed in his autobiography how Bill Clinton had dispatched him on an unsuccessful mission to bring new details to light. In 2002, former Clinton Chief of Staff John Podesta held a press conference demanding the U.S. "open the books on questions that have remained in the dark on the question of government investigations of UFOs."

And just last year, responding to the longstanding skepticism by his fellow New Mexicans of government explanations about an alleged crash in 1947, Richardson contributed his own advocacy for openness to a book called "The Roswell Dig Diaries":

"It would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows... The American people can handle the truth, no matter how bizarre or mundane, and contrary to what you see in the movies."

No doubt the media will be all over this stuff in the primaries.

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Flatwoods 'Monster' To Be A Movie?

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 08:25:00 -0400
Subject: Flatwoods 'Monster' To Be A Movie?

Source: The Register-Herald - Beckley, West Virginia, USA

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_167222221.html

Sun, Jun 17 2007

Flatwoods 'Monster' Might Be Turned Into A Movie
By Mannix Porterfield
Register-Herald reporter

Move over, Mothman?

If the money comes in to finance a movie, you might not be the only weird West Virginia creature memorialized on film.

An independent filmmaker in Los Angeles says he would gladly handle a movie about the Flatwoods Monster =97 provided someone can put up sufficient financial backing for the project.

It was back on Sept. 12, 1952, that the 12-foot metallic oddity, emitting a sulfuric odor, horrified a gaggle of children and adults on a summer evening, after a fiery streak was spotted in the sky along a steep hillside in Braxton County.

A legend was born, unleashing torrents of speculation and inspiring a book by Frank Feschino, a star player in a Sept. 7-8 gathering in Charleston devoted to unidentified flying objects.

Using their own funds, Thomas Dickens and his partner, David Burke, are completing a feature-length film titled "Alien Gray Zone-X," due to be released no later than next summer.

"This could be a great motion picture that could be done that could basically compete with Hollywood films," Dickens says of a possible Flatwoods movie.

Dickens spoke glowingly of "Alien Gray Zone-X," using such superlatives as "amazing" and "groundbreaking" to describe it.

"And that's not just because of the special effects, but there's a lot of human drama to it," he said.

"There's a love story and a lot of great fight sequences that use stunt people trained in fighting. There's a message to it. Most films, and I don't want to give away our ending, kill the aliens, but ours is different."

Given the funds, Dickens would do the same for the Flatwoods Monster.

"I would love to do this movie," he said. "My partner is interested. However, at this time, we don't have the budget to do it."

If he ever gets such a project launched, Dickens wants to work with Feschino as a part of his team for technical advice.

Feschino believes the monster was a space alien, part of a contingent engaged in a fiery sky battle with U.S. Air Force jets off the Atlantic Coast. The author also is convinced that UFOs continue to buzz the Braxton County area, since it is on a direct flight line to the White House and the regional terrain affords ample space in which to conceal craft.

"Basically, we would do everything," Dickens said. "Write the script. Do pre-production. Design the creatures. Based on a true story, we would use the best research and witnesses to get the idea what this creature would look like. But we have to get a budget. We would be able to do the entire film."

Dickens hopes to attend the September summit at the Capitol Theater in downtown Charleston, coming less than a week shy of the 55th anniversary of the Monster's appearance. This also is the 60th anniversary of the Roswell incident.

Promoter Larry Bailey is promising attendees "hard evidence" to show UFOs are piloted by extra-terrestrials.

If a Flatwoods Monster film were made, Dickens said, he would envision some scenes on site, provided landowners are willing to grant access, including a depiction of what Feschino feels were aerial warfare between alien craft and U.S. jets.

In fact, that is the theme of Feschino's latest book, "Shoot Them Down."

Richard Gere starred in "The Mothman Prophecies," a film dedicated to a moth-like creature said to roam an abandoned plateau near Point Pleasant in the area of an abandoned TNT site left over from World War II.

Unlike Mothman, a precursor to the 1967 collapse of the Silver Bridge that claimed 46 lives, no violence has been linked to the Flatwoods Monster.

A 17-year veteran of the film industry, Dickens says he strives to compete with Hollywood productions in quality.

"We don't want to make anything that looks low-budget," he said.

"We use people who look very professional. We use people that look like they have universal appeal."

Bailey says he has attracted so much interest to his UFO gathering that he might expand it by adding a Sunday matinee, since the Capitol Theater has a seating capacity of only 660. As things stand now, Friday's show runs from 6 to 10 p.m. with Saturday billed from 3 to 7 p.m.

An art contest supervised by Heritage Towers will reward children for the best depictions of UFOs or aliens.

Besides Feschino and Flatwoods eyewitness Freddie May, the two-day event will feature lectures by world-renowned UFO expert Stanton Freidman, who says the government has engaged in a cover-up since the 1947 incident in Roswell, where many believe the Air Force concealed the bodies of aliens after their craft crashed in the New Mexico desert.

Since the first Register-Herald story was published about the gathering, Bailey said he has been besieged by media outlets across the nation, including live radio remotes in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, Calif., Brownwood, Texas, Bridgeport, Conn., and Lincoln, Neb.

"We're getting contacts from everywhere," he said.

Eventually, the summit could evolve into an annual event, rivaling that of Roswell, now a mecca for UFO believers, Bailey says.

Skeptics are welcome, but they could find themselves hard put to counter Freidman, a nuclear physicist who has appeared on a number of cable television networks, the promoter says.

"Stanton has won two debates," Bailey said. "They were with people that were scoffing or trying to tell everyone the UFOs

were just meteors. He has some hard evidence that he uncovered under the Freedom of Information Act. That's some of our hard evidence."

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Re: Martian Colours - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 16:12:13 -0400
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:07:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Colours - Shell

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 19:24:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mars Rover Finds 'Puddles' On The Planet's Surface

>NASA's explanation is that this was a raw false-colour picture
>released because of a cock-up due to haste, before corrections
>had been made for unavoidable imperfections in the colour
>filters (in particular, a significant leakage into the blue
>channel from the IR).

"Leakage into the blue channel from the IR" ?? Shouldn't this
be "leakage into the blue channel from the UV"? Or, "leakage
into the red channel from the IR?"

You lost me on that....

Ideally NASA should have put a neutral gray patch within the
field of view of the camera, and then adjusted the monitors and
printing systems to render that patch neutral gray. Then the
other colors would closely approximate the way they would be
seen by the human eye (and mind) if a human could be standing at
the camera location. That's how we do it in photography and
videography under any sort of lighting.

Bob

"We could certainly slow the aging process down if it had to work
its way through Congress." --Will Rogers

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Sawyer

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:11:51 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Sawyer

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 12:14:47 +0200
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>BTW, I am curious to know where you stand on Roswell today. In
>>your book, and in the following debates on this List, you seemed
>>quite certain that it was the true story of Roswell.

>>But in a recent message, you felt that we will never know the
>>truth:

>><http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/apr/m19-001.shtml>

>>Did you change your mind?

>>Now, you are going to present your book again at the Roswell
>>festival in July. Are you going to say again that it is the true
>>story?

>Yes, I still stand by the data (much more has come through since
>publication of the book); but I do not believe that we will ever
>be able to firmly prove any scenario to anyone's or everyone's
>satisfaction because of the lack of files etc.

Hi Nick

Since you say "Yes, I still stand by the data (much more has
come through since publication of the book)," could you tell us
what further data has come through, in some detail, that tends
to bolster your hypothesis regarding Roswell being an
experimental balloon that used Japanese ex-POW's as "reluctant"
passengers?

Since, as Brad Sparks and others have noted, in regard to the
ongoing efforts of either retired and/or active duty military
and intelligence personnel continuing various disinformational
ops ref. supposed "disclosure" as noted here and elsewhere most
recently, since your published sources remain anonymous, what
tends to confirm your take on Roswell?

I think we'd all really like to know more.

Steve

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Sawyer

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:17:45 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Sawyer

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 09:09:07 -0700
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 02:04:26 EDT
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
>>>>believe, which you do not consider or mention. Pity to miss
>>>>out.

>>>>I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the matter
>>>>yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
>>>>think you are way off base.

>>Also, just for the record I found some evidence that in the very
>>earliest days there was some Official Harassment of type C
>>(Ufologists getting "too close to the truth") but it merged with
>>type B (Ufologists treated as subversives) and transformed into
>>type D.

>Brad, for those of us who don't know what the "type D"
>explanation is, could you quickly summarize it? I suspect most
>List readers don't even know what you two are discussing.

Brad

I would concur with David Rudiak. Even though I have done some searching on past UFO UpDates posts where you discuss the various types (A, B, and C) it's not entirely clear where and why you refer to "B" and "C" transmuting into "D". Would you please give us your current opinion and data regarding why and how you think option "D" is more accurate than Nick's "A/B" scenario?

It would really be helpful to the List, I think, to clarify and elucidate more specifically, with your current insights and any evidence you care to note more precisely what you mean.

You reject the ETH, apparently. What scenario, if any, that might involve advanced non-human intelligence or consciousness, do you think may be involved? Are you referring to the EDH or something derived from human involvement, or some kind of rare and unusual natural phenomena? Or some combination of the above possibilities? Or, something completely different? I respect you highly as one of the most astute researchers in this "field" and think it would be of real value for you to summarize or detail, as you feel appropriate, your thinking along these lines, even if just briefly.

Also, in view of the recent reporting and discussions initiated by Gus Russo's article, and the related controversy involving ongoing disinformational efforts regarding supposed "disclosure," yet again, which seem more than anything to indicate renewed activities by either former, retired

military/intelligence personnel _and/or_ possibly current/active duty personnel involved in 'sanctioned' disinformational operations, do you have an opinion or data about that? Just what do you currently think (or can provide data about), is really going on there?

If there are current, authorized governmental disinformation, surveillance, and/or disruption efforts directed against US citizens who happen to be interested in and researching uap/ufo phenomenology, wouldn't this be a form of domestic spying, to say the least, and illegal? Does anyone know if, post 9/11, considering the "Patriot Act" and other possible executive branch findings, authorizations, or orders, that such activity may currently be, in turn, legal?

What documentation or evidence, either way, exists or is known that would suggest whether these USG or Federal efforts, if occurring, are either legal or illegal? Can these kinds of psyops be authorized under the old, tired rubric of "national security?"

If so, it would seem documentation, investigation, and possible legal hearings, either in civil, criminal, or congressional realms, with perhaps necessary legislation, should be explored and brought to bear on these ongoing controversies and destructive processes, if they can be proven, and are illegal. And if not illegal, they should be _made_ illegal.

Steve

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Chupacabras In Tampico Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:22:31 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras In Tampico Mexico

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
June 18, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com and 'Hoy Tampico'
Date: June 14, 2007

Mexico: Chupacabras Reported in Tampico (Tamaulipas, Mexico)

According to the news story published by the Hoy Tampico newspaper on June 14, 2007, residents of the El Pueblo district called the 066 emergency number for help, as they claimed having seen a very strange animal on the prowl. They associated it with the Chupacabras, describing it as a hairy animal that walks on two legs and makes strange noises.

Members of the metropolitan police in the port of Tampico were mobilized shortly after one in the morning on Thursday, June 14, after having received the news by phone.

Police forces reported to a hill located next to Avenida Cuahut=E9moc and Calle Guadalupe, where the "Chupacabras" had allegedly been seen, but did not find it.

It should be noted that this occurred 8 hours before the Mexican President engaged in a tour of southern Tamaulipas.

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'Aerial Drones' More Eyewitnesses

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 10:51:30 -0400
Subject: 'Aerial Drones' More Eyewitnesses

FWIW, there are some new updates about the 'aerial drones' including additional photos, eyewitnesses and taped interviews with a couple of them (see reports and podcasts below).

Whether a fabrication or not, an interesting story to follow, and the interviews should be listened to I think, before perhaps dismissing all of these accounts out of hand too quickly.

Reports:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1270&category=Environment>

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1265&category=Environment>

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1258&category=Environment>

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1254&category=Environment>

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1253&category=Environment>

Podcasts (#17, 18):

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

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>evolution.

>Or that OJ was innocent, not guilty.

>Or that UFOs are only a social fantasy construct, not real solid
>objects.

>Taking refuge in the 'no proof' argument is a
>cop-out.

Dick:

Nope. You are wrong. No cop-out. And I don't take refuge either.

You say: 'The fallacy of your reasoning is the premise that all proposed explanations for Roswell are equally valid and have equal amounts of credible evidence in support of them.'

No. I have never said that, and don't even support such a scenario. Of course, there are a number of theories for Roswell that have no validity in my mind (the weather balloon, for a start; a V2 rocket as a second).

What I am saying is that it's just a cold, hard fact that Roswell - in terms of specific, hard evidence - remains unsolved and always will remain so. We have no hard proof and we never will. It's either destroyed or hidden. If it's destroyed, we are utterly screwed and will never get the hard evidence. If it's hidden, why on earth should the government change it's approach and say it lied for 60 years and then release all it's old Roswell files to us? Won't happen.

But a lot of ufologists can't face the fact that they will likely go to their graves never having resolved what the true unknowns are (to where it can be proven), or that they will never really know the full story of Roswell (again to where it can be proven and before they die).

I, however, am willing to admit that no matter how much effort we put in, Roswell is one of those that will never be settled because we can't prove anything definitively. That's not a cop-out. It's just a fact, and a fact that is due to the passage of time, the government stance re claiming no files, and less and less still-living witnesses who were there to who we can speak.

Keyhoe, Stringfield, Hynek, etc., etc: every single one of them

dedicated decades to UFO studies. And they all died. And they all died not knowing the answer to the UFO puzzle. Unless something really dramatic happens, every single person on this list will die before anything about Roswell can be firmly proven.

Look at the data: the government admits it has no official files to confirm that a Mogul balloon crashed; and hardly anyone accepts the weather balloon angle.

The UFO angle remains unproven in terms of files, as does the data in my book in terms of files, and so all any of us have is testimony and a few circumstantial records that are open to interpretation.

The point I was making in my post that Gildas Bourdais commented on was that, in my view, the lack of files and the inevitability of death on the part of those that were there 60 years ago means that Roswell is likely to remain unsolved (and by unsolved I mean to where we have definitive hard proof - in terms of a government admission; official files; or a corpse or craft that can be examined). However, I see no reason why the Government - if it has such files - should come forward now, officially, and admit that it has lied for decades.

Roswell is now the ufological version of Jack the Ripper - lots of theories, lots of ideas, lots of scenarios, evidence of official interest, claims of high-level cover-up, but at the end of the day everyone involved is dead (in the Ripper case), and practically everyone is gone as far as Roswell is concerned.

And the result is that (as with Jack the Ripper researchers) Roswell continues to intrigue a couple of thousand ufologists on a regular basis, and (in varying degrees and at varying times) it interests, intrigues, bemuses and amuses the media and the public - just as UFOs have always done, and likely always will.

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Nick

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Re: Flatwoods 'Monster' To Be A Movie? - Horak

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 07:14:07 -0700 (PDT)
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 11:03:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Flatwoods 'Monster' To Be A Movie? - Horak

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Monday, June 18, 2007 7:25:00 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Flatwoods 'Monster' To Be A Movie?

>Source: The Register-Herald - Beckley, West Virginia, USA

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_167222221.html

>Sun, Jun 17 2007

>Flatwoods 'Monster' Might Be Turned Into A Movie
>By Mannix Porterfield
>Register-Herald reporter

>Move over, Mothman?

>Unlike Mothman, a precursor to the 1967 collapse of the Silver
>Bridge that claimed 46 lives, no violence has been linked to the
>Flatwoods Monster.

Obviously the gentleman has not seen the movie, much less read Keel's book (unlike the movie, the book is a documentation of Keel's investigation into a UFO/anomaly flap that involves eye-witness testimony about intelligently directed ball lightning, the first and I think only encounter with a lady MIB, and yes, mothmen... none of whom act menacing or observe any violence.

Even in the movie, which plays solely on one phenomenon not express to the book, psychic premonition, nothing of the event itself does else but warn people of an emminent bridge collapse.

Keel is not to be taken lightly. He was the first westerner to discover how the Indian rope trick was done and an avid adventurer that explores the sources for his work himself.

One thing I might add about ball lightning... Tesla made it and claimed to have been able to communicate with it. Perhaps not it, but to what it might have provided link.

Again, don't easily dismiss the claims of a man who single-handedly pioneered the entire field of electronics.

One other thing, the mothmen phenomenon is not only global but timeless, most likely what inspired gorgoyle motifs which decorate cathedrals and buildings throughout the world.

On that score, paintings of pre-Renaissance and post-Renaissance painters, some even masters, depict odd people with such things as cone heads and green skin being massacred... much like what was done to heretics during the Inquisition. Unlike caricaturists like Hogarth these artists either made reference to mythology or to historical fact.

The earth may be home to that which may well regard us as alien, even justifiably.

These are all, if true, revelations that expand the box, a box holding you and me in it... mostly for the edification of

someone else.

JCH

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 11:38:41 -0300
Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 11:19:12 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Friedman

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 17:48:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

><snip>

>>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books) was a
>>full-length study of how and why government, military, intelligence and
>>police agencies have spied (and still do spy) on elements of the UFO
>>research community.

><snip>

>>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to the
>>surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a) intelligence
>>agencies suspected that certain ufologists were being duped and hired
>>by overseas intelligence agencies into gathering for them classified
>>defense information of a specifically non-UFO nature (but while using
>>their UFO research as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that
>>some ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly spreading
>>political data of a type that the Intel world had concerns about.

><snip>

>Nick has it right, though looking at some of the posts in this
>thread I think there's a danger of making a simple issue unduly
>complex.

>Many ufologists pay close attention to military bases, military
>personnel and military documents. In some circumstances this is
>going to bring them to the attention of the authorities, both in
>terms of counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence.

>CT and CI aside, there's a third factor to bear in mind when
>considering why the authorities may be interested in certain
>ufologists, and it relates to straightforward criminal activity.

>To give an example, in the UK there are a small number of
>ufologists who have been involved in drug use, drug dealing and
>extremist politics. Clearly this in itself may bring them to the
>attention of the authorities.

I will get a copy of Nick's book, but must add that a number of
years ago I tried under FOIA and the Privacy act to obtain my
files from the FBI and CIA, giving background data including the
dates of my security clearances obtained by the FBI.

The FBI at first said they had no files.

The CIA said all they had was a negative name check request from
the FBI and gave a file Number. I sent it to the FBI which said
"Oh Yes, we do have a file".

The size and level of security were classified. Larry Bryant did manage to obtain some of the file. No idea of its status now.

Bill Moore's file was also classified for at least a while.

Stan Friedman

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Dickenson

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 11:20:52 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Dickenson

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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That doesn't hold water at all.

Groups comprising `socialites', churchmen, many lawyers, judges, some senior cops etc, are much more involved in overt and covert crime, including drug use, drug dealing, extremist politics and more heinous offences. Yet we don't see the `authorities' mounting campaigns of surveillance, bullying and complex hoaxing against such groups. Nor do we see the media aiming to discredit and intimidate such people.

That seems to be reserved for ufologists, maybe because they're disinclined to accept propaganda and media manipulation.

A topical, if satirical saying goes "act like a dumbshit and they'll treat you like an equal".

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Miller

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Fwd Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 16:37:46 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Miller

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 12:14:47 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>>I think the human experiment angle is the answer to Roswell.
>>>But can it be proven via official files etc? Nope, not a chance in
>>>hell. But none of the other theories can either - not even
>>>Mogul. The files are gone, destroyed or hidden. I see no reason
>>>why that situation should ever change.

>>>So, accepting a scenario as real but actually being able to
>>>_prove_ it is real are two separate things.

>>Nick,

>>The fallacy of your reasoning is the premise that all proposed
>>explanations for Roswell are equally valid and have equal amounts
>>of credible evidence in support of them.

>>Proof in science is an elusive thing, but your argument is like
>>claiming that since you can't prove anything it is equally
>>valid to believe the fossil record or the Bible when it comes to
>>evolution.

>>Or that OJ was innocent, not guilty.

>>Or that UFOs are only a social fantasy construct, not real
>>solid objects.

>>Taking refuge in the 'no proof' argument is a cop-out.

Oh dear; pathos, unintended humour, and a circus act all rolled
into one.

OJ was innocent because the jury found him so. Of course, if you
wish to circumvent the jury system then fine but then you'd have
been hung for heresy years ago.

The fossil record is data. The Bible isn't. There's no contest

And as for UFOs being a social fantasy construct and not real
solid objects, I won't insult you with the answer to that one.

You are the person probably louder than anyone else on this List
Dick that over the years has demanded the involvement of science

in this subject and that the answer lies in the scientific method etc. Employ it at its most basic; utilising a principle that has been thrown around on this List like confetti over the years, namely Occam's razor, and employing it in its most basic version - all things being equal, the simplest solution tends to be the best one - then which do you think of the two below is indeed the simplest solution?

A. The American government have kept the events of Roswell a secret because they show that the American military were conducting experiments on live human beings.

B The American government have kept the events of Roswell a secret because beings not from planet earth crashed in the desert.

Stuart Miller

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 13:17:37 -0300
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 07:10:55 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Ledger

>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 06:27:29 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>home to people the facts they don't want to hear: namely that
>the one case upon which much of Ufology stands cannot be firmly
>resolved.

Well Nick,

I have to wonder at the last statement. I for one do not think that "ufology" stands on the Roswell case. That suggests that if it falls so will the credibility of the whole phenomenon. Let's not forget there were thousands of compelling cases in play long before Stan Friedman stumbled across the Roswell incident. And tens of thousands of other cases have come to light since. I don't doubt something happened at Roswell but why you would think that that one case would define or give credibility to all of the phenomenon escapes me.

I think we are past the one case defines the phenomenon scenario. There are just too many other intriguing cases with credible, qualified witnesses.

Don Ledger

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Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

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Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 07:15:05 -0400
Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector -

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 15:45:09 +0100
>Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 18:25:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: E.S.A. Successfully Tests Real SETI Detector

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>>Given that entanglement is probably the dominant type of
>>coupling in all physical systems, this fact is almost obvious.
>>It is implied in the very fact that the world around you is not
>>a coherent superposition of quantum states, but a classical
>>world of decohered states within a relativistic spacetime
>>structure. In other words, nature is shot through with EPR-type
>>entanglements, and her complete causal structure evidently
>>depends somehow on the fact that they are there, but she
>>doesn't use them for getting classical information from place
>>to place. And neither can we.

><snip>

>Martin,

>Hope you'll forgive me snipping the opinion stuff - and have to
>admit that a hundred years ago you could have made that
>statement without fear of contradiction, in fact only one or
>two people in the world might have understood it.

>Then, well into the century Einstein made a last attempt to
>'logically' disbar the physical existence of a 'quantum field' -
>and was proved wrong by repeated experiments, the best known
>being by Alain Aspect. Bell's earlier truly logical analysis of
>the possible results, often called his "Inequality" is still
>too scary for many 'scientists' to truly admit into their
>thinking.

Ray

You are so confused I'm afraid it really is a joke. I won't bother even trying to untangle the misconceptions here. Let me just say I understand that anything contrary to your highly personal worldview is "opinion stuff", and I hardly expect you to listen to me. That is why I referred you in my original post to the presentation by Alain Aspect himself, which you prominently link on your website citing it as authority that entanglement offers instantaneous FTL communication.

Try actually reading it - never mind the math and troublesome logic, just go straight to the end where he very explicitly makes the disclaimer (necessary in every such article, it seems, for the reason that this misunderstanding is so easy to fall into) that entanglement does_not_make instantaneous FTL communication possible. Repeat, _not_. OK?

You say "f.t.l. transfer of information between 'entangled'

particles... has been confirmed in the laboratory" and reference as your authority:

<http://online.itp.ucsb.edu/online/collog/aspect1/oh/40.html>

where we read:

"We may have nonlocality, but it does not allow faster than light signalling!"

"Nonlocality cannot be used for practical telegraphy"

"No faster than light signalling with EPR entangled pairs"

"Arthur changes the setting of a polarizer I from a to a': can Beatrice instantaneously observe a change on measurements at II? To measure P++(a,b) Beatrice must compare her results to the results at I: the transmission of these results... is done on a classical channel, not faster than light."

Or, since I've seen you cite Roger Penrose with approbation before now and you like quotes, how about this one:

"... the non-local 'influences' that arise in EPR-type experiments are not such that they can be used to send messages... A detailed demonstration that [they] cannot be used to signal messages has been carried out by Girardi, Rimini and Weber 1980. It is of no use to be told that a photon is polarized ... until one is informed which of the two alternatives it actually is... [This] knowledge arrives more slowly, via an ordinary an ordinary signal... ." (Emperor's New Mind, p.370)

Go to any reputable physics text anywhere and you'll get the same "opinion stuff". Of course the only opinion stuff you are interested in is stuff that you can convince yourself supports your own opinions.

>And now we know that nature not only uses the quantum field but >allows individual beings to use it for their own purposes.

Oh dear. I'll regret this, but...

Of course everything in nature "uses the quantum field". The quantum field is one representation of physics' description of how nature works, and that description includes nonlocal entanglement of coupled states as well as a locality condition on the spacetime connections between them. I appreciate that you don't understand this and it seems contradictory to you, but there it is. I can only recommend that you read more assiduously.

>Quote #1

>"Plants, it turns out, rely on a similar quantum function to >convert sunlight into chemical energy at near-perfect >efficiency. >As energy passes between molecules involved in photosynthesis, >a newly observed 'wavelike characteristic' allows the energy to >'simultaneously sample all the potential energy pathways and >choose the most efficient one.'

>If scientists figure out how to emulate the process, they might >be able to artificially replicate photosynthesis... ushering >in, perhaps, a world of leafy green solar power."

>http://blog.wired.com/wiredscience/2007/04/quantum_photosy.html

All energy exchange processes in nature, without exception, are quantum mechanical processes (whatever that may turn out to really mean next century). This has nothing whatsoever to do with faster-than-light signalling.

>Quote #2

>"There is some research to support the view that bees are >sensitive to effects that occur only on a quantum-mechanical >scale. One study exposed bees to short bursts of a high- >intensity magnetic field and concluded that the bees' response >could be better explained as a sensitivity to an effect known >as nuclear magnetic resonance, or nmr, an acronym commonly

>associated with a medical imaging technique. nmr occurs when an
>electromagnetic wave impinges on the nuclei of atoms and flips
>their orientation. nmr is considered a quantum mechanical
>effect because it takes place only if each atom absorbs a
>particular size packet, or quantum, of electromagnetic energy."

NMR is a quantum mechanical process. So is the photon
absorption occurring in your retina as you read this. Neither has
anything whatsoever to do with faster-than-light signalling.

>The full report, on 'quantum flag manifold mapping' by bees, is
>at a long URL in this text file:

><http://www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/beesqml.txt>

>Note: I suspect that many other evolved social insects also use
>it for comms. Having been attacked by tree ants and other types
>fairly often I've never believed the "pheromone" story - they
>react too fast, over too wide an area, and are too concerted in
>their appraisal of my location (and intentions).

Communication between tree ants by radio or by feeler-waving or
by anything (including telepathy) operating at the speed of
light could take place across a swarm 186 miles wide in one
millisecond. You don't need superluminal signalling unless
you've done some pretty fancy experiments.

More to the point, watching flocks of birds or shoals of fish
has convinced many people until recently that this amazing
synchrokinesis implies hidden communication. But studies using
computer simulations show how a few simple rules (like those of
cellular automata) can give rise to flocking behaviour. For
example, you specify three steering rules for each individual,
Separation (steer to avoid crowding local flockmates) Alignment
(steer towards the average heading of local flockmates) and
Cohesion (steer to move toward the average position of local
flockmates) and you get eerie collective behaviour. There're
dozens of web resources, papers and simulations accessible at

<http://www.red3d.com/cwr/boids/>

>It appears that even humans use it - for consciousness and
>perceptions

"Appears" is a long way from "is the case". And humans use what
for what exactly? If you are citing some theory of quantum
consciousness then you need to be more specific. But in order to
be relevant to the matter at hand you also need to show that
this theory requires instantaneous FTL information transfer by
entangled states, and if you can do that you will have produced
something which is not sanctioned by the quantum theory whose
authoritative sanction you seek. There is no place in QT for
FTL signalling by entanglement (but of course that's only
"opinion stuff" coming from countless physicists who are not to
be trusted on account of them being so stupid and so cowed by
vested interests - you probably have a quote somewhere from the
only physicist on the planet who has a contrary opinion, and
that opinion will be your benchmark).

>Quote #3

>"In a new experiment, we replicate the Moutoussis/Zeki paradigm
>in a way that allows these two alternative interpretations to
>be resolved, and which allows statistical test of the
>'microconsciousness' theory. Even isolating those trials in
>which perceptual pairing is confirmed by subject report, we
>find >that the Inequality is violated. We conclude that the
>activity of cells in V5 must indeed depend partly on colour
>input and the activity of cells in V4 partly on motion. Visual
>consciousness must then be considered non-local and
>inseparable: the microconsciousness does not exist."

><http://www.isc.cnrs.fr/FPAR.htm#Duggins>

Bell's Inequalities are violated (according to most contemporary
opinion, though some people would like tiny experimental
loopholes closed further) radically in QT. It is widely held to
be an essentially nonlocal theory, by the same physicists who
will also tell you that FTL signalling is impossible because
locality is not violated in the transfer of information. How is
this?

Because, as I've said numerous times now (once more for luck) quantum communications channels are mixed channels that use both quantum information and classical information (QI and CI). CI is what constitutes a signal, a message. QI does not. The two coexist in the essential causal structure in a way that isn't really understood (which is where the caveat about "future physics" comes in) but the total combined state is somehow a distributed thing. However, being a distributed state is exactly what makes it not a signal.

A signal presupposes the here/now, there/then structure of spacetime. If the world had no local spacetime structure then the concept of a signal would not exist. This is very subtle, but similarly in a distributed theory of consciousness one is saying that the total state nonlocally involves A and B in a way which subsumes and subordinates the idea of a communication from A to B (analogous to parallel rather than serial processing). Your notion that entangled photons can be exploited for instantaneous cosmic signalling and ET eavesdropping between galaxy A and galaxy B is a very old-fashioned sort of fallacy. It presupposes precisely the absence of such a distributed state, and over-emphasises the fact that we, as primitive humans, are locally confined to A then B, on the light cone, which is the reason we need communications in the first place. More profoundly interesting is the implication of QT that there is a distributed quantum state subsuming galaxies A and B. It's a very mysterious thing, and you could even speculate about a nonlocal "quantum macroconsciousness" on this level. But this is something utterly, utterly different from the unworkable (and quaint in comparison) idea of a sort of entanglement radio sending messages across space.

>As A.R. Wallace said "there is no law of nature yet known to us
>but may be apparently contravened by the action of more
>recondite laws or forces" - and we are only just beginning to
>find out how right he was.

"We" are, unfortunately you are not, that's the problem here. I'm afraid those laws and forces are more recondite than you think.

>Fortunately (or not) I don't see the CIA-led NASA/JPL accepting
>your veto, nor Russia, China, Europe or other interested
>parties.

Finally we're back to the ESA quantum encryption experiment: I say again, and for the last time, this is of great interest to all of those parties, and more, but it has nothing to do with FTL communication. You want to continue believing it has, fine, enjoy your club of one. The insult you offer to all of physics, by wilfully reducing its decades of conscientious experimental and theoretical work on QM nonlocality to something as easily dismissable as "my veto" (I say 'wilfully' because the truth of it is not only open to you to discover easily but is actually made available through links recommended on your own web page), is pretty rum. And you rant about suppression!

Martin Shough

"Convictions are more dangerous enemies of truth than lies."
--Nietzsche

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Buckallew

From: Carol Buckallew <clbuckallew.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 12:05:13 -0500
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 07:30:31 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Buckallew

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 17:26:55 +0200
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>Proof in science is an elusive thing, but your argument is like
>>claiming that since you can't prove anything it is equally
>>valid to believe the fossil record or the Bible when it comes to
>>evolution.

>>Or that OJ was innocent, not guilty.

>>Or that UFOs are only a social fantasy construct, not real
>>solid objects.

>>Taking refuge in the 'no proof' argument is a cop-out.

>Thank you, Dick, for saying this much more clearly than I could.
>Of all theories proposed for Roswell to this day, the story of
>handicaped Chinese prisoners brought back from Manchuria for
>horrible tests of irradiation in flight, in New Mexico, aboard
>Horten gliders, does not look like the most plausible one, to
>put it mildly.

>I am curious to see how people are going to react to it in
>Roswell.

>I am curious to see how far this tale is going to go.

Gildas

It's possible when everyone here and researchers of this era are gone people will come to believe it's the truth. Which that's what the people that started this all ready know, unless we can some how get more of the truth out and more often than the other guy.

Carol

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Secrecy News -- 06/18/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 14:00:01 -0400
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 07:31:53 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 06/18/07

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SPOTLIGHT ON SPECIAL FORCES AND INTELLIGENCE

The structure of Army special operations forces, their capabilities and characteristic mission profiles, and the role of intelligence in supporting them are described in a newly disclosed U.S. Army field manual.

There are nine distinct missions for Army special forces, including: unconventional warfare, direct action, counterproliferation, foreign internal defense, psychological operations, and "special activities," which is the DoD euphemism for covert action.

"Special activities fall under Executive Order 12333, United States Intelligence Activities," according to the Army field manual. "They require a presidential finding and congressional oversight. ARSOF [Army Special Operations Forces] conduct them abroad in support of national foreign policy objectives, but in a manner that USG [US Government] participation is neither apparent nor publicly acknowledged."

The 200-page Army field manual, which remains in effect, was issued in 2001. A copy of the unclassified document was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Army Special Operations Forces Intelligence," Field Manual FM 3-05.102, July 2001:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-102.pdf>

The secrecy of DoD special operations has significantly impeded oversight and accountability, reported Seymour Hersh in The New Yorker this week. The Hersh article also said that the Bush Administration had "unilaterally determined after 9/11" that military intelligence operations could be conducted on presidential authority without congressional notification -- notwithstanding the contrary language of the Army field manual.

http://www.newyorker.com/reporting/2007/06/25/070625fa_fact_hersh

The "can do" attitude that characterizes Army and other special operations forces may make them attractive to policy makers, but

it can also be a cause for concern, according to a congressional review of the failed Army Ranger mission in Somalia in 1993 (cited in a 2006 paper by David Tucker and Christopher J. Lamb of National Defense University).

"One of the weaknesses of a unit like Task Force Ranger, whose combat capabilities are unparalleled, is the belief by the unit members and its commanders that they can accomplish any mission."

"Because of the supreme confidence of special operations forces, the chain of command must provide more oversight to this type of unit than to conventional forces."

See "Review of the Circumstances Surrounding the Ranger Raid on October 3-4, 1993 in Mogadishu, Somalia," Senate Armed Services Committee, September 29, 1995:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/1995_rpt/mogadishu.pdf

SENATE SEEKS REPORTS ON ENERGY SECURITY, NUCLEAR WEAPONS POLICY

A bipartisan bill introduced in the Senate would require the Director of National Intelligence to prepare an unclassified report on energy security.

"American dependence on foreign oil has made our Nation less safe," said Sen. Ron Wyden (D-OR) in an introductory statement. "Oil revenues have provided income for dangerous rogue states, they have sparked bloody civil wars, and they have even provided funding for terrorism."

"In a sickening phenomenon that I call the terror tax, every time that Americans drive their cars down to the gas station and fill up at the pump, the reality is that a portion of that money is then turned over to foreign governments that 'backdoor' it over to Islamist extremists, who use that money to perpetuate terrorism and hate."

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/s1613.html

The next administration would be required to conduct a comprehensive review of U.S. nuclear weapons policy and to prepare an unclassified report of its nuclear posture review, according to the 2008 defense authorization act, as marked up by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

The report, which is intended to update the 2001 nuclear posture review (NPR), would have to be submitted in unclassified form in December 2009.

"Although the Secretary of Defense was directed to submit the December 2001 NPR in an unclassified form, unfortunately this never happened," the Senate Committee said.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/congress/2007/sen-npr.html>

DOD UPDATES POLICY ON CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS

To qualify for conscientious objector status and to be granted military discharge on that basis, an individual must oppose all wars, not just a particular war. However, a conscientious objector may still embrace "spiritual warfare" between good and evil, the Department of Defense explained in a new policy instruction.

"An individual who desires to choose the war in which he or she will participate is not a Conscientious Objector under the law. The individual's objection must be to all wars rather than a specific war."

But "a belief in a theocratic or spiritual war between the powers of good and evil does not constitute a willingness to participate in 'war' within the meaning of this Instruction." In other words, it is possible both to be a "spiritual warrior" and a conscientious objector. It is uncertain whether enlisting in spiritual warfare on the side of evil would void this distinction.

See "Conscientious Objectors," Department of Defense Instruction 1300.06, May 5, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/il300_06.pdf

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UK UFO Reports 1999 - 2006

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 00:21:55 +0100
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 07:37:30 -0400
Subject: UK UFO Reports 1999 - 2006

Updated information concerning UFO reports made to the British Ministry of Defence in 1999 - 2006 was posted on the Department's website earlier today:

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 20:16:50 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 10:06:02 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Rudiak

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 15:35:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 09:09:07 -0700
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 02:04:26 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>Hmm, there is another explanation, the real explanation I
>>>>believe, which you do not consider or mention. Pity to miss
>>>>out.

>>>>I have posted on it many times and will not belabor the
>>>>matter
>>>>yet again, it just goes nowhere. This is just an FYI that I
>>>>think you are way off base.

>>>Also, just for the record I found some evidence that in the
>>>very earliest days there was some Official Harassment of type C
>>>(Ufologists getting "too close to the truth") but it merged
>>>with type B (Ufologists treated as subversives) and transformed
>>>into type D.

>>Brad, for those of us who don't know what the "type D"
>>explanation is, could you quickly summarize it? I suspect most
>>List readers don't even know what you two are discussing.

>I would concur with David Rudiak. Even though I have done some
>searching on past UFO UpDates posts where you discuss the
>various types (A, B, and C) it's not entirely clear where and
>why you refer to "B" and "C" transmuted into "D". Would you
>please give us your current opinion and data regarding why and
>how you think option "D" is more accurate than Nick's "A/B"
>scenario?

Brad in a private email explained option "D" (to be a little
over-simplistic for brevity) as the Air Force hating Ufology's
guts because we bother them so much and have humiliated or put
them on the public defensive on occasion, such as what Keyhoe
did in the 50's/60's or what almost happened in 1994 with the
GAO inquiry on Roswell. (Take that for all critics of Ufology
who think we are totally ineffectual wimps.) Thus the Air Force
is out to destroy us through a campaign of public ridicule and a
discrediting of more prominent researchers. It's pure malice.
(Hope I got that right.)

I think A, B, C, and D are all at play at various times. No
doubt at times they hate us, but I also think they often go
after researchers for "C", getting too close to the truth, or
getting too close to something classified (B). Gildas mentioned
Dennis Balthaser's intercept by AFOSI as a fairly recent example
of "C." I think another classic example of "C" in the 1980s was

the William Moore, Paul Bennewitz, Linda Howe affair. Howe ended up getting her cattle mutilation documentary cancelled by HBO, Moore got defrocked and discredited as a double-agent working with his aviary and spying on fellow Ufologists, and Bennewitz got driven insane. Was Bennewitz really observing UFOs (hence "C") or some classified project ("B"). Nobody knows for sure, but AFOSI went after him in a totally ruthless fashion to destroy the man.

Are there other examples? Perhaps. E.g., what better way to discredit a researcher or their research than to plant a hoaxer or create a hoax supported them as genuine that later gets exposed as a hoaxer/hoax or strongly suspected as same? Is this what MJ-12 or Frank Kaufmann were all about? Maybe the recent "Project Serpo" was another example, but I don't think anybody prominent took the bait. They made that story way too preposterous.

David Rudiak

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Re: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist? - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 23:44:07 EDT
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 10:08:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist? - Gates

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:50:15 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Is Uncle Sam a Closet Ufologist?

<brevity snip>

>The mad rush to discredit, Report From Iron Mountain is another
>indication. No matter how one might feel about it, in retrospect
>it is haunting.

The so-called Report From Iron Mountain need not be
discredited! It was bogus from the get go.

The actual author of the report, whose name shows up on it,
Leonard Lewin admitted that he actually wrote it in the 60s,
again he admitted it was a hoax in 1972, then again in the 90s
when the militia folks were going crazy and reprinting it.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Report_From_Iron_Mountain

While it may be haunting, it is satire, i.e. walks like a duck,
quacks like a duck, its no duck!

Cheers,

Robert

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 10:10:43 -0400
Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Rudiak

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 16:21:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick.redfern.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>You are the person probably louder than anyone else on this
>List Dick that over the years has demanded the involvement of
>science in this subject and that the answer lies in the scientific
>method etc. Employ it at its most basic; utilising a principle
>that has been thrown around on this List like confetti over the
>years, namely Occam's razor, and employing it in its most basic
>version - all things being equal, the simplest solution tends
>to be the best one - then which do you think of the two below is
>indeed the simplest solution?

>A. The American government have kept the events of Roswell a
>secret because they show that the American military were
>conducting experiments on live human beings.

>B The American government have kept the events of Roswell a
>secret because beings not from planet earth crashed in the
>desert.

Occam's razor is not only the simplest explanation, but _the
simplest explanation that best conforms to the available
evidence._ Big difference. God being all-knowing and making us
out of mud 6000 years ago is a much simpler explanation than
billions of years of evolution, with all its various lines of
evidence involving physics, astrophysics, chemistry,
biochemistry, genetics, comparative anatomy, etc. But Evolution
through natural selection best fits the pile of evidence that's
been accumulated by science over the last two hundred years.
Evolution wins the Occam's razor contest. God's a loser.

In the case of Roswell, option "A" has a couple of shady,
unnamed, self-admitted counterintelligence people telling a
story contradicted by the historical record (e.g., use of
deformed Chinese survivors of Japanese medical experiments
captured by the Americans - total bunk). Also, the "informants"
cannot establish anything that would indicate that would
actually have any knowledge of the events that they claim, i.e.,
being directly involved or having a documented direct
relationship with somebody who would have been involved.
Further, many aspects of the story directly contradict one
another (was it deformed Chinese or Kamikaze Japanese POW
pilots? - God, it is so hard to keep those informants
revelations straight) and the "explanation" does not fit the
reported testimony of the Roswell case, such as highly anomalous

debris.

Option B has witnesses by the scores to strange debris, alien bodies, and a spacecraft, mostly ordinary people, mostly named, mostly able to document direct involvement by being at Roswell in 1947 or related/friends of same. Many of the witnesses were military people or their families with documented direct involvement or who we know were there: Marcel, Haut, Shirkey, Smith, Henderson, Dubose, to name but a few.

Therefore, IMHO, option B wins hands down in the Occam's razor contest by being the simplest explanation of the two that _best conforms to the available evidence._

David Rudiak

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'Witness To Roswell' Book Review & Details

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 23:27:46 -0700
Fwd Date: Tue, 19 Jun 2007 11:13:46 -0400
Subject: 'Witness To Roswell' Book Review & Details

Review Of Carey & Schmitt's Witness To Roswell

Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt's new book, Witness To Roswell just came out, which I just received from Amazon.com.

As the name attests, the book focuses on witness testimony, and Carey and Schmitt have a slew of new witnesses to report, including a few first-hand accounts of seeing the alien bodies.

There are also a ton of second-hand alien body stories, plus a few to seeing the spacecraft either out at the crash site or in the Hangar 84/P-3 at the base.

The hangar is the focus of many of the accounts, seemingly being the centralized collection point for the debris, craft, and bodies for further processing and transport out of the base.

The number of reports on alien bodies was surprising to me, including several of a live alien. I had no idea there was so much testimony along these lines.

The prize witness is Walter Haut, as most of us know, the Roswell base public information officer, who put out Colonel Blanchard's recovered flying disc press release on July 8, 1947.

Haut in 2002 filled out a notarized affidavit, to be sealed until after his death. Here the affidavit is revealed in full. Haut, as he first did in an oral history with Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser in 2000, reveals seeing the crash object and several small bodies with big heads at Hangar 84, being taken there by Col. Blanchard. This was on Tuesday, July 8 in the afternoon, after the press release had hit the wires.

Haut also reveals first hearing about the Brazel debris field and another crash location 40 miles to the north, where the main craft and bodies were, on Monday afternoon, July 7, after returning to the base from home after the 4th of July weekend.

The northern site had just been found by civilians and rumors of the two sites were beginning to break out in town and on the base.

The following morning at 7:30, Haut attended the senior staff morning meeting where everybody was briefed as to what was happening. Marcel and Cavitt described their findings at the Brazel debris field and Blanchard filled in everybody on the second crash site.

Haut also states Gen. Ramey and Col. Dubose were there, meaning they had flown in from Fort Worth.

Debris was passed around for everybody to handle and nobody could identify it. Much of the meeting was devoted to discussing how to handle the situation and what the public should be told.

Here Haut discusses some of the rationale behind the issuing of the puzzling press release. According to Haut, it was Gen. Ramey's idea to divert public attention away from the closer and more important craft/body site. Haut felt Ramey was just

carrying out orders from the Pentagon.

Haut also states he went out to at least one of the sites and brought back some debris of his own. He was aware of two teams that went out for months afterwards to try to uncover any physical evidence that might have been left behind. Although he doesn't say it, Haut is here providing some corroboration for various tales of debris confiscation afterwards, such as told by Bill Brazel Jr.

Haut's affidavit plus other testimony below revives the crash site 40 miles of north of Roswell where the main craft and bodies were found.

Haut also presents a new timeline of the discovery of the site on July 7, which means recovery began at this site at the same time Marcel and Cavitt were out at the Brazel debris field investigating it.

Another prize eyewitness is Sgt. Frederick Benthall. He was F.B. in Crash At Corona, but here he is identified publicly for the first time (or to me anyway). Benthall was the Army photographer flown in from Washington, taken out to the body site, and who photographed the alien bodies in a tent, with everybody else cleared out.

Corroborating this was a first/second-hand account from an MP at the site, PFC Ed Sain. He stated he was taken out to the site in one of the ambulances and ordered to shoot anybody who tried to enter a particular tent. His son said his father didn't like to talk about it, but had told him he had guarded the bodies in the tent until they were transported to the base.

Sain indicated that another MP, Cpl. Raymond Van Why, had gone out with him to the site. Van Why's widow, Leola, said her husband first talked about it in 1954 when he got out of the service. He told her that he had been a guard at a crash site and had seen the round spacecraft.

Sgt. Homer Rowlette was with the 603rd Air Engineering Squadron. His son Larry and daughter Carlene Green said he told them about it on his deathbed in March 1988. He was part of the cleanup detail sent to the impact site north of Roswell. He handled the infamous "memory foil" described by many others. He described the ship as "somewhat circular" and said he had seen "three little people" with large heads. At least one was alive (just one of the 'live alien' stories).

PFC Rolland Menagh was another MP at the site, according to sons Michael and Rolland Jr. He described the ship as egg-shaped and seamless. Michael recalled him describing three dead bodies. His father said they loaded the ship onto an 18-wheeler and covered it with a tarp. He escorted it in a jeep as they drove it through the center of town to the base and deposited it in a hangar.

This brings us back to Roswell base.

S. Sgt. Earl Fulford saw his close friend, S. Sgt. George Houck, drive off at 5:00 a.m. July 8 in a low-boy truck, which he presumed was to pick up some wreckage, one of his standard duties.

Fulford was an aircraft mechanic who often worked at Hangar 84. During the day civilian mechanics from town kept questioning him about the rumored spaceship with little spacemen. At 4:00 p.m. as he left duty, Fulford saw Houck returning towing a lowboy trailer and carrying a tarped object about the size and shape of a VW Beetle. Houck refused to tell him what was under the tarp, saying he had been ordered not to say. When Fulford tried to get him to talk in the present-day, Houck still refused to talk about it.

There was even more to Fulford's story. The next day he said he was "volunteered" to be part of a work detail of 15-20 men taken out to what we call the Brazel debris field to finish cleaning it up. They were given burlap bags and ordered to pick up anything "not natural".

He described an area hundreds of yards in extent and, like other witnesses, said it was ringed with MPs. He said it had obviously

been cleaned up before, because there wasn't much left, and he could see tire tracks from big trucks that had been there hauling things away. He said he found only 7 pieces, and described picking up and handling, like so many other witnesses, the "memory foil" that returned to its original shape.

When he got back to the base, he was awakened at 2:00 a.m. the next morning and ordered out to Hangar P-3. He was also a forklift operator and was ordered to load a wooden crate, 7 feet square, into an idling C-54. It handled as if whatever was inside weighed very little.

Back at Roswell base, everything centers on Hangar 84/P-3.

Another eyewitness MP, PFC Elias Benjamin, described being ordered to pick up his gun and go out to Hangar P-3 for guard duty on the morning of July 8. He noticed unusually heavy activity around base headquarters.

When he got to the hangar, the officer who had ordered him there was being subdued by MPs. He later found out he had been to the crash site, but when he saw the bodies at the hangar he had flipped out.

Benjamin said he was placed in charge of escorting 3 or 4 bodies covered with sheets to the base hospital. One of them appeared to be moving. One of the sheets slipped and he saw a grayish face and large hairless head of something that wasn't human.

When he got to the hospital and the sheets were removed, he got a much better view of one of the bodies and gave a familiar description of small body, large egg-shaped head, slanted eyes, slit mouth, and two holes for a nose. He thought it was alive and saw the doctors working on it.

Afterwards, he was debriefed, forced to sign a non-disclosure statement, and told if he ever talked about it very bad things would happen to him and his family. He still feared he would lose his pension. His wife, who encouraged him to go public, said he first told her the story in 1949 when they were married.

At the hospital, Miriam 'Andrea' Bush, 27, was a secretary to the hospital administrator Lt. Col. Harold Warne.

According to her brother George and sister Jean, she came home one night in a state of total shock. Finally she said that there were a lot of strange medical personnel at the hospital she didn't recognize.

Later Warne would take her to an examination room and she saw several small childlike bodies. One was moving. (Another live alien story) Their skin was greyish to brown and they were covered in something like white linens. Their heads and eyes were large.

The next day she came home and said nobody was ever to say anything further about it. The family thought she had been very heavily threatened. They said the event so traumatized her that it ruined her life.

She died under suspicious circumstances in 1989, with bruises covering her arms, but ruled a suicide by suffocating herself with plastic bag tied round her head.

It is conceivable that mortician Glenn Dennis' "Nurse X" is based in part on Miriam Bush, who would have been about the right age and physical description.

There are several more MPs described guarding the hangar, to go along with some previous accounts, such as from Sgt. Melvin Brown. Pvt. Francis Cassidy told his wife, Sarah Mounce, of seeing the bodies inside. Wanda Lida said her husband, Cpl. Robert J. Lida, said he guarded the hangar and observed wreckage and small bodies inside being prepared for shipment.

Several more witnesses to the heavily guarded B-29 crate flight from Roswell to Fort Worth are provided.

We already knew about Robert Slusher and 'Tim', here publicly identified as Lloyd Thompson.

One, S. Sgt. Arthur Osepchook, like the other men, was sure something very important was inside the crate. One interesting statement of his is that when they got back to Roswell they were debriefed and told there were no such things as flying saucers and that a crash of one didn't happen.

Two MPs described how they had guarded the plane as it was being loaded over the bomb pit. One described how the pit was wrapped with a double layer of fabric to prevent anyone from seeing in. He had to patrol blind between the inner and outer layer of cloth.

Perhaps the most interesting new B-29 flight account came from Blanche Wahnee, daughter of Capt. Meyers Wahnee. She said her father told the family that the Roswell Incident was true in the last year of his life.

A high-level security officer, he was flown in from Fort Simmons in Colorado to Roswell to oversee the transport of a "Top Secret item" from Roswell to Fort Worth on a special B-29 flight.

The item was a single, large, wooden crate that Wahnee was to accompany as a security guard in the bomb bay. He said it contained the alien bodies recovered near Roswell. As did a few other witnesses in the book, he also said there were three sites.

Three sites? Well of course the Brazel debris field, the body/craft site north of Roswell described by Haut and other witnesses, but what was the third site?

According to Carey and Schmitt, this was yet another body site near the Brazel debris field. The evidence for this is thinner.

There is the Frank Joyce story of Brazel coming to town in a highly stressed state and describing very smelly non-human bodies to him in addition to the large debris field.

They also mention young Dee Proctor, who the Proctor family said was with Brazel when he made his debris field discovery, but also reported he had seen something else that had severely traumatized him. He never said exactly what it was, but he took his mother Loretta to the spot in the 1994 when he thought she might be dying.

C & S say the story of the Brazel debris field had already circulated widely in the Corona area and many ranchers and rancher kids already knew about it before Brazel reported it.

One of these kids was Sydney 'Jack' Wright. He told them that he and two other rancher children had gotten there too. They finally got him to state that, "There were bodies small bodies with big heads and eyes. And Mack was there too. We couldn't get away from there fast enough."

Another perhaps related account came from the widow of Sgt. LeRoy, another MP. She said he was called away one evening to go to a crash site outside of Corona "to help load the bodies."

When he returned home the next morning, he had a horrible stench on his clothes. She burned the clothes, but the horrible smell lingered on his body for another two weeks.

Carey and Schmitt feel that under the circumstances, Jesse Marcel must have seen the bodies too when Brazel took them back to the ranch and debris field.

They cite two witnesses who said Marcel did briefly mention seeing the bodies, one a relative, Sue Marcel Methane, who said he told her shortly before he died in 1986.

Another was Tech Sergeant Hershel Grice, a ground maintenance crew chief, but who also was a member of Marcel's intelligence team. Grice described Marcel as a "straight arrow." (Haut described him to me this way also. Grice said Marcel described the bodies as "white, rubbery figures.")

There are numerous other witness accounts presented in the book, some already well-known in the Roswell literature, some new.

I've covered most of the major new ones here.

One of the more interesting remaining ones came from four sons of Lt. Col. Marion M. Magruder, a legendary WWII Marine aviation commander.

According to them, on his deathbed, he confessed to seeing crash wreckage and a live alien at Wright Field two weeks after the incident in mid-to-late July 1947.

He had just started Air War College at Maxwell Field, Montgomery, Alabama, attended by elite high officers who the various services considered to be the future military leaders.

They were flown up to Wright Field to get their opinion on an urgent matter. They were then told about the recovery of an extraterrestrial spaceship that had crashed near Roswell, examined wreckage, and then were led to another room and shown a surviving alien.

Mike Magruder said his father described the "creature" as under 5 feet tall, "human-like" but with longer arms, larger eyes, and an oversized, hairless head. It had a slit for a mouth and two holes but no appendages for a nose and ears - the standard 'grey' description. There was no question in his mind that it "came from another planet."

A number of other military witness accounts center around rumors running rampant at the base of the flying saucer and bodies, of something very big going on, a lot of security, severe warnings to keep their mouths shut, and the base being in lockdown.

Some examples were other members of the 603rd Air Engineering Squadron that witness Fulford was in.

PFC Eugene C. Helnes:

"It was definitely not a balloon. ...I know fellows who were out at the site to clean it up. All the talk was of a crashed saucer =97 right up to the time that I left the base in mid-1949."

Sgt. Harvie L. Davis:

"Stories were going around, and I don't doubt the people involved. I believe that it was a UFO."

John Bunch:

"Everything was hush-hush. We all knew something was going on, but we didn't know what. A lot of planes were coming in and going out, and the airstrip was shut down for a period. The base went into lockdown, and they checked us real close going in and out."

So there you have it, a whole bunch of witness stories to chew over, including various live alien ones. The description of the main crash object is different here, having changed from a heal-shaped or bat-wing shape into an egg-shape from several witnesses, and also appearing to be a little smaller than previously described.

Haut, e.g., in his affidavit described it as about 15 feet long, and Fulford described the tarped object on the truck as about the size of a VW Beetle.

Alien body descriptions are impressive in their consistency: large heads, large eyes, small bodies, slit for mouths, two holes for nose and ears, usually greyish or brownish.

I am also very impressed with the consistency of the accounts as they often neatly fit together into a cross-corroborating narrative of what happened, which I've tried to indicate in the presentation of the various witness accounts.

It is also hard not to be impressed with the sheer numbers of witnesses that have been compiled. Can all of them be lying? Would a Mogul balloon cause this?

I have some quibbles about the organization and writing up of

some accounts in the book. Tables summarizing witnesses would have been very useful. There are very large numbers of them to keep track of and they are often scattered throughout the book.

However, in general this is a very impressive body of testimony that Carey and Schmitt have collected and has given me a lot of things to think about.

David Rudiak

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From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
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>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 18 Jun 2007 16:21:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 12:47:31 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>>Proof in science is an elusive thing, but your argument is like
>>>claiming that since you can't prove anything it is equally
>>>valid to believe the fossil record or the Bible when it comes
>>>to evolution.

<snip>

>You are the person probably louder than anyone else on this List
>Dick that over the years has demanded the involvement of science
>in this subject and that the answer lies in the scientific
>method etc. Employ it at its most basic; utilising a principle
>that has been thrown around on this List like confetti over the
>years, namely Occam's razor, and employing it in its most basic
>version - all things being equal, the simplest solution tends
>to be the best one - then which do you think of the two below is
>indeed the simplest solution?

>A. The American government have kept the events of Roswell a
>secret because they show that the American military were
>conducting experiments on live human beings.

>B The American government have kept the events of Roswell a
>secret because beings not from planet earth crashed in the
>desert.

Stuart,

This new stab at the Roswell case, coming from you, is not a
surprise to me.

It's a totally-biased argument. Here is my comparison between
your A and B:

A. A fantastic tale of Nick Redfern, with not one named witness,
major flaws and no real paper trail whatsoever to support it;

B. One of the best UFO cases ever studied in depth, with lots of
credible witnesses, and strong evidence of repeated military
cover-up.

Of course, we don't have a public, final proof yet, but that's
the situation for all ufology.

Gildas Bourdais

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Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists - Redfern

Nick Redfern has formatting issues, I think only with this List but possibly with Life as well. Its simply too much work for Errol to sort and so by proxy, I am submitting replies for Nick on his behalf. They are his words and I am simply the messenger but you can shoot the pair of us if you want.

[Nick is still subscribed --ebk]

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 17:48:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 06:46:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>My 2006 book, On The Trail Of The Saucer Spies (Anomalist Books) >>was a full-length study of how and why government, military, >>intelligence and police agencies have spied (and still do spy) >>on elements of the UFO research community.

><snip>

>>However, time and again, I found a couple of central themes to >>the surveillance: namely that it was undertaken because (a) >>intelligence agencies suspected that certain ufologists were >>being duped and hired by overseas intelligence agencies into >>gathering for them classified defense information of a >>specifically non-UFO nature (but while using their UFO research >>as a cover); and (b) because it was suspected that some >>ufologists were using the UFO subject as a way of subtly >>spreading political data of a type that the Intel world had >>concerns about.

><snip>

>Nick has it right, though looking at some of the posts in this >thread I think there's a danger of making a simple issue unduly >complex.

>Many ufologists pay close attention to military bases, military >personnel and military documents. In some circumstances this is >going to bring them to the attention of the authorities, both in >terms of counter-terrorism and counter-intelligence.

>CT and CI aside, there's a third factor to bear in mind when >considering why the authorities may be interested in certain >ufologists, and it relates to straightforward criminal activity.

>To give an example, in the UK there are a small number of >ufologists who have been involved in drug use, drug dealing and >extremist politics. Clearly this in itself may bring them to the >attention of the authorities.

Nick:

Good points. People should also take a look at Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts' latest book *The Flying Saucerers*. This includes the never-before-seen (and officially declassified) British Police 'Special Branch' files on George King, of the Aetherius Society.

Again, the evidence shows that the UFO angle of King's life was the last thing that Special Branch cared about. No let me correct that: Special Branch didn't care at all about the UFOs. But they did care about something that fell within their sphere of interest - but of a far more down to earth nature.

The book tells the whole story, and for anyone who is interested in understanding the saga of why certain Ufologists have been watched, the chapter on King is highly instructive and revealing. The problem, of course, is that certain people in Ufology don't want to hear that they are being watched because of down-to-earth reasons.

Rather, they want to believe that they are being watched because they are getting close to 'the truth' and therefore they have to be monitored or have to be stopped, blah blah, etc etc. It creates a feeling of self-importance.

If someone lacks self-esteem and they believe that the CIA, MI5 (or whoever) is watching them specifically because of their alien pursuits - and that this makes them feel better about themselves and gives them a lofty, feel-good factor - well I suppose it's cheaper than getting therapy.

Nick

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(from Nick Redfern; see previous explanation)

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 17 Jun 2007 17:26:55 +0200
>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>From: Nicholas Redfern <nick_redfern.nul>
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>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 07:44:07 -0700 (PDT)
>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 16 Jun 2007 12:14:47 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: U.S. Spies On Ufologists

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>Thank you, Dick, for saying this much more clearly than I could.
>Of all theories proposed for Roswell to this day, the story of
>handicaped Chinese prisoners brought back from Manchuria for
>horrible tests of irradiation in flight, in New Mexico, aboard
>Horten gliders, does not look like the most plausible one, to
>put it mildly.

>I am curious to see how people are going to react to it in
>Roswell.

>I am curious to see how far this tale is going to go.

Gildas:

How will people react to my 'Body Snatchers' lecture in Roswell?
I would imagine that in the same way that people have reacted to
it in the UFO research arena.

Some will accept the data as having merit, some will not, and
every single one of them will hope it isn't the real story
because it isn't what they want to hear.

You say: 'I am curious to see how far this tale is going to go.'

Well, since you specifically brought up my book again on this
thread, and you specifically brought up on this List the fact
that I am speaking in Roswell about the book, I'd say that as
long as you, Gildas, keep bringing the book to the attention of
the community and all those that might read your posts, and
those who might attend the Roswell gig, 'this tale' is likely to
go on and on!

I'm not going to keep on going over old ground, but I will say

this: a lot more information has come forward since the publication of 'Body Snatchers'.

Such as officially declassified files on a sizeable number of people with various forms of dwarfism who were involved in summer 1947 radiation experiments that were forwarded to the Nuclear Energy for Propulsion of Aircraft people at Oak Ridge. One of these people had Progeria - in other words, they had a small body and a large bald head.

Do you really believe that at the same time that radiation experiments were undertaken on large headed human dwarfs in the US (which we can verify), that large headed alien dwarfs just happened to crash in the US? This would be way too coincidental, and in issues like this, I don't buy coincidences. And neither should you.

I also have some very interesting, new official files on Fort Stanton - an installation very close to where all the Roswell controversy kicked off. Stanton was home to both Japanese POWs in WW2 and also handicapped people.

It was also to Stanton in the late 40s that a young boy (who ultimately died) was taken and who, it was suspected by some in the official world, was the victim of bio-warfare. Guess where he lived: Lincoln County, New Mexico, where the Roswell affair had its roots. These files will most definitely open a lot of people's eyes, and are official files declassified via the FOIA.

More intriguing is that the files on this young boy's death were copied to the heads of the CIA, Atomic Energy Commission, and AFOSI. So don't tell me there wasn't strange experimentation going on in Lincoln County, NM that resulted in human deaths.

Rather than raise your blood pressure even further at this list Gildas, I will alert you when I get the update published (since the new data is highly intriguing, but not book-length, I'll probably self-publish an updated report by next year).

Nick

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