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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 14:36:52 -0300
Fwd Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 09:04:14 -0400
Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide? - Ledger

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 10:01:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 20:10:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:12:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

<snip>

>>Give it up Nick. Of course we're going to go rampaging through
>>the Universe when we're able to, killing and stealing and
>>fighting. Its what we do.

>>Setting your Biblical scenario aside and wiping the slate clean,
>>wouldn't it be real fun if we were the most intelligent species
>>around for billions of light years.

>Well, our budding planetary crusaders had certainly better
>_hope_ that's the case, if they intend to just go on doing "what
>we do".

Hi Mike,

What makes you think what we do is any different than what they
do? Do you have inside information? At any rate Mars is less
than one grain of sand on the beach of the universe. Restricting
ourselves to this one planet is homogenocide and frankly pretty
stuffy thinking.

Don Ledger

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Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:25:46 -0500
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Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 09:47:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 01:52:49 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>I can't say about laboratory documents, but these "drone parts"
>>can be perfectly created using some CGI programs.

>Perhaps, and any of the images probably could be as well. But
>has anyone on this list read/listened to the taped witness
>interviews (with names and backgrounds) that I linked to before?
>These are the ones that have become available since the
>initial "Chad" report which some people assumed must be a hoax.
>I would just like to see someone approach this objectively,
>taking into account all of the reported sightings so far
>(purportedly going back at least to the 80s in various states).

>Could it all be a hoax? Yes. But some ufologists stated that
>there were no eyewitnesses on record with known names and
>backgrounds, and now we have that. I'm talking about other
>eyewitness accounts primarily, not the "Isaac" story so much
>which I'm still more uncertain of at this point.

>Paul

What I would really like to see is some good, non-digital film.
I distrust digital images more and more each day.

Terry

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Re: Mantle To Speak In Roswell - Mantle

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
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>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 18:11:23 +0100
>Subject: Re: Mantle To Speak In Roswell

>>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 17:25:04 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Mantle To Speak In Roswell>

>>My presentation in Roswell will be 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' and
>>will be an in-depth look at this most controversial of films...

>As the film is now admitted by all concerned to be a fake, what
>exactly is controversial about it?

Hi John,

As "all" those involved are not known and Shoefield and Santilli still stand by their original story of how they allegedly came across the film and 'restored' it, I'd like to know how you come to the conclusion that "all" involved have admitted is was a fake?

For example, Volker Spielberg is the money man in the whole Alien Autopsy affair but I have seen no statement of admission from him.

I met with Santilli and Shoefield just recently and they still stand by their story, they even showed me frames of film with image. I cannot vouch for the authenticity of these frames but they are still adamant that they met a former US military cameraman and bought film from him.

The full details of this will be in the next issue of UFO DATA magazine.

There are those who still support the authenticity of the film and those who are of the opinion that it is one big fake. As yet neither camp can conclusively prove their point.

There are those who have accused me personally of helping to fake it, of even being an 'accomplice'. If that is not controversial enough for you it is for me.

With the greatest of respect John may I suggest you read my book 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' and then study the history of this film and then tell me it's not controversial.

Regards,

Philip Mantle.
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UFO Alien-ation Suit
'Give Me Back My Space Junk'
By James Fanelli

Here's a space suit NASA might find interesting.

An internationally known UFO expert is suing to get his X-files back from a Staten Island woman who he says is greedily holding them for a \$100,000 ransom.

Paranormal author and columnist Antonio Huneus claims Esther Carroll reneged on an initial deal to sell him 160 boxes of his alien research and UFO photos for \$6,000, according to a lawsuit filed June 5 in Staten Island Supreme Court.

"I want my stuff back," the intergalactic investigator told The Post from his Fairfax, Va., home.

"It's all my personal belongings and research materials. She's already made five times her investment."

Carroll acquired the materials after Huneus failed to pay his tab at Brooklyn Storage Mart, where he'd been housing the items for two years.

Carroll's son bid \$275 on the boxes when the storage facility auctioned them off on May 17.

The suit says Carroll agreed to part with the files - which range from declassified documents to a campy photo of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton holding an E.T.-like infant - for \$6,000.

Huneus wired Carroll \$4,000, and said he would pay the other \$2,000 once he inspected his belongings, the lawsuit says.

But after the first payment, she called off the deal and upped her asking price to an astronomical \$100,000, he claims.

Carroll, 65, who lives off Social Security in a trailer park near the Goethals Bridge, told The Post she agreed to sell Huneus only an oil painting, seven first-edition books, and clothes from his storage bin.

"I'll be honest with you: I'm after the money," said Carroll, who has held onto the \$4,000 Huneus gave her. "I don't know about UFO stuff, neither do I want the stuff."

Huneus does know. The Chilean-born journalist said he once had a close encounter in the Andes when he saw lights flashing in the sky.

"I do believe there is alien life in the universe," he said.

Carroll believes Huneeus has got enough scratch to cover the \$100,000 sale price, and relayed this message to him: "Give me your money, take your crap, and go fight the UFO government."

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>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>What I would really like to see is some good, non-digital film.
>I distrust digital images more and more each day.

As well you should. Every aspect of a digital image can be easily manipulated with cheap (or free) software today. Images can be completely created.

Unlike film, there is no negative to serve as a record of the original form of the image.

We must realize that digital images have very little evidentiary value.

Bob Shell

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2002 SEALED AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER G. HAUT

DATE: December 26, 2002

WITNESS: Chris Xxxxxx

NOTARY: Beverlee Morgan

(1) My name is Walter G. Haut

(2) I was born on June 2, 1922

(3) My address is 1405 W. 7th Street, Roswell, NM 88203

(4) I am retired.

(5) In July, 1947, I was stationed at the Roswell Army Air Base in Roswell, New Mexico, serving as the base Public Information Officer. I had spent the 4th of July weekend (Saturday, the 5th, and Sunday, the 6th) at my private residence about 10 miles north of the base, which was located south of town.

(6) I was aware that someone had reported the remains of a downed vehicle by midmorning after my return to duty at the base on Monday, July 7. I was aware that Major Jesse A. Marcel, head of intelligence, was sent by the base commander, Col. William Blanchard, to investigate.

(7) By late in the afternoon that same day, I would learn that additional civilian reports came in regarding a second site just north of Roswell. I would spend the better part of the day attending to my regular duties hearing little if anything more.

(8) On Tuesday morning, July 8, I would attend the regularly scheduled staff meeting at 7:30 a.m. Besides Blanchard, Marcel; CIC [Counterintelligence Corp] Capt. Sheridan Cavitt; Col. James I. Hopkins, the operations officer; Lt. Col. Ulysses S. Nero, the supply officer; and from Carswell AAF in Fort Worth, Texas, Blanchard's boss, Brig. Gen. Roger Ramey and his chief of staff, Col. Thomas J. Dubose were also in attendance. The main topic of discussion was reported by Marcel and Cavitt regarding an extensive debris field in Lincoln County approx. 75 miles NW of Roswell. A preliminary briefing was provided by Blanchard about the second site approx. 40 miles north of town. Samples of wreckage were passed around the table. It was unlike any material I had or have ever seen in my life. Pieces which resembled metal foil, paper thin yet extremely strong, and pieces with unusual markings along their length were handled from man to man, each voicing their opinion. No one was able to identify the crash debris.

(9) One of the main concerns discussed at the meeting was

whether we should go public or not with the discovery. Gen. Ramey proposed a plan, which I believe originated from his bosses at the Pentagon. Attention needed to be diverted from the more important site north of town by acknowledging the other location. Too many civilians were already involved and the press already was informed. I was not completely informed how this would be accomplished.

(10) At approximately 9:30 a.m. Col. Blanchard phoned my office and dictated the press release of having in our possession a flying disc, coming from a ranch Northwest of Roswell, and Marcel flying the material to higher headquarters. I was to deliver the news release to radio stations KGFL and KSWB, and newspapers the Daily Record and the Morning Dispatch.

(11) By the time the news release hit the wire services, my office was inundated with phone calls from around the world. Messages stacked up on my desk, and rather than deal with the media concern, Col Blanchard suggested that I go home and "hide out."

(12) Before leaving the base, Col. Blanchard took me personally to Building 84 [AKA Hangar P-3], a B-29 hangar located on the east side of the tarmac. Upon first approaching the building, I observed that it was under heavy guard both outside and inside. Once inside, I was permitted from a safe distance to first observe the object just recovered north of town. It was approx. 12 to 15 feet in length, not quite as wide, about 6 feet high, and more of an egg shape. Lighting was poor, but its surface did appear metallic. No windows, portholes, wings, tail section, or landing gear were visible.

(13) Also from a distance, I was able to see a couple of bodies under a canvas tarpaulin. Only the heads extended beyond the covering, and I was not able to make out any features. The heads did appear larger than normal and the contour of the canvas suggested the size of a 10 year old child. At a later date in Blanchard's office, he would extend his arm about 4 feet above the floor to indicate the height.

(14) I was informed of a temporary morgue set up to accommodate the recovered bodies.

(15) I was informed that the wreckage was not "hot" (radioactive).

(16) Upon his return from Fort Worth, Major Marcel described to me taking pieces of the wreckage to Gen. Ramey's office and after returning from a map room, finding the remains of a weather balloon and radar kite substituted while he was out of the room. Marcel was very upset over this situation. We would not discuss it again.

(17) I would be allowed to make at least one visit to one of the recovery sites during the military cleanup. I would return to the base with some of the wreckage which I would display in my office.

(18) I was aware two separate teams would return to each site months later for periodic searches for any remaining evidence.

(19) I am convinced that what I personally observed was some type of craft and its crew from outer space.

(20) I have not been paid nor given anything of value to make this statement, and it is the truth to the best of my recollection.

Signed: Walter G. Haut
December 26, 2002

Signature witnessed by:
Chris XXXXXXX

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Re: A Martian Genocide? - Miller

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 15:50:14 +0100
Posted Here: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 17:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide? - Miller

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 10:01:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 20:10:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:12:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

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>>If we work on the canvas that you have painted above, then
>>surely the degree of displacement or sense of violation that
>>Martian macrobes or microbes would feel would depend upon their
>>sentient awareness. And if there is none, then I would struggle
>>to find fault with the act of Man setting foot on Mars. Indeed
>>it could even be viewed as a positive step in that a resource
>>"designed" or intended for use - a planet - was being employed.

>Well, I guess now we need only develop a sentiency meter. Paging
>Mr. Turing!

I do not disagree with your sentiment. I think Nick's approach
is impractical.

>Perhaps you struggle to find fault with human behavior in
>general. Insert "oil" for "a planet" in the above to arrive at
>the Exxon-Mobil theory of planetary stewardship.

>You say, and I agree, that our survival depends on finding
>habitat elsewhere. Consider *why* that has become necessary.

I presume by your petroleum company comments that you are
inferring that we will have to exit stage left because we are
screwing this place up. That however is not necessarily the
case. It might be that we detect a massive asteroid heading our
way or the magnetic poles go haywire or there is some other
calamity that besets us. While I am no great defender of the
human race, it might be that we have to leave through no fault
of our own.

The most probable scenario however is that we will choose to
leave or to colonise as opposed to having to. And the reason for
that will likely not be altruistic or for the long term benefit
of mankind but because of the usual reasons that drive the human
spirit; greed. Private space development is going to race ahead
and in probably under 30 years, the moon and accessible
asteroids are going to be mined for their mineral content in
order to feed the on going endless demand for energy and other
activities on this planet. Which really is what you're
complaining about in the first place I guess.

We know we have it within ourselves to do better but because of

our commercial/political/social structures, we don't. What will make us less selfish and possibly more universally acceptable will be a massive, Reagan like sudden jolt that makes us all wake up and realise the errors of our ways. Perhaps Drake was originally right and extraterrestrial intelligence is everywhere except that when we started to develop, knowing how we'd turn out, the neighbourhood emptied. Perhaps Mars was once inhabited and they left because they knew we'd soon come a'calling.

If you have an answer to this, I'd be interested in hearing it. But its too glib and too easy to blame the politicians or the stock market. We need to accept personal responsibility

Stuart

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Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 10:15:53 -0700
Archived: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 17:44:47 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 09:20:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:25:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>What I would really like to see is some good, non-digital film.
>>I distrust digital images more and more each day.

>As well you should. Every aspect of a digital image can be
>easily manipulated with cheap (or free) software today. Images
>can be completely created.

>Unlike film, there is no negative to serve as a record of the
>original form of the image.

>We must realize that digital images have very little evidentiary
>value.

Bob, Terry, et al,

As evidence of 'UFO art' or how easy it is to create an alleged
image of a ET craft, here are two examples...

Both were done in less then 15 minutes, which includes taking
separate pics for the final product.

The first one in actuality is a model of the Enterprise (Star
Trek) and can be found here:

<http://tinyurl.com/3d9ct8>

The second is in fact my shower-head and can be seen here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2tv95u>

A digital image on it's face without supporting evidence
is meritless.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: A Martian Genocide? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 11:26:51 -0600
Archived: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 17:46:08 -0400
Subject: e: A Martian Genocide?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 14:36:52 -0300
>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

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>>>Give it up Nick. Of course we're going to go rampaging through
>>>the Universe when we're able to, killing and stealing and
>>>fighting. Its what we do.

>>>Setting your Biblical scenario aside and wiping the slate clean,
>>>wouldn't it be real fun if we were the most intelligent species
>>>around for billions of light years.

>>Well, our budding planetary crusaders had certainly better
>>_hope_ that's the case, if they intend to just go on doing "what
>>we do".

>What makes you think what we do is any different than what they
>do? Do you have inside information? At any rate Mars is less
>than one grain of sand on the beach of the universe. Restricting
>ourselves to this one planet is homogenocide and frankly pretty
>stuffy thinking.

Hi Don,

If what they do is no different than what we do, I think we can
consider the Fermi Paradox pretty well resolved... don't hold
your breath waiting for someone to show up.

I say again, consider how and why it is that remaining here
would be "homogenocide". Dispense with the trivial point that
Earth will eventually become uninhabitable by 'natural' causes,
e.g., the red giant phase of our sun or some other nearby
cataclysm. This is true of all planets, if not most of
interstellar space. Is it not clear that the predicament for
human civilization has much more immediacy than that?

By every measure, as a species we have been rushing headlong
away from equilibrium with our ecosystem. Is there some reason
to think that our arrival on a new planet is going to change
that? From the viewpoint of intelligent beings already present

(whether indiginous or not), which term do you suppose applies: migration, or infection?

If you assume (I do not) that 'they' are essentially similar to us in both attitude and behavior, we can certainly expect the equivalent of a fogging with insecticide if we make bold to expand our borders, and probably even if we stay put. Just ask your local endangered species.

That "stuffy" enough?

Mike

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Archived: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 17:47:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantle To Speak In Roswell - Yturria

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: ufoupdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 10:40:17 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Mantle To Speak In Roswell

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 18:11:23 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Mantle To Speak In Roswell

>>>From: Philip Mantle<philip.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 17:25:04 +0200 (CEST)
>>>Subject: Mantle To Speak In Roswell>

>>>My presentation in Roswell will be 'Alien Autopsy Inquest' and
>>>will be an in-depth look at this most controversial of films...

>>As the film is now admitted by all concerned to be a fake, what
>>exactly is controversial about it?

>Hi John,

>As "all" those involved are not known and Shoefield and Santilli
>still stand by their original story of how they allegedly came
>across the film and 'restored' it, I'd like to know how you come
>to the conclusion that "all" involved have admitted is was a fake?

>For example, Volker Spielberg is the money man in the whole
>Alien Autopsy affair but I have seen no statement of admission
>from him.

>I met with Santilli and Shoefield just recently and they still
>stand by their story, they even showed me frames of film with
>image. I cannot vouch for the authenticity of these frames but
>they are still adamant that they met a former US military
>cameraman and bought film from him.

>The full details of this will be in the next issue of UFO DATA
>magazine.

>There are those who still support the authenticity of the film
>and those who are of the opinion that it is one big fake. As yet
>neither camp can conclusively prove their point.

>There are those who have accused me personally of helping to
>fake it, of even being an 'accomplice'. If that is not
>controversial enough for you it is for me.

>With the greatest of respect John may I suggest you read my book
>'Alien Autopsy Inquest' and then study the history of this film
>and then tell me it's not controversial.

Philip,

With all due respect I agree with John Rimmer.

The Alien Autopsy Film controversy ended with the confession of

both Santilli and Schoefield plus their accomplices in the fraud John Humphreys and the fourth one whose name I don't remember. All of them appeared on public TV confessing the hoax including the faked cameraman interview with such cynicism its clear they should not be trusted in any way ever again.

Their 'restoration' is as false as the film itself and I don't think there is now a single individual who still believes what this couple claim. Santilli and Shoefield committed a fraud for money and that's a fact that can't be denied.

I've seen the film frames that you mentioned, two frames actually. One is a poor quality blurred image saturated in blue color of an alleged autopsy room where the alleged alien's head is almost visible. I find this image very similar if not identical to the black and white faked film but just blurred and colored blue. Very bad evidence if this is intended to prove anything at all.

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Santiago,

I believe you are complaining to the wrong person, or perhaps you're just tired of the AA 'film' and what's it's done to ufology during the past decade.

There is no indication that Philip has any faith in anything that Ray Santilli has to say, but it's true that Ray is still trying to cling to his fantasy. Wouldn't it be good for someone to publish an overview of the entire matter?

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Steve

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I can hardly believe what I'm reading: People are still
discussing AA, and want to re-open a discussion here?

The AA film is a piece of garbage (as I've said since I first
saw it many years ago), and taking it seriously or semi-
seriously damages ufology. You should discuss this subject with
other believers somewhere else.

Linking AA with ufology is like linking the Hale-Bopp comet and
serious astronomers with that Heaven's Gate suicide cult. There
is no connection except that the comet prompted a few idiots to
self-destruct.

Don't degrade ufology.

Is this your objective? It sounds like it...

Dave Morton

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Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 02:07:35 EDT
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 07:40:43 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 09:20:04 -0400
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:25:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

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>can be completely created.

>Unlike film, there is no negative to serve as a record of the
>original form of the image.

>We must realize that digital images have very little evidentiary
>value.

Bob, Listers,

We should distrust digital images. As we should distrust film as well. Look at Santilli and the AA which he admitted to faking, along with other. Even though he admits faking it, we have idiots who continue to cling on to the theory that its real.

The bottom line to images, whether digital, film, video or movies is that it should be thoroughly investigated, examined, as well as the witness story and any confirming witnesses. The key word is investigate. Unlike some researchers who hear a story, or receive a package and promptly regurgitate it all over the internet and talk radio without a careful investigation.

Cheers,

Robert

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Gates

From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 02:24:51 EDT
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 07:45:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Gates

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: ufoupdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 10:40:17 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Mantle To Speak In Roswell

<snip>

>As "all" those involved are not known and Shoefield and Santilli
>still stand by their original story of how they allegedly came
>across the film and 'restored' it, I'd like to know how you come
>to the conclusion that "all" involved have admitted is was a fake?

Philip,

As I recall when the word "restore" is used, what they allegedly did was the 'real' film was supposedly to garbaged up to be useable so they went out and "recreated" the film.

If I go out and "recreate" the lunar landing movies, it still doesn't make the film I made real. Only a recreation at best and a hoax/fake at worst. The manequin female dummies at the department store which model clothing are a 'recreation' but they are still fake.

>For example, Volker Spielberg is the money man in the whole
>Alien Autopsy affair but I have seen no statement of admission
>from him.

Recall that Ray claimed that what we know as the "recreated" film was the real deal back in the 90s. It wasn't. He claimed Volker wouldn't let him do this or do that. Now we find out that Volker was allegedly the money man, and we still don't know if there is any truth to that story.

Even if Ray was so concerned about all this that he wanted to put everything to rest and released the so called lousy film, which allegedly was the basis for the recreated film, it will be less resolution, we still won't be able to prove anything and all we are left with is yet and again another story told by Ray Santelli.

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Robert

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1997 - Civilians Not Military Investigate UFOs

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 07:52:50 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 07:52:50 -0400
Subject: 1997 - Civilians Not Military Investigate UFOs

Source: U.S. Department Of Defence

<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=3D40978>

April 8, 1997

Civilians, Not Military Investigate UFOs
By Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, April 8, 1997 =96 Mass suicide in San Diego has rekindled interest in UFOs, but people should not look to the Pentagon for answers. The military no longer serves as the nation's UFO-busters.

Thirty-nine Heaven's Gate cult members reportedly believed they were leaving their earthly bodies to reawaken aboard a UFO traveling in the Hale-Bopp comet's wake. In the past, investigating UFOs was up to the U.S. Air Force. From 1947 to 1969, Project Blue Book at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, investigated 12,618 sightings. All but 701 were explained. The remainder were categorized as "unidentified" because they involved sketchy reports that could not be nailed down, said Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon.

The public was often skeptical of Air Force explanations attributing UFO sightings to swamp gas, weather balloons or other natural phenomena. Pentagon officials repeatedly denied allegations the military had evidence of extraterrestrial visits. A 1950s report from Roswell, N.M., for example, claimed military officials had recovered alien corpses from a UFO crash site.

These allegations simply are not true, Bacon said at a recent Pentagon press briefing. "We cannot substantiate the existence of UFOs, and we are not harboring the remains of UFOs," he said. "I can't be more clear about it than that."

After investigating UFO reports for more than two decades, Air Force officials reached three conclusions: No UFO reported, investigated or evaluated was ever a threat to national security; none of the unidentified sightings represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of modern scientific knowledge; and there was no evidence unidentified sightings were extraterrestrial vehicles.

Finding no national security threat and no evidence of extraterrestrial visits, Air Force officials terminated Project Blue Book. "It just was not a good way to use taxpayers' money," Bacon said. UFO reports are now routed to private organizations, he said.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 08:04:26 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 08:04:26 -0400
Subject: Abduction Conditioning

Source: Grant Cameron's UFO Blog

<http://presidentialufo.com/UFOblog.html>

July 1, 2007

Abduction Conditioning

PIXAR's 'Lifted' is released.

Last night, June 30th, I sat in a full theatre of kids to see the new 5 minute short just released by Disney/PIXAR Animation Studios.

It is the story of an alien in training, as he attempts his first abduction of a human sleeping in the upstairs of a lonely country house.

While his alien instructor agonized in pain over what was happening, the kids in the theatre roared with laughter at every move.

The piece was amazingly funny, and it led me to carefully watch the reaction of the children around me. Would they now be willing to accept abduction as just another part of life to be laughed at, rather than the terror that has been used so often in UFO abduction books to describe the phenomena?

My conclusion - they loved it and so will you. Be sure to see it along with Ratatouille which is the movie it proceeds.

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From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 08:13:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Kaeser

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Thank you David. I saw your copy a while back and forwarded the
link out to others. It's an important document, but I fear it
won't have great impact without additional supporting

documentation (which is going to be difficult if not impossible).

Looks like an interesting Roswell Anniversary.

Steve

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Same here. But again though, the additional eyewitness accounts are not even being discussed... the images are only part of the story here.

Paul

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Warren

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 08:23:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Warren

Fellow Listers,

>Extracted from:

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<snip>

I would like to make it clear, that the following views are mine alone.

First I question how the affidavit was done in regard to Walter's declaration.

When Dennis & Wendy interviewed Walter in 2000, he was often confused and had difficulty remembering various things during the session(s); in my unprofessional opinion it appeared to me he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's and/or dementia.

That said, he did in fact (in response to a question) answer in the affirmative regarding seeing (substantial) wreckage and or bodies.

I haven't viewed the tape recently, and am relying on my written notes from when I did, but will be reviewing it again today. According to my notes, I counted 4 times where he said he didn't see anything!

During an appearance on Larry King in 2003, Walter, again, appeared very confused and in this instance could not finish the segment. Prior to unexpectedly exiting the interview, King asked, "Did you, Walter, ever see any of the wreckage?"

Walter replied, "No."

As one can see the affidavit which no doubt was signed by Walter Haut was written in a very clear and concise manner including times, dates, names etc. From what I have seen myself e.g., the interview by Wendy & Dennis, as well as the public appearance, albeit brief, this was a man that would have much difficulty - to be polite - in accomplishing this task.

So, I am very curious as to how this declaration was performed; was it prepared by someone else - perhaps Schmitt - and Walter just signed it? Were questions asked in sequence, and he answered them? I think this paramount in evaluating the worth of the affidavit.

Obviously, placing Ramey in Roswell on the 8th is monumental, and most certainly needs to be looked into, again.

Finally, for clarity, I don't question the fact that an extraterrestrial craft/s was recovered, i.e., the Roswell Incident, or the post cover-up; I question Walter's involvement

regarding his seeing wreckage himself, and or bodies;
furthermore, given his own contradictory statements regarding
his actually seeing wreckage and or bodies, in my view, the
affidavit that is now on the table doesn't carry much weight.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 13:15:26 +0100
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 08:25:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Jones

Good afternoon All

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
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Respectfully John, I disagree.

I think that investigating cases like this to final degree shows that there are dedicated ufologists out there who will root out the fakes/falsehoods/lies/scams. That in my opinion gives a better impression than trying to cover up and forget about such matters.

Regards

Sean Jones

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Perhaps, but I'm not convinced that it will go down quietly. I would note that the Dec and Ant film about the Alien Autopsy was not released in North America. It's available in Great Britain on DVD, but not sold to US customers and has European encoding.

As you know, most of ufology become cyclical, with new people coming into the fold along with a repetition of arguments and theories. Ray Santilli still has more video that he's 'hoaxed' (or re-created, if you want to be kind and I'm not of that ilk, per se) and this would actually sell fairly well to a limited audience, even if it were stated up front that it was probably hoaxed.

Philip was one of the key people to bring Ray Santilli's 'film' to the public's attention, and he's been involved in this from the beginning. While some have damned him for bringing this mess to the table, he's been doggedly trying to get to the bottom of it and not jump to conclusions based on belief and faith.

It's been easy to pick the 'film' and Ray Santilli apart, and one would think that the movie released last year would have shown most people the true story of the 'film'. But that new generation of Internet UFO researchers is coming on-line and they are ripe for hype.

One hopes there's enough negative information about the AA 'film' to relegate it to an interesting side note.

Steve

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The Cloud of Time Travel

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 09:39:40 -0400
Subject: The Cloud of Time Travel

I believe many ufologists suffer the limitation that industry and technology impose on professionals with their over-specialization of job descriptions and compartmentization of need-to-know security parametering.

Only in ufologist's case it's self-imposed. The thinking seems to be, let's pound the proof out of this before we go to the next sighting report. This thinking carries its own limitations, it prevents acquiring overview, context and any comfort in feeling free to speculate.

Speculation is of absolute necessity when one is confronted by anomaly. Ever notice the constant hangers-on and their preoccupation with assualting anyone that starts looking for something outside the box... something that might draw some meaning into the equation, if just to fashion a direction to go for fresh inquiry?

I will give you a problematic deductive carry that is astoundingly simple to make once you breathe in deeply enough for more oxygen to get to your brain. I do so not to be insulting but to offer an obvious consideration all of you seem remote from making, yet something that could be a leading reason so little resolution is ever reached in the field of ufology (taking this deductive carry a little further.)

If any of you have ever pondered the possibility time travel will ever exist, anytime, thousands of years hence, remote to our little place in one of a billions of suns or, galaxies removed elsewhere, coming to us constantly from points of origins of light we will not detect before our sun dies.

If it is, this thing we call time travel, in the least remotely possible, it is with us now.

Chew on that.

JCH

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law and suspect, moreover, that you will abstain from every huff to
which you are entitled out of pure graciousness and gentility. No
good deed goes unpunished, as you know.

That said, and I'll bow pretty graciously to the rights of any idiot with a keyboard and a broadband pipe (explains _me_ you see?), but I'm amazed that he is not shut down out of hand for some pretty egregious violations of reasonable netiquette issues.

I mean, maybe 'everybody' doesn't want 'everybody' to have their E-mail address, which is a little like unprotected cybersex, eh? Stuff seeps in around the edges and your V-ware better be on its toes? Moreover, persons may want to have their permission _secured_ before being thrown into that identificational canola-oil party... unasked. I'd think, and verily! Plain has been the protest transmitted in the same "permissionless network" and is subsequently ignored seemingly out of hand! Ouch.

Is it that the 'network' recognizes Mr. Martinez as doing the 'best he can' with the limited technology he's using and that his contribution is essential enough for it to _overlook_ a lack of 'best practice' - in fact dangerous and off-putting - in an implementation of a simple message board.

Nothing else seems to explain a continuance for my money. Lastly, all respect to Victor Martinez... it just seems odd. I'd have thought that were it me there would be a rail, hot tar and feathers involved... and there is none such.

Your performance lo these many years, on the other hand Dr. Rudiak, is credited with solid scholarship, intellectual consistency, incisive research producing at _least_ one bona fide smoking gun (memo work)... gets music videos produced in its honor.

To further embarrass you (tough), here's the URL -- Original music and visuals, Rudiak Rides Again:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D-lIhWUEeXI>

"Hah-ha" [Simpson's "Hah-ha" kid]

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Roswell On BBC World Service Audio

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 15:50:04 +0100
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:06:14 -0400
Subject: Roswell On BBC World Service Audio

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/newshour/>

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Isn't That Queer?

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 10:20:39 -0500
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:34:23 -0400
Subject: Isn't That Queer?

Isn't That Queer?

"...What are his chances; does he pretend (?) sweet liberty's restored to him ever again?"

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:29:03 +0100
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:36:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Rimmer

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 13:15:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 23:46:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

><snip>

>>I totally agree. But wouldn't it be better if everyone,
>>including Philip, just stopped giving "the oxygen of publicity"
>>to this case, allowing it to decline into the obscurity it so
>>richly deserves?

>Respectfully John, I disagree.

>I think that investigating cases like this to final degree shows
>that there are dedicated ufologists out there who will root
>out the fakes/falsehoods/lies/scams. That in my opinion gives a
>better impression than trying to cover up and forget about such
> matters.

I'm not saying that Philip shouldn't have investigated the case
and done the excellent detective work he has. I'm just saying
that now the facts are settled to the satisfaction of nearly
everyone (except the 'money men' of course) can't we just leave
this one in the dusty antechamber of ufology, cough politely and
talk about something else when anyone mentions it, rather like
one deals with the mad relative in the attic?

--

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 12:36:27 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:39:07 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 02:07:35 EDT
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 09:20:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:25:46 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>>What I would really like to see is some good, non-digital film.
>>>I distrust digital images more and more each day.

>>As well you should. Every aspect of a digital image can be
>>easily manipulated with cheap (or free) software today. Images
>>can be completely created.

>>Unlike film, there is no negative to serve as a record of the
>>original form of the image.

>>We must realize that digital images have very little evidentiary
>>value.

>Bob, Listers,

>We should distrust digital images. As we should distrust film as
>well. Look at Santilli and the AA which he admitted to faking,
>along with other. Even though he admits faking it, we have
>idiots who continue to cling on to the theory that its real.

>The bottom line to images, whether digital, film, video or
>movies is that it should be thoroughly investigated, examined, as
>well as the witness story and any confirming witnesses. The key
>word is investigate. Unlike some researchers who hear a story,
>or receive a package and promptly regurgitate it all over the
>internet and talk radio without a careful investigation.

This is merely re-stating what I learned over 20 years ago from
intensive investigation of the McMinnville photo case: A photo a
UFO does not make.

And this applies to film and video, but film and video at least
raise the bar for hoaxing - makes it more difficult. However,
with 'this digital stuff we can have George Bush and Hillary
standing on the same stage with victory sign indicating that
George is VP under Hillary as President. Sounds like something
we might see in the Weekly World News.

Investigation is paramount!

And the better you learn that the sooner off you'll be!!

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Secrecy News -- 07/02/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 13:00:02 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:40:44 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/02/07

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ANOTHER LOOK AT THE VP'S CLASSIFICATION AUTHORITY

The White House press office and some Bush Administration critics are insisting that the 2003 executive order on classification policy endowed the Vice President with a unique status and classification powers identical to those of the President himself.

But that's not what the executive order says.

"In this executive order the President is saying that the Vice President is not different than him," said White House press secretary Dana Perino on June 25.

"The executive order on classified national security information -- Executive Order 12958 as amended in 2003 -- makes it clear that the Vice President is treated like the President and distinguishes the two of them from 'agencies'," wrote David Addington, the Vice President's chief of staff in a June 26 letter to Senator Kerry.

Similarly, New York Times columnist and Bush critic Frank Rich wrote yesterday that in 2003 "every provision [in the executive order] that gave powers to the president over classified documents was amended to give the identical powers to the vice president."

Mr. Rich claimed that "this unprecedented increase in vice-presidential clout" has "special importance" for understanding the Iraq war, the Valerie Plame case and more.

"By giving Mr. Cheney the same classification powers he had, Mr. Bush gave his vice president a free hand to wield a clandestine weapon: he could use leaks to punish administration critics," wrote Mr. Rich.

From an opposing political perspective, Byron York of the National Review wrote last year that the revised executive order constituted an "enormously consequential expansion of vice-presidential power."

More soberly, the Congressional Research Service reported in a memo to Rep. Henry Waxman that "Among the modifications made by the new [executive] order were the vesting of the vice president with authority coequal to that of the President to security classify information originally."

And I myself wrote in Secrecy News last year that the language of the 2003 executive order "dramatically elevates the Vice President's classification authority to that of the President."

On closer examination, none of this appears to be correct.

The text of the 2003 executive order does not grant any new classification authority to the Vice President beyond that which he already possessed as one of some two dozen officials authorized by the President to classify information originally at the Top Secret level. Like those other officials, the Vice President was already authorized to classify information within the scope of the executive order, and to delegate his authority to others. No additional classification powers were provided in the new order.

A line by line comparison of the Bush executive order with the prior order, indicating what was added and what was deleted in 2003, shows that every classification authority granted to the Vice President was also granted to other agency heads, such as the Secretary of Defense or the Secretary of State, and was also possessed by the Vice President himself in the past.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/bush/eo13292inout.html>

Mr. Addington and the White House press office argue that the mere juxtaposition of references to the President and the Vice President in the text of the 2003 Bush order -- such as in section 1.3(a)(1) -- somehow translates into new status for the Vice President. But again, no such status or new authority is articulated in the order.

To the contrary, the Director of the Information Security Oversight Office, who is charged by the President with implementing and overseeing the executive order, concluded that an interpretation of the order which treats the Office of the Vice President as entirely distinct from other executive branch entities is not consistent with a "plain text reading," as he wrote to the Attorney General.

Fundamentally, the Vice President's classification authority is not and cannot be identical to that of the President. The President's authority is inherent, stemming from his status as commander in chief of the armed forces; the Vice President's authority is derivative. Likewise, and for the same reason, the President can alter the provisions of the executive order at a moment's notice; the Vice President cannot.

TALON DATABASE COMPLIED WITH LAW, IG SAYS

The Department of Defense TALON database of threat information that compiled information on U.S. persons involved in domestic protests was implemented in compliance with U.S. law, a review by the DoD Inspector General concluded. However, some of the raw information was improperly retained in violation of a DoD directive, the IG said in an extensive new report.

See "The Threat and Local Observation Notice (TALON) Report Program," DoD Inspector General, June 27, 2007 (flagged by Sabrina Pacifici at BeSpacific.com):

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

HABEAS CORPUS RESTORATION ACT ADVANCES

The Senate Judiciary Committee last week issued a report on the Habeas Corpus Restoration Act, a bill to repeal provisions adopted in the last Congress that eliminated access to U.S. courts for suspected alien enemy combatants.

"The legislation would permit detainees held by the United States Government as enemy combatants, or as potential enemy combatants, to file writs of habeas corpus and other related

actions in the United States District Courts."

The June 26 Committee report includes a detailed justification of the legislation, as well as a lengthy dissent by several Republican Senators.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_rpt/srpt110-90.html

SELECTED CRS REPORTS

Some noteworthy new reports of the Congressional Research Service include the following.

"Trafficking in Persons: U.S. Policy and Issues for Congress," updated June 20, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL30545.pdf>

"Intelligence and Information-Sharing Elements of S. 4 and H.R. 1," June 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/intel/RL34061.pdf>

"Potential F-22 Raptor Export to Japan," June 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RS22684.pdf>

"The Department of Defense: Reducing Its Reliance on Fossil-Based Aviation Fuel -- Issues for Congress," June 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL34062.pdf>

"India-U.S. Relations," updated June 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL33529.pdf>

"Pakistan-U.S. Relations," updated June 6, 2007:

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

"Mongolia and U.S. Policy: Political and Economic Relations," June 22, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL34056.pdf>

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See "Fundamentals of Flight," Field Manual FM 3-04.203, May 2007 (18 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-04-203.pdf>

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Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:02:06 -0700
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:45:51 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 02:07:35 EDT
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>internet and talk radio without a careful investigation.

That's right. Yet some ufologists are apparently still not interested in the other good eyewitness accounts (several now), instead continuing to focus on the images only.

If this were a standard UFO sighting case, all aspects of the case would, and should, be investigated. But because these are the 'drones' it seems that most researchers have already made up their minds that this is all nonsense, without doing any of their own investigations.

Again, the names and backgrounds of some of the eyewitnesses are known, so if people don't trust Linda's reports, they could easily do their own follow-up and come to their own conclusions.

Paul

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:31:15 -0700
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:48:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Rudiak

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>Fellow Listers,

>>Extracted from:

>>Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-Year Cover-Up
>>by
>>Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt
>>2007

><snip>

>First I question how the affidavit was done in regard to
>Walter's declaration.

>When Dennis & Wendy interviewed Walter in 2000, he was often
>confused and had difficulty remembering various things during
>the session(s); in my unprofessional opinion it appeared to me
>he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's
>and/or dementia.

I interviewed Walter Haut in August 2001. He did not appear
confused at all or exhibiting any signs of Alzheimer's or
dementia. He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what had
happened over 50 years ago and anybody who said they could
wasn't being truthful. Walter also pulled the "I don't remember"
routine on many others for at least a dozen years before this.
It wasn't a matter of him not remembering, it was Walter
deliberately withholding information.

As you point out, Walter was already discussing the ship and
bodies (plus Ramey flying in for the morning meeting) back in
2000 when Dennis & Wendy interviewed him. So if he was still
clear-headed in 2001 when I spoke to him, he was probably
clearheaded in 2000 when he first began speaking about these
things.

>That said, he did in fact (in response to a question) answer in
>the affirmative regarding seeing (substantial) wreckage and or
>bodies.

Yep. Also mentioned a craft.

>I haven't viewed the tape recently, and am relying on my written
>notes from when I did, but will be reviewing it again today.
>According to my notes, I counted _4_ times where he said he
>didn't see anything!

According to what Dennis told me, Walter didn't realize he was
being taped when he first spilled the beans about the bodies and
craft, but when he did, went back to his "I don't remember"
routine for the remainder of the interview.

His interview with Wendy and Dennis, like his affidavit, was not
to be released until after his death. The point being, any

confessions were not to be made public while he was alive.

>During an appearance on Larry King in 2003, Walter, again,
>appeared very confused and in this instance could not finish
>the segment. Prior to unexpectedly exiting the interview, King
>asked, "Did you, Walter, ever see any of the wreckage?"

>Walter replied, "No."

Again, he wasn't going to admit to it in public while he was alive.

>As one can see the affidavit which no doubt was signed by
>Walter Haut was written in a very clear and concise manner
>including times, dates, names etc. From what I have seen myself
>e.g., the interview by Wendy & Dennis, as well as the public
>appearance, albeit brief, this was a man that would have much
>difficulty - to be polite - in accomplishing this task.

He was definitely fine when I met him in August 2001. His condition when he filled out his affidavit in December 2002 I can't say, but he was already saying the same things to Wendy and Dennis in 2000. His story also has much corroboration from other sources, such as the bodies being in the base hangar, or the craft being hauled to the hangar on a lowboy truck, or the craft/body site being north of Roswell. There is nothing in his affidavit we haven't already heard from other sources (except for perhaps Ramey being at the morning meeting).

>So, I am very curious as to how this declaration was performed;
>was it prepared by someone else - perhaps Schmitt - and Walter
>just signed it? Were questions asked in sequence, and he
>answered them? I think this paramount in evaluating the worth of
>the affidavit.

Don't know. Are you accusing Schmitt of putting words in Walter's mouth? That's a very serious accusation if that is what you are saying. The sealed affidavit was under the control of the Haut family, and Carey and Schmitt could not use it without their permission.

>Obviously, placing Ramey in Roswell on the 8th is monumental,
>and most certainly needs to be looked into, again.

We've had other testimony about Ramey being at the base, but nothing specifically placing him at the morning meeting on July 8. (Except maybe from Frank Kaufmann) Under the circumstances, however, this wouldn't be very surprising.

>Finally, for clarity, I don't question the fact that an
>extraterrestrial craft/s was recovered, i.e., the Roswell
>incident, or the post cover-up; I question Walter's involvement
>regarding his seeing wreckage himself, and or bodies;
>furthermore, given his own contradictory statements regarding
>his actually seeing wreckage and or bodies, in my view, the
>affidavit that is now on the table doesn't carry much weight.

Haut had a top secret clearance, had dropped instruments into the A-bomb tests at Bikini, was PIO to the atomic bomber base and thus often privy to sensitive information concerning operations there, took big wigs on tours of the base, etc. However, most importantly, Haut was probably Colonel Blanchard's closest friend, so I don't find it all that curious that Blanchard would allow him to have a look.

As for Haut's contradictory statements, that is how I figured most people would choose to dismiss his affidavit. However, as I tried to point out in my discussion of Haut's affidavit on my website, there are very understandable reasons for Haut to publicly deny direct involvement while he was alive. I've also tried to point out (such as in my recent review of the Carey/Schmitt book) that Haut's affidavit doesn't stand alone, but has a lot of corroborating testimony from others.

Haut also wasn't alone in not going public while alive. E.g., provost marshall Edwin Easley also said he had sworn an oath and wouldn't talk about it, but dropped a lot of hints nonetheless to something extraordinary happening. When Kevin Randle asked him if a spacecraft crash was the right path to follow, Easley replied to the effect, "Well let's put it this way. It's not the wrong path." Easley also confessed to holding Mack Brazel at the

base under armed guard. And we have witnesses to Easley directing the MPs out at the crash sites. It's not too hard to read between the lines here.

Colonel Blanchard's adjutant, Patrick Saunders also refused to say much, but inscribed copies of the Randle/Schmitt "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell" book with, "This is the truth, and I still haven't told anyone!" The section he inscribed with this statement concerned how the paper trail was covered up. One of Saunders children wrote a letter saying how he had bragged about how well he had covered everything up. When I asked Walter Haut about procedure concerning important press releases, he told me Blanchard and/or Saunders would always review such releases before they went out. (Thus Haut couldn't act alone without severe repercussions)

The only thing different about Haut from Easley or Saunders is he decided to leave a detailed oral and written testimonial to be made public after his death instead of taking his secrets to the grave.

David Rudiak

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:42:41 -0700 (PDT)
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>he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's
>and/or dementia.

First of all, Mr. Warren, what part of the element of a deathbed
confession/revelation is unclear to you?

Secondly, indecisiveness is part of what is to be expected of
anyone laboring under a struggle between the integrity of honest
disclosure and the bindings of military orders (even removed by
decades.) What appears as systemic to you might very well be
nothing more than such an inward struggle. You are disingenuous
to suggest such mental deficit.

>According to my notes, I counted 4 times where he said he
>didn't see anything!

What part of being under the aforementioned duress do you not
understand?

>During an appearance on Larry King in 2003, Walter, again,
>appeared very confused and in this instance could not finish the
>segment. Prior to unexpectedly exiting the interview, King
>asked, "Did you, Walter, ever see any of the wreckage?"

>Walter replied, "No."

Lying and deception is a national indulgence at the highest
levels. What the man had at stake at this point (or felt he had)
and what the point of death freed him of are to be appreciated,
not disregarded as you seem to have done.

Besides, what will hold up in any court of law should not be so
easily rebuffed by another. Or are you familiar with the binding
value of a deathbed confession?

JCH

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Mantle Speaking Times Confirmed In Roswell

From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 21:22:54 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:57:54 -0400
Subject: Mantle Speaking Times Confirmed In Roswell

I have now confirmed the dates and times that I will be speaking at the International UFO Museum and Research Centre in Roswell.

I will be making two presentations, one on Saturday July 7th at 1.00 pm, the other will be on Sunday 8th July at 9.30 am. Both presentations will be exactly the same and titled 'Alien Autopsy Inquest'.

I hope to see you there.

If you can't make it to Roswell then I've been confirmed as a guest on the Jerry Pippin radio show at 6.00 pm on Saturday July 7th. Stay tuned one way or the other.

Many thanks,

Best regards,

Philip Mantle
www.beyondroswell.com

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ETs Inside Bigelow's Orbiting Space Station?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 14:49:45 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:54:13 -0400
Subject: ETs Inside Bigelow's Orbiting Space Station?

In the September 6, 2006 article 'No Extra Charge For UFOs And Aliens' by Lloyd Garver, he wrote:

"Bigelow has had a fascination with space since he was a child. His grandparents told him about a "close encounter" they had had with a UFO; ever since then, he has wanted to become involved in space exploration."

At least that is what the public knows. Those who are very close to Bob Bigelow and other celebrities such as Walter Cronkite and John Lennon, will tell you that it was actually a very personal close-encounter with UFOs and/or ETs that got them interested in space and knowing more about our place in the cosmos.

Bob Bigelow successfully launched Genesis 2, the second of two identical space station modules that are currently in orbit, almost exactly 1 year later after the first. Below is the latest picture from inside the Genesis 2 space station module.

<http://tinyurl.com/ypwtmt>

With the interior lights fully turned on, just how many ETs are occupying the inside of Bigelow's orbiting space station in this and other pictures just released?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:04:49 -0300
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 17:48:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 23:46:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 17:50:30 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Mantle To Speak In Roswell

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Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:09:42 -0300
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 17:52:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Ledger

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 22:42:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>Extracted from:

>>>Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-Year Cover-Up
>>>by Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt 2007

>>>2002 SEALED AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER G. HAUT

<anip>

>>>Signature witnessed by:
>>>Chris Xxxxxxxx

>>>[Thanks to Victor Martinez]

>>No, not thanks to Victor Martinez. Ultimately thanks to the Haut
>>family who released it. Then thanks to Carey and Schmitt for
>>putting it in their book. And lastly thanks to me, who typed
>>this up from the Carey/Schmitt book 3 weeks ago and was the
>>first to put it up on the Net at:

>><http://roswellproof.homestead.com/Haut.html>

>>Now, it's all over the Net, copied off my website, usually with
>>the proper attributions, but not always, such as the case with
>>Lucian Proboards, which Martinez linked to.

>>So Victor Martinez has nothing to do with it.

>Thank you David. I saw your copy a while back and forwarded the
>link out to others. It's an important document, but I fear it
>won't have great impact without additional supporting
>documentation (which is going to be difficult if not
>impossible).

>Looks like an interesting Roswell Anniversary.

Hi Dave and Steve,

I'm still getting emails re the Haut Affidavit as if it's just
come to light. Martinez has been flogging it relentlessly.

Don

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:14:41 -0300
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 17:54:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 13:15:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 23:46:21 +0100
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>Respectfully John, I disagree.

>I think that investigating cases like this to final degree shows
>that there are dedicated ufologists out there who will root
>out the fakes/falsehoods/lies/scams. That in my opinion gives a
>better impression than trying to cover up and forget about such
> matters.

>
>
>Regards
>
>Sean Jones

Hi Sean,

Some of us have been kicking at this AA film for 10 years and now that we've been proved right have no taste for it's resurrection. I don't have a problem with its being an overview piece at Roswell as long as there aren't new facts that are supposed to be coming to light in the aftermath.

Don

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:29:46 EDT
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 17:58:01 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Boone

>Extracted from:

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>by
>Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt
>2007

>2002 SEALED AFFIDAVIT OF WALTER G. HAUT

>DATE: December 26, 2002
>WITNESS: Chris Xxxxxx
>NOTARY: Beverlee Morgan

Might I inquire as to how many Roswell Incident affidavits does this one by Mr. Haut make?

Didn't both Cols Jessie Marcel and Jessie Jr. sign affidavits as well as Gen. Debose?

How many sworn affidavits do we need? There are people convicted of murder with far less evidence.

I'm glad Col. Haut fessed up to being a witness to more detailed events but I'm saddened he didn't elaborate on them.

Or did he and we haven't gotten the videotaped confessions yet?

Who knows. Without Col. Haut around to answer these new revelations all it is is a piece of paper. Who knows what wealth of information could have been gleaned had Haut discussed this with a professional journalist/researcher.

Well, chalk it up to an astounding achievement to say the least and kudos to the folks who brought it to light.

I did listen to last Saturday's Coast to Coast am broadcast where Art Bell discussed the issue and a flood of folks called in with more astonishing declarations from being at the scene to having in their possession pieces of the wreckage. I could believe it as when I was a wee one I recalled how people would show off pieces of flying saucers at parties and get together.

Fear and embarrassment still have their poisonous claws in our fellow citizens regarding this issue.

If we all stay on this story and not diverge into ghosts and 2012 AD we might keep the public's attention on the subject long enough to get others to call in and give their stories.

Best,

Greg

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Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:36:13 EDT
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:00:51 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 12:36:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>From: Robert Gates <RGates8254.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 02:07:35 EDT
>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 09:20:04 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>>>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 15:25:46 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

>>>>What I would really like to see is some good, non-digital film.
>>>>I distrust digital images more and more each day.

>>>>As well you should. Every aspect of a digital image can be
>>>>easily manipulated with cheap (or free) software today. Images
>>>>can be completely created.

>>>>Unlike film, there is no negative to serve as a record of the
>>>>original form of the image.

>>>>We must realize that digital images have very little evidentiary
>>>>value.

<anip>

>>The bottom line to images, whether digital, film, video or
>>movies is that it should be thoroughly investigated, examined, as
>>well as the witness story and any confirming witnesses. The key
>>word is investigate. Unlike some researchers who hear a story,
>>or receive a package and promptly regurgitate it all over the
>>internet and talk radio without a careful investigation.

>This is merely re-stating what I learned over 20 years ago from
>intensive investigation of the McMinnville photo case: A photo a
>UFO does not make.

>And this applies to film and video, but film and video at least
>raise the bar for hoaxing - makes it more difficult. However,
>with 'this digital stuff we can have George Bush and Hillary
>standing on the same stage with victory sign indicating that
>George is VP under Hillary as President. Sounds like something
>we might see in the Weekly World News.

>Investigation is paramount!

>And the better you learn that the sooner off you'll be!!

>:)

Amen.

This scenario with these drones is driving me crazy.

We've gone from a few photos to somehow, somehow meandering to some alien disclosure and we haven't finished part one of the investigation of whether there is a real object or two. We've jumped the shark, the dolphin, the giant squid and already tied it in with the illuminati and the year 2012 AD.

I wasn't buying this story no matter how many toy surprises were inside. I sent the pics to an expert in top secret devices and all he said, which I've posted on the list, is that he had indeed seen technology like this and pointed me to a famous engineer in aviation. That's it. No stories about ETs.

We need to go back to the beginning of these drone stories and do our due diligence. Prove first that there are such devices. After that then we can move on to the source of these devices. That'll take you to the who.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:40:05 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:02:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:29:03 +0100
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Bob Shell

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Re: A Martian Genocide? - Tarbell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:04:51 -0600
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 08:51:14 -0400
Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide? - Tarbell

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 15:50:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 10:01:49 -0600
>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 20:10:43 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

Thanks for your reply Stuart, my tardy response follows below, hopefully still of some interest.

>>>If we work on the canvas that you have painted above, then
>>>surely the degree of displacement or sense of violation that
>>>Martian macrobes or microbes would feel would depend upon their
>>>sentient awareness. And if there is none, then I would struggle
>>>to find fault with the act of Man setting foot on Mars. Indeed
>>>it could even be viewed as a positive step in that a resource
>>>"designed" or intended for use - a planet - was being employed.

>>Perhaps you struggle to find fault with human behavior in
>>general. Insert "oil" for "a planet" in the above to arrive at
>>the Exxon-Mobil theory of planetary stewardship.

>>You say, and I agree, that our survival depends on finding
>>habitat elsewhere. Consider *why* that has become necessary.

>I presume by your petroleum company comments that you are
>inferring that we will have to exit stage left because we are
>screwing this place up. That however is not necessarily the
>case. It might be that we detect a massive asteroid heading our
>way or the magnetic poles go haywire or there is some other
>calamity that besets us. While I am no great defender of the
>human race, it might be that we have to leave through no fault
>of our own.

See my earlier reply to Don Ledger on this thread regarding
these 'natural' motivators. I acknowledge their validity, but
not their significance with respect to our current
circumstances.

>The most probable scenario however is that we will choose to
>leave or to colonise as opposed to having to. And the reason for
>that will likely not be altruistic or for the long term benefit
>of mankind but because of the usual reasons that drive the human
>spirit; greed. Private space development is going to race ahead
>and in probably under 30 years, the moon and accessible
>asteroids are going to be mined for their mineral content in
>order to feed the on going endless demand for energy and other
>activities on this planet. Which really is what you're
>complaining about in the first place I guess.

Quite so. Is this not the archetype of an unsustainable system?
Would not the most minimally 'sentient' organisms recognize it
as a threat?

<snip>

>If you have an answer to this, I'd be interested in hearing it.
>But its too glib and too easy to blame the politicians or the
>stock market. We need to accept personal responsibility

Indeed. Unfortunately, the Answer (capital A) involves a major
shift in the collective human 'personality'. Ultimately we will
arrive at a de facto answer (small a) in the sense that the
original problem is moot, and it is more likely to be imposed
from without rather than implemented from within.

For example, we could enforce a one-child-per-couple policy
until a 'sustainable' population is obtained. If we propose a
factor of 10 reduction in our current population, I would guess
the target value could be obtained in perhaps 150 years (a 'soft
landing'). Alternatively, we can continue our present course and
deal with the complete collapse of Earth's ecosystems on roughly
the same (or shorter) timescale, with a comparable (or greater)
population reduction (a 'hard landing'). Either way, an 'answer'
is forthcoming.

If in the interim we manage to hatch an outpost(s) on Mars or
elsewhere, it will not substantially alter our long term
prospects for survival if the underlying model remains
unchanged. Indeed, our prospects may dim considerably if we are
perceived to be metastasizing...

Mike

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Amen!

There's beating a dead horse, and there's beating a dead horse's ghost.

I'm gonna draw a picture of a horse with lumps on it's head and instead of stars and planets, little ufos floating around.

The only autopsy needed to be done round these parts is on the dead horse that keeps gettin' beaten.

Best,

Greg

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A wonderful demonstration of the First Rule of Ufology: Nothing
must ever be explained, everything must remain an unsolved
mystery forever. There is always 'much to learn' and presumably
more books to sell.

So Philip Mantle laboured in vain, and we can look forward to a
"new younger generation of ufologists" re-inventing the wheel...

Now, about that 'controversial Round-Earth theory'...

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Abduction Conditioning - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 16:23:08 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 08:57:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Conditioning - Nielsen

>Source: Grant Cameron's UFO Blog

><http://presidentialufo.com/UFOblog.html>

>July 1, 2007

>Abduction Conditioning

>PIXAR's 'Lifted' is released.

>Last night, June 30th, I sat in a full theatre of kids to see
>the new 5 minute short just released by Disney/PIXAR Animation
>Studios.

>It is the story of an alien in training, as he attempts his
>first abduction of a human sleeping in the upstairs of a lonely
>country house.

>While his alien instructor agonized in pain over what was
>happening, the kids in the theatre roared with laughter at every
>move.

>The piece was amazingly funny, and it led me to carefully watch
>the reaction of the children around me. Would they now be
>willing to accept abduction as just another part of life to be
>laughed at, rather than the terror that has been used so often
>in UFO abduction books to describe the phenomena?

>My conclusion - they loved it and so will you. Be sure to see it
>along with Ratatouille which is the movie it proceeds.

I hope not.

Pixar's Lifted aliens don't even look like the greys.

Alien abductions do not need yet another layer of confusion, in
this case brought on by attempts at humor. This is especially so
in the lives of the innocents and their parents or guardians.

Alien abductions need to be exposed as the assaults they are.

At best, poking fun at assault isn't responsible.

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 23:31:04 +0000
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 08:59:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Hall

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:40:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:29:03 +0100
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>I'm not saying that Philip shouldn't have investigated the case
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>Air Force as a balloon, and as UFOs are settled as lenticular
>clouds, swamp gas and swarms of luminous insects.

>In actual fact there is still much to learn, and those of us who have
>kept plugging away at this keep turning up new things. Plus a
>whole new younger generation of researchers has turned its eyes
>on the issue.

>I thought maybe it was time to share the discoveries with a broader
>audience, but maybe I was wrong.

Bob,

Your analogy/comparison is really off-base. The AA film is a
confessed hoax, in addition to being totally worthless as
evidence of anything. Are you now saying that you believe it to
be genuine?

If not, just what the hell are you saying? There is always more
to learn about con-men and how they fake things and how gullible
people can be to believe them in the first place, but do we
really want to hear endless analysis of that? I definitely
don't!

I suggest we focus attention on the new book Witness to Roswell
and listen carefully to what David Rudiak is saying as well.
There you have very compelling evidence of something real,
unlike the farcical AA film.

- Dick

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Balthaser

From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthskr.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:58:12 -0600
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:02:10 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Balthaser

Listers,

As one who interviewed Walter Haut on video tape with Wendy Connors in 2000, I am extremely interested in the recent disclosure of an affidavit Walter supposedly did in 2002, which was recently released. I have read the review by David Rudiak, but for two reasons will not comment until 1.) I've read the book containing the information, and 2.) the 60th anniversary Roswell Incident Festival is over, which I have been and will be heavily involved with this week.

I can say that I'm somewhat surprised with the precise details Walter revealed in the affidavit, considering his body language and memory loss when Wendy and I did our copyrighted video taping with Walter.

Additionally, Walter's daughter threatened both Wendy and I in written correspondence, stating that we could never use any information gathered in our video interview of Walter. I will probably make that correspondence public within the next few months, considering we now have a double standard on releasing information about Walter Haut. Additionally I was personally advised in writing that I could never talk about ANY conversations I EVER had with Walter Haut. As a 70 hour per week volunteer with the UFO Museum from 1996 -1998 I talked with Walter daily about a lot of topics, prior to his daughter having any active roll with the Museum, and I don't believe attempted censorship should be part of an organization such as the UFO Museum, that claims it's goal is to share information with the public.

The interview done by Wendy and I was a oral history about Walter Haut and his memory was "fairly good" on some topics other than the Roswell Incident, so again I'm interested in how the affidavit was obtained, since the affidavit apparently contains precise information well remembered by someone of his age. The affidavit contains written words that may or may not have been written by Walter, as I've not learned that yet, but our copyrighted video tape shows a man either not able to remember certain important things, or a man that was uncomfortable talking about what he knew on camera. Hopefully time will tell which was the real Walter Haut.

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 20:28:17 EDT
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:06:25 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Randle

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:31:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

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>Haut also wasn't alone in not going public while alive. E.g.,
>provost marshall Edwin Easley also said he had sworn an oath and
>wouldn't talk about it, but dropped a lot of hints nonetheless
>to something extraordinary happening. When Kevin Randle asked
>him if a spacecraft crash was the right path to follow, Easley
>replied to the effect, "Well let's put it this way. It's not the
>wrong path." Easley also confessed to holding Mack Brazel at the
>base under armed guard. And we have witnesses to Easley
>directing the MPs out at the crash sites. It's not too hard to
>read between the lines here.

I think Easley, an honorable man, told me all that he felt he could say without compromising his integrity. He was very careful about what he would say and wouldn't say. There is no way that he would have said as much as he did had he felt he was violating his oath and responsibilities as an officer.

And the choice of the word "confessed" implies something that I'm sure you didn't mean. He said that they held Brazel in the guest house but that was not a confession.

>Colonel Blanchard's adjutant, Patrick Saunders also refused to
>say much, but inscribed copies of the Randle/Schmitt "The Truth
>About the UFO Crash at Roswell" book with, "This is the truth,
>and I still haven't told anyone!" The section he inscribed with
>this statement concerned how the paper trail was covered up.
One >of Saunders children wrote a letter saying how he had
bragged >about how well he had covered everything up. When I
asked Walter >Haut about procedure concerning important press
releases, he >told me Blanchard and/or Saunders would always
review such >releases before they went out. (Thus Haut couldn't
act alone >without severe repercussions)

This is what Saunders wrote and signed, on the fly leaf to The
About The UFO Crash At Roswell, "Here's the truth and I still
haven't told anybody anything!"

The heading of the page is "Damage Control" and it says...

"Files were altered. So were personal records, along with
assignments and various codings and code words. Changing serial
numbers ensured that those searching later would not be able to
locate those who were involved in the recovery. Individuals were
brought into Roswell from Alamogordo, Albuquerque, and Los
Alamos. The MPs were a special unit constructed of military
police elements from Kirtland, Alamogordo and Roswell. If the

men didn't know one another, or were separated after the event, they would be unable to compare notes, and that would make the secret easier to keep.

After the impact site was cleaned, the soldiers debriefed, and the bodies and the craft removed, silence fell. It would not be broken for almost forty-five years."

I have the letter, handwritten, in which one of Saunder's children wrote to me, "At one point he bragged to me about how well he had covered the 'paper trail' associated with the clean up!"

So Saunders, in a very limited way, corroborated much of the crash and the cover up. It means that another member of Blanchard's staff was telling us about the crash and the recovery... but in a very limited way, and it was told, not to UFO researchers, but to close friends and family. Not exactly the same was a long statement to be released after his death.

Still, this is important because of the source and the limited documentation associated with it (mainly the proof that Saunders was in Roswell at the time and that he was on the primary staff, and his handwritten note about the events of July 1947).

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Randle

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 20:32:25 EDT
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:07:49 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Randle

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:42:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>When Dennis & Wendy interviewed Walter in 2000, he was often
>>confused and had difficulty remembering various things during
>>the session(s); in my unprofessional opinion it appeared to me
>>he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's
>>and/or dementia.

>First of all, Mr. Warren, what part of the element of a deathbed
>confession/revelation is unclear to you?

Good Morning All -

If I might add my two cents...

This was not deathbed confession since, when Haut made it, he was dying other than in the sense that all of us are. He made it clear that he didn't want the statement released until after his death, but this is not a dying declaration. It is, in reality, just a statement, so let's not go attaching added significance to it.

Easley, in talking to his children about the crash, while in the hospital, just before his death, and knowing that the end was coming soon, was, in essence, making a deathbed confession. Walter, not so much.

KRandle

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 21:38:47 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:09:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:40:05 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

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Bob,

If you think you can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear then
go right ahead, but don't play the injured party when no one
knew that your were involved with some behind the scenes
investigation to begin with.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Connors

From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 00:44:22 +0000
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Connors

OK. Let's talk brass tacks in research and get off the B.S. train regarding the Walter Haut affidavit.

1. There are inconsistencies with the oral history interview from 2000 and Walter's affidavit two years later. This isn't earth shaking news, but it does not mean Walter Haut was senile or suffering from dementia. This is absolute intellectual nonsense and rubbish.

2. I talked with Walter many times and interviewed him on videotape twice. Walter was one of the most consistent people I've ever met. A careful man in respect for the Air Corps and his country's secrets. Yet, he gave out just enough to keep people interested and researching something he knew to have happened because it might be good for the youth of the nation to become interested in science and journeying to the stars. He believed in the youth of Roswell and the nation. A rare trait not found in current generations in my opinion.

3. In March, 2000, Walter gave an oral history to Dennis Balthaser and myself. He had told me several times that he would like to do so and leave what he could remember for history. He did. He embellished nothing.

4. He indicated that the crash of an unknown object came down near Roswell, he released Col. Blanchard's press announcement, attended the meeting in the conference room the next day when Gen. Roger Ramey gave orders to cover the incident up, that there may have been a few bodies but he remembered only the one he saw that was injured and dead and the object was damaged and mainly in one piece. A man of integrity gives an overall confirmation that researchers and the general public wanted to know from history. Hardly an non-credible witness by any stretch of the imagination.

5. Walter told me in private conversations some things that are not in the oral history or affidavit. Things he didn't want to go on record. I am slowly working on these things and have nothing further to say about it.

6. In my opinion the affidavit signed by Walter Haut is basically consistent with what he told Dennis and me, but contain embellishments and errors. I believe Walter signed the affidavit, but didn't do the embellishments himself. The point is that he was a credible witness to the Roswell incident and confirmed the truth in a broad manner without feeling that he betrayed the Air Corps or the government. His own statement in the oral history bears this out: "I think some things were released that shouldn't have been released." Thus his own justification for giving the overall truth since the information was officially released. But, he was very, very careful. He cannot be faulted for it.

7. Which is closer to the truth? Walter's own words or a statement written by others and signed by Walter? You be the judge. I'll go with the proverbial horse's mouth interview and knowing the man. But that's just me.

Enough said.

Wendy Connors

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Re: A Martian Genocide? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 22:44:48 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:19:16 -0400
Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide? - Ledger

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 14:36:52 -0300
>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 30 Jun 2007 10:01:49 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 29 Jun 2007 20:10:43 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>>Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2007 12:12:42 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>>>Subject: Re: A Martian Genocide?

>><snip>

>>>>Give it up Nick. Of course we're going to go rampaging through
>>>>the Universe when we're able to, killing and stealing and
>>>>fighting. Its what we do.

>>>>Setting your Biblical scenario aside and wiping the slate clean,
>>>>wouldn't it be real fun if we were the most intelligent species
>>>>around for billions of light years.

>>>Well, our budding planetary crusaders had certainly better
>>>_hope_ that's the case, if they intend to just go on doing "what
>>>we do".

>>What makes you think what we do is any different than what they
>>do? Do you have inside information? At any rate Mars is less
>>than one grain of sand on the beach of the universe. Restricting
>>ourselves to this one planet is homogenocide and frankly pretty
>>stuffy thinking.

>If what they do is no different than what we do, I think we can
>consider the Fermi Paradox pretty well resolved... don't hold
>your breath waiting for someone to show up.

That's what I call stuffy thinking. You seem to be basing your
thinking on the standard scenario for North American and Western
European humans, Mom, Dad the 2.3 kids, nice home in the
suburbs, two cars... blah, blah, blah. That's not thinking
outside the box.

We have no idea what social structures they have, their feelings
on ecology, whether medicine should be socialized, etc. I'm not
sure if we can even imagine some other social structure not
based on the family unit and the way we do things now in our
relative infancy. Trying to even imagine some thousands of
different species out there who have been doing it for millions
and billions of years is way beyond what we have experience
with.

>I say again, consider how and why it is that remaining here
>would be "homogenocide". Dispense with the trivial point that
>Earth will eventually become uninhabitable by 'natural' causes,
>e.g., the red giant phase of our sun or some other nearby
>cataclysm. This is true of all planets, if not most of
>interstellar space. Is it not clear that the predicament for
>human civilization has much more immediacy than that?

No I don't subscribe to the theory that we will just burn ourselves out because we run out of resources or 5 billion years from now the Sun goes red dwarf. Earth will abide, perhaps for hundreds of thousands of years as a stable habitat, but is destined to become the seed planet for the next species to invade deep space. Otherwise we implode as a species choking on our own growth and stagnation and lack of expansive thinking.

>By every measure, as a species we have been rushing headlong
>_away_ from equilibrium with our ecosystem. Is there some reason
>to think that our arrival on a new planet is going to change
>that?

I never suggested that. No, I imagine we will plunder and carry on just the way we have until we figure out a way to do it right, perhaps the same the other species have done - or might have done-for millions of years. I don't think Mars should be untouchable, but we should try to identify what microbial life is there before contaminating the place. But I don't think we have an unending patience for that, nor the time.

>From the viewpoint of intelligent beings already present
>(whether indigenous or not), which term do you suppose applies:
>migration, or infection?

Both but let's not forget the survival of the fittest... but we don't know what's on Mars that could kick our biological butts and bring us to a screeching halt. Size doesn't matter, the ability to invade a host and take it over is the key-like the flu or some plague. Mars might fight back turning Wells' ultimate defence against us. It's not what's on the surface that worries me, it's what lies beneath.

>If you assume (I do not) that 'they' are essentially similar to
>us in both attitude and behavior,

No... that's a mistake in my estimation, believing that they are anything like us. If there are a thousand or more species out there already exploring space there's a good chance that none of them come close to our way or 1,000 different ways of thinking.

>we can certainly expect the
>equivalent of a fogging with insecticide if we make bold to
>expand our borders, and probably even if we stay put. Just ask
>your local endangered species.

It's certain segments of the human population that is responsible for endangered species including some of us humans. Many of us don't even know it's going on.

I live on the East coast of Canada, where there was a study done that indicated there was a higher percentage of absentee workers due to sickness here than further to the West. Most of this - it was found - was due to a high rate of respiratory ailments. Well it just happens that we are on the receiving end of the pollution spewing smoke stacks in central, and North Eastern United States and Central Canada [known as Eastern Canada up here]. The prevailing winds are from the west. The acid rain [from the West] has killed our rivers and lake fish not to mention water fowl, and of course people. We have very little heavy industry and less than 1/30th of Canada's population here in Nova Scotia. Not much we can do about it either. Curiously we lead the world in people living over 100 years. Go figure. I know this doesn't answer any questions but at least I got it off my fluid filled chest.

Don Ledger

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Did Suspected UFO Cover-Up Have Ties To Port?
by
Nick Pinto

NEWBURYPORT -- Sixty years ago this week, a mysterious craft crash-landed outside Roswell, N.M., leading to one of the greatest suspected UFO cover-ups in history.

A central figure in the purported government suppression of proof of alien life was Gordon Gray, a former secretary of the Army whose curriculum vitae also included secret government psychological warfare programs, top-secret security consultations with the Oval Office, and - oddly enough - the preservation of historic downtown Newburyport.

Gray was serving as Assistant Secretary Of War for Harry Truman when the Roswell crash occurred, but researchers of unidentified flying objects believe he was also a member of a secret group known as the Majestic 12, a mysterious committee of scientists and military officials charged with investigating and perhaps concealing evidence of alien visitors to this planet. The authenticity of the documents purporting to prove the existence of the group and Gray's membership in it is contested, but whether or not Gray was actually in the business of hiding the existence of extraterrestrials from the American public, the decades-long myth of the Majestic 12 has forever linked his name to alien mysteries.

The undisputed facts of Gray's official career are almost as intriguing. In 1951 and 1952, he served as the director of the Psychological Strategy Board, a newly formed group that plotted government 'psychological operations'. From 1958 to 1961, he served as national security adviser before being replaced by McGeorge Bundy, and he remained on the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board through the Ford Administration.

But it was in his capacity as the chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1964 that Gray played an instrumental role in preserving Newburyport's historic downtown. When city resident Dr. Robert Wilkins began his campaign to preserve the downtown's venerable buildings rather than tearing them down, he sent a letter to Gray.

Gray and Wilkins had been classmates at the University of North Carolina, and Wilkins asked his fellow Tarheel for advice on how to prevent the complete teardown of the city center.

Less than a week later, Gray sent a letter to the Urban Renewal Commissioner of the U.S. Urban Renewal Administration, gently urging the commissioner to push for preservation alongside urban

redevelopment in Newburyport.

"This community may provide another opportunity for us to show that preservation and renewal can go hand in hand," Gray wrote. "There should be some way that urban improvement and Newburyport's heritage can be developed and maintained jointly."

The influence of Gray's letter was critical, said Mary Haslinger, Wilkins' daughter.

"All of a sudden the people at Urban Renewal Administration are hearing about Newburyport from the top down," Haslinger said. "It put Newburyport in a different light. The influence of Gordon Gray was central to getting government support behind historic preservation in the renewal effort."

Sixty years after the Roswell incident, it may or may not be appropriate to blame Gray for our continued ignorance of what really happened in Roswell. But 43 years after the beginning of Newburyport's revitalization, it is probably appropriate to credit him for the preservation of the city's historic downtown.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

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Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 07:21:46 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:31:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

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>Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 18:14:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Moderator

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 11:43:24 -0400
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The retirement of the 'Alien Autopsy' threads came when
'evidence' made it very apparent that there was nothing new to
discuss. The same tired 'look at the film again' mantra-posts,
with no guide as to what to "look" for.

It was also suggested that any new evidence would be posted. See:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/apr/m16-030.shtml>

There has, thus far, been nothing new submitted for posting to
List - from anyone.

If you, or any members of the 'team' have any "new" and useful
"facts" to contribute, submit them, Bob.

For now, consensus remains - the film is dead-in-the-water.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 11:24:07 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 12:23:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Ledger

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Santilli admitted that they hoaxed it and you still want to prove him wrong. There's nothing like having faith is there, even bad faith? Go ahead, waste your time, but do don't try and go all noble on me for doing so. There is a lot of good cases out there with credible witnesses without wasting time on this rubbish the latter which drags down the rest.

>What a truly astonishing declaration from someone in the
>UFO field!

I would expect nothing less than yourself. How is it astonishing? When a man admits he hoaxed a whole film I don't think it's unreasonable to drop it, and move on to credible cases. This one is a waste of time except for Santilli and Company who will continue to make money off of your efforts.

And then there's the media who will pounce on the fact that Santilli admitted it was a hoax and make much of those who continue to support it which reflects back on the credibility of the whole phenomenon.

That's my truly astonishing declaration.

>New facts are exactly what are coming to light, but you want
>us to bury them? Keep them from the people who might still
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If you had anything of value I'm sure you would have come forward by now. What's holding you back? Serve it up... or don't.

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This case dragged you out of retirement? I don't recall you being that enamoured of the AA film some years back.

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Taking your ball and going home in a huff, huh?

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 09:29:53 -0500
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 12:26:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Clark

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 23:31:04 +0000
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:40:05 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 02 Jul 2007 16:29:03 +0100
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

>If not, just what the hell are you saying? There is always more
>to learn about con-men and how they fake things and how gullible
>people can be to believe them in the first place, but do we
>really want to hear endless analysis of that? I definitely
>don't!

Dick is exactly right. In fact, the same could be said of George Adamski's claims, about which unanswered questions, including a few interesting ones, still remain.

"Unanswered questions", however, do not equate to an open possibility that Adamski really did speak with Space Brothers and travel to the moon and Venus with them. No rational observer could possibly believe that, for a range of good reasons. The point is that human life, behavior, and motivation are themselves often unfathomable mysteries, sometimes even our own to ourselves.

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Jerry Clark

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 11:56:01 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 18:41:34 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Ledger

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 20:32:25 EDT
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:42:41 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>When Dennis & Wendy interviewed Walter in 2000, he was often
>>>confused and had difficulty remembering various things during
>>>the session(s); in my unprofessional opinion it appeared to me
>>>he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's
>>>and/or dementia.

>>First of all, Mr. Warren, what part of the element of a deathbed
>>confession/revelation is unclear to you?

>If I might add my two cents...

>This was not deathbed confession since, when Haut made it, he
>was dying other than in the sense that all of us are. He made it
>clear that he didn't want the statement released until after his
>death, but this is not a dying declaration. It is, in reality,
>just a statement, so let's not go attaching added significance
>to it.

Hi Kevin and David,

I asked this question [made an observation] on another List as
well.

What if Haut prepared the affidavit some years ago-say 5 to 7
years - in preparation for his passing then had it notarized more
recently?

If there was a memory issue that he was aware of, though that
seems not to be the case according to Wendy, then making sure
the details were on paper while he still considered himself 100
percent he could reread it and attest to it later on.

If his conscience was bothering him but in conflict with his
military duty perhaps he recorded his experience many years ago
for his own benefit.

I'm with Dick Hall when it comes to forgetting names and dates.

I've noticed this more recently, though I'm a spring chicken
compared to Dick:) While sitting in front of a camera in LA last
year I couldn't remember the date of Ken Arnold's sighting and
had to check my notes to find the first stop [Yakima] after
leaving Chehalis.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Jones

From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 17:43:03 +0100
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:11:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Jones

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 09:29:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

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With all due respect, I beg to differ.

The Ant & Dec film gives an insight to the autopsy film that might not have been widely known.

Ray Santilli said that he made the film to re-produce what he had witnessed for himself.

Surely there is a line of investigation to validate this?

Surely there is a line of investigation to prove this a lie.

I happen to think that 'sweeping this under the carpet' is not the right thing to do. I think it does the right thing for ufology by coming clean on this and showing that cases like this do get investigated and debunked when fully investigated.

I feel that this could give credibility to when cases remain un-solved if the same amount of effort has gone into researching the un-solved case.

Just my tuppence worth, you are quite welcome to disagree.

For those interested, I have written this article for the ufodigest.

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0407/autopsy-update.html>

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Kaeser

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 13:03:11 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:15:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Kaeser

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 09:29:53 -0500
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Hi Jerry,

I've felt that the AA 'film' has been a waste of time since we
stopped getting any valid information on it; which was
underscored last year by the release of the Ant and Dec film in
England. But does the List really want to shut down
communication on the subject if 'new' information has an impact
on the genre.

Perhaps some aspects of the affair will help us to more quickly
recognize similar hoaxes in the future, but it then depends on
how much effort researchers are going to put into fighting the
hoaxes and bad information that seem to be prevalent in this
field.

Most researchers I know concentrate on their own efforts and
assume that the good information will rise above the bad. I've
found that with the Internet, that isn't always the case.

I believe that Errol has - again - indicated that "new"
information pertaining to the AA 'film' is acceptable for
discussion, but not the same old arguments that we've seen for
years. I believe that such 'new' information should be vetted
through researchers, and this List would serve that purpose.

From the scientific perspective, the AA 'film', like the
Contactee movement, have had little to do with ufology. But,
from a sociological/psychological perspective, they have had a
major impact on the genre and how it evolved.

It would be a shame to adopt a knee-jerk reaction to this
subject that is similar to the reactions shown by CISCOP in
rejecting UFO reports.

Steve

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 13:05:24 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:17:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Shell

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 11:24:07 -0300
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

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Selective listening, Don. Ray has not said he faked the whole film, only that he faked parts of it. He has always said that parts of it are the real footage he bought from the cameraman.

You're playing the same game as the debunkers, listening only to the parts you want to hear.

I think there was and is some real footage that was not completely destroyed by getting wet, and that is what I am interested in.

Bob Shell

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Kasten

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 19:33:20 +0000
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:25:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - Kasten

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 07:21:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film

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Bob

Of course, because I did a book review of Alien Autopsy Inquest, posted on at least 4 websites. I know that you contributed your expertise to evaluating the material. It was great!

I think people are confusing the fact that 'everybody knows' with reading a really great detective story. Isn't that what ufology is?

The book takes the reader on a wild ride through to the conclusion. I kept wondering how could people be taken in by this guy Santilli.

To my mind, this case (AA) should be read by every serious investigator. Arriving at the conclusion that the film was a fake took time, effort and work. It didn't just magically appear out of nowhere. Or, maybe, that is the problem with individuals who claim to be "serious" investigators. Conclusions appear out of nowhere. The investigator channels the correct answer from the ethers. No wonder people don't take them seriously.

Mantle's approach is serious, and he tells what happened - not why. The why is up to the reader.

KK

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 20:56:00 +0100
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:28:38 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 22:42:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>Extracted from:

<snip>

>Thank you David. I saw your copy a while back and forwarded the
>link out to others. It's an important document, but I fear it
>won't have great impact without additional supporting
>documentation (which is going to be difficult if not
>impossible).

Hi Steve & David

Has anyone addressed the ostensible inconsistencies between Haut's two affidavits? Perhaps this has been done and I just haven't heard about it, or maybe I'm missing the blindingly obvious. Can someone explain:

1) why in 1993 Haut said he issued the crashed disc story as instructed by Col Blanchard by telephone on July 8 and only the next day "read in the newspaper that General Roger Ramey in Fort Worth had said the object was a weather balloon", but in 2002 claimed to have been present with Ramey at a meeting in Roswell on the morning of July 8 where Ramey allegedly hatched the balloon plot and that he knew about it from the inside all along?

2) why in 1993 he said "I believe Col. Blanchard saw the material, because he sounded positive about what the material was", but in 2002 allegedly claimed that he, Blanchard and all present openly handled inexplicable alien debris at this same meeting?

3) why in 1993 he said he heard about the debris in a phone call at 9:30 am Tuesday July 8, but in 2002 allegedly said the above meeting had happened at 7:30 a.m. that same morning?

Martin Shough

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Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 16:43:08 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts' -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 17:36:13 EDT
>Subject: Re: To Linda Howe On 'Issac' & CARET 'Parts'

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>I wasn't buying this story no matter how many toy surprises were
>inside. I sent the pics to an expert in top secret devices and
>all he said, which I've posted on the list, is that he had indeed
>seen technology like this and pointed me to a famous engineer in
>aviation. That's it. No stories about ETs.

Can you tell us who that famous engineer is?

Eleanor White

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Morton

From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 19:28:56 EDT
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:33:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Morton

>From: Wendy Connors <fadeddiscs.nul>
>Date: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 00:44:22 +0000
>Archived: Tue, 03 Jul 2007 09:13:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Connors

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>6. In my opinion the affidavit signed by Walter Haut is
>basically consistent with what he told Dennis and me, but contain
>embellishments and errors. I believe Walter signed the
>affidavit, but didn't do the embellishments himself. The point
>is that he was a credible witness to the Roswell incident and
>confirmed the truth in a broad manner without feeling that he
>betrayed the Air Corps or the government. His own statement in
>the oral history bears this out: "I think some things were
>released that shouldn't have been released." Thus his own
>justification for giving the overall truth since the information
>was officially released. But, he was very, very careful. He
>cannot be faulted for it.

>7. Which is closer to the truth? Walter's own words or a
>statement written by others and signed by Walter? You be the
>judge. I'll go with the proverbial horse's mouth interview and
>knowing the man. But that's just me.

Wendy,

What are the embellishments and errors in Walter Haut's affidavit?

Additionally, I don't understand why Walter and a number of other military witnesses have been so circumspect and cautious since they received official permission from the government around 1994 to say all they wanted to about the Roswell event.

Dave Morton

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Re: DNA As Cosmic Code - Maccabee

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 23:15:54 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:36:06 -0400
Subject: Re: DNA As Cosmic Code - Maccabee

>Source: Paul Gilster's Centauri-Dreams - Raleigh, North Carolina

><http://www.centauri-dreams.org/?p=1325>

>Wednesday, June 27th, 2007

>DNA As Cosmic Code

>If you possessed technologies so advanced that you could seed
>life throughout the cosmos, wouldnt you leave some marker that
>would identify your work? We cant know what a hypothetical
>extraterrestrial intelligence might do, but we do know enough
>about human nature to acknowledge the desire for recognition. It
>shows up every time a new squabble breaks out over who really
>discovered an exoplanet humans crave the praise of their
>fellows. Yes, if humans had life-seeding technologies, you can
>bet we would leave signs of our craftsmanship.

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>Leading to the speculation that our own genome may contain some
>kind of information, assuming that the early Earth was scattered
>with DNA delivered by an alien species for the purpose of
>propagating life. But DNAs mutability reduces the chance that a
>single message might survive. This is why the Japanese
>researchers added redundant copies of E=mc2 into the bacterial
>genome, allowing Einsteins equation to have a chance.
>Presumably ancient bio-engineers would have done the same.

>And I like the way Overbye puts the matter:

>"The challenge for an erstwhile interstellar Johnny Appleseed
>is to make the message part of the basic nature of its host.

If that ever turns out to be us, if we find that we are the
>medium, to paraphrase the late Marshall McLuhan, then, in some
>sense, we are also the message. Never mind who or what are the
>intended readers."

Some years ago I amused myself by thinking of a science fiction
story in which a researcher investigates the humane genome,
suddenly decodes a sequence into a sort of 'universal language'
that he understands as saying "If you can read this The End Is
Near!"

I suppose reading that would be almost as much of a shock as
reading something like "Kilroy was here."

or

"It's not nice to mess with Mother Nature."

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Re: Alien Autopsy Film - McGonagle

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 06:17:44 +0100
Archived: Wed, 04 Jul 2007 08:39:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Autopsy Film - McGonagle

Hello Errol, List,

I have been following this thread with interest for several reasons.

The AA film was a major factor in the emasculation of BUFORA here in the UK. It would be ironic if it has a similar effect on MUFON on the USA.

That anyone can credit the saga with a single microgramme of substance is tribute to the total gullibility of some individuals, and the lack of objective selectivity within ufology as a whole.

There are lessons that should already have been learned from the comedy, but it seems those lessons have been ignored so far by portions of the UFO 'community' that may once have existed.

On the topic of new revelations in connection to the farce, Philip wrote at:

<http://virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/oct/m18-004.shtml>

"I have first ha[n]d knowledge that allegedly Ray Santilli will soon be charged with consumer fraud and this will be appearing on TV."

Philip, do you have any news on that front, as I have seen nothing in the UK or foreign media about it since your post over 8 months ago?

Regards,

Joe

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Source: BBC News 24 - London, UK

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Wednesday, 4 July 2007

Saucers In The Sky

By Finlo Rohrer
BBC News Magazine

It's 60 years since the term flying saucer was coined and the most celebrated "extraterrestrial" episode - Roswell. Alien believers are dismissed as cranks, but even the earthly explanations of objects in the sky are fascinating.

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In the 60 years since 1947's first major wave of sightings, thousands of ordinary people have claimed to have seen inexplicable objects in the sky.

When the Ministry of Defence released papers on its own investigations into the phenomenon in 2006, it was revealed more than 10,000 eyewitness accounts had been collected.

And for every sceptic who prefers explanations of weather balloons and freak atmospheric conditions there is someone who genuinely believes intelligent life is visiting the planet.

Alien belief

A national newspaper survey in 1998 suggested 33% of men and 24% of women thought aliens had already visited the earth.

Such polls are testament to the powerful impact of six decades of media coverage, disputed science, heated mythology and Hollywood films. We have now completed six decades of projecting our hopes and fears onto the UFO phenomenon.

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The "ufologists" who study the phenomenon comprise both sceptics and believers. They seek to "resolve" each incident, explaining away each aspect. And there is a wealth of explanations for most sightings that is as fascinating for sceptical enthusiasts as the notion of space visitors.

Cold War projection

Sundogs, or strange refractions of the sun in another part of the sky, burning space debris, weather balloons, ball lightning, meteors, disc-shaped or lenticular clouds, mirages, even the planet Venus low in the sky, are all classic methods of resolving UFO sightings.

But underlying them is a need also to explain people's desire to believe that a UFO sighting can be explained by alien activity. The timing of the start of the golden age of the UFO, in a Western world recovering from World War II and gearing up for the start of the Cold War, is significant.

"We were projecting things to reflect our fears and concerns about the Cold War," Mr Clarke says.

"Organised religion was in decline but when worried or concerned it is comforting to feel there is a greater power looking after us. It is quite nice to think there is another civilisation that has been able to overcome the things destroying our civilisation."

The UFO phenomenon is also linked with the modern reliance on conspiracy theories, a mixture of a need to believe in something more than the mundane in an increasingly rational world and an all-pervading distrust of authority.

As the Fortean Times, which this month dedicates an entire issue to the UFO anniversary, puts it: "UFOs fill a niche in the human spirit that thrives on wondrous ideas."

Earlier generations had also seen UFOs but without the term flying saucer in existence, they were labelled as other things.

UFO students say there are peaks and troughs in sightings that are probably based on cultural, social and political trends.

Golden age

Expert Paul Devereux says a new golden age during the 1990s, particularly after the broadcast of the cult television series the X-Files, has given way to a current wave of indifference.

Mr Clarke concurs, suggesting: "It could be the case that post-9/11 people are more concerned about the threat from terrorism or the environment."

Mr Devereux has drawn on the work of controversial Canadian academic Michael Persinger and believes many unresolved UFO sightings can be explained by "earthlights", clouds of plasma being charged by strong electromagnetic fields occurring in areas of seismic activity.

Having nearly witnessed a UFO that could not initially be explained, Mr Devereux has dedicated his life to research.

"It bugged the hell out of me, almost gave me a mental breakdown. I couldn't make it fit into the everyday mundane world view."

Pilot Ray Bowyer was the principal witness to the most recent publicised UFO sighting in the UK.

Flying a commercial plane from Southampton to Alderney in the Channel Islands in April this year, Mr Bowyer saw two objects up to a mile across in the sky over Guernsey.

"I saw a bright yellow object, a light in the sky some miles ahead. I could see this specific shape of a flattened disc, like a CD on its edge, slightly tilted."

He says some of his passengers, as well as another pilot, saw the objects and he has been told they were picked up on radar.

Mr Bowyer's sighting may be a prime candidate for the "earthlights" theory, coming just days before the Dover earthquake. He accepts this as a possible explanation.

"I'm open-minded about everything. It would be a fairly perverse universe if we were the only inhabitants."

Despite the drop-off in interest in UFOs, the ufologists and their acolytes carry on their work, and the UFO-loving public continues to believe in conspiracies.

"No matter how much material the authorities produce and release the people who want to believe a conspiracy to hide aliens will never be satisfied," Mr Clarke says.

"It is such an emotional thing. They are convinced they are here, that they are walking among us."

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

Tuesday, July 03

Strange UFO Sightings Over Didim

Didim became the UFO sighting capital of Turkey when several people reported seeing strange lights in the skies.

The strange yellowish melon-shaped ball was spotted by the Police Academy in Yesilkent, while regulars at the Ark Cafe Bar, in Hunters Valley, spotted the same UFO-style lights at about 9.30pm last Saturday night.

Phil and Lorraine Quibell said they spotted the strange lights heading towards them but hundreds of metres off the ground as they walked on the Yesilkent road, close to the police academy at about 9.30pm.

They described how the melon-shaped object was moving fast and in a straight line before swerving towards the police academy direction and towards the sea before disappearing over the horizon.

Mr Quibell, aged 52, formerly from Preston, said the object was a bright sun colour at the top but faded to a yellowish-moonlight colour below.

There was no noise coming from it either before or after they had seen it.

He said: "It was something that I had never experienced in my life and I am still trying to explain it away rationally 48 hours after we had seen it.

"But both of us have said that we have never seen anything like it in our lives."

The UFO-sighting ironically comes nearly 60 years to the day when the unidentified flying object phenomena began.

Mr Quibell said: "There were two guards at the police academy who saw it and they were looking in the air and could not believe it. The object did not have wings or landing lights so it was definitely not a plane.

"It was probably the size of a plane. It is very difficult to explain it. I only wish I had taken my camera with me. I watched the object for what seemed a few minutes but may have been only seconds before it veered away and out to sea."

Meanwhile, Mark and Alana Weatherall, who were with children Paige and Josh, had been with friends at the Ark Bar when they spotted the bright light over the Yesilkent area at about the

same time.

Alana said: "It was like a bright light but nothing like a plane or a helicopter. It seemed to hover for a number of seconds and burn like a white ball of light and then it just faded out altogether."

Mark added: "What surprised us was that it seemed to go vertically up from its original position. It was a weird experience but it definitely wasn't a plane. It must have been a UFO."

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Mac Tonnies Interview

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Subject: Mac Tonnies Interview

Source: Simon Sellars' Ballardian.Com, UK

<http://www.ballardian.com/ufopunk-mac-tonnies-strange-blue-world>

Tue 3 Jul 2007

Ballardian: Mac Tonnies

Ballardian: Mac Tonnies Mac Tonnies is a Kansas-based writer of post-cyberpunk science fiction (recently published by the redoubtable Rudy Rucker). He's also the author of the book *After the Martian Apocalypse*, a speculative search for life on the Red Planet, as well as the originator of a 'cryptoterrestrial' philosophy that ambitiously seeks to explain (with 'balanced skepticism') a phenomenon =97 UFOs =97 that's been around at least as long as religion. He's also the owner/operator of *Posthuman Blues*, an irreverent yet entirely serious blog examining, how shall we put it, 'weird science', imprinted with endorsements from Bruce Sterling and John Shirley.

A Ballardian philosophy ties it all together. Mac's existential probing into the nature of the interface between man and machine, an analysis of the posthumanism which we have blundered into (the 'blues' part, it seems, derives from the fact that we're not quite there yet), is based on respect for the work of J.G. Ballard.

It's one of the more provocative excavations of a meme that remains largely unexplored in comparison to the more well-trodden trails in Ballard's strange fictional jungle.

Simon Sellars

Continued:

<http://www.ballardian.com/ufopunk-mac-tonnies-strange-blue-world>

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

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It was also followed by hundreds of other sightings which have
been forgotten by the 'neo-ufologists' in their concentration
on the "big one" (Roswell). Forgotten are the sightings by all
sorts of people including Army Air Force, sightings which the AF
couldn't ignore even if There had been no crash at Roswell. Were
all these people reporting "saucers" because they wanted to
believe in extraterrestrial aliens? Hardly!

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Probably hundreds of thousands to millions of people.

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THis is just one (small) country!

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Of course, the basis for the conclusion that some strange craft
are really flying around is not that there are sightings with no
immediate explanation. The important sightings are the ones
that resist all reasonable explanations. The problem, of course,
is to define 'reasonable'. It appears that the skeptics assume
that almost any explanation is 'reasonable', even if it
conflicts with one or more acceptable details of the sightings.

See Prosaic Explanations: The Failure Of UFO Skepticism at:

<http://brumac.8k.com>

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 11:31:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jul 2007 13:18:58 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>Fellow Listers,

>>>Extracted from:

>>>Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-Year Cover-Up
>>>by
>>>Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt
>>>2007

>><snip>

>>First I question how the affidavit was done in regard to
>>Walter's declaration.

>>When Dennis & Wendy interviewed Walter in 2000, he was often
>>confused and had difficulty remembering various things during
>>the session in my unprofessional opinion it appeared to me
>>he was exhibiting the initial stages of either Alzheimer's
>>and/or dementia.

>I interviewed Walter Haut in August 2001. He did not appear
>confused at all or exhibiting any signs of Alzheimer's or
>dementia. He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what had
>happened over 50 years ago and anybody who said they could
>wasn't being truthful. Walter also pulled the "I don't remember"
>routine on many others for at least a dozen years before this.
>It wasn't a matter of him not remembering, it was Walter
>deliberately withholding information.

One of the symptoms of Alzheimer's is progressive memory loss
which if I understand you correctly, he exhibited in your
interview. The difference it would seem, is that you think it
was "an act," if this was the case in the C & B interview, then
he deserves an academy award!

I might add, the instances of difficulty remembering things
e.g., where he was stationed after the war, and or where he did
his basic training became more frequent as the interview wore on,
(i.e., as he became more fatigued).

Did you perform your interview in person, or over the phone?
How long was the interview?

>As you point out, Walter was already discussing the ship and
>bodies (plus Ramey flying in for the morning meeting) back in
>2000 when Dennis & Wendy interviewed him. So if he was still
>clear-headed in 2001 when I spoke to him, he was probably
>clearheaded in 2000 when he first began speaking about these
>things.

Walter discussing the ship and bodies would not be an accurate assessment in my view; he was a respondent in a line of questioning.

In the C & B interview, "he couldn't remember certain words" along with incidents, i.e., where he did his basic training etc., "clearheaded" is not how I would describe his demeanor. Have you seen the interview?

>>That said, he did in fact (in response to a question) answer in >>the affirmative regarding seeing (substantial) wreckage and or >>bodies.

>Yep. Also mentioned a craft.

"He didn't mention it" in the C & B interview, Wendy did.

>>I haven't viewed the tape recently, and am relying on my written >>notes from when I did, but will be reviewing it again today. >>According to my notes, I counted _4_ times where he said he >>didn't see anything!

I have since reviewed the tape again and took notes; I stand by my original assessment, in my unprofessional opinion.

Separately, I would like to clarify, that I mean no disrespect to Walter Haut, and have the highest regard for him, and believe him to have been a person of good character, and I applaud his service during the war. My opinion is merely an observation.

>According to what Dennis told me, Walter didn't realize he was >being taped when he first spilled the beans about the bodies and >craft, but when he did, went back to his "I don't remember" >routine for the remainder of the interview.

The pertinent part of the interview to which the focus is on, regarding Roswell, was an hour and a half into it (130:13); he certainly new he was being interviewed. I might add, that as the interview began, Wendy explained why it was being done, and for whom. (To which he made comment).

>His interview with Wendy and Dennis, like his affidavit, was not >to be released until after his death. The point being, any >confessions were not to be made public while he was alive.

This true, and this was honored.

>>During an appearance on Larry King in 2003, Walter, again, >>appeared very confused and in this instance could not finish >>the segment. Prior to unexpectedly exiting the interview, King >>asked, "Did you, Walter, ever see any of the wreckage?"

>>Walter replied, "No."

>Again, he wasn't going to admit to it in public while he was >alive.

I'll go along with that...

>>As one can see the affidavit which no doubt was signed by >>Walter Haut was written in a very clear and concise manner >>including times, dates, names etc. From what I have seen myself >>e.g., the interview by Wendy & Dennis, as well as the public >>appearance, albeit brief, this was a man that would have much >>difficulty - to be polite - in accomplishing this task.

>He was definitely fine when I met him in August 2001. His >condition when he filled out his affidavit in December 2002 I >can't say, but he was already saying the same things to Wendy >and Dennis in 2000. His story also has much corroboration from >other sources, such as the bodies being in the base hangar, or >the craft being hauled to the hangar on a lowboy truck, or the >craft/body site being north of Roswell. There is nothing in his >affidavit we haven't already heard from other sources (except >for perhaps Ramey being at the morning meeting).

You previously wrote:

"He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what had happened over 50 years ago (regarding "your" interview). . ."

Your perception it would seem is that he was acting - referring to it as his "I don't remember" routine - he certainly wasn't acting in the C & B interview.

Since my bone of contention is his 'memory loss' I would argue that "he wasn't fine" in your interview; however, I wasn't there, and haven't seen and or read about yours, with the exception of what you're now sharing, so I yield to your personal experience.

I do not dispute the fact there was one or more crashes and retrievals, as well as post cover-up of an extraterrestrial craft(s); I base my opinion on "my own continuing research." I have a problem with a document (i.e., the affidavit) that was written with so much clarity, including dates, times, names etc., presumably from a man who couldn't remember where he did his basic training "two years before" he signed it (the affidavit).

Moreover, during the C & B interview, he couldn't remember the details of the press release "he wrote." Most importantly, he freely admits the problem with his memory in both your interview, as well as C & B's, so from my standpoint, it 'seems' impossible, barring a miracle, that Walter could have "penned such" a precise account of what happened 60 years ago!

>>So, I am very curious as to how this declaration was performed;
>>was it prepared by someone else - perhaps Schmitt - and Walter
>>just signed it? Were questions asked in sequence, and he
>>answered them? I think this paramount in evaluating the worth of
>>the affidavit.

>Don't know. Are you accusing Schmitt of putting words in
>Walter's mouth? That's a very serious accusation if that is what
>you are saying. The sealed affidavit was under the control of
>the Haut family, and Carey and Schmitt could not use it without
>their permission.

I am not "accusing" anybody of anything and I don't doubt that Walter signed the a fore mentioned affidavit; however, based on the C & B interview, I do not believe he sat down and penned this himself. I might add that the C & B interview, was also held until Walter's death, and he point blank said on a number - I count four - of occasions that he didn't see anything! Directly contradicting his signed affidavit!

Personally, I would like to know more about how the affidavit was taken, performed etc.

>>Obviously, placing Ramey in Roswell on the 8th is monumental,
>>and most certainly needs to be looked into, again.

>We've had other testimony about Ramey being at the base, but
>nothing specifically placing him at the morning meeting on July
>8. (Except maybe from Frank Kaufmann) Under the circumstances,
>however, this wouldn't be very surprising.

As mentioned before, Ramey's presence at the base, of course would be monumental! This certainly needs to be looked into - again.

>>Finally, for clarity, I don't question the fact that an
>>extraterrestrial craft/s was recovered, i.e., the Roswell
>>Incident, or the post cover-up; I question Walter's involvement
>>regarding his seeing wreckage himself, and or bodies;
>>furthermore, given his own contradictory statements regarding
>>his actually seeing wreckage and or bodies, in my view, the
>>affidavit that is now on the table doesn't carry much weight.

>Haut had a top secret clearance, had dropped instruments into
>the A-bomb tests at Bikini, was PIO to the atomic bomber base
>and thus often privy to sensitive information concerning
>operations there, took big wigs on tours of the base, etc.
>However, most importantly, Haut was probably Colonel Blanchard's
>closest friend, so I don't find it all that curious that
>Blanchard would allow him to have a look.

I would characterize their relationship a little differently; however, I'll concede that they were close. Also, it seems palatable to me that the circumstances you cite could have taken

place; however, currently, I believe Walter's statements that he didn't see anything.

>As for Haut's contradictory statements, that is how I figured
>most people would choose to dismiss his affidavit. However, as I
>tried to point out in my discussion of Haut's affidavit on my
>website, there are very understandable reasons for Haut to
>publicly deny direct involvement while he was alive. I've also
>tried to point out (such as in my recent review of the
>Carey/Schmitt book) that Haut's affidavit doesn't stand alone,
>but has a lot of corroborating testimony from others.

The video in question i.e., C & B's interview of Walter Haut, was done in the same manner as the affidavit; it was not for public consumption, and was held until Walter's death; for that matter, still to this day, very few people have seen it. I don't have issue with his public statements. I will cede the fact that if in fact he did see something, it's entirely plausible that he held the party line and kept silent until after his death; however, the video - in which he contradicts himself was performed under the same guise as the affidavit.

>Haut also wasn't alone in not going public while alive. E.g.,
>provost marshall Edwin Easley also said he had sworn an oath and
>wouldn't talk about it, but dropped a lot of hints nonetheless
>to something extraordinary happening. When Kevin Randle asked
>him if a spacecraft crash was the right path to follow, Easley
>replied to the effect, "Well let's put it this way. It's not the
>wrong path." Easley also confessed to holding Mack Brazel at the
>base under armed guard. And we have witnesses to Easley
>directing the MPs out at the crash sites. It's not too hard to
>read between the lines here.

>Colonel Blanchard's adjutant, Patrick Saunders also refused to
>say much, but inscribed copies of the Randle/Schmitt "The Truth
>About the UFO Crash at Roswell" book with, "This is the truth,
>and I still haven't told anyone!" The section he inscribed with
>this statement concerned how the paper trail was covered up. One
>of Saunders children wrote a letter saying how he had bragged
>about how well he had covered everything up. When I asked Walter
>Haut about procedure concerning important press releases, he
>told me Blanchard and/or Saunders would always review such
>releases before they went out. (Thus Haut couldn't act alone
>without severe repercussions)

>
>The only thing different about Haut from Easley or Saunders is
>he decided to leave a detailed oral and written testimonial to
>be made public after his death instead of taking his secrets to
>the grave.

>David Rudiak

Again, I don't dispute the events that occurred in Roswell 60 years ago (ET crash retrieval and cover-up). I question the issue of a man who clearly, in a "best case scenario" had memory problems, penning a document in such detail. Now this doesn't mean, that the document wasn't assembled and Walter read it, and signed it; the effect, or the legality of it obviously is the same; however, I certainly would like to know more about how this was performed.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Roswell Reminds Us Of The Unknown

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<http://tinyurl.com/2j5dpg>

July 13, 2007

Roswell Reminds Us Of The Unknown
By Mark Hohmeister
Associate Editor

Sixty years ago this week, the 509 Bomb Group in Roswell, N.M., issued a news release saying that a "flying disk" had crashed on a nearby ranch.

Later that same day, July 8, 1947, there was a retraction. Oops. Did we say flying disk? We meant weather balloon.

Since then, there have been reports of mysterious metals and autopsies on aliens. In 1995, an Air Force report said it was part of a secret program, Project Mogul, using high-altitude balloons to monitor Soviet weapons programs. And the aliens were probably just crash dummies.

Whatever, the crash did for Roswell what some say a zoo could do for Tallahassee. It put the town on the map. Roswell just celebrated the anniversary of the "incident." There's a McDonald's that looks like a UFO. Arby's posted a sign saying: "Aliens welcome." The city's Web site features comic book covers and an animated green creature. And Roswell is accepting bids on a multimillion-dollar UFO amusement park.

It gets very silly. But to many people, there is "something out there."

My parents used to sit by a reservoir in Connecticut to watch the sunset. One evening, a light caught their eye.

"It was very bright and moved," recalled my mother, who doesn't use the term UFO when describing it. "It wasn't a plane. It was just a strange thing in the sky that we couldn't place."

In-laws on my wife's side of the family once saw lights follow them for miles on a desert highway.

In 1966, a UFO followed the plane of Florida Gov. Haydon Burns for about 40 miles over North Florida. Among the witnesses was The Miami Herald's Bill Mansfield, who later became editorial page editor of the Democrat.

There's the Jimmy Carter UFO Incident, when the yet-to-be-president and several others saw a UFO in Leary, Ga., in 1969.

Heck, even the Bible (in the first chapter of Ezekiel) gets into the act. After a glowing light zips out of the North, the writer says, "As for the appearance of the wheels and their

construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of beryl; and the four had the same form, their construction being something like a wheel within a wheel. When they moved, they moved in any of the four directions without veering as they moved. Their rims were tall and awesome, for the rims of all four were full of eyes all round."

Here in the Big Bend, with a much lower profile than a president or even the Bible, Kelly Freeman operates his one-man Florida UFO Network. If you see something unusual, you can call his hot line (875-3569), and he'll send you a report form to fill out.

He has received recent reports from Jacksonville, Naples and Altamonte Springs. He also got a call from what sounded like a scared youngster from the outskirts of Tallahassee, who had seen a white oval, but the boy didn't leave a name or number.

"Things are picking up right now," he said. "I'm not sure what's going on."

On YouTube, a video posted in March purports to show a bright light sitting in the Tallahassee sky for at least 10 minutes (search on YouTube for Tallahassee and UFO).

Freeman said he hadn't seen that video and dismissed it with, "I don't really do lights in the sky. It's got to be something more significant than that."

Freeman, 54, has been researching UFOs since the 1970s.

"Most who are doing it have had their own experience," he said.

The one he recalled was in 1995 in Midway. He was driving to work about 6:30 a.m., a route he had taken for years, when he saw 13 amber lights in the shape of a disc, hovering. He saw it to his left, but when he turned the car around, it was gone. "It freaked me out," he said.

Talking about UFOs can be a bit delicate. "I'm working on a column about UFOs" was often followed by a short "Ha!" from co-workers.

Last year, a Wakulla High student won \$250 in the Tallahassee Skeptic UFO Contest sponsored by the Tallahassee Chapter of the Center for Inquiry. His winning entry was a "photo" of a UFO buzzing the Turlington Building.

It can be a bit like talking about religion, a subject best avoided in polite company.

You have those who have seen and believe. And you have those who mock what they view as absurd, unprovable and, basically, a waste of time.

That doesn't faze Freeman.

"I don't care what people think," he said. "They're a fact of life. They're out there."

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Re: TV Producers Seek UFO Videos - Hall

From: **Richard Hall** <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 21:46:36 +0000
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 11:46:41 -0400
Subject: Re: TV Producers Seek UFO Videos - Hall

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: TV Producers Seek UFO Videos
>Date: Fri, 06 Jul 2007 09:54:49 -0400

>From: Richard Hays <Ingetal.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Jul 2007 13:40:44 EDT
>Subject: TV Producers Seek UFO Videos
>For Immediate Release

>Television Production Seeks Your
>UFO, Ghost & Paranormal Videos

>(SAN DIEGO, CA - July 6, 2007) Television and film production
>company, Redbird52 Entertainment, is launching a new television
>series that will present real life home video and cell phone
>video evidence from around the world to explore the existence of
>a wide variety of UFO and paranormal events.

>Over the years, there have been thousands of sightings of UFOs
>and paranormal events by credible witnesses. Pilots, engineers,
>scientists, explains Richard Hays, a producer of television and
>film and the show's executive producer. But often it's just
>their word against a universe of skeptics.

>Now, with so many of us armed with home video and cell phone
>video cameras, adds Hays, there's a greater opportunity
>than ever to document the many, many sightings of unidentified
>flying objects, monsters, ghost visitations and other paranormal
>occurrences.

>We're receiving some very interesting pieces, explains
>Hays. We hope to compile a compelling series that examines
>the reality of some of these phenomena that have occurred in all
>corners of the globe.

>If you have a home video or cell phone video recording that you
>think might be of interest to the documentary production, you
>can reach the producers by email at redbird52.nul to receive
>a submission form and more details about the production.

>CONTACT: Richard Hays (619) 995-1060;
>Email: redbird52.nul

Yes, I am sure that you will receive all sorts of fake, real,
semi-real garbage and you will exploit it to the fullest for the
sake of entertainment. And you will have no concern with or
interest in objective, scientific study of data at all. Stop
pretending that you are doing the world a favor. What you are
doing is pure exploitation of popular interest in unexplained
phenomena for a profit.

- Richard Hall

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Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!" - Tonnies

From: Mac Tonnies <macbot.nul>
Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 21:53:07 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 11:53:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!" - Tonnies

List,

Reply To Shostak's Roswell Essay

I found Seth Shostak's take on the Roswell case rather porous. Here's my response (from my blog, Posthuman Blues):

Shostak seems to assume, perhaps unwisely, that if Roswell was the crash of an ET vehicle, we should have been able to figure it out by now - despite his well-made point about ancient Rome's certain inability to make sense of laptop computers. He forces himself into an evidential cul-de-sac: we should know all about Roswell because of the event's importance, he complains, but that very importance is rooted in an assumed alien technology we don't have a chance of understanding. Ironically, Shostak's case against Roswell as an ET event actually compliments the idea that an alien craft was recovered and duly covered up by an understandably concerned military.

Regarding the Roswell crash's technosocial impact being "too subtle" for Shostak's taste, it's worth noting that technological forecasters such as Ray Kurzweil argue that technology even a few centuries ahead of our own will likely underscore Arthur C. Clarke's maxim that "any sufficiently advanced technology is indistinguishable from magic" - in which case classified laboratories could still be attempting to make sense of the Roswell debris in order to reproduce it for military or industrial applications.

In this scenario, we could hardly expect to have benefited from ET technology. Yet Shostak appears committed to the idea that human history should have been visibly changed by a single UFO crash despite the extraordinarily advanced (indeed incomprehensible) technology supposedly involved... to say nothing of the purported military cover-up.

But Shostak's arguments betray further naivete. For example, careful readers have likely noted his unaccountable insistence that the Roswell craft must have crossed interstellar distances by itself, dismissing the more logical speculation that the downed craft was more along the lines of a fighter jet launched from a nearby aircraft carrier. (Even a cursory reading of the UFO literature reveals a "wave" of UFO sightings in 1947. If even some of these objects were extraterrestrial, are we to think that each made the voyage to Earth individually? While we obviously can't outguess the propulsion savvy of alien physicists, ignoring the implications posed by observations of small craft exiting larger objects smacks of selective thinking.)

I don't know if the infamous "Roswell Incident" was the crash of an alien vehicle, nor do I know anyone who does. But Shostak's eager acceptance of the Air Force's belated Project Mogul explanation, coupled with the mercurial standards for evidence

demanded of the "hysterics" of his essay's title, reveal a pundit whose need to believe casts a troubling shadow on claims of scientific objectivity.

<http://posthumanblues.blogspot.com>

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Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Smith

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:00:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Smith

Unfortunately, talk shows like Larry King do not allow enough time for guests like our distinguished colleagues to go into the pertinent details of the historic Roswell incident. There are still numbers of people out there who are not familiar with this case much less other aspects of the field.

I also agree with Bruce with the fact that Buzz Aldrin was a "wash" as he concurred with Michael Shermer, the skeptic, that hard, empirical evidence is what is needed before this phenomenon is once and for all validated, it was a cop out! I did appreciate former Governor of Arizona, Symington, admission that he also saw a triangular formation along with hundreds of other Arizona residents and that his press conference with someone appearing in an alien costume had not gone over very well.

Having just returned from lecturing at the 60th Anniversary of the Roswell crash, all I could think was, "what do they mean by hard evidence?"

Major Jesse Marcel, Sr., the 11-year-old Jesse Marcel, Jr. as well as several other military and a few civilian witnesses, saw the debris, the second and the third crash site according to Roswell researchers, Stan Friedman, Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, and not only did some of the witnesses see and handle the debris, but some of the witnesses also saw and described the alien bodies.

We had hard evidence as far back as July 1947, but those of us following the case closely, know that these witnesses, military as well civilians were threatened with losing their pensions, their lives and the lives of their families!

But of course, skeptics/debunkers like Michael Shermer - I, too, have had the opportunity (?) to spar with him on at least a couple of shows - have their minds made up and have maintained their closed-minded position for years.

I have always agreed with Stan's very accurate description of the debunkers attitude 'don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up'!

I know that I am preaching to the choir, but sitting here alone at my laptop, I just had to vent my frustrations!

Yvonne Smith, C.Ht.
Director of CERO

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LBJ & UFOs?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 09:41:41 EDT
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:04:48 -0400
Subject: LBJ & UFOs?

I'm wondering what roles and connections the late LBJ had regarding UFOs.

I'm sure somewhere someone has a paper or book on the subject. Seeing as he was around some of the major players during the rise of the golden age of ufology, I figure he had some inside goods.

I didn't know he was at one time a naval officer during WWII reservist but asked to go on the ground inspections of naval materiel and personnel. Recommended by Sec. Forrestal and answered to Gen. MacArthur.

Seeing also he was a long time senator in Texas and later Sentate Majority Leader, I'm sure he had some serious insider info on the subject of UFOs.

Any bona fide research done on this?

Best,
Greg

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Re: Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today? -

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 09:51:38 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:07:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today? -

>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date Sun, 08 Jul 2007 162332 -0400
>Subject Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today?

>Source: Our Strange World.Net

><http://www.ourstrangeworld.net/?p=9369>

>08 Jul 2007

>Whos Who In UFology Today
>by Francesca Black

>Ten names of the most educated, respected Ufologists alive
>today. By studying their theories and published works, you will
>be on the forefront of Ufology research.

><snip>

>Listed:

>Jerome Clark
>Stanton T. Friedman
>Richard F. Haines, Ph.D.
>Bernard Haisch, Ph.D.
>James A. Harder, Ph.D.
>John Keel
>Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D.
>John E. Mack, Ph.D.
>Peter A Sturrock, Ph.D.
>Jacques Vallee, Ph.D.

>Comment:

>Dr. Mack is dead.

James Harder is also deceased.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today? - Lewis

From: **Stephen Lewis** <elfis.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 08:12:13 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:11:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today? - Lewis

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 17:59:37 +0100
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today?

>>From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date Sun, 08 Jul 2007 16:23:32 -0400
>>Subject Most Respected Ufologists Alive Today?

>>Source: Our Strange World.Net

>><http://www.ourstrangeworld.net/?p=9369>

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<snip>

>Oh dear. Once again the rest of the world seems to be completely
>invisible to Americans. No Europeans, no South Americans, no
>Australasians, nobody outside North America.

>Unfortunately, I can't say I'm surprised.

Howdy Mr. Rimmer,

Well, if we track this post to its origins we see that the author wrote the piece as a Press Release and is simply a journalist and "science fiction buff" writing for several homespun alternative health, sci-fi and UFO gift websites.

Not someone I'd expect to be fully aware of each corner of the globe's Ufological contributors. Though she has been writing ufo related content for at least a couple years.

As to whether she is American or not ...

Some bio info and DNS tracking may be in order:

"Francesca Black a long time science fiction buff, manages content for UFO Gifts

<http://www.ufo-gifts.com>

and Science Fiction Corner

<http://www.science-fiction-corner.com>

"Francesca Black works in marketing at Organic Items www.organic-items.com and Pilates Shop www.pilates-shop.net leading portals for organic products and natural exercise."

Looks like all the sites she writes for have DNS managed through

Plympton, Massachusetts. But she could be based anywhere. Though I'd concede she is probably American and your point still valid.

Just figured I'd at least try to see for certain whether she is American or not.

Cheers!

SMiles

www.elfis.net

www.AnomalyRadio.com

www.ExcludedMiddle.com

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Lehmborg

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 10:12:51 -0500
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:13:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Lehmborg

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 15:50:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>>Date: Friday, July 06, 2007 10:27 AM
>>Subject: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>Source: ABC News - USA

>><http://www.abcnews.go.com/Nightline/story?id=3349575&page=1>

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Good stuff, Bill;

More on the recent debate than on OOTB... but what was with
Shermer's fascination with anal probes all about, reminding me
that I can think of more appropriate uses for the cute alien
props he'd brought in he might consider uncomfortable.

Moreover - Stanton Friedman does not have to be interrupted by
the banal, inaccurate, and presumptive inanities of a smirking
Shermer.

And I'd sure like to use Aldrin's prop on him, that stumble
stepping, double talking, _time wasting_, duplicitous old
bastard. He is without all relevancy, pertinence, and
usefulness, and he's walked on both sides of the credulity line
too often now for me to be able to take credence in anything he
says in the future on this subject.

Piss on him! But I sugar coat...

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:15:52 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <dhatz-ufo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>Source: Jimmie Robinson's Blog - Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA

><http://www.jrobinson.blogspot.com/2007/06/tremonton-seagulls.html>

>Tuesday, June 26, 2007

>The Tremonton Seagulls

>by Jimmie Robinson -- B.S., U. of Arizona 1953.
>Physicist, White Sands Missile Range, NM 1954-55.
>Asst. Astronomer, New Mexico St. University, 1955-1974
>Systems Analyst, WSMR 1976- 1988

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That aside, its's very interesting story from Mr Robinson,
though.

Martin Shough

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Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:10:23 EDT
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:19:48 -0400
Subject: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman

I say someone, any of you that qualify, should stop by the Nobel website and nominate Stanton T. Friedman for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Why? Because he's been promoting global peace through ufology for decades. Quite a first and a message for the world we live in. Even if he didn't win, the nomination would be noteworthy and newsworthy.

You can check out the qualifications for nominating someone at the Nobel site.

Best,

Greg

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From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:21:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 20:56:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 22:42:51 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>Hi Steve & David

>Has anyone addressed the ostensible inconsistencies between
>Haut's two affidavits? Perhaps this has been done and I just
>haven't heard about it, or maybe I'm missing the blindingly
>obvious. Can someone explain:

>1) why in 1993 Haut said he issued the crashed disc story as
>instructed by Col Blanchard by telephone on July 8 and only the
>next day "read in the newspaper that General Roger Ramey in Fort
>Worth had said the object was a weather balloon", but in 2002
>claimed to have been present with Ramey at a meeting in Roswell
>on the morning of July 8 where Ramey allegedly hatched the
>balloon plot and that he knew about it from the inside all
>along?

>2) why in 1993 he said "I believe Col. Blanchard saw the
>material, because he sounded positive about what the material
>was", but in 2002 allegedly claimed that he, Blanchard and all
>present openly handled inexplicable alien debris at this same
>meeting?

>3) why in 1993 he said he heard about the debris in a phone call
>at 9:30 am Tuesday July 8, but in 2002 allegedly said the above
>meeting had happened at 7:30 a.m. that same morning?

I'll take that as a "No", then. The salient point here of course
is that none of these inconsistencies can be explained as mere
omissions in 1993. If the 2002 scenario is true, then Haut's
distortions of the truth in 1993 were active and creative. In
other words he made things up.

Personally I find very unconvincing the idea that he made these
things up in 1993 with idea of somehow protecting the truth,
whereas I find that brief affidavit entirely convincing as a
naive statement of his belief at the time.

But then what do I know? ;-)

MS

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Re: MUFON Investigation Shows Drone Photos Hoaxed

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 09:37:55 -0700
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:53:54 -0400
Subject: Re: MUFON Investigation Shows Drone Photos Hoaxed

>From: Linda Moulton Howe <earthfiles.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 8 Jul 2007 14:52:11 -0600
>Subject: MUFON Investigation Shows Drone Photos Hoaxed

>Hi, Errol:

>Understand you have posted an e-mail from Steve Murillo, MUFON-
>LA, provided to you by Bill Hamilton, in which Mr. Murillo
>describes his investigation of the dragonfly-shaped drone
>photographs and his conclusion the photos are hoaxed. Am not
>certain what the MUFON definition of an investigation is, but
>know it did not include communications with the eyewitnesses
>below. In fairness, would appreciate your distribution of this
>information as well.

This is the point I tried to make before to this List. Some, perhaps even all, the images may well be CGI creations (but all relevant photos need to be examined, not just a few), but there is still the unresolved issue of these other eyewitness accounts, without photos. Granted, they often tend to describe similar objects, if not exactly the same as in the well-known photos, but are interesting in their own right. What if some photos were genuine and others not (as in hoaxers re-creating their own personally-styled "copies" of some pre-existing real photos)? Are all of these many people just part of one huge hoax or is it a possible combination scenario of genuine and false reports?

It is unfortunate to see to such a quick initial dismissal of these admittedly "weird" reports by some researchers who should know better. Are you not just doing the same thing as you criticize the debunkers of doing? At least MUFON did its own investigation instead of just making rash assumptions. That is the key word here - investigate. Other than a couple good e-mails I've received from others, I still haven't seen anyone on the list acknowledge any of this...

Paul

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:41:15 -0300
Archived: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:58:18 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Ledger

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 15:50:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

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>>Michael Shermer, the editor of Skeptic Magazine, says, "The
>>parade of astronauts or police officers or politicians like
>>Jimmy Carter - it's irrelevant. Because they're human and
>>they're brains and nervous systems and sensory apparatus are
>>structured just like the average Joes."

>And they're especially irrelevant if they've witnessed
>something inexplicable. Not only does this place the cart
>before the horse, but it makes us the only area of interest that
>is witness proof. No witness testimony can be trusted because
>they're...human? That's a pretty high bar, first proving
>witness supernatural infallibility and all. And hasn't this
>point been argued unsuccessfully on UpDates by far brainier
>people than I for at least the last eight years? The more
>things change... the more you have to ignore.

>>Shermer spends a lot of time with reports of UFOs and space
>>aliens, and has this to say about the documentary: "Um, the facts
>>are true. The, uh, the story is well told and well produced. But
>>that's not how science works. In science we have to have some way
>>of testing to get an answer. It's this or this. And we have to
>>have some way of weighing the evidence. And short of an actual
>>experiment to run you have to have debate."

Hi Bill,

Re Jimmy Carter, his education often gets ignored when his
sighting is brought up.

First, I'm not sure where Shermer gets off presenting himself as
a scientist. He's a Psychologist and can't even write
prescriptions. He's way down the chain from say the late John
Mack who was a scientist albeit in a soft field like psychiatry.
Shermer's science hasn't been able to nail down a thought and

say it exists so apparently it doesn't exist. Since when do psychologists do lab work.

Shermer says that Jimmy Carter for instance was just another "Joe" when it came to seeing UFOs.

Note these facts:

Carter attended Georgia Southwestern College and Georgia Institute of Technology and received a Bachelor of Science degree from the United States Naval Academy in 1946.[5] Carter was a gifted student and finished 59th out of his Academy class of 820. Carter served on submarines in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets. He was later selected by Captain (later Admiral) Hyman G. Rickover for the U.S. Navy's fledgling nuclear submarine program, where Carter became a qualified command officer.

Carter's ultimate goal was to become Chief of Naval Operations. Because of this, Carter did some post-graduate work, studying nuclear physics and reactor technology for several months at Union College starting in March 1953. That was cut short by the death of his father and he resigned his commission to take over the family business.

Now that's far and a way more of a science education than what Shermer has. Shermer was sitting beside Stan Friedman on Larry King last night. Stan was the scientist not Shermer. Shermer has no business toting himself as a scientist any more than many of the others that show up in his magazine or on his website. But Shermer makes a living being a "skeptic" and has to debunk from the gitgo. He makes pronouncements without evidentiary back-up.

><snip>

>>"The question itself I think is legitimate," he said. "It's >>interesting, it's fascinating. It's mythic in scale . one of the >>grand questions. It's like the God question or, you know, the >>meaning-of-life question. It's one of those, on that scale. So >>you'd have to be made of wood not to be interested and, you >>know, have they come here? Are they up there?"

>Edit out the snark and you have to be made of 'something else' >entirely to feign an interest in the question while ignoring the >experiences and evidence of thousands of otherwise honest and >sane people. It allows you to pretend to have an open mind.

>And once you remove the nutballs, freaks, cultists and frauds - >then what? Same old legitimate question - same old illegitimate >skeptibunky response. As the saying goes, Michael Shermer >couldn't talk me out of a burning building.

We are often accused of preaching to the converted by the likes of Shermer when we both know that is not true. We argue all of the time about the validity of UFO cases, but I don't see this healthy discourse amongst the skeptics or in the case of Shermer, the debunkers. They seem to be in some sort of lockstep of ignorance wearing blinders and with their telltale lobotomy scar as a trademark.

Larry King, BTW is a terrible interviewer. He has a bad habit of jumping in with some inane question just as someone is making a point.

Don Ledger

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Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Boone

>Source: The Montreal Gazette, Quebec, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/32jfgp>

Y'know, it never ceases to amaze me how debunkers will use that punked out excuse regarding people's abilities to observe and recall.

Notice how when it comes to UFOs or any criminal investigation the memories of the witnesses come into question yet the same debunkers will rattle on about their decades of research and opinions based on what they've observed.

Soooo that means only debunkers and criminals are allowed to have good recall?

It's moose muffins and a pitiful excuse to invalidate otherwise reliable testimony.

If our ability to recall were that bad as a species we would have been extinct a long time ago. Last time I looked one's ability to observe and recall and act upon that data determined one's survival. Ergo, if you ass is here, your memory is just fine, your parent's recall ability is just fine and everyone who begat you can boast at the minimum an efficient recall ability.

So next time a debunker mentions the unreliability of someone's observational ability and recall tell them that they can't present any counter points if it contains someone's observational ability and recall ability.

Better yet, next time some debunker says the U.S. military and it's officers and soldiers aren't qualified to observe and recall remind them that we're not goosestepping, bowing to some king or queen and our flag still has it's stars and stripes.

Best,

Greg

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>Subject: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!"

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>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 00:09:02 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Larry King Live 07-13-07 Transcript

>Source: CNN - Atlanta, Georgia USA

><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0707/13/lkl.02.html>

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>CNN LARRY KING LIVE

>Are UFOs Real?

>Aired July 13, 2007 - 21:00 ET

I was proud of Stan Friedman on Larry King Live. Larry had no business adding Michael Schermer to the guest list, and I had the sense that Stan 'took off his gloves' in combatting Schermer. Right on. I don't like arguments, but LK must have added Schermer for the 'entertainment' value of an argument(?), and Stan was up to the match, as usual.

Dave Morton

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Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 10:44:17 -0400
Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

While watching last night's Larry King Live show dedicated to Roswell and UFOs, I became disgusted.

As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of extraterrestrial visitation?

As Stanton Friedman would respond, 'You are asking the wrong question.' The reality of UFOs is not, and has never been, dependent upon such questions as the one above. Likewise, questions such as, 'How could they possibly get here from there?', and 'Why are the aliens reported to be humanoid when evolution dictates this form would be unlikely to evolve on other worlds?', are moot as well.

The only question any researcher, skeptic, or talk-show host should be focusing on is, 'Do some UFOs display characteristics that would exclude a human-technological origin?' This is the big money question.

Unfortunately, we have to play by certain rules. We have to establish that craft exhibiting characteristics currently unattainable by humanity are indeed flying in our skies, landing, and even reportedly abducting citizens.

Once we establish this foundation, then it is acceptable to probe the deeper implications of the phenomena.

-Jason Gammon

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I've done the experiment with local sea gulls and found I could
clearly recognize them at a distance of up to 2/3rds of a mile,
say 3000 feet for round numbers. Under the steady camera
assumption, the objects would then be moving (75 mph at 500
feet) x 3000/500 = 450 mph.

If Newhouse had compensated for only half the motion, then the
speed would be 225 mph; for 80%, 90 mph, etc. Only if he had
panned with the motion at 90% or more would the speed drop to 45
mph or less, i.e., down to seagull-type speeds.

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Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

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>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <dhatz-ufo.nul>
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>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>Source: Jimmie Robinson's Blog - Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA

>><http://www.jrobinson.blogspot.com/2007/06/tremonton-seagulls.html>

>>Tuesday, June 26, 2007

>>The Tremonton Seagulls

>>by Jimmie Robinson -- B.S., U. of Arizona 1953.
>>Physicist, White Sands Missile Range, NM 1954-55.
>>Asst. Astronomer, New Mexico St. University, 1955-1974
>>Systems Analyst, WSMR 1976- 1988

>><snip>

>>Consider the following: The focal length (76mm) of the camera is
>>known; the frame size (16mm) of the film is also known, hence
>>the field of view (fov) of each frame is known (fov = frame
>>size/focal length). Therefore, if the camera is held stationary
>>while an object is timed traversing the frame (which Newhouse
>>did several times), then we have a reliable measure of the
>>object's apparent angular velocity, which in this case turns out
>>to be approximately 12deg./sec. Consequently, at a distance of
>>one mile, the objects would have been moving about 750mph,
>>190mph @ a quarter of a mile, or 75mph .nul ft. The distance of
>>the objects is unknown, but (a) No bird is unidentifiable as
>>such at 500ft., or can fly 75mph, hence birds cannot explain the
>>movie, (b) no aircraft is unidentifiable as such at four miles,
>>and no aircraft was capable of the 3000mph velocity required for
>>that distance, and (c) no balloon is unidentifiable as such
>>.nul, nor can move 75mph on a calm day.

>>There are no assumptions, theories, opinions, or conjectures
>>involved in this conclusion. These are scientific facts, and are
>>all you need to rule out any known object or phenomenon as an
>>explanation for the Newhouse film. It's as simple as that.

>As I pointed out to Jimmie Robinson privately there is in fact
>one assumption being made here: The assumption that Newhouse did
>indeed hold the camera steady and allow the objects to pass
>through the FOV.

>This was the very assumption that the Robertson Panel called in
>question, suggesting that someone trying hard not to pan with
>the action might have unconsciously overscompensated and panned
>against_ the action, thus inflating the apparent angular rate.
>Newhouse's assertion that he did not do this may (or may not) be
>a good one, but it does not unfortunately have the status of
>"scientific fact" in the sense claimed, so it isn't "as simple

>as that". It may be possible to calculate some plausible limit
>on the amount of angular error that could arise from such
>overcompensation, but I haven't seen this argument explicitly
>tackled anywhere. Has anyone else?

>That aside, its's very interesting story from Mr Robinson,
>though.

Hi Martin,

I have the movie UFO here and in the film Newhouse says he held the camera steady and let a single object fly out of frame - and that's shown. Why would he lie about that?

It should be easy enough these days to determine if the camera moved. Strange an old navy type like Newhouse wouldn't know seagulls from the other. He stated that the objects looked like two saucers one inverted over the other and the size of a B-29 at 10,000 feet. That's not very far away.

If I were standing at the end of runway 02-20 at my local airfield and was looking down it's length of 5,000 feet then doubled that and a B-19 was on base leg for that runway at two miles distance it would be large and very detailed. An eagle is very apparent at a mile. I've seen them in the same context at measured distances - runways are handy that way - where at one time I advised one of our pilots, by radio, to watch out for an eagle that was circling to his left next to the button of runway 20. He responded that he saw the eagle and banked right then left to stay away from it. And it was next to the button of 20.

Newhouse noted that he had logged over 2,000 hours in the air and had never seen anything like this before. I've seen seagulls - Nova Scotia after all is nearly completely surrounded by water - from all angles. Bottom, top, sides. Once almost through my windscreen taking off from Brier Island, and I've seen them from the ground when they thermal upwards to fly inland. They look small and move, apparently, exceedingly slowly when in level flight. And note that seagulls move quickly only when losing altitude or swooping-diving, but when they actually flap their wings to gain or maintain altitude and are in forward motion they are actually a very slow moving bird, not like geese or ducks.

I've had too much experience with seagulls to attribute their presence to what I've seen in that film nor do they even come close to slotting in as a neat little piece of the puzzle. It's apples and cucumbers.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Additions To FOTOCAT Blog July 2007

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 20:53:57 +0200 (CEST)
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Subject: Additions To FOTOCAT Blog July 2007

The FOTOCAT blog has been updated for July 2007 in the following link:

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

Good reading!

Very best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
Director, FOTOCAT Project

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Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Maccabee

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Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:42:16 -0400
Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:18:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Maccabee

>From: Yvonne R Smith <yrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 22:52:30 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Maccabee

>I agree with Bruce's assessment of tonight's Larry King Show
>featuring Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman, Dr. Jesse Marcel,
>Jr., et al.

>Unfortunately, talk shows like Larry King do not allow enough
>time for guests like our distinguished colleagues to go into the
>pertinent details of the historic Roswell incident. There are
>still numbers of people out there who are not familiar with this
>case much less other aspects of the field.

<snip>

>I have always agreed with Stan's very accurate description of
>the debunkers attitude 'don't bother me with the facts, my mind
>is made up'!

>I know that I am preaching to the choir, but sitting here alone
>at my laptop, I just had to vent my frustrations!

Alone At My Laptop...

Sounds like a title for a novel about a love affair with all the
stored UFO information in my laptop... information that
proves "UFOs Are Real"... to anyone willing to take the time
to look and think... unlike Shirmer.

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Re: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman -

From: **Mac Tonnies** <macbot.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:20:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:10:23 EDT
>Subject: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman

>I say someone, any of you that qualify, should stop by the Nobel
>website and nominate Stanton T. Friedman for the Nobel Peace
>Prize.

>Why? Because he's been promoting global peace through ufology
>for decades. Quite a first and a message for the world we live
>in. Even if he didn't win, the nomination would be noteworthy
>and newsworthy.

You know, you've got a point there!

Mac

Mac Tonnies <macbot.nul>
Mac's website: <http://www.mactonnies.com>
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Larry King Live 07-13-07 Video On-Line

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Subject: Larry King Live 07-13-07 Video On-Line

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There is 2 servers, depends on connection you have:

Google video:

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

Guba.com

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

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Re: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman -

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Subject: Re: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman -

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 12:10:23 EDT
>Subject: Nobel Peace Prize For Stanton Friedman

>You can check out the qualifications for nominating someone at
>the Nobel site.

Greg,

I checked out the rules of nomination for peace prize, one
qualifier to become then submit proposals for the prize is
"Leaders of peace research institutes and institutes of foreign
affairs;"

So what's needed in order to nominate Stanton Friedman for the
peace prize is the creation of an organization in the study of
extraterrestrial intelligence that its moral benefit shall be to
both our kinds and our common existence.

Of course, do we already have an institute in place for which
best describes the above? yes, its called the United Federation
Of Planets, from Star Trek!

To think with all the intelligences among all the planets in our
neighborhood, that Earth were somehow chosen to host the
planetary network of united nations for nearby habitable
planets, I think this is poor reasoning to think that when if
the stage were set from 1907, all that is required to test our
intentions would be to peddle forward some hundred years then
ask, why would intelligent beings elsewhere even consider Earth
some type of headquarters for planetary peace.

"Leaders of peace research institutes and institutes of foreign
affairs;" its in the idea lets say that for among all habitable
planets with intelligent beings that our history can not be
changed but our ability to live together in a peaceful future on
Earth is always our dream.

For if an alien being didnt have to study us under a microscope
how would they? what are we, who are we that we desire this
institute/organization to promote our good will and share ideas,
our thoughts which could be viewed upon from other then Earth
beings. This is who we are and why we act this way would your
people have done the same ?

http://nobelpeaceprize.org/eng_com_nom.html

Nominators

New nomination rules, effective from 2003.
Compared to the old rules the list of nominators has been
slightly expanded.

Any one of the following persons is entitled to submit proposals:

members of national assemblies and governments;

members of international courts of law;
university chancellors; university professors of social science,
history, philosophy, law and theology;
leaders of peace research institutes and institutes of foreign affairs;
former Nobel Peace Prize laureates;
board members of organisations that have received the Nobel Peace Prize;
present and past members of the Norwegian Nobel Committee;
(committee members must present their nomination at the latest at
the first committee meeting after February 1);
former advisers at the Norwegian Nobel Institute.

John

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Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book

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Subject: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember: An Expanded View
Of The Alien Abduction Phenomenon By Katharina Wilson

Katharina Wilson's new book, I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember is the first time a first edition book about the alien abduction phenomenon has been published on-line and offered free to the public. It covers twelve years of consciously recalled abduction encounters that Katharina has experienced since she published her journals in The Alien Jigsaw in 1993.

The pieces of the puzzle have continued to fall into place to reveal why these Beings are interacting with specific people on our planet: defacto emissaries between human Beings and alien Beings.

Since The Alien Jigsaw was published, Katharina has continued to experience a high level of interaction with several types of alien intelligences. Utilizing her well-documented journals and illustrations, she again shares her life experiences as they relate to these incredible Beings.

I Forgot What I Wasn't Supposed To Remember is an expanded view of the alien abduction phenomenon and contains details that are certain to be "firsts" regarding the reporting of this phenomenon to the public. This book involves experiences with several different types of alien Beings including different types of Greys, Hybrids, Blondes, Short 'Pudgy' Beings, Tan 'Wrinkled' Beings, Interdimensional Beings, Super Conscious Beings and incorporeal influences.

The curtain of secrecy obscuring the truth about this phenomenon has been pulled back to reveal conceivable answers to important questions such as:

Has there been an Ultra Secret Team consisting of specialized military, intelligence and scientific personnel involved in the Hybrid Breeding Program all along?

Is it because of this Ultra Secret Team that reports of MILABS or military abductions surfaced as early as the 1980s in relation to alien abduction encounters?

Has the Hybrid Breeding Program reached its culmination and are they already coexisting with us on our planet?

Does a worldwide transition loom on humanity's horizon?

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Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!" - Kimball

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Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:29:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!" - Kimball

I would note that I was the Canuck who ran the Seth Shostak vs. The Easter Bunny Credibility poll to which he refers. You can find the results etc. at:

<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/search?q=easter+bunny+shostak>

Lest anyone think I was picking on poor Seth, I had earlier run a similar poll wherein the indomitable Easter Bunny took on some of ufology's "finest", like Kal Korff, Linda Moulton Howe, Steven Greer, Billy Meier etc. in a credibility poll. The Easter Bunny won that one too, easily.

<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com/2007/04/credibility-poll-results.html>

For the record, I voted for the Easter Bunny in both polls.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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Alien Contact Came In '52, Author Says

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Subject: Alien Contact Came In '52, Author Says

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http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_195213738.html

July 14, 2007

Alien Contact Came In '52, Author Says
By Mannix Porterfield
Register-Herald reporter

Sci-fi buffs flocked to a fantasy film in 1984 bearing a title prediction that 2010 would be the year earthlings make contact with aliens.

Actually, contact has come, and it was less than friendly, says one UFO researcher.

Three decades earlier, in fact, back in 1952, just five years after the famed Roswell incident, the American military engaged a convoy of alien aircraft with orders to destroy them in a pitched air battle right off the Atlantic Coast, says Frank Feschino, author of *The Flatwoods Monster*, a phenomenon that rocked a tiny West Virginia hamlet that year.

An illustrator and writer, Feschino has produced a follow-up book, this one titled *Shoot Them Down*, an effort produced after years of painstaking research of the U.S. Air Force's once-classified files on unidentified flying saucers and digesting countless magazine articles on the matter.

His years of exhaustive study have convinced Feschino that American jet fighters did indeed make contact - at the point of their guns.

Shoot Them Down draws its name from orders Feschino says President Truman gave military commanders while an American public was growing increasingly jittery over coast-to-coast UFO sightings.

Two years earlier, Truman had remarked at a news conference, "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth."

"There are tons of documents right there, intelligence reports, talking about pilots chasing these things, going after them," Feschino said, citing the once-hidden reports on the Air Force's so-called Project Blue Book.

"That's when it hit the fan, and the government stepped up. That is when they had to simmer the whole country down. The whole country was in an uproar. Everybody was panicking. The job of the government is to keep things under control, and they couldn't let the country panic."

UFOs were buzzing the entire country that year, "and a good chunk of them were over military installations, and power

plants, like Oak Ridge," the author says.

Feschino pulls his theory largely from the writings of Air Force Capt. Edward Ruppelt, a decorated World War II veteran, recalled to duty when hostilities erupted in Korea.

Roswell might stand out as the mother of all UFO stories, but 1952 was the most prolific year by far for aircraft sightings - by one account, some 30,000 alone in the United States, many of them reported in local newspapers around the country.

Craft ranged from discs to round balls to elongated, cigar-shaped ships, the Port Orange, Fla., resident said.

"Capt. Ruppelt was dropping clues throughout his book," Feschino said. "And that's the premise of my book. During that time of 1952 we had the highest amount of sightings."

In a book he wrote, Ruppelt said "other assorted historians have pointed out that normally the UFOs are peaceful," but he alluded to a chase in which one of two pilots engaging unidentified aircraft perished.

"They just weren't ready to be observed closely," he wrote.

"If the Air Force hadn't slapped down the security lid, these writers might not have reached this conclusion (about peaceful aliens). There have been other and more lurid duels of death. That's what everybody missed."

Feschino flatly says the Air Force took on alien aircraft just off the coast with orders to destroy them in a move to pacify a public growing ever restless over bizarre sightings. In the battle, apparently one craft hobbled back inland, resting on a knoll in a West Virginia community known as Flatwoods. And it was there on Sept. 12 a group of boys, accompanied by some adults, scampered up the hillside and saw a metallic, 12-foot object emitting a sulfuric odor. Locals dubbed it "the Flatwoods Monster."

"I have no idea who they were," Feschino said.

Based on his interviews with some 200 denizens of Flatwoods, however, the author believes the aliens remain interested in rural West Virginia.

"There are people in West Virginia who have been seeing UFOs for the past 50 years, and there are key locations where they are being seen - Wheeling, Huntington, and quite a few south of Charleston, around Cabin Creek, even down in the Beckley area," he said.

Feschino is a headliner for a Sept. 7-8 UFO summit in Charleston, organized by promoter Larry Bailey. Joining him will be Freddie May, a witness to the Flatwoods incident, and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, considered the leading UFO researcher in the world. Friedman has appeared on numerous cable TV shows with his belief that extraterrestrials are frequent flyers to planet Earth.

At the two-day gathering, Feschino plans to sell his new book, featuring a special, limited edition cover for West Virginia consumers.

At a book-signing in Tamarack, the author was approached by an aging woman after the crowd of buyers began to disperse.

"She tugged on my shirt and leaned up to my ear and said, 'We're still seeing those things up here all the time,'" the author said.

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Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!" - Miller

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>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 12:42:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Shostak "Happy Birthday, Hysterics!"

>>I think Roswell is important, really I do. But more because it
>>points to our gullibility, not to any alien guests who, intent
>>on visiting the Land of Enchantment, proved that they should
>>never have been given a driver's license.

>>OK, let the abuse begin.

>Not this time, Dr. Shostak. This time I'll just consider the
>source. Moreover, gullibility is what you count on to get people
>interested in searching stellar campfires for wispy 'smoke
>signals'.

>Come to find it's you living in enchantment's land, after all,
>and who drives for you?

I commend you for your restraint.

I put my initial thoughts about Seth's article on my web site in the form of an opinion piece but subsequent to that and having thought about it a bit more, while not changing the main tennet of my comments, I think a more critical tone is appropriate.

I would describe this as a dishonest effort from Seth. He's waving a flag at us and shouting "Come and get me" and I can only presume he hasn't had a cuddle from anything warm and breathing for a while.

But I said I wouldn't fiddle with my tennets, for they are these; this latest non-event is like a gnats bite on Shrek's posterior. It is nothing but a very minor irritation.

We should not lose sight of the fact that fundamentally we are in the same bed as Seth and what we should really be doing is snuggling up closer to him and his cohorts. No spooning mind, we should lie back to back, fighting off the CSICOP-ians and the head-in-the-sand brigade who feel all efforts and energies should be directed Earth bound. The Navel Gazers and The Smug are the real foes.

Seth, I embrace thee as a wandering brother lost in the desert of ignorance. Cease this nonsense and whisper in my ear once again those sweet words about how you think we're going to make contact in the next 20 years. You smooth-talker, you.

Stuart

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Boone

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Boone

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>While watching last night's Larry King Live show dedicated to
>Roswell and UFOs, I became disgusted.

>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>extraterrestrial visitation?

Why the cover-up?

Ask yourself what cover-ups in the past and present that have
become unveiled and what the reasons for those were and you'll
have a good idea of the pattern of cover-up priorities.

I'm going to be evasive to a degree because I know what the real
deal is and it ain't pretty. Only my compassion for my so-called
fellow human being - clue there - keeps me tongue tied.

Past reasons for cover-ups? Criminal acts performed by
government and friends of government. Protecting top secret
information, personnel and materiel.

Oh, and just downright cowardice and greed.

Do the homework.

We recently found out that the CIA had been employing the Mafia
for defending our republic. Actually it goes all the way back to
Lucky Luciano during WWII whilst in prison giving the government
data on how to help defeat Mussolini. Couldn't have a dictator
who was going to get rid of organized crime now could we?

So that goes to show you that our government will stop at
nothing to defend our freedoms by supporting activities, groups
and persons who have nothing but our worst interests in mind.

Oh I forgot, sometimes those things that are covered up have the
names and phone numbers of politicians who big shots who like
prostitutes.

That's the biggest reason for cover-ups right there.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Bourdais

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 17:28:10 +0200
Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Bourdais

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 20:56:00 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 22:42:51 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>Hi Steve & David

>>Has anyone addressed the ostensible inconsistencies between
>>Haut's two affidavits? Perhaps this has been done and I just
>>haven't heard about it, or maybe I'm missing the blindingly
>>obvious. Can someone explain:

>>1) why in 1993 Haut said he issued the crashed disc story as
>>instructed by Col Blanchard by telephone on July 8 and only the
>>next day "read in the newspaper that General Roger Ramey in
>>Fort
>>Worth had said the object was a weather balloon", but in 2002
>>claimed to have been present with Ramey at a meeting in Roswell
>>on the morning of July 8 where Ramey allegedly hatched the
>>balloon plot and that he knew about it from the inside all
>>along?

>>2) why in 1993 he said "I believe Col. Blanchard saw the
>>material, because he sounded positive about what the material
>>was", but in 2002 allegedly claimed that he, Blanchard and all
>>present openly handled inexplicable alien debris at this same
>>meeting?

>>3) why in 1993 he said he heard about the debris in a phone call
>>at 9:30 am Tuesday July 8, but in 2002 allegedly said the above
>>meeting had happened at 7:30 a.m. that same morning?

>I'll take that as a "No", then. The salient point here of course
>is that none of these inconsistencies can be explained as mere
>omissions in 1993. If the 2002 scenario is true, then Haut's
>distortions of the truth in 1993 were active and creative. In
>other words he made things up.

>Personally I find very unconvincing the idea that he made these
>things up in 1993 with idea of somehow protecting the truth,
>whereas I find that brief affidavit entirely convincing as a
>naive statement of his belief at the time.

>But then what do I know? ;-)

Martin,

I disagree with your conclusion about Walter Haut. It has been explained already by several researchers, and his daughter, prominently by Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt in their book Witness To Roswell, and again at the Roswell Festival last week, that Walter Haut did not want to reveal publicly all what he knew, before his death.

He felt bound by his oath of secrecy, and wanted especially to remain faithful to his chief and personal friend, Colonel Blanchard. However, he also felt the need to leave a message, to be made public after his death, because the Roswell case was so important to him. Is that so hard to understand?

I met with Walter Haut twice in July 1995, and he insisted on the point that there was a very strict discipline on that base. To illustrate that, he pointed to a vacuum cleaner which was in a corner of the room at the Museum, and said to me: "If my Colonel had told me that it was an alien, I would have answered "yes, my Colonel!" At the time, I did not really understand the message, but now I think I understand it. He just hinted to me that he could not tell the whole story.

Now, in the affidavit, there are two points which bothered me a bit, on first reading. First, the revelation that General Ramey and Col. DuBose came to Roswell, presumably on Monday evening, since they were present at the early morning meeting of Col. Blanchard, on Tuesday.

But if, indeed, the craft and body had been discovered on Monday, it is quite natural that they decided to rush to Roswell to discuss that and decide what to do, in liaison with Washington. And they had the time to come back to Fort Worth on Tuesday morning, for the cover up of the afternoon with a balloon.

A consequence of that, though, is that, like Walter Haut, and probably like Marcel, DuBose did not tell the whole story either, when he signed his own affidavit.

I would say that what they all did was the beginning of a controlled process of releasing information on Roswell. And others probably did the same.

A second point which bothered me a bit is the paragraph 17, because it seems hesitant. But on reading it again carefully, I think he just said that he was going to be allowed to visit at least one site. He did that and came back with some debris that he kept in his office. Again, that does not seem unbelievable to me.

Gildas Bourdais

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50's Italian Saucer Landings

From: **Maurizio Verga** <mauverga.nul>
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Subject: 50's Italian Saucer Landings

About 3 months ago I announced the availability of my latest book When Saucers Came To Earth, in the English language. The book has been welcomed by a remarkable number of UFO researchers around the world, also because it is the only book in English language dealing with Italian UFO landings, more precisely those happened until 1954 (the year of the great Italian UFO wave).

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:01:15 -0400
Archived: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 13:00:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>extraterrestrial visitation?

What government would admit it is powerless to stop invasion of
its airspace, kidnapping of its citizens, and complete disregard
for its defense systems?

I think the coverup is the obvious thing a government would do
if it didn't know what was going on. Government is all about
power, and any government that admits to being powerless would
not last long.

It is my personal belief that the US government has covered up
Roswell and any number of other incidents for the simple reason
that they don't have a clue what is going on, or how to
control/prevent it. I think they have been studying this
phenomenon for more than the 60 years since Roswell, and aren't
any closer to solutions today than they were back then.

Our government will willingly tell us the truth about UFOs when
they know how to control them.

Bob Shell

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>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <dhatz-ufo.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>>>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>Consider the following: The focal length (76mm) of the camera is
>>>known; the frame size (16mm) of the film is also known, hence
>>>the field of view (fov) of each frame is known (fov = frame
>>>size/focal length). Therefore, if the camera is held stationary
>>>while an object is timed traversing the frame (which Newhouse
>>>did several times), then we have a reliable measure of the
>>>object's apparent angular velocity, which in this case turns out
>>>to be approximately 12deg./sec. Consequently, at a distance of
>>>one mile, the objects would have been moving about 750mph,
>>>190mph @ a quarter of a mile, or 75mph .nul ft. The distance of
>>>the objects is unknown, but (a) No bird is unidentifiable as
>>>such at 500ft., or can fly 75mph, hence birds cannot explain the
>>>movie, (b) no aircraft is unidentifiable as such at four miles,
>>>and no aircraft was capable of the 3000mph velocity required for
>>>that distance, and (c) no balloon is unidentifiable as such
>>>.nul, nor can move 75mph on a calm day.

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>>>involved in this conclusion. These are scientific facts, and are
>>>all you need to rule out any known object or phenomenon as an
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>mph or less, i.e., down to seagull-type speeds.

As mentioned to Martin Shough off-List (who concurs), Jimmie Robinson's estimate for angular rate (12.5 deg/sec) is about a factor of 6 higher than the value (2.1 deg/sec) obtained from analysis of the film documented in Project Blue Book - see, e.g.:

<http://nicap.org/docs/utah520702docs3.htm>

Newhouse only attempted 'motionless camera' sequences on a single object that broke away from the rest of the group, getting '2-1/2' such sequences (the first beginning with the object centered in the field of view). The rest of the group may have been moving at a higher angular rate, but the film does not allow this determination. It is notable that the objects apparent diameters diminish smoothly by ~30% during the film, indicating that they are traveling away from the camera, such that the raw angular rate data would underestimate the actual speed at range.

In any case, the seagull theory remains unconvincing, but not absurdly so with regard to range/velocity constraints. I must say I would be surprised if someone with as much photographic experience as Newhouse would be susceptible to 'compensatory panning' of the camera to any significant degree.

Mike

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:44:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>>>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>Source: Jimmie Robinson's Blog - Las Cruces, New Mexico, USA

>>><http://www.jrobinson.blogspot.com/2007/06/tremonton-seagulls.html>

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>>tackled anywhere. Has anyone else?

>I have the movie UFO here and in the film Newhouse says he held
>the camera steady and let a single object fly out of frame -
>and that's shown. Why would he lie about that?

Hi Don

I don't know if anyone has ever alleged that he did. I'm certainly not saying that. As I understand the proposition, it is that Newhouse was watching through the viewfinder and unconsciously panned the camera opposite to the object motion when trying to hold the camera still. I can see how that might happen. I can also see that there are arguments that it probably didn't happen (especially as Newhouse did this three times). But the point at issue was Mr Robinson's claim that the rigid stillness of Newhouse's camera is an absolute "scientific fact" leaving no room for conjecture.

This is untrue. It is not a "scientific fact" but a witness

report. Along with his descriptions of the objects as they appeared before the film sequence (B-29 sized saucers) it is a report that one wouldn't want to dismiss without good reason, but for someone asked to analyse the film on its own merits it must be disappointing that this crucial measure of angular rate - the measure that makes the difference between possible unresolved gulls and definite unknowns - depends on a witness statement.

Mr Robinson's chain of calculation (which incidentally includes a factor 6 error in the angular rate and neglects Robert M L Baker's conclusion that the 2 deg/sec rate - not 12 deg/sec - is the average of a range of rates between 0.6 and 4.0 degs/sec interpreted as camera jitter) definitely is based on an assumption, which needs to be demonstrated first before the calculation can be said to lead to "scientific fact" beyond argument.

>It should be easy enough these days to determine
>if the camera moved.

I don't know if this can be done or not, but I definitely agree with you that it should be done if possible.

Best

Martin

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Re: LBJ & UFOs? - Salas

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Subject: Re: LBJ & UFOs? - Salas

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 09:41:41 EDT
>Subject: LBJ & UFOs?

Grant Cameron has an interesting web site:

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

where some connection is made with various U.S. Presidents and UFOs.

LBJ had some letters in his Library relative to the subject.

Also on that site is an interesting piece on his possible involvement with the 1965 Kecksburg incident.

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:42:16 -0400
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

>>From: Yvonne R Smith <yrs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 22:52:30 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: UFO Update: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

>>I agree with Bruce's assessment of tonight's Larry King Show
>>featuring Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman, Dr. Jesse
>>Marcel, Jr., et al.

>>Unfortunately, talk shows like Larry King do not allow
>>enough time for guests like our distinguished colleagues to
>>go into the pertinent details of the historic Roswell
>>incident. There are still numbers of people out there who
>>are not familiar with this case much less other aspects of
>>the field.

><snip>

>>I have always agreed with Stan's very accurate description
>>of the debunkers attitude 'don't bother me with the facts,
>>my mind is made up'!

>>I know that I am preaching to the choir, but sitting here
>>alone at my laptop, I just had to vent my frustrations!

>Alone At My Laptop...

>Sounds like a title for a novel about a love affair with all
>the stored UFO information in my laptop... information that
>proves "UFOs Are Real"... to anyone willing to take the time
>to look and think... unlike Shirmer.

You notice that there are no television interviews or
documentaries with skeptics and debunkers as the the main guests
or talent with UFO people debunking their debunking theories?

Shirmer wouldn't get much airtime if it wasn't for the UFO
phenomenon. He should stick to debunking 'intelligent design'
where he can do some good.

Don Ledger

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Thanks David

This is the sort of experiment that should be widely known, and replicated. Unfortunately I fear you have been misled by Mr Robinson's claim of "75 mph at 500 ft". This is based on a wholly erroneous 12 deg/sec angular rate. At the actual average rate measured (0.031-0.039 rad/sec), assuming a steady camera, a 3000 ft range would equate to about 105 mph, not 450 mph - still fast for a gull of course!

But in this case *if* Newhouse had unconsciously panned *against* the action at a rate of about 2 deg/sec and doubled the apparent speed then the true speed at 3000 ft drops to a more bird-friendly (though still marginal) 52.5 mph. Probably to be comfortable for milling gulls the distance ought to come down to nearer to about 2000 ft.

The measurements that seem to be agreed on by the Navy, Baker and Hartmann suggested that if they were gulls they had to be at a minimum distance of about 2000 ft, moving at about 45 mph. Although Hartmann thought they were birds and claimed to have seen similar gull flocks near Tremonton he conceded that even when "taking into account... uncertainty due to possible residual panning motion" these figures are "on the margin of acceptability". Baker (AAAS symposium 1969) concluded that the gull theory was "not very satisfying".

Your figure of about 3000 ft for recognisable resolution seems to strain the gull theory about equally. Ideally your experiment should be repeated in the Tremonton area in similar conditions with the same camera, as Brad Sparks has advocated. An

experiment could also be done to test the hypothesis that when attempting to hold a camera still against a moving subject there is an unconscious tendency to move the camera in the opposite direction. If there is such a tendency it should be possible to measure how much and apply a correction to the Tremonton film with some scientifically valid level of confidence.

Martin Shough

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Fame From Outer Space

In July 1947, when the country was aflutter over 'flying disks,' a young Fort Worth photographer wrote himself into history without realizing it.

By Matt Frazier
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

FORT WORTH - J. Bond Johnson is one of this newspaper's most famous photographers.

He has been portrayed in Hollywood films and documentaries and discussed at length in magazine articles and on blogs and other Web sites. His photos have been a prominent exhibit for almost two decades in a museum that draws 150,000 visitors a year.

And they are "the most frequently requested images from our Fort Worth Star-Telegram collection - really from all of our photo collections," said Brenda McClurkin of the University of Texas at Arlington Library of Special Collections. "I just sent one to Australia."

That's because on a warm afternoon in July 1947, Johnson, at the age of 21, took the only known photographs of the supposed remains of the UFO crash near Roswell, N.M. - and then forgot all about it until researchers came looking for him more than three decades later.

They made Johnson, by then a Methodist minister, something of a celebrity as they argued over his photos and espoused theories of vast government conspiracies and intrigue.

Thanks to modern technology, Johnson, who died last year, remains at the forefront of the ufology world, said Julie Shuster, director of Roswell's International UFO Museum and Research Center.

Rumors, sightings and debris

Cigars and cigarettes fed a cloud of smoke above typewriters and black rotary phones in the Star-Telegram newsroom in July 1947. There was no air conditioning.

Phil Record, who later rose to associate executive editor, was a copy boy at the time. He remembers Johnson, but not much about the Roswell photos.

"I don't really recall it being a big story," said Record, who

retired in 1997.

But he said reports of UFOs were common.

"There were a lot of people who would swear, 'I saw something,' but they wouldn't tell anybody because they would come off as being nuts," Record said.

From July 5 through July 8, headlines screamed the news of the day:

"'Flying Disk' Sighted Shooting Over Decatur 'At Tremendous Speed'"

"Disks Cavort All Over US While Mystery Deepens"

"Disks Continue to Bob Up (And Away) in Ft. Worth"

Readers were bombarded with at least a dozen UFO stories on those days, according to the Star-Telegram archives.

"The phenomenon has been reported by hundreds of persons in at least 33 states since June 25. Descriptions vary, but generally the informants agree that the objects skimming through the skies are saucer-like disks," one article says. "As yet there has been no explanation tending to give the object a touch of earthly reality."

But there were rumors of proof west of here, in New Mexico just past the Pecos River.

On July 8, the Roswell Daily Record quoted a spokesman at the local air base announcing that the wreckage of a "flying disk" had been found and that its remnants were being flown to Fort Worth, according to page reproductions still sold as souvenirs in Roswell.

"He said the material wasn't a weather balloon or any of the other explanations that the government put out," said Johnson's son, Jerry Johnson.

A chance assignment

Inside a walk-in vault in the Star-Telegram's downtown office is a file cabinet filled with musty handwritten time sheets. At the front of the top drawer is a page with the name J. Bond Johnson typed across the top.

Title: Reporter.

Hourly salary: \$1.06.

"The only reason he got to go was that all of the other photographers were out somewhere and he had a camera in the trunk of his car," said his sister, Elaine J. Carroll.

Johnson, who had done some Civil Air Patrol pilot training at Fort Worth Army Air Field, roared west toward fame in his 1947 Ford club coupe, according to his sister.

What looked like beams of balsa wood and sheets of tinfoil were laid out on the carpet in the office of the airfield commander, Maj. Gen. Roger M. Ramey. Boxes around the office were thought to hold more wreckage that had not been examined. Ramey and Maj. Jesse A. Marcel, who brought the debris from Roswell, posed for pictures holding the material.

After filling both sides of three glass-plate negatives with his Speed Graphic camera, Johnson, on deadline, rushed back to the paper, printed his photos, handed them - still wet - to his editors and went home.

By sunrise the next morning, his photos of the shiny material adorned newspapers around the world, accompanied by a story that the Army had explained the wreckage as a fallen weather balloon.

"I asked him one time if he believed the artifacts were from alien beings," said his daughter, Janith Johnson. "Having the conservative and religious background that he did, he said, 'I don't know, but it was like nothing I have ever seen on this earth.'"

Years later, worldwide fame

Two of the photos were published in the 1980 book The Roswell Incident by Charles Berlitz and William Moore. Johnson soon became entrenched in the UFO world, giving interviews for books, magazines and documentaries.

Intrigued by the speculation, Johnson started his own study of the photographs. He said he didn't believe any of the Army's stories about the wreckage, but he added that he had no theory about the crash, his son said.

"I think he was amused by it all," Jerry Johnson said. "He had a room full of alien souvenirs and memorabilia. Every Christmas we would get little alien toys."

Many UFO investigators believe that the government used the Star-Telegram photographer as a patsy to cover up the real crash. Others say he probably embellished his story a little, said Dennis Balthaser, UFO researcher and former director of Roswell's International UFO Museum and Research Center.

Either way, the influence of his photos lives on, Shuster said.

"Now with computer technology we are able to enhance photos, including a note held in General Ramey's hand, bringing out words like 'victims of the crash,'" she said.

"It might be one of those photos that finally breaks the rest of the case."

This report includes material from the Star-Telegram archives, Dennis Balthaser's www.truthseekeratroswell.com and the International UFO Museum.

UFO headlines

From the Star-Telegram, July 5-8, 1947

ROUND AS A WHEEL, FT. WORTH WOMAN SAYS - 'Flying Disk' Sighted Shooting Over Decatur 'At Tremendous Speed'

ALL DISTANT OBJECTS APPEAR ROUND - Various Tricks Played by Eyesight May Explain Flying Saucer Mystery

AMERICANS WHO SEE FLYING SAUCERS ADVISED BY EUROPE TO TAKE PLEDGE

More 'Saucers' Reported; Air Patrol Joins Hunt

PLANE FORCED TO DODGE 'EM - Disks Cavort All Over US While Mystery Deepens

REPORT OF DISCOVERING DISK IN TEXAS BEING INVESTIGATED

'FLYING SAUCER' HITS PEDESTRIAN

Ball of Fire Is Latest Sky Oddity Here

Disks Reported in North Mexico

SAUCER MYSTERIES ROLL ON AND ON - Theorists Say Disks May Be Flashes Of Jet Planes or Radio Missiles

ONE ZIPS OVER TCU CAMPUS - Disks Continue to Bob Up (And Away) in Ft. Worth

Source: Star-Telegram archives

J. Bond Johnson

James Bond Johnson - he went by J. Bond Johnson - was born in Fort Worth on June 18, 1926, to Methodist ministers Floyd and Gladys Johnson.

Skipped two school grades, graduating from high school and entering Texas Wesleyan College at 15.

Was hired at 16 or 17 as a reporter and photographer at the Star-Telegram, but he went back to part-time work after

enlisting in the Army Air Forces.

After leaving the Star-Telegram, he earned degrees in education, theology and psychology from Southern Methodist University, the University of Southern California and Claremont College in California.

Was honorably discharged from the Marines in 1962 and immediately entered the Army Reserve. Retired as a full colonel after 33 years of service.

Started two aid homes in Long Beach, Calif.: one for emotionally troubled children, the other for abused children and spouses.

Led the First United Methodist Church of San Pedro, Calif., as senior pastor.

Died from cancer complications March 25, 2006, in Long Beach, Calif.

Source: Star-Telegram archives

The Roswell crash

During the first week of July 1947, something crashed near Roswell, N.M. Eyewitness William Woody, who lived east of town, said he remembered being outside with his father the night of July 4 when he saw a brilliant object plunge to the ground.

Rancher W.W. "Mack" Brazel rode out with his neighbor's son to check on the sheep after the previous night's thunderstorm. As they rode, Brazel noticed unusual pieces of what seemed to be metal debris scattered over a large area, and a shallow trench several hundred feet long.

A day or two later, Brazel reported the incident to Sheriff George Wilcox, who reported it to an intelligence officer, Maj. Jesse Marcel of the 509th Bomb Group. The debris site was closed for days while the wreckage was cleared. Marcel has been quoted as saying that the debris wouldn't burn, break or bend and didn't look like any weather balloon or rocket he had ever seen.

On July 8, Lt. Walter G. Haut, a Roswell Army Air Base spokesman, issued a news release stating that the wreckage of a disk had been recovered. The wreckage was shipped to the Fort Worth Army Air Field, now Naval Air Station Fort Worth. Star-Telegram photographer J. Bond Johnson took pictures of the wreckage.

A July 9 news release stated that the 509th Bomb Group had mistakenly identified a weather balloon as the wreckage of a flying saucer.

Source: International UFO Museum and Research Center
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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 15:06:28 -0300
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 08:44:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Ledger

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:01:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts,
>>King commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all,
>>why would the government conceal such an exciting thing as
>>proof of extraterrestrial visitation?

>What government would admit it is powerless to stop invasion
>of its airspace, kidnapping of its citizens, and complete
>disregard for its defense systems?

>I think the coverup is the obvious thing a government would do
>if it didn't know what was going on. Government is all about
>power, and any government that admits to being powerless
>would not last long.

>It is my personal belief that the US government has covered up
>Roswell and any number of other incidents for the simple
>reason that they don't have a clue what is going on, or how to
>control/prevent it. I think they have been studying this
>phenomenon for more than the 60 years since Roswell, and
>aren't any closer to solutions today than they were back then.

>Our government will willingly tell us the truth about UFOs
>when they know how to control them.

That's what government is all about, control - power - over the
population. And they learned from religion.

What you believe, Bob, is what I believe. Without that control
they are powerless and that's the best reason possible for
goverments to cover up what might erode their power.

Having worked in government and seen the stupid stuff they try
to - and often succeed in covering - up leaves me no option but
to believe that they would cover up something of this magnitude.

Touting some silly line about 'people are always prepared to
believe that there are conspiracies' - again Shirmer - is a
simple-minded argument. Of course there are conspiracies. The
world is rife with them.

But government cover-up re. some exeterrestrial componant is a no
brainer for me. I'd be surprised if they didn't rather than the
opposite.

Don Ledger

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Ally

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Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 08:46:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Ally

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:00:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jason Gammon <Boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>>While watching last night's Larry King Live show dedicated to
>>Roswell and UFOs, I became disgusted.

>>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>>extraterrestrial visitation?

>Why the cover-up?

>Ask yourself what cover-ups in the past and present that have
>become unveiled and what the reasons for those were and you'll
>have a good idea of the pattern of cover-up priorities.

I think Jason's point was that the question is often used in
order to change the subject. His next question appears to
rhetorical.

However, I'd like to respond to a couple of your statements,
anyhow.

>I'm going to be evasive to a degree because I know what the real
>deal is and it ain't pretty. Only my compassion for my so-called
>fellow human being - clue there - keeps me tongue tied.

Greg, save the coyness, please. If you have something you'd like
to tell us then please do so. This sort of vague suggestion is
unhelpful, at best. Clue here: I'm not sitting on the edge of my
seat, wondering what the "real deal" is.

>We recently found out that the CIA had been employing the Mafia
>for defending our republic. Actually it goes all the way back to
>Lucky Luciano during WWII whilst in prison giving the government
>data on how to help defeat Mussolini. Couldn't have a dictator
>who was going to get rid of organized crime now could we?

Quibbles, but we first learned about the CIA/mafia connection
(with regards to killing Castro) in the mid-70s, as a result of
the Church Committee investigations. The recently-released
"family jewels" documents merely provide more information about
that matter.

And the US government sought Luciano's aid in ensuring both that
US docks and shipyards remained free of Nazi spies and that
Allied forces could move up the Italian peninsula after the
invasion. IOW, he was helpful to the overall cause.

Brian

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Rudiak

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:33:43 -0700
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 08:53:08 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Rudiak

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 3 Jul 2007 20:56:00 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 2 Jul 2007 08:05:14 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 1 Jul 2007 22:42:51 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>Has anyone addressed the ostensible inconsistencies between
>>Haut's two affidavits? Perhaps this has been done and I just
>>haven't heard about it, or maybe I'm missing the blindingly
>>obvious. Can someone explain:

>>1) why in 1993 Haut said he issued the crashed disc story as
>>instructed by Col Blanchard by telephone on July 8 and only the
>>next day "read in the newspaper that General Roger Ramey in Fort
>>Worth had said the object was a weather balloon", but in 2002
>>claimed to have been present with Ramey at a meeting in Roswell
>>on the morning of July 8 where Ramey allegedly hatched the
>>balloon plot and that he knew about it from the inside all
>>along?

Haut's second affidavit said that Ramey wanted to draw attention
away from the second craft/body site by acknowledging only the
first site, or debris field. He then said, "I was not completely
informed how this would be accomplished."

I interpret that to mean he didn't know about the weather
balloon deception at that time, which instead could have been
hatched by Ramey shortly after the meeting.

>>2) why in 1993 he said "I believe Col. Blanchard saw the
>>material, because he sounded positive about what the material
>>was", but in 2002 allegedly claimed that he, Blanchard and all
>>present openly handled inexplicable alien debris at this same
>>meeting?

>>3) why in 1993 he said he heard about the debris in a phone call
>>at 9:30 am Tuesday July 8, but in 2002 allegedly said the above
>>meeting had happened at 7:30 a.m. that same morning?

>I'll take that as a "No", then. The salient point here of course
>is that none of these inconsistencies can be explained as mere
>omissions in 1993. If the 2002 scenario is true, then Haut's
>distortions of the truth in 1993 were active and creative. In
>other words he made things up.

>Personally I find very unconvincing the idea that he made these
>things up in 1993 with idea of somehow protecting the truth,
>whereas I find that brief affidavit entirely convincing as a
>naive statement of his belief at the time.

There is a difference between what Walter Haut would say publicly or on-the-record vs. privately. Robert Shirkey Jr. called into Art Bell on June 30 when Tom Carey was on and revealed his dad had been told by Haut in 1989 about the bodies and that he also learned this from his father in 1989. I've extracted Shirkey Jr.'s comments and now have them on my Haut page:

<http://roswellproof.homestead.com/haut.html>

Shirkey Sr.'s affidavit from 1991 also indicates that he had heard about the bodies in the hangar, though doesn't indicate from whom, but now it appears at least one of the sources was Haut:

"I learned later that a Sergeant and some airmen went to the crash site and swept up everything, including bodies. The bodies were laid out in Hanger 84."

Shirkey Jr. grew up in Roswell and said he knew people like Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut well. Haut and his father were good friends. Nonetheless, he said, until 1989 neither his father or Haut ever talked about what happened, being strict military men honoring oaths of silence. It was only when he heard his father talking on a TV show in 1989 that he first learned his father was involved, and then called him up and asked him what he knew. (This is when he heard from his father that Haut was privately discussing the bodies.)

Wendy Connors also tells me Haut was telling her in 1999 that Ramey was at the critical morning meeting on July 8. Also Haut was dropping hints about the bodies earlier on as well. He also briefly mentioned it in his 2000 recorded interview with Wendy and Dennis Balthauser. It didn't just suddenly come up in his 2002 affidavit.

Haut's common ending to interviews or lectures was "I believe it was a UFO! Just don't ask me why!" His 1993 affidavit also states, "I am convinced that the material recovered was some type of craft from outer space." That's a very strong statement for somebody supposedly completely out-of-the-loop.

I would say Haut was dropping many, many hints that he knew considerably more than he was willing to admit publicly.

I doubt any of this will stop the ankle-biters (not referring to Martin here) from continuing to claim that Haut's 2002 affidavit was nothing but the ramblings of a senile old man, a practical joke, designed to make him famous after death, was written by somebody else, or was designed to keep the money rolling into his museum and town.

David Rudiak

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 10:12:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>And I 'd sure like to use Aldrin's prop on him, that stumble
>stepping, double talking, _time wasting_, duplicitous old
>bastard. He is without all relevancy, pertinence, and
>usefulness, and he's walked on both sides of the credulity line
>too often now for me to be able to take credence in anything he
>says in the future on this subject.

>Piss on him! But I sugar coat...

Twice today, defending Aldrin.

You say all of this as if Col. Aldrin owes you his time. He's had a long and successful career and I daresay that he doesn't owe you a lick. I f you have some disagreement with anything he's said then perhaps you could share it with us on this list, rather than spout vituperative complaints.

You seem to be most agitated by Aldrin's measured responses (ok, he speaks damned slower than most). But who's fault is that? Given that the man has already been the subject of countless attacks on his character (viz. the idiot Bart Sibrel) why shouldn't he take his damn time to make sure that what he is quoted as saying is what he really means?

And I much prefer listening to the likes of Col. Aldrin than some of the agitated hand-waving that this field unfortunately draws in.

And, hell - he was discussing something involving what Arthur C. Clarke declared the most sophisticated technological achievement at the time: the Saturn V vehicle. Just recently this very list saw weeks worth of discussion about whether or not what they saw was actually a part of their rocket. Given all that - and the fact that he was addressing a decidedly lay audience - why the heck shouldn't he take his time?

ALDRIN: You don't want me to be the jury of all these people now, do you?

Yes, shows like Larry King Live have unforgiving time constraints. But any shortcomings that may have brought to Aldrin's appearance should in no way reflect badly on his contributions to this subject. Again, if you'd like to complain about the man then please do so in a way that may be fairly debated here.

In other word, back it up.

Brian

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' - Barrow

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Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 09:47:52 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' - Barrow

>From: Don Ledger <[dledger.nul](#)>
>To: [ufoupdates.nul](#)
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:44:22 -0300
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Martin Shough <[parcellular.nul](#)>
>>To: <[ufoupdates.nul](#)>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <[dhatz-ufo.nul](#)>
>>>To: [ufoupdates.nul](#)
>>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>>>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

<snip>

>I have the movie UFO here and in the film Newhouse says he held
>the camera steady and let a single object fly out of frame - and
>that's shown.

I always appreciate reading Don=92s input, and because he mentions
the Newhouse film in conjunction with its inclusion in the 1956
movie, UFO, I just want to add one important point for List
readers.

According to sources such as NICAP, both Delbert Newhouse and
Nicholas Mariana -- who filmed the Montana objects also shown in
the 1956 documentary -- protested that frames were missing when
the government returned their films post-analysis.

Further, the missing portions were said to be the best frames.
That does indeed leave the rest of us with witness reports
coupled with missing evidence of undoubtedly profound
significance.

Robert Barrow

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Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight -

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>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:42:16 -0400
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

>>From: Yvonne R Smith <yrs.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 22:52:30 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

>>I agree with Bruce's assessment of tonight's Larry King Show
>>featuring Nuclear Physicist, Stanton Friedman, Dr. Jesse Marcel,
>>Jr., et al.

>>Unfortunately, talk shows like Larry King do not allow enough
>>time for guests like our distinguished colleagues to go into the
>>pertinent details of the historic Roswell incident. There are
>>still numbers of people out there who are not familiar with this
>>case much less other aspects of the field.

<snip>

Having just completed being involved with the most successful anniversary celebration of the Roswell Incident since the 50th anniversary 10 years ago, I was anxious to watch the Larry King "fiasco" Friday night, and witnessed about what I expected to see.

Larry King is completely out of his comfort zone when trying to do an interview about UFOs, and didn't maintain any type order during the 1 hour free for all, allowing Shermer more air time than he deserves on the subject. Shermer is not worth the time or space here to even comment on.

I was extremely proud of Stanton Friedman for maintaining his composure by not reaching over and slapping the "dog-poo" out of Shermer, every time he too frequently interrupted another member of the panel. Stanton's frustration was obvious, but I was extremely proud of him.

As expected, Jesse Marcel Jr. shared his honest, (from the heart) account of what he has known for all these years, as is the case in his recently released book, "The Roswell Legacy".

Astronaut Aldrin of course confirmed my suspicion of what NASA really stands for - 'Never A Straight Answer'! Perhaps now that Aldrin has fallen off the fence he's been on, he'll stay there.

I thought the ex-Governor of Arizona covered his prior denial well and that was commendable.

One question I did have however was why Julie Shuster of the UFO Museum was included. Oh yes I know - she's Walter Haut's daughter and Director of the Museum, but obviously proved again, that even as Haut's daughter and the Director of the Museum and Research Center, she has very little research knowledge since her answer to Larry King's question whether her Dad went to the crash site was "NO". In fact in the recently released affidavit by her father Walter Haut stated that, "he went out to at least

one of the crash sites and brought back some of the debris of his own." {See the CNN Larry King show transcript} I also thought the alien prop behind her did nothing for the credibility of what is supposed to be a Museum and Research Center. Perhaps the toy aliens Shermer displayed came from the Museum gift shop.

Put this show in the dumpster with the Peter Jennings special and recent National Geographic documentary.

Dennis Balthaser

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 20:52:07 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 09:55:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 17:28:10 +0200
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

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>>Personally I find very unconvincing the idea that he made these
>>things up in 1993 with idea of somehow protecting the truth,
>>whereas I find that brief affidavit entirely convincing as a
>>naive statement of his belief at the time.

>Martin,

>I disagree with your conclusion about Walter Haut. It has been
>explained already by several researchers, and his daughter,
>prominently by Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt in their book
>Witness To Roswell, and again at the Roswell Festival last
>week, that Walter Haut did not want to reveal publicly all what
>he knew, before his death.

>He felt bound by his oath of secrecy, and wanted especially to
>remain faithful to his chief and personal friend, Colonel
>Blanchard. However, he also felt the need to leave a message, to
>be made public after his death, because the Roswell case was so
>important to him. Is that so hard to understand?

Gildas,

No, it is not hard to understand that someone might want to do those things. It isn't hard to understand why someone might want to omit parts of his story until his death. And any apparent internal inconsistencies in Haut's new story may, as your post argues, be explainable - I don't know enough about that to have an opinion. But these are not really the issues I was asking about.

As I already said, omitting parts of a story is one thing, but so much of the original affidavit turns out (ex hypothesi) to have been active invention of details like receiving a phone call about the debris at 9:30 am on July 8 when no such phone call (we now understand) was ever made, or first hearing about the "weather balloon" story in a newspaper story the next day, or that he "believed" Blanchard actually saw the material because the man "sounded positive" about it in this phone call that was never made.

These read to me like the sort of circumstantial details that are either true or are added to give a spice of verisimilitude to a tall tale. I don't feel that wishing to avoid mentioning a secret meeting in a room full of alien crash debris would have left him with no option but to make these things up. I think that he could have omitted what he wished to omit without laying these trip-wires and setting himself up for a posthumous

pratfall.

As I said my personal instinct is that the original affidavit rings true, but it's no more than an instinct.

Martin Shough

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Re: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 16:52:57 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 09:58:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book - White

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 21:49:50 -0500
>Subject: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book

<snip>

>Katharina Wilsons new book, I Forgot What I Wasnt Supposed To
>Remember is the first time a first edition book about the alien
>abduction phenomenon has been published on-line and offered free
>to the public.

_Thank_you_ for making it available, Katharina!

Eleanor White

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Re: Roswell Base Chaplain Found - Friedmna

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 18:16:43 -0300
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:04:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Base Chaplain Found - Friedmna

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 08 Jul 2007 11:49:30 -0600
>Subject: Re: Roswell Base Chaplain Found

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 05 Jul 2007 12:03:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell Base Chaplain Found

>>From: Anthony Bragalia <envcol.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 4 Jul 2007 19:20:11 -0400
>>Subject: Roswell Base Chaplain Found

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>Excellent work, indeed. I look forward to what you may further
>find, Anthony. I was down in Roswell this weekend and talked
>briefly with Don Schmitt who had some interesting information
>along that line. Not having the read the book yet, I don't know
>if it's covered there, and I don't want to steal his thunder if
>it's not...

>However, the MJ-12 documents do speak about a secret morale-
>building mission to New Mexico days before the crash (because
>of all the weird things going on?), by Roman Catholic Cardinal
>Francis Spellman, the head of the military's chaplain corps. Why
>there should be a classified tour in peacetime when they were
>usually accompanied by a lot of publicity is one of those
>Roswell mysteries, but seeing that another document says that he
>also talked to Truman about "containment within the Catholic
>Church", it sure fits. Not only just the top military churchman,
>Spellman was the most powerfully connected ecclesiastic at the
>time, having close ties to the American political elite and with
>the Pope, and was said to be the Vatican's biggest source of
>revenue.

I have been busy dealing with email re. the Larry King show, but
wish to point out that there are many reasons for saying that
the Cardinal Spellman Document, as with almost all of the Tim
Cooper supposed MJ-12 documents, is fraudulent and an emulation
of one written during WW.2

Stan Friedman

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Re: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book - Nielsen

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 14:18:48 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:06:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book - Nielsen

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 21:49:50 -0500
>Subject: Katharina Wilson's New On-Line Book

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A story-filled easy read - that in itself is a pleasant surprise.

Thanks Katharina, for publishing this book online and allowing free downloads of it. Like Karla Turner's Taken, your book may become an online 'standard' in this field.

I found the lacking index is easily replaced with Adobe's search option.

I like your comments on positive versus negative. They reminded me how all things can be reduced to an opposition in all things. Though that may have more to do with how our brains work than how the universe is.

Your blond protectors reminded me of my own. But that too may be mere manipulation.

I'm also glad you believe those two visitors were probably not Mormons! Although some Mormons have been interpreted as crazy at least!

Finally, I agree with you that these beings do not care about humanity. They do not care about us individually. Neither do they hate us. They simply ignore us. In my experience, they completely disregard us. They act as though what is important to them totally trumps what we think is important.

So disrespecting us and ours is no stretch for them. The manipulation, abuse, torture, even the murder of us, is nothing to those who victimize. They view us with less respect than we view the animals and plants we eat.

That last is what scares me. And the only way to cope with that is to exhaust myself helping my fellow humans wherever I can in well-lit, well-populated, public places!

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Chupacabras Strikes Again In Reynosa Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 07:29:27 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:10:16 -0400
Subject: Chupacabras Strikes Again In Reynosa Mexico

Source: En Linea Directa
Date: 07.15.08

Chupacabras Strikes Again in Reynosa, Tamaulipas, Mexico

According to an article published by journalist Armando Garcia in the En Linea Directa newspaper, rural growers of Reynosa fear for the lives of their animals... and their own lives as well, since a strange animal has appeared out of nowhere to mutilate cattle.

A rancher from the El Porvenir collective farm reported the deaths of several animals on the property, since after a two day absence from the farm, the owner returned to find that part of his herd was also dead, while other animals were still dying. Alarmed, he informed the authorities in hopes of starting an investigation.

Ricardo Humberto Varela, 50, lives at Rio Alamo 61, Colonia Longoria, and filed his complaint before Gerardo Trevino, a public magistrate, who in turn reported what had taken place at the Artecitas ranch in the El Porvenir collective farm.

The statement said that the rancher was startled to see what was happening in his ranch, since after a two-day absence, he found part of his herd dead. He checked each animal physically and found two puncture marks on their necks through which something had exsanguinated them.

He then inspected each corner of the ranch to determine what had taken place. He found the print marks of two small feet or claws, seemingly those of a strange entity or animal that broke into the ranch several times, slaying the livestock. The rancher lost 14 sheep, 10 chickens and five goats. While this official report makes no mention of the Chupacabras, it is believed that the modern mythical entity is responsible for this attack.

Ricardo Humberto Varela noted that he would destroy the carcasses by fire, but before doing so, he took several photographs that were appended to the investigation, which was given the number 295/007, as evidence of what had transpired at the "Artecitas" ranch in the El Porvenir collective.

It will be up to the police to ascertain the nature of the mysterious assailant on the ranch. It should be noted that in previous years, similar cases had been reported. If a new "Chupacabras" wave is involved - a creature believed by some to be an invention or pure fiction, the collective ranchers of Reynosa will fear for the lives of their animals and their own, as no one has been able to guess the creature's true nature.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:11:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:01:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jason Gammon <Boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>>extraterrestrial visitation?

>What government would admit it is powerless to stop invasion of
>its airspace, kidnapping of its citizens, and complete disregard
>for its defense systems?

>I think the coverup is the obvious thing a government would do
>if it didn't know what was going on. Government is all about
>power, and any government that admits to being powerless would
>not last long.

>It is my personal belief that the US government has covered up
>Roswell and any number of other incidents for the simple reason
>that they don't have a clue what is going on, or how to
>control/prevent it. I think they have been studying this
>phenomenon for more than the 60 years since Roswell, and aren't
>any closer to solutions today than they were back then.

>Our government will willingly tell us the truth about UFOs when
>they know how to control them.

I sometimes agree with Bob. This is one of those occasions. His
is a very reasonable line of thought. When it comes to the
ultimate questions we are all stuck with speculation, some of
which can be far more reasonable than others.

My own thinking (especially after reading the Carey-Schmitt
book) is that the military and obviously the president were
faced with sudden, undeniable proof of alien visitation without
having a clue as to who they were, where they came from, why
they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.
Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
understand.

- Dick

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 09:18:57 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:15:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Kaeser

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:33:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

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>Shirkey Sr.'s affidavit from 1991 also indicates that he had
>heard about the bodies in the hangar, though doesn't indicate
>from whom, but now it appears at least one of the sources was
>Haut:

>"I learned later that a Sergeant and some airmen went to the
>crash site and swept up everything, including bodies. The
>bodies were laid out in Hanger 84."

>Shirkey Jr. grew up in Roswell and said he knew people like
>Glenn Dennis and Walter Haut well. Haut and his father were
>good friends. Nonetheless, he said, until 1989 neither his
>father or Haut ever talked about what happened, being strict
>military men honoring oaths of silence. It was only when he
>heard his father talking on a TV show in 1989 that he first
>learned his father was involved, and then called him up and
>asked him what he knew. (This is when he heard from his father
>that Haut was privately discussing the bodies.)

>Wendy Connors also tells me Haut was telling her in 1999 that
>Ramey was at the critical morning meeting on July 8. Also Haut
>was dropping hints about the bodies earlier on as well. He also
>briefly mentioned it in his 2000 recorded interview with Wendy
>and Dennis Balthauser. It didn't just suddenly come up in his
>2002 affidavit.

>Haut's common ending to interviews or lectures was "I believe
>it was a UFO! Just don't ask me why!" His 1993 affidavit also
>states, "I am convinced that the material recovered was some
>type of craft from outer space." That's a very strong statement
>for somebody supposedly completely out-of-the-loop.

>I would say Haut was dropping many, many hints that he knew
>considerably more than he was willing to admit publicly.

>I doubt any of this will stop the ankle-biters (not referring to
>Martin here) from continuing to claim that Haut's 2002 affidavit
>was nothing but the ramblings of a senile old man, a practical
>joke, designed to make him famous after death, was written by
>somebody else, or was designed to keep the money rolling into
>his museum and town.

David,

It really depends on what type of impact you expect this
affidavit to have, and so far we've seen that it's had very
little.

The Larry King show could have been a tremendous platform to
tout the newly released statement, but his daughter apparently
doesn't want it mentioned and it was finally brought up by

George Noorey and then dropped as a subject.

Part of this was Larry King's boredom with the subject and lack of interest, but shouldn't this have been a major piece of news on the show? But, I don't want to sidetrack this discussion into a Larry King Show issue...

I raised the need for a better understanding of how the affidavit came to be, and that has been answered as best as it possible (I believe). It does not clear up inconsistencies with previous statements made by Haut, but there are rational arguments that one can make in support of it's validity, and certainly the act of covering up information is a major component in the Roswell mystery at many different levels.

Unfortunately, this is not the 'magic bullet' that we would all like to see and I'm not convinced that we can turn it into one.

Steve

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Cameron

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:01:28 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:17:43 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Cameron

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>But then what do I know? ;-)

I cannot imagine why anyone would create an affidavit for the purpose of causing more controversy in an already over-controversial subject.

Call me old-fashioned but if I knew that I didn't have much time left I would certainly disclose everything I knew/experienced about the Roswell incident if only for the sake of some disclosure. I would feel the need to do this and would avoid at all cost any fabrication of the 'truth'

Regards,

Cory

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Olson

From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 21:03:45 -0600
Archived: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Olson

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 15:06:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 10:12:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Friedman

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 11:47:02 -0300
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 08:56:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Friedman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:01:15 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

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>>know how to control them.

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>they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.

>Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
>understand.

I am in full agreement with Dick about the Cover-up reasons for
1947. There is an extended discussion in my article "The UFO Why
Questions" at my website:

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

for the more recent time frame.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:57:40 -0400
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 08:58:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - Kaeser

>From: **Dennis Balthaser** <truthskr.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 13:17:34 -0600
>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

<snip>

>Put this show in the dumpster with the Peter Jennings special
>and recent National Geographic documentary.

From what I've seen on this List, and others, there is no commercial broadcast medium that would satisfy ufologists, so I guess I'd just give up on it... <g>

There have been numerous shows done over the past decade on UFOs, Roswell and the like. Some of this was by small production groups and a few by major network news departments (apparently looking for more work). Before these shows air, there's an excitement among list members that the "truth" is about to be told, and then it is quickly turned against the media outlet for failing to tell the story correctly.

Well, as a former reporter I think there's a lot of self-serving opinions expressed during the past 10 years regarding the media and whether you like it or not, the media really doesn't care what you think. But it gives everyone the opportunity to point a finger and say it's someone else's fault that the truth isn't being told, which is a human reaction at the very base level.

I think it is clear that CNN and Larry King had no real news to present during the show, so the purpose of the program was hype and commercial exposure for the network (UFOs make for a good subject). I would guess that it was organized by Larry King's people and the guests had no real control or time to prepare, so this was really set up to fail in some respects.

What I find unfortunate is that the List goes through a manic high before such shows, which gives way to a manic low afterwards, and the problem is one of expectations. These shows are, IMO, positive in nature for those who are unfamiliar with the field. But if we don't have a 'magic bullet' in hand to prove something, I wouldn't expect existing evidence presented over and over again to do much to sway public opinion.

Steve

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:59:54 -0400
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:01:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>understand.

I haven't read the book yet, but plan to do so as soon as finances permit.

I would refine your statement above to say that the military, and certainly the President, were faced with sudden undeniable proof of visitation by something they had no information about. At that time they would not know it was "alien visitation", if, indeed, that's what it was. I'm still on the fence about that myself.

Maybe they had undeniable proof of time travel, and no clue as to who they were, when they came from, why they were here, or what kind of danger, if any, they posed to humanity.

Regardless, cover-up is the obvious reaction to something that might be very dangerous, and something they could not exercise any control over.

Bob Shell

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 16:12:30 +0100
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:05:15 -0400
Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Shough

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:33:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

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>Haut's second affidavit said that Ramey wanted to draw attention
>away from the second craft/body site by acknowledging only the
>first site, or debris field. He then said, "I was not completely
>informed how this would be accomplished."

>I interpret that to mean he didn't know about the weather
>balloon deception at that time, which instead could have been
>hatched by Ramey shortly after the meeting.

You're right. When Haut said "...at the meeting... Gen. Ramey
proposed a plan, which I believe originated from his bosses at
the Pentagon", I took this to mean that the essence of the
weather balloon plan was explained at the meeting, if not the
exact when and where. But, yes, it could be that only the need
for some sort of substitution was discussed, without a
conclusion being reached as to what would be substituted. That's
one of my problems out of the way.

But if Haut was himself covering up clues to his own (and perhaps
Blanchard's) real role in 1993, and, instead of simply saying
nothing, went to the trouble of inventing circumstantial
smokescreen details in a sworn affidavit:

"I believe Col. Blanchard saw the material, because he sounded
positive about what the material was", "He felt that he wanted
the local media to have the first opportunity at the story"

Does this fit with his then "dropping many hints" and telling
several people explicitly about the secret meeting and the
bodies over the years, including UFO investigators? I'm not
sure. I still find it difficult to make that 1993 affidavit ring
false in a way that rings true, if you understand what I mean!

Martin Shough

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 13:18:11 -0300
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:07:29 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' - Ledger

>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 16:33:16 -0400
>From: rbarr.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:44:22 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <dhatz-ufo.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 13 Jul 2007 20:13:30 +0300
>>>>Subject: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>I have the movie UFO here and in the film Newhouse says he held
>>the camera steady and let a single object fly out of frame - and
>>that's shown.

>I always appreciate reading Don=92s input, and because he mentions
>the Newhouse film in conjunction with its inclusion in the 1956
>movie, UFO, I just want to add one important point for List
>readers.

>According to sources such as NICAP, both Delbert Newhouse and
>Nicholas Mariana -- who filmed the Montana objects also shown in
>the 1956 documentary -- protested that frames were missing when
>the government returned their films post-analysis.

>Further, the missing portions were said to be the best frames.
>That does indeed leave the rest of us with witness reports
>coupled with missing evidence of undoubtedly profound
>significance.

Hi Robert,

Somewhere, a few years ago, I recall reading an extensive
article about just these same allegations. It escapes me where
just now, however.

Mariana in particular made no bones about the first [6?] seconds
missing from his video which were, in his opinion, the best
shots as they were closer.

This is a continuing mantra from witnesses who have seen their
photographs 'lost' while in the hands of the authorities. But of
course to suggest that the authorities would steal from the
public is just paranoia and more conspiracy theories.

Don Ledger

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Secrecy News -- 07/16/07

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Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 14:00:01 -0400
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For the second year in a row, the number of new national security secrets created by government officials declined, according to a new report to the President from the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

At the same time, however, the number of new classified records incorporating previously classified information increased sharply, ISOO found.

While "original classifications" declined by 10%, "derivative classifications" increased by 45%. As a result, total classification activity grew from 14.2 million classification actions in 2005 to 20.5 million classification actions in 2006.

Meanwhile, the financial costs of protecting classified information in government and industry grew to a new record high of \$9.5 billion in 2006.

Significantly, ISOO reviewers reported a "high error rate" in the documents that they examined for compliance with classification procedures.

The finding underscores the need for additional oversight.

"ISOO found a high percentage of documents with an unknown basis for classification, as these documents failed to indicate the authority or basis for classification, thereby calling into question the propriety of their classification."

More positively, ISOO found that declassification activity increased to meet the December 31, 2006 deadline for automatic declassification of most 25 year old classified documents.

"While a detailed analysis of the final results is still underway, it appears that all Executive branch agencies have succeeded in meeting their obligations toward automatic declassification," ISOO director J. William Leonard wrote to President Bush in his transmittal letter.

More than 1.33 billion pages of classified historical records have been declassified since 1995 (including 37 million pages in 2006, a one year increase of 27 percent). Of these, only around

460 million pages are publicly available at the National Archives. Another 400 million pages await processing at the Archives prior to public release, while the remainder are still in agency custody.

"A task that at times appeared to be unattainable has been brought to a satisfactory culmination," Mr. Leonard wrote.

But the task is not over, he noted, since each year millions more additional records become 25 years old and subject to automatic declassification.

A copy of the 2006 Information Security Oversight Office Report to the President is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/isoo/2006rpt.pdf>

Once again, the Office of the Vice President declined to cooperate with ISOO last year and to provide data on its classification and declassification activity. It last reported to ISOO in 2002.

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An exceptionally interesting July 12 House Intelligence Subcommittee hearing on national security classification policy, featuring William Leonard of the Information Security Oversight Office, Meredith Fuchs of the National Security Archive, and myself, was recorded by C-SPAN and may be viewed online, at least temporarily, here:

<http://www.c-span.org/rss/video.asp?MediaID=31644>

In accordance with new legislative transparency provisions, the Senate Intelligence Committee identified three funding "earmarks" in the pending intelligence authorization bill for FY 2008. See these July 9 remarks of Committee Chairman Sen. Jay Rockefeller:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/sen-earmark.html

The record of a January 2007 hearing on presidential signing statements that was held by the House Judiciary Committee has now been published:

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

A 1942 U.S. military intelligence document describes "German tactical doctrine," based on the accounts of four American officers who were allowed to study at the German General Staff School from 1935-1939. "From their illuminating reports it is possible to learn the trend of German methods and teachings up to Hitler's attack on Poland," according to the 1942 Foreword. Originally published in 1989, the document was recently made available online.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/german.pdf>

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Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit - Rudiak

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 20:52:07 +0100
>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 17:28:10 +0200
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>Personally I find very unconvincing the idea that he made these
>>>things up in 1993 with idea of somehow protecting the truth,
>>>whereas I find that brief affidavit entirely convincing as a
>>>naive statement of his belief at the time.

>>I disagree with your conclusion about Walter Haut. It has been
>>explained already by several researchers, and his daughter,
>>prominently by Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt in their book
>>Witness To Roswell, and again at the Roswell Festival last
>>week, that Walter Haut did not want to reveal publicly all what
>>he knew, before his death.

>>He felt bound by his oath of secrecy, and wanted especially to
>>remain faithful to his chief and personal friend, Colonel
>>Blanchard. However, he also felt the need to leave a message, to
>>be made public after his death, because the Roswell case was so
>>important to him. Is that so hard to understand?

<snip>

>As I already said, omitting parts of a story is one thing, but
>so much of the original affidavit turns out (ex hypothesi) to
>have been active invention of details like receiving a phone
>call about the debris at 9:30 am on July 8 when no such phone
>call (we now understand) was ever made,

Martin and List,

Both the 1993 and 2002 affidavit mention the 9:30 phone call.
This was the call from Blanchard to put out the press release.

1993:

"At approximately 9:30 AM on July 8, I received a call from Col. William Blanchard, the base commander, who said he had in his possession a flying saucer or parts thereof. He said it came from a ranch northwest of Roswell, and that the base Intelligence Officer, Major Jesse Marcel, was going to fly the material to Fort Worth. Col. Blanchard told me to write a news release about the operation and to deliver it to both newspapers and the two radio stations in Roswell."

2002:

"At approximately 9:30 a.m. Col. Blanchard phoned my office and dictated the press release of having in our possession a flying disc, coming from a ranch northwest of Roswell, and Marcel flying the material to higher headquarters. I was to deliver the news release to radio stations KGFL and KSWs, and newspapers the Daily Record and the Morning Dispatch."

These are virtually identical statements.

>or first hearing about
>the "weather balloon" story in a newspaper story the next day,

Haut in 2002 does NOT say that the LATER weather balloon cover story was ever discussed in the morning meeting. Instead, he says that, Ramey discussed how:

"Attention needed to be diverted from the more important site north of town by acknowledging the other location. ***...I was not completely informed how this would be accomplished."***

The press release was the diversion that acknowledged the debris field site.

However, the weather balloon debunking by Ramey late in the afternoon that started AFTER the press release became public was something else entirely. This was not a diversion from the crash sites but an attempt to kill the story altogether through ridicule. And it appears to have been cooked up after the morning meeting. Haut was not privy to this part of the coverup.

The balloon story did not appear in the Roswell papers (in fact, almost every paper in the country) until the next day.

So I see no contradiction here either.

>or that he "believed" Blanchard actually saw the material
>because the man "sounded positive"

Yes, that would be shading the truth a bit according to the 2002 affidavit, because there Haut says everybody at the morning meeting, including Blanchard and himself, had both seen and handled the debris. Thus Haut would have known for a fact that Blanchard had seen the material. The exact statement in 1993 is:

"I believe Col. Blanchard saw the material, because he sounded positive about what the material was. There is no chance that he would have mistaken it for a weather balloon. Neither is there any chance that Major Marcel would have been mistaken."

If there was "no chance" either Blanchard or Marcel could have made a mistake, Haut must have either had absolute faith in the infallibility of both men, or knew more than he was saying in 1993.

Also in 1993 Haut wrote:

"I am convinced that the material recovered was some type of craft from outer space."

Again, this is either a man who totally believes in the infallibility of Blanchard and Marcel, or who is dropping a very strong hint that he knows considerably more than he is saying.

>about it in this phone call that was never made.

Of course Blanchard was going to contact Haut about putting out the release one way or another. Why shouldn't he call him on the phone? I don't know why you think there is some sort of contradiction here.

>These read to me like the sort of circumstantial details that
>are either true or are added to give a spice of verisimilitude to
>a tall tale. I don't feel that wishing to avoid mentioning a
>secret meeting in a room full of alien crash debris would have
>left him with no option but to make these things up. I think
>that he could have omitted what he wished to omit without laying
>these trip-wires and setting himself up for a posthumous
>pratfall.

First of all, I consider your objections to the 9:30 phone call and Haut not knowing about the weather balloon story to be

spurious. Haut definitely did not contradict himself on these points.

There is, in fact, a great deal that Haut didn't mention in his 1993 affidavit that shows up in 2002. So no contradictions here either.

The main difference is a strong suggestion in 1993 that he had no direct knowledge of the debris and only learned of it from Blanchard. He could have worded it slightly differently without contradicting himself later. E.g., suppose he had instead written his 1993 affidavit like this:

"I'm sure Col. Blanchard had seen the material. There is no chance that he would have mistaken it for a weather balloon."

That removes his mere "belief" that Blanchard had seen it. It would be very cute with his wording but without direct contradiction.

How much further could Haut go without giving the whole game away? If he didn't want to reveal all before he died, he couldn't say, "I know for an absolute fact that Col. Blanchard had seen the material and couldn't mistake it for a weather balloon because I was there at the morning meeting when all the senior officers saw and handled it and nobody knew what it was. In addition, everybody was briefed about the bodies and the craft recovered at the second site. Since none of us were drooling idiots, everybody, including Col. Blanchard, knew that it wasn't a balloon crash of any kind that we were dealing with."

David Rudiak

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Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 14:25:40 -0500
Archived: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:20:54 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Lehmborg

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 15:06:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 10:12:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>And I 'd sure like to use Aldrin's prop on him, that stumble
>>stepping, double talking, time wasting, duplicitous old
>>bastard. He is without all relevancy, pertinence, and
>>usefulness, and he's walked on both sides of the credulity line
>>too often now for me to be able to take credence in anything he
>>says in the future on this subject.

>>Piss on him! But I sugar coat...

>Twice today, defending Aldrin.

>You say all of this as if Col. Aldrin owes you his time.

Hey, sorry to step on some pretty juvenile hero-worship, but...
That's right! He does! Time and more besides! Here's how that
works.

He took just a 'degree' more heat and tension than I did in my
own military career and was at the focus of every kudos,
accreditation, and congratulation that humankind can bestow on
the individual. He's the one shopping his duplicitous square-
jawed mug around as an 'authority'. He can take whatever
criticism is served up for him and revel in the attention! That
said: starch-wing zoomies can stand for me! I don't care if he
flew in space! I flew helicopters in combat!

>He's
>had a long and successful career and I daresay that he doesn't
>owe you a lick.

Wrong again! He owes me consistency. He owes me relevancy! He
owes me continuity! He owes me credulity! He owes me
credibility! He owes me the truth!

>If you have some disagreement with anything
>he's said then perhaps you could share it with us on this list,
>rather than spout vituperative complaints.

Then perhaps you'd be so kind as to point out where he is less
than deserving for those same "vituperative comments" based an
anecdotal consistency you seem to be saying he has had on the
issues? Well forget how he pompously, pretentiously, and
purposefully wasted time on a craptastic explication that even
King himself remarked on - while Aldrin looked sheepish. This
droning lecture was useful only in that it kept us from hearing
Friedman, Fox, and Symington.

>You seem to be most agitated by Aldrin's measured responses (ok,
>he speaks damned slower than most).

Measured? Pause for squirty guffaws! He was a credulity straining embarrassment to the subject of the program! In his 'latest' 180 degree uflogical reversal across the disclosure line he could have said "the UFO I saw was one of the four shields jettisoned for landing configuration," and then throw one of the four cone-quarters at the camera! Take about 5 seconds. Then we could have had time for Stan to take Shirmer down as was abundantly justified. Aldrin should have taken Shirmer down himself for those insipid EBE props... but I digress!

>But who's fault is that?

By accident you tripped over the 64.000 question, and I bet you're not the least bit interested in an answer to that question, as crippled as you obviously are with errant and immature hero-worship.

>Given that the man has already been the subject of countless >attacks on his character (viz. the idiot Bart Sibrel) why >shouldn't he take his damn time to make sure that what he is >quoted as saying is what he really means?

Sorry - don't buy it. Not at all. That was not the mechanism Mr. Ally. I suspect you might feel that is so given you're a little too dewy-eyed in his regard.

>And I much prefer listening to the likes of Col. Aldrin than >some of the agitated hand-waving that this field unfortunately >draws in.

Yeah well... its the 'well moneyed, well mainstreamed, and well facilitated information void' that our dear Buzzy Aldrin has assisted very assertively - with fork-tongued anecdotes only smearing the ufological credulity line, Mr. Ally.

Moreover, the "agitated hand-waving" is more than justified at this point according to McDonald, Keyhoe, Druffel, Friedman, Maccabee, Connors, Feschino, Hastings, Dolan... et sig al. I don't think that "hand-waving" gets a very balanced assessment from you either.

>And, hell - he was discussing something involving what Arthur C. >Clarke declared the most sophisticated technological achievement >at the time: the Saturn V vehicle.

Yeah - compare it to what left a debris field in 1947 or any one of Kimbal's Top Ten UFOs, and cop a big yawn for the staid, blundering, and grossly inefficient Saturn 5... I'm yawning right now. My dad and Stanton Friedman worked on NERVA, Mr. Ally... now there was an achievement in propulsion!

>Just recently this very List >saw weeks worth of discussion about whether or not what they saw >was actually a part of their rocket. Given all that - and the >fact that he was addressing a decidedly lay audience - why the >heck shouldn't he take his time?

You've of course heard the parable about beating the dead horse? Next...

>ALDRIN: You don't want me to be the jury of all these people >now, do you?

No Astro-zoomie! Because your dodgy behavior and inconsistent testimony has tarnished your honor to the point where you must, of needs, be removed from the jury pool! That's what I shouted at the screen!

>Yes, shows like Larry King Live have unforgiving time >constraints.

So the Buzzster should have been nipped in the bud and cut off like Noory had had hung up on him!

>But any shortcomings that may have brought to >Aldrin's appearance should in no way reflect badly on his >contributions to this subject.

Nonsense, his own performance and behavior has done that!

>Again, if you'd like to complain
>about the man then please do so in a way that may be fairly
>debated here.

Oh, I think I'll do it in a manner that makes my point and gets
past moderation... but thanks for the tip.

>In other word, back it up.

How specious! Be careful what you wish for, Sir. I'd sooner
write misty-eyed eulogies for Klass and Todd before rolling over
for the egregious activities of an obfuscating prima-donna
zoomie like Aldrin, a man intent on keeping humankind in the
ufological stone-age.

Pausing only to eat asparagus, I resume urinating.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hutchinson

From: **Bruce Hutchinson** <bhutch.nul>
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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:00:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jason Gammon <Boyinthemachine.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>>While watching last night's Larry King Live show dedicated to
>>Roswell and UFOs, I became disgusted.

>>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>>extraterrestrial visitation?

>Why the cover-up?

<snip>

>We recently found out that the CIA had been employing the Mafia
>for defending our republic. Actually it goes all the way back to
>Lucky Luciano during WWII whilst in prison giving the government
>data on how to help defeat Mussolini. Couldn't have a dictator
>who was going to get rid of organized crime now could we?

Define "recently"...

Luciano and the Mafia Connection during WWII has not been a
secret since shortly after the war, when Luciano's prison
sentence was commuted for "contributing to the war effort".

Details of how the Mafia assisted US intelligence and the
invasion of Sicily have been trickling out ever since. Several
books have been written on the subject, some as far back as the
'70s, as I remember reading about this subject shortly after
college.

In other words, those events, like most items in the 'Family
Jewels', are old news.

Bruce Hutchinson

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 17:26:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 15:44:22 - 0300
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 16:15:21 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>>As I pointed out to Jimmie Robinson privately there is in fact
>>>one assumption being made here: The assumption that Newhouse did
>>>indeed hold the camera steady and allow the objects to pass
>>>through the FOV.

>>>This was the very assumption that the Robertson Panel called in
>>>question, suggesting that someone trying hard not to pan with
>>>the action might have unconsciously overscompensated and panned
>>>against_ the action, thus inflating the apparent angular rate.
>>>Newhouse's assertion that he did not do this may (or may not) be
>>>a good one, but it does not unfortunately have the status of
>>>"scientific fact" in the sense claimed, so it isn't "as simple
>>>as that". It may be possible to calculate some plausible limit
>>>on the amount of angular error that could arise from such
>>>overcompensation, but I haven't seen this argument explicitly
>>>tackled anywhere. Has anyone else?

>>I have the movie UFO here and in the film Newhouse says he held
>>the camera steady and let a single object fly out of frame -
>>and that's shown. Why would he lie about that?

>I don't know if anyone has ever alleged that he did. I'm
>certainly not saying that. As I understand the proposition, it
>is that Newhouse was watching through the viewfinder and
>unconsciously panned the camera opposite to the object motion
>when trying to hold the camera still. I can see how that might
>happen. I can also see that there are arguments that it probably
>didn't happen (especially as Newhouse did this three times). But
>the point at issue was Mr Robinson's claim that the rigid
>stillness of Newhouse's camera is an absolute "scientific fact"
>leaving no room for conjecture.

>This is untrue. It is not a "scientific fact" but a witness
>report. Along with his descriptions of the objects as they
>appeared before the film sequence (B - 29 sized saucers) it is a
>report that one wouldn't want to dismiss without good reason,
>but for someone asked to analyse the film on its own merits it
>must be disappointing that this crucial measure of angular rate
>- the measure that makes the difference between possible
>unresolved gulls and definite unknowns - depends on a witness
>statement.

>Mr Robinson's chain of calculation (which incidentally includes
>a factor 6 error in the angular rate and neglects Robert M L
>Baker's conclusion that the 2 deg/sec rate - not 12 deg/sec -
>is the average of a range of rates between 0.6 and 4.0 degs/sec -
>interpreted as camera jitter) definitely is based on an
>assumption, which needs to be demonstrated first before the
>calculation can be said to lead to "scientific fact" beyond
>argument.

>>It should be easy enough these days to determine
>>if the camera moved.

>I don't know if this can be done or not, but I definitely agree
>with you that it should be done if possible.

Hi Martin,

I wasn't saying that he was accused of lying. Lie was perhaps
the wrong word, should have used something like, why would he
get something like a pan as opposed to a steady shot, wrong.
This guy was an experienced camera man yet the suits [not
professional cameramen, BTW] sitting around the table - second
guessing him [with an agenda] during the Robertson panel just
have to suggest that and the whole thing is in doubt.

To my mind if he said he held the camera steady then unless he
was in a high wing, take the man's word for it. It just seems to
me that we go to extremes to vet the witnesses, deny any
professionalism they have, any experience they have and any
intelligence they have to sink a sighting and lets face it the
Robertson panel had an agenda the same as Condon.

I've been viewing this film for over 50 years and never once did
they ever look like seagulls - something else I've see on a
daily basis for 59 years. Nothing in that film suggests seagulls
other than an overactive but out of the loop imagination.

The speed estimates are off. In close enough to mimic high speed
and they would be plainly visible as birds. Far enough away to
put a bird - as suspect - in doubt and the speed is ridiculously
high for a seagull, unless they are diving or swooping and they
aren't doing that as evidenced in the film and even then - if
they were - it probably would not be fast enough.

The area of the gull's wing in flight should put this theory to
rest. It's too large to ignore it [a 14 inch long gull has a
wingspan (high aspect ratio wing) greater than 5 feet] much
greater than the area [topside/bottomside] of the birds body
from any angles except fore and aft. They would have to be
awfully low for the wings to begin to blend in with their bodies
and even then not flapping - OR banking around you in a glide.
When in cruise they flap a lot but not very fast. So where's the
increase and decrease in the reflectivity of the body when the
wings are flapping in the Tremonton film? I can't see it.

My take anyway.

best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Davenport

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>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>I sometimes agree with Bob. This is one of those occasions. His
>is a very reasonable line of thought. When it comes to the
>ultimate questions we are all stuck with speculation, some of
>which can be far more reasonable than others.

>My own thinking (especially after reading the Carey-Schmitt
>book) is that the military and obviously the President were
>faced with sudden, undeniable proof of alien visitation without
>having a clue as to who they were, where they came from, why
>they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.

>Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
>understand.

Dick, et al,

I don't subscribe to CNN, and in fact, my television is so olde that it isn't even compatible with cable TV, so I didn't see the fiasco with Larry King. However, I have read the transcript, compliments of this List, so I believe I have a fairly clear picture of what took place there. It appears to have been a 'rerun' of the LK 'interview in the desert', which occurred on September 30, 1994, or perhaps the day after.

What interests me more than the original program is the subsequent debate the program stimulated, both on this List, and elsewhere. The one thing I observe is that everyone who has addressed the question of a presumed cover-up has done so, predicating his/her views on the notion that the apparent presence of UFOs on our planet is 'hermetically' separated from the U. S. government, its policies, and actions. This assumption may be flawed...

The question that concerns me most is whether the (presumed) occupants of the UFOs might have succeeded, over the last 60 years, or so, in insinuating themselves into our culture, to the extent that they can manipulate events on a large scale. Moreover, they are able to do so in a fashion that leaves the perpetrators not only undetected, but even unsuspected.

Given the findings of abduction researchers, I see nothing that militates against this possibility. Alien technology appears to be so far advanced beyond anything humans have yet invented, it may occur right under our noses and we don't recognize it for what it is.

If an alien civilization is technologically advanced enough to be able to travel to Earth from whatever they call home, it seems unlikely to me that our planet would be the first alien culture they would have encountered along the way. Hence, they may have visited enough civilizations at our level of

development that the whole process of 'introduction' might be 'old hat' to them by now. Certainly, they would have recognized the same principles of 'battle' that were recognized by Sun Tzu, and others, over the course of human history, namely, that the best form of 'attack' is the one that your adversary is least apt to anticipate, or least able to detect. I can't imagine that this simple principle would have been lost on an intelligent, technology-based civilization.

If the scenario I outline above has merit, it points out to us all, I suspect, how far we have to go to educate the public about the UFO/alien phenomenon, and how important our work may be. If we are unable to prove, to everyone's satisfaction, that UFO's are a real phenomenon, how are we ever going to be able to convince our fellow citizens that some of the crazy events we see taking place on this planet may be being instigated by aliens, or somehow under their influence?! This is Spielberg country!

My observation also underscores the possibility that those of us in ufology may err in expecting that the U. S. government, or any other social institution, will ever act so as to reveal the truth about the UFO phenomenon. They may be under quiet influence by the very presence we are attempting to reveal, and even those humans being influenced may not be aware of it!

If there is merit to any of my observations above, then we may have big trouble on our hands...

Peter
NUFORC

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 10:01:53 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>It is notable that the objects
>apparent diameters diminish smoothly by ~30% during the film,
>indicating that they are traveling away from the camera, such
>that the raw angular rate data would underestimate the actual
>speed at range.

This is an interesting point, Mike. I recall seeing this 30% somewhere. Do you have the reference?

Hartmann's meta-analysis of the Baker and Navy studies assumes that because the objects were filmed at high elevation there is no significant component of velocity in the line of sight, but evidently a 30% monotonic diminution of angular size suggests about a 1.4 range ratio between first and last frame. If the group of "birds" was 2000 ft away at its nearest then it was about 2800 ft away by the end. During 75 seconds this equates to a little over 7 mph. Transverse angular rates measured within the group correspond to about 9 mph at 2000 ft, representing minima for internal velocity within the group, so that the lower bound on the total velocity for any group member is the vector sum of a bulk radial rate of ~ 7 mph and 9 mph = about 11.5 mph.

If a single object that goes off alone returns to rejoin the group then we can treat it as a member of the group in the same way and can assume, whatever its behaviour, that the lower bound on it's mean true velocity during the loop is the vector sum of its transverse rate and the radial bulk rate of the group. The transverse rate measured for the single object is equivalent to a speed in the range 45-55 mph (Hartmann) or 54 mph (Baker) for a gull at sufficient distance to be unresolvable (2000 ft). These values are already accepted by Hartmann to be "on the margin of acceptability", a conclusion given emphasis by David Rudiak's experimental resolution of gulls at an estimated 3000 ft (although variations in camera, film and other conditions would have to be taken into account). Adding a radial vector of 11.5 mph could well be enough to push the hypothesis off the edge of plausibility completely.

But the single object didn't rejoin the group, and so we can't proceed like this. It travelled away and vanished in a different direction. Therefore its total velocity is independent of the group and could be virtually zero in the line of sight. One could argue that it is very unlikely to be exactly zero, since this would imply a constant radius curve around the camera, but it could very well be negligible. We would need to know the rate of diminution of angular size of this object independently, and I don't know if we have this information.

Another point that concerns me about the overall diminution of angular size is Hartmann's suggestion (citing Al Chop and an AF report) that the objects are unresolved and flared due to

overexposure. If so then the image size becomes to some unknown extent a function of brightness as well as distance, and in fact one of the official documents (NPIC analysis I think) pointed out that changes in object brightness correlated with change in size. Notice that about a third of the way into the film Newhouse stopped down from f/8 to f/16 (because he feared he might be overexposing). This could in itself reduce the image size. So I'd like to know that the 30 % size reduction is indeed "smooth" and is a figure arrived at after subtracting the reduction in flare.

>In any case, the seagull theory remains unconvincing, but not >absurdly so with regard to range/velocity constraints. I must >say I would be surprised if someone with as much photographic >experience as Newhouse would be susceptible to 'compensatory >panning' of the camera to any significant degree.

I agree about the seagulls. In terms of the film alone I think the seagull theory is strained, but not quite impossible, especially if a little of the angular rate could be shed by assuming that each time he interrupted his panning with the object instead of just stopping perfectly still he unintentionally overcompensated and allowed the camera to swing back against the direction of the action. Is that plausible? Maybe. Baker's analysis concludes that there is a variation in the rate between about 0.6 - 4.0 deg/sec due to camera jitter, or about equal in +/- amplitudes to the average transit rate of the object, so we know that the camera (hand-held, pointing at a very high angle of 70 degs, so possibly not well-braced) was not perfectly still. What we are asking is whether it was averagely still. Maybe it wasn't. Think of what happens when you spin in your chair and then stop, or come off a shingle beach onto concrete - there is a physiological instinct to counter a perceived drift in the opposite direction to the force applied. That's only an analogy of course, but I can imagine something like this happening when staring through the viewfinder at a moving bright point with no fixed reference points in the field of view.

If Newhouse saw the objects as 0.5 degree wide gunmetal discs before turning the camera on them then obviously they weren't gulls. But does this description appear in the original AF reports? In his original Blue Book letter of 11 Aug 1952 he only described them as unrecognisable "objects". He does not say that their appearance to the eye differed in any way from what appears on the film. Other than saying that they were "milling about" and didn't look like anything he had seen before his only description is "it was impossible for me to make any estimate of speed, size, altitude or distance". He offered the film "for whatever value it may have in your investigation of the so-called 'Flying Saucers'", which as Hartmann points out does not hint at extraordinary large metallic discs. But to be fair he might have assumed that the film would speak for itself, especially if the original had more dramatic frames at the beginning which were later "lost" (see below) and maybe in his covering letter he would be careful not to sound like a "believer".

Had this been the case then he would presumably have made good the deficiency later in the September AF Intelligence interview or in letters or in some other place soon afterwards. But Baker stated in a letter to Hartmann that the description of gunmetal discs the size of B29s at 10,000 ft dated from interviews Baker had with the witness at the time of his own investigation in 1955, three years after the event. The Green-Rouse film interview giving the same description was made in 1956. Ruppelt also records this description in 1956. There don't seem to be any earlier versions.

After the Condon Report came out with Hartmann endorsing the "seagulls", Newhouse told McDonald in about 1970 that he had given this description during the AF intelligence interview at his home back in September 1952, and even claimed that he had seen the transcript in which it was written down. McDonald indicated that he was going to check whether such a documented existed in the file. I don't know if he did, but the interview report by the Director of Intelligence, 28th Air Division, is available at

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-358>

and against Question 9B "shape of objects?" the following answer is recorded: "Objects appeared approx as long as they were wide and thin." The rest of the interview adds nothing to this description. I can't find any other source in the original BB documents that contains or alludes to a more explicit description. So there's apparently no evidence that Newhouse described gunmetal saucers face-to-face the size of a B29 at 10,000 ft before 1955, but in 1952 he did describe the objects as thin and flat, which one can interpret easily enough as disc-shaped.

The fact that the film showed not these full-moon-sized discs but, rather, unresolved or scarcely resolved lights only about 1.5 - 5.5 arcmins across was explained by Newhouse. It took two or three minutes to get the camera out of the suitcase and the film was taken when the objects were already receding. They had been seen as big discs at first (within 10 degs of the zenith, he told McDonald around 1970) but they were moving away towards the W when he started filming. He never got the original back, which was in bad shape anyway, but only a copy (to which he had previously agreed according to BB documents). The original was then supposedly destroyed in a fire! The copy had some frames missing from the beginning according to Newhouse. This seems quite possible since the film reel had been separated into several different sections by AF and Navy people during analysis. A Navy document references "90 seconds" of film which seems to support the claim that frames were missing because the known film is apparently 75 seconds long. Could these frames have showed the objects to better advantage?

Possibly, but he described the objects as being well up towards the zenith at 70 degs elevation and "proceeding in a westerly direction" from one side of the sky to the other. There's no mention of them rapidly climbing away from him or anything, the group just drifted across the sky. So 15 seconds of missing film presumably could have showed the objects a little closer and a little larger. But not in the order of 10 times closer and 10 times larger. So it seems unlikely that any missing frames would have showed the moon-sized gunmetal discs.

So, seagulls or not? Don't know, it's a 50/50 for me. Hartmann claimed to have seen identical seagull flocks in sunlight near Tremonton. Baker said he'd never seen seagulls like this. NPIC didn't believe they were gulls. The character and rate of the changes in brightness weren't right for wing motions, they were too bright for too long, etc. But it is a bit concerning to see the way the witness narrative seems to have firmed-up over time and it would be nice not to have to rely on it for interpreting the film.

Martin Shough

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PRG Update - July 17, 2007

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <PRG.nul>
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PRG Update - July 17, 2007

X-PPAC and Bassett in the "Washington Post"

PRG's political action committee, X-PPAC, and executive director Stephen Bassett were featured in a front page article written by William Booth in the Sunday, July 8, 2007 "Washington Post." This article is significant for a number of reasons:

1) nothing makes it onto the front page of a major daily such as the "Washington Post" without being cleared by the front page editorial committee.

2) William Booth remarkably balanced the fun & games, serious core issues and some fringe thinking which made up the 60th Roswell Anniversary Festival. Notably, he showed he has been paying attention to exopolitical developments.

3) in PRG's view the article was a milestone for the Post because it represented the first time the paper:

- used the term "truth embargo" in the ET context
- used the term "disclosure" in the ET context
- placed Bassett or X-PPAC on the front page
- put Richard Dolan into a front page article
- put Dr. Roger Leir into a front page article
- referred to the abduction issue on the front page

Also of note, Booth referred to sequestered ET technology, the black budget, special access programs, implants, failure of the mainstream media, the O'Hare Airport sighting, the French CNES sighting reports release, Richard Dolan's book "UFOs and the National Security State," and much more.

Most important to PRG Booth brought up the "ET Ticket" from an article recently published in "UFO Magazine," "Fate Magazine," the "American Chronicle" and at the PRG website. This article is part of a larger effort by PRG to bring the ET issue into the ongoing (and endless) 2008 presidential campaign. See "Fox and Friends" below

Post Article at:

www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/07/AR2007070701234.html

"ET Ticket" article at:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Article Archive/Exopolitics-The ET Ticket.html

Fox News Picks Up on the "ET Ticket"

Two days prior to the Washington Post article, Bassett was interviewed on Fox News' "Fox and Friends" morning show. The "ET Ticket" was featured as per arrangement with the producer.

Consequently, a graphic of Governor Bill Richardson and Senator Hillary Clinton was up during the interview highlighting the point. PRG could not be more pleased.

Fox & Friends Interview at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpDJqb7DRMc>

11th Hour Vacation Convention in the Yucatan

Stephen Bassett will be in attendance and a back-up speaker at an unusual conference in Mayan Riviera, Mexico, November 10-17. The event is seeking attendees who are working as researchers, activists, lectures and leaders in various fields of alternative thinking to come and interact in rotating, small groups with the speakers. Bassett is slated to speak at the 2008 convention in Greece.

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>>I sometimes agree with Bob. This is one of those occasions.

>You know, sometimes so do I! Sometimes he actually does
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>>His is a very reasonable line of thought. When it comes to the
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>>which can be far more reasonable than others.

>>My own thinking (especially after reading the Carey-Schmitt
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>>faced with sudden, undeniable proof of alien visitation without
>>having a clue as to who they were, where they came from, why
>>they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.
>>Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
>>understand.

>I haven't read the book yet, but plan to do so as soon as
>finances permit.

>I would refine your statement above to say that the military,
>and certainly the President, were faced with sudden undeniable
>proof of visitation by something they had no information about.
>At that time they would not know it was "alien visitation", if,
>indeed, that's what it was. I'm still on the fence about that
>myself.

>Maybe they had undeniable proof of time travel, and no clue as
>to who they were, when they came from, why they were here, or
>what kind of danger, if any, they posed to humanity.

>Regardless, cover-up is the obvious reaction to something that
>might be very dangerous, and something they could not exercise
>any control over.

Good Morning, Bob, Dick, List, All -

I have always believed that the cover-up began because they were
presented with a technology they didn't understand, alien
motives they couldn't determine, and an agenda that was unclear.
Keeping this under wraps in 1947, especially because the war,
made sense to me...

What I don't understand is why this persists until today. The
alien invasion fleet did not land. The UFOs, for the most part,
stayed in the sky away from humans and in fact, seemed to work
very hard to avoid interaction with humans. Yet, we have this
cover-up that remains in place. I just don't have a good reason

for it to remain, especially in the light of some of the secrets that have been revealed, from secret experiments with LSD, to the withholding of treatment for African-Americans to study the course of syphilis, to testing radiation on sick children. All very horrific, unethical, and certainly criminal.

But, this UFO thing remains under wraps with idiotic explanations being offered for sightings, denials of denials, and a lack of candor on the part of officials. This just makes no sense to me...

Unless there is an even bigger secret and I confess, I don't know what it could be.

KRandle

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The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

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The Alien Abduction Story And Non-Physical Reality
William C. Treurniet

Summary

Analysis of the alien abduction story suggests that the sequence of events is comparable to some experiences of the shamanic spirit world as revealed by DMT, a hallucinogenic drug. In the trance state, some people see beings similar to those reported by abductees. Therefore, it is possible that abductees involuntarily manufacture excessive endogenous DMT, which then opens the door to the spirit world. Further, the physical evidence associated with some abductions suggests that happenings in the spirit world can manifest in the physical world. Finally, since the alien abductors appear in the DMT visions, they are inhabitants of the spirit world and likely are not directly responsible for the UFOs seen in the physical world.

Background

Many people recognize the presence of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in the skies around the earth. However, there is little physical evidence available to the public that would help to identify their origin with any degree of certainty. Their nature is further confused by stories about alien abductions. These have created a modern myth that puts a face to the extraterrestrials and attributes motives that may or may not be correct. This paper offers a useful distinction between the abductors and other extraterrestrials that may be visiting our world. It also expands our notion of reality to include an objective spirit world familiar to shamanic traditions.

What we know about UFOs has been gained by consistent observations over the years, and these allow us to list a number of accepted facts regarding the nature of these objects.

Facts from UFO sightings:

- * made of solid matter or are luminous balls of energy
- * appear spontaneously to individuals or to large numbers of people
- * motion seems not to be constrained by inertia, so rate of acceleration is high
- * shapes of solid objects are typically cylindrical, ovoid, or triangular

- * shapes of luminous objects are typically spheroid
- * estimated sizes vary from a meter to kilometers in width
- * have appeared on land with humanoid occupants

A possibly related phenomenon is the repeated temporary abductions of people by beings unknown. See a previous paper for a brief description. The abductees describe their captors as alien to this earth, and often describe the place where they are taken as an alien spacecraft. Occasionally, a UFO is seen in the vicinity of an abduction and, sometimes, abductees report being transported off the earth in a spacecraft. Consequently, the abductors are often thought to be the occupants of the mysterious UFOs. However, there is little evidence for this conclusion. Reports from many different abductees allow us to list a number of consistent observations associated with this phenomenon.

General characteristics of abductions:

- * abductions occur while people are awake or asleep
- * abductions follow a script that evolves over time
- * the script leads to creation of human-alien hybrids with paranormal abilities
- * abductions are usually associated with missing time
- * the appearance of the abductors is consistent across abductions
- * the ultimate purpose is to facilitate "The Change"
- * the fate of non-abductees is never mentioned

Private observations:

- * people float, pass through walls, rise in a beam of light
- * abductees have very little control over their own actions
- * family members are usually unaware =96 may appear to be in a comatose state
- * the abductors appear to have a hierarchical chain of command
- * medical procedures involving the reproductive system are performed
- * communication with abductors is telepathic
- * the mind is controlled via eye-to-eye contact
- * visions are induced to communicate various scenarios to the abductees

Supporting evidence:

- * abductions have been observed by other people in the vicinity
- * abductees may be missed by family members for the duration of the abduction
- * abductees may awaken with clothing on backward, and blood stains on the bed
- * abductees may have implants in the head, and scooped skin on legs
- * people abducted together may share memories of specific encounters and events

The private observations are from the viewpoint of the abductee, and are entirely subjective. Abduction reports consistent with the list of private observations do not necessarily include any supporting evidence. The supporting evidence is occasionally noticed after the abduction experience. For example, physical aftereffects from the medical procedures may be found, and there are occasional reports of shared abduction experiences, where

two different individuals recall similar details in separate interview sessions.

Floating through walls does not happen in normal physical reality, and a medical procedure during a dream does not leave physical aftereffects. Yet, both phenomena are said to occur during a typical abduction. What kind of reality can accommodate these seemingly impossible events? To simplify the issue, I propose that we distinguish between two types of abduction scenarios - Type A and Type B. In the Type A abduction, the activity takes place entirely within the psyche of the abductee and there is no "supporting evidence". In the Type B abduction, physical effects or bystander observations occur as well.

The Type A abduction

The Type A abduction by itself might be attributable to a vivid dream if it were not for the fact that so many people appear to have had the same basic experience. The explanation quickly expands to include the Jungian concept of the collective unconscious, the source of archetypal imagery appearing in different people's dreams. Consistent with this idea is a more active description of reality that comes primarily from shamanic traditions practiced for thousands of years in many places around the world. For a shaman, reality consists of the physical world we know, as well as a spiritual domain accessible via altered states of consciousness. Surprisingly, the imagery of the abduction experience is not unique in that it appears in this spirit world as well.

Several books have been written describing this more comprehensive description of reality. Of particular interest is Graham Hancock=92s book, *Supernatural*, David Pinchbeck=92s book, *Breaking Open the Head: A Psychedelic Journey into the Heart of Contemporary Shamanism*, and Rick Strassman=92s book, *DMT: The Spirit Molecule*. These authors describe drug-induced altered states where powerful archetypal imagery exists in a world far removed from normal reality. Strange beings are encountered with the ability to behave independently of the experiencer. The experiences are said to be as real as any in the physical world, and range from fearful violence to the mystical.

Strassman describes medical research into the effects of dimethyltryptamine (DMT), a fast-acting, endogenous psychedelic molecule. The subjective experiences of his research volunteers are related in detail in his book. Strassman emphasizes the importance of "set and setting" on the subjective effects of the drug. Nearly all volunteers commented on powerful vibrations or pulses of energy accompanying the onset of the drug, followed by a loss of body awareness and time perception. One type of experience was floating or flying through exotic spaces, a feeling of oneness with the universe and of love, joy, and acceptance. Another volunteer found himself on an operating room table with tubes attached to his body, but there were positive feelings toward humans in the room. Another found himself accompanied by a vaguely humanoid being who was interested in him and his fear. Another was surrounded by insectoid beings who consumed his feelings of love and surrender. Strassman commented on the strong similarity between DMT session reports and the scenarios reported by alien abductees.

DMT is also a component of potions used by indigenous peoples in some parts of the world to induce altered states of consciousness. Hancock and Pinchbeck describe their own personal journeys into the spirit world after drinking such potions. According to Hancock, an experienced shaman is master of all he encounters in the spirit world. He will have his own "spirit animals" who act as his guide and protector, and assist him in achieving his desired objectives. It appears that experience and proper assistance in the spirit world can improve the quality of the experience.

With a sufficiently high dose of the potion, the typical user is propelled rapidly into a world of stunning visual effects followed by interactions with various strange beings. Hancock describes some as reptilian in appearance, while some are half human and half animal. Beings were encountered who dismembered the body and put it back together again with some alterations. Or, the body was impaled by sharp objects. Pinchbeck describes entities as "porcupine-quilled, tusked, multi-tongued, amoebic, but even those words are only approximations of entities". Of

particular interest to us, a few of the beings encountered by both Hancock and some of Strassman=92s volunteers closely resemble the aliens described by abductees. Hancock=92s interactions with these beings suggested the possibility of imminent abduction into a metal spaceship much like a flying saucer. He describes one entity as an insect-like humanoid with a heart shaped face and slits for a nose and a mouth. The entity is accompanied by several smaller, less intelligent beings. This seeming hierarchical social structure is also typical of the alien abduction scenario.

The DMT experience and the Type A abduction experience seem to have a number of elements in common. Perhaps the Type A abduction is a direct result of excess DMT release. DMT is an endogenous chemical and, according to Strassman, is part of the chemistry of the pineal gland situated just below the brain. It is conceivable that, under certain conditions, DMT production is accelerated and it is released into the brain environment. The result could be an abduction experience in the spirit world involving some of the beings described by Hancock and others. John Mack, a psychiatrist who studied the abduction phenomenon, learned that many abductions from people's homes take place in the early morning hours. Strassman notes that this is when the pineal gland is most active. Perhaps early morning DMT production facilitates alien encounters in predisposed individuals.

The Type B abduction

The concept of experiencing a separate spirit world by the appropriate adjustment of brain chemistry seems sufficient to explain the Type A abduction experience. So far, we have assumed that the physical or its proxy intrudes into the spirit world, and that the elements of the spirit world return no further into the physical world than the impact on the viewer=92s memory. Is it possible to extend this concept to also account for the additional effects that define the Type B abduction experience? In particular, could the physical aftereffects of the medical procedures be caused by the events experienced in the spirit world? Also, could it be possible to experience events in the spirit world jointly with another person?

According to Pinchbeck and Hancock, the spirit world is a place where new things can be learned. Further, it appears to be a reality where different people can simultaneously experience the same thing. For example, Pinchbeck entered this space with the assistance of a shaman and two elders, and felt the company of the others. Two of his acquaintances shared a vision of being observed by a small owl. Three others watched dolphins swimming. If the abduction experience also occurs in the spirit world, two people abducted together should then be able to independently describe the same events afterwards.

Pinchbeck believes that activity in the spirit world can directly impact the physical world. He gives the example of a shaman emerging from a long trance holding a new seed or plant needed for healing others. This suggests that consciousness operating in the spirit world can cause changes in the physical world. In his words, "The energy of conscious or unconscious beliefs and the willpower of human beings may create actual physical manifestations that take on a level of independence from any individual consciousness". Therefore, we should allow for the possibility that the abductees=92 implants and nicks on the skin are side effects of the activities in the spirit world. That is, they may emerge into the physical world with the return to a normal state of consciousness.

The remaining aspects of the Type B supporting evidence are more difficult to explain as direct effects of interactions with the spirit world. This evidence concerns observations of other people not directly involved in the abduction. For example, family members have missed abductees for the duration of the abduction, and other people have observed abductions in progress. In such cases, there is clearly physical displacement of the abductee from one location to another. The most parsimonious explanation is that there actually were abductors acting in the physical world, perhaps using unfamiliar technology. In these cases, the abductors may have been using a UFO to remove the abductee.

If we can accept the possibility that implants and scars are

transported from the spirit world to the physical during the trance state, we might consider also that the entire abduction scenario has migrated from the spirit domain to the physical domain. Pinchbeck argues that UFOs and their occupants may be material thought forms that popped into existence in the physical world when a sufficient number of people believed in them (somewhat like Tinkerbell in the Peter Pan story). The UFOs and their occupants are both "imaginal" (in that they are created by believers) and real, in that they possess an independent existence. He argues that there is precedence for this kind of phenomenon in the Tulpa thought forms created from the psychic energy of Tibetan Buddhists. So, the few abductions that have involved other people as observers may have been the work of parasitic thought forms bent on carrying out the script usually experienced in the spirit world.

Another argument in favor of a spirit world locus

The recognition that alien abductions take place in the spirit world sidesteps the problem raised by Craig Lang in the first issue of the Journal of Abduction Research (2007). He notes that, given the estimated number of people who have been abducted, there should be about 16 abductions per day in a large metropolitan area. Worldwide, there should be about 32000 abductions per day. This rate of abductions using physical craft and crew would be a severe logistical challenge from several points of view, and secrecy would be hard to maintain. On the other hand, the rate of abductions taking place in the spirit world would have no limit. Thus, the logistics argument further supports the reality of the spirit world as the locus for the abduction experience.

Human involvement in alien abductions

An alternative to the aliens as agents of the abduction experience has been proposed. Although the evidence is slim, some abductees believe that a group of humans with their own agenda are collaborators in the abduction phenomenon, and that the abductees' visual imagery is controlled by a secret technology. What kind of technology might be used to control a person's volition, thoughts, and awareness?

Michael Persinger, a neuroscientist at Laurentian University, found that when the right brain hemisphere of volunteers is stimulated with a particular electrical pattern, mystical feelings are often elicited such as the "sensed presence". He also found that altered perceptions and dream-like states are more likely to occur in conjunction with electromagnetic effects resulting from geophysical activity. Further, he suggests here that it may be technically feasible to affect large populations of people by artificial modulation of the geomagnetic field.

Wilbert Smith, a Canadian government scientist, described another technology that may interact directly with human mental activity. He claimed to have received, via channeling, a description of a tensor beam from extraterrestrial visitors. He understood the tensor beam to be a means for communicating with the aliens, although he never mastered it. He described its use as something like "wiggling one's ears". However, the tensor beam may not be a communications channel as we understand it, but a device for inducing a brain state in the user appropriate for contacting beings in the spirit world. The latter is consistent with the way the technical information was obtained; that is, by channeling a being in the spirit world.

Nefarious humans, for some unknown reason, could conceivably be using either form of electromagnetic stimulation to create an altered state of consciousness in a large number of people. However, it is unlikely that the technology alone would be able to produce the complex imagery of the abduction experience. Rather, the stimulation is more likely to increase endogenous DMT production or mimic its effect and, thus, open the door to the spirit world. Possibly, the pattern of stimulation might help to determine the nature of the experience in the spirit world. So the human participation, if it exists, should only be collaboration with spirit world beings to increase the number of people entering their world.

Prevention of abductions

The realization that the alien abduction experience may take

place in the spirit world offers therapists a possible means to stop it from happening. They might want to consider the possibility of chemical intervention to prevent the release of excessive DMT from the pineal gland. Medication designed to control the level of endogenous DMT should limit undesired entry into the spirit world.

Are aerial UFOs a separate phenomenon?

The majority of aerial UFOs observed over the years do not necessarily participate in the alien abduction script. Their occupants may just be extraterrestrials visiting earth from other physical worlds. If so, it is unlikely that they will resemble the "Grays" since these are observed in the spirit world. If physical entities are seen that have the appearance of the Grays, we should entertain the possibility that their origin is non-physical. They may be either thought forms that have spilled over from the spirit world when conditions were right, or creations of other physical beings inspired by their own forays into the spirit world.

[Thanks to Nick Balaskas for the lead]

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Have Aliens Left A Crop Circle Calling Card In Wilbur?

WILBUR, WA. -- In Lincoln County, they're wondering if it's science or fiction but what is known is that someone recently paid a visit to a wheat field near Wilbur. If you subscribe to the "science" theory then those visitors traveled a very long way probably without using Highway 2.

The wheat crop occupies much of the conversation in Lincoln County but lately people have something else to talk about: crop circles, discovered in a wheat field on June 27th, have created a buzz around the nearby town of Wilbur.

Since the discovery there=92s been a steady stream of visitors to the site but not everyone is buying it. However that hasn=92t stopped the two guys who first spotted the crop circles =96 Mitch Sorenson and Steve Reed =96 from telling and re-telling their story.

"We stopped in the pickup right here, and just looked for any tracks or visual sign going in here, which there wasn't," Mitch Sorenson said.

"I went out there last night and there was a guy there says, 'Look what you started,'" Steve Reed added.

Reed and Sorenson do have the attention of one person: Peter Davenport, a full-time UFO investigation.

"What I saw, just upon gross inspection, suggests to me that almost certainly we're dealing with something that was not made by humans," Davenport said.

Reed and Sorenson aren=92t quite ready to agree with Davenport.

"I think if there was somebody else out here, they'd have more important things to do than stomp our wheat down, especially at five dollars and fifty cents a bushel," Reed said.

However in the interests of science they left their protective gear behind and went with Davenport to the site of the crop circles. Davenport says he's no expert on crop formations but he saw things at the site that intrigued him.

"The first thing that meets my eye is that the center of the swirl of the stalks of grain that are laid down, appears not to be in the geometric center of the larger circle," Davenport said.

He says a prankster using a board and string could not have done

this. On a hoax job he says the stalks of wheat are often crimped. That wasn't the case in the wheat fields outside of Wilbur though.

"The base, right here, was rounded by up to 90 degrees. It wasn't crimped. It was molecularly changed somehow," Davenport said.

Food for thought, but it didn't stop Mitch from taking a bite of the potentially alien-altered wheat.

"Well, so far I'm feeling alright," Sorenson after eating a few grains of wheat.

Mitch and Steve both admit the UFO investigator makes an interesting case, but in a few weeks it'll be harvest time, and everyone will have more important things to talk about, like what to do with all that damaged wheat out there in those crop circles.

"Wheat beer? Yeah, okay, alien wheat beer," Steve suggested.

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Sci Fi Unveils Online & Cable Efforts
Antony Reeve-Crook

US cable channel Sci Fi has unveiled a number of new projects both online and on cable, as well as a horror film programming partnership.

The channel, owned by NBC Universal, is working on a number of projects, ranging from well-known Sci Fi titles such as Battlestar Galactica to miniseries and reality shows.

Sci Fi plans to whet viewers' appetites for November's Battlestar Galactica two-hour event, titled Razor, with a number of two- to three-minute shorts that will premiere during primetime in October. The shorts will also be made available on the Sci Fi website afterwards.

The Awesomes, from Broadway Video Television and Universal Media Studios, is a new animated comedy set in the workplace, described by the network as "SuperFriends meets The Office." It follows the 'original' team of superheroes as they try to reclaim their glory days, having been cast aside by the arrival of new, more glamorous, spandex-clad heroes.

The network is also producing an untitled miniseries starring Thomas Jane (The Punisher), written by graphic novel author Steve Niles. The series is touted as Robinson Crusoe in space, where it follows a man trying to begin a new society on a distant planet 40 years into the future.

Another new project comes from filmmaker Francis Stokes, who is expanding the YouTube series God Inc into a half-hour series, as well as developing an original one-hour time-travel drama.

Reality series Run For Money pits contestants against a team of 'hunters' in landmark locations in several famous cities. Based on a successful Japanese format, the one-hour episodes are being produced by Buena Vista Productions and Fujisankei Communications International.

Factual programming comes in the form of Idiot Box Productions' Brain Trust, which sees scientists attempt to solve mundane dilemmas in hugely elaborate ways, and What Can't It Do?, produced by Tiger Aspect USA, Extra Credit Productions and Nicole Perry.

Finally, UFO Hunters, from Craig Piligian's Pilgrim Films and Television, looks at UFO experiences and otherworldly sightings.

Sci Fi is also at work on new series for its website, including

a 10-part FarScape revival, produced by The Jim Henson Company in association with RHI Entertainment.

Sci Fi Tech provides the latest info on new technology and gadgets, while Peacock Productions' Invent This! is a weekly original series that sets out to find the world's weirdest contraptions and reveal how they came to exist.

The network has also partnered with Lionsgate and AfterDark Films to broadcast, co-brand and promote Afterdark's film festival Horrorfest - 8 Films To Die For. Horrorfest will premiere in October during the channel's annual 13 Days of Halloween programming block, and lead up to Sci Fi's second annual six-hour Ghost Hunters Live special, which plays on Halloween.

"Sci Fi's full range of exclusive genre fare includes everything from creative re-imaginings of sci-fi classics and contemporary Earth-based tales of the paranormal, to action thrillers and surreal supernatural reality shows," said Thomas Vitale, Sci Fi's senior VP of programming and original movies.

"Our acquisition of the Horrorfest - 8 Films To Die For theatrical further broadens our scope of exhilarating, high-quality programming that resonates with thrill-seeking audiences."

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>compliments of this List, so I believe I have a fairly clear
>picture of what took place there. It appears to have been a
>'rerun' of the LK 'interview in the desert', which occurred on
>September 30, 1994, or perhaps the day after.

>What interests me more than the original program is the
>subsequent debate the program stimulated, both on this List, and
>elsewhere. The one thing I observe is that everyone who has
>addressed the question of a presumed cover-up has done so,
>predicating his/her views on the notion that the apparent
>presence of UFOs on our planet is 'hermetically' separated from
>the U. S. government, its policies, and actions. This assumption
>may be flawed...

Finally, someone else is getting this! Right on Peter Davenport!

>The question that concerns me most is whether the (presumed)
>occupants of the UFOs might have succeeded, over the last 60
>years, or so, in insinuating themselves into our culture, to the
>extent that they can manipulate events on a large scale.
>Moreover, they are able to do so in a fashion that leaves the
>perpetrators not only undetected, but even unsuspected.

The real deal is the occupants have been here since day one.
They're not omnipotent nor omnipresent but they're good at
covering a lot of ground. Our blowing up of stuff on a massive
scale as well as advances in education resulting in new levels
of awareness got them all ruffled under the gills. We are not

being invaded, we_are the invaders. We just forget to cover up our own despicable acts towards one another.

>Given the findings of abduction researchers, I see nothing that
>militates against this possibility. Alien technology appears to
>be so far advanced beyond anything humans have yet invented, it
>may occur right under our noses and we don't recognize it for
>what it is.

Bingo. We use the same tactics. Less powerful but from the same school. It's called psychiatry, coercion, electro-shock, narcotics, electronic wave and behavior modification and when those don't work we use good ol' fashioned humiliation and invalidation, ridicule. People will run into a lightning storm, fight a she-bear with their bare hands, punch sharks and wrastle with Wolverines, but you threaten them with humiliation they'll ball up like an Amarillo armadillo on a hot Texas day.

>If an alien civilization is technologically advanced enough to
>be able to travel to Earth from whatever they call home, it
>seems unlikely to me that our planet would be the first alien
>culture they would have encountered along the way. Hence, they
>may have visited enough civilizations at our level of
>development that the whole process of 'introduction' might be
>'old hat' to them by now. Certainly, they would have recognized
>the same principles of 'battle' that were recognized by Sun Tzu,
>and others, over the course of human history, namely, that the
>best form of 'attack' is the one that your adversary is least
>apt to anticipate, or least able to detect. I can't imagine that
>this simple principle would have been lost on an intelligent,
>technology-based civilization.

They're not worried about our weapons. They're worried about the real us. Those old sayings, 'I jumped out of my skin!' or 'I was beside myself with...' are true. We have a culture that makes billions off of religious beliefs but then acts as those beliefs are foolish. At least 5 billion people on this planet believe in spiritualism. Even in this day of nano-technology and iPods those beliefs have not waned and it's still growing. Why? Because deep down inside we know it's true that we're not just flesh and blood. There's more to us than meets the eye and that scares the hell out of some.

>If the scenario I outline above has merit, it points out to us
>all, I suspect, how far we have to go to educate the public
>about the UFO/alien phenomenon, and how important our work may
>be. If we are unable to prove, to everyone's satisfaction, that
>UFO's are a real phenomenon, how are we _ever_ going to be able
>to convince our fellow citizens that some of the crazy events we
>see taking place on this planet may be being instigated by
>aliens, or somehow under their influence?! This is Spielberg
>country!

I've said so many times before what's really going on doesn't fit the profile of the nuts and bolts scientists because they can't see past their own testubes. Our government is incapable of mounting and maintaining a cover up of this magnitude. But we don't ever want to find out that there might be more powerful and influential governing bodies afoot. You can tell by the actions. Notice how we're always meddling in the middle east? You tell me what the real agenda is. By now you'd think America would take care of America's business but we've become 2nd class citizens to some other agenda. The forces at work didn't expect the likes of Thomas Jefferson and Thomas Paine. That moment in history toppled more than one empire.

>My observation also underscores the possibility that those of us
>in ufology may err in expecting that the U. S. government, or
>any other social institution, will ever act so as to reveal the
>truth about the UFO phenomenon. They may be under quiet
>influence by the very presence we are attempting to reveal, and
>even those humans being influenced may not be aware of it!

>If there is merit to any of my observations above, then we may
>have big trouble on our hands...

Peter Davenport never ceases to amaze me. A practically one man army running the NUFORC. Amazing.

Bottom line is, there is no cover up. What we have here is not a

cover up but an unwillingness to address, confront, and disclose via official means.

I've said it before, I don't need the U.S. government to tell me the Sun just rose or that water is wet. I can see that for myself. We're granting our government power that is not theirs to wield. It's up to us to determine what's real for us not the other way around. Reader, did you ask the government whether your wife or husband or children or parents love you? No. You can determine that for yourself. Do you ask the government if God exists? No, you make your own choices and observations independent of a bunch of politicians. Why ask a politician what the face of reality is? They're supposed to be working for us not the other way around.

Again, another bottom line. We're part of a bigger governing body that is in jeopardy. We're all part of it but through choice and manipulation via technology we forget or go into denial. Unless we exercise our rights as established by the Constitution of the U.S. we're going to continue to be under the pall of these higher principalities.

There's nothing more dangerous in this universe than a person who is in control of their own self determinism.

Best,
Greg

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Ally

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>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 21:03:45 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>In a previous interview, Aldrin didn't appear to come to the
>same conclusion that he rather brusquely offered on Larry King
>about seeing a "panel" during the Apollo 11 flight.

>As I watched Aldrin speak on Larry King, I kept having the
>impression - which I didn't have watching his previous
>interviews - that something was wrong with his delivery.

>It seemed that he was straining to talk around the subject; I
>sensed an evasiveness that I found both unexpected and strange.

>I say this as someone who absolutely had no bias against the
>guy. Certainly not hard evidence - just a strong impression that
>something didn't feel right.

>Am I alone in having that impression?

Well, to begin with, Aldrin isn't exactly prone to making
excited claims as to what these things are. His manner has
always been quite measured. So it doesn't surprise me that he
might come across as seeming evasive. Especially as he may be
reticent in his comments, given that he's been the subject of so
many documentaries, both good and (really) bad. This is
conjecture on my part, admittedly.

And it may also have had something to do with the atmosphere of
the talk show itself. Steven Kaeser might back me up on this.
It's hardly the National Press Club, and perhaps he was feeling
a bit like a circus act, sitting there.

Brian Ally

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>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

>>From: Dennis Balthaser <truthskr.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

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>opportunity to point a finger and say it's someone else's
>fault that the truth isn't being told, which is a human
>reaction at the very base level.

Well having worked with reporters for some 34 years as a
government electronic conduit to them, I can only state that
about 10 percent were really concerned with fact rather than
filling space in the paper. It was painful to watch the
government swallow up the really good reporters in their
government information services after their stories began to
hurt. But a good living wage talks.

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>bullet' in hand to prove something, I wouldn't expect existing
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>public opinion.

I don't know Steve, I don't get wound up about these 'revelation'" type shows or the style presented on Larry King.

When I saw how many people were going to be on in the space of one hour I figured that it was going to be a dog's breakfast. There's just not enough time to present a point of view and there's little moderation of the 'panel'. And I nearly missed the show. If it hadn't been that I accessed my emails about 10 minutes before the broadcast and saw another reminder on there that I tuned in.

I never watch Larry King anyway because he's a terrible interviewer. Maybe he was good once but a bit of a joke these days. If anything my interest is if they [the program director and producers] come up with a bit of a new spin on how to cock it up. I have no way of knowing whether if Stan or James Fox were privy to what was being shown while they were talking, I suspect not, because one of them would have nipped that nonsense about the parachuting dummies as the explanation for the Roswell 'aliens' in the bud.

The networks don't give a flying fig what we think anyway. There are more than a few on this list whom I don't think were that excited because UFOs were going to be on Larry King. Stan stayed cool though he looked understandably frustrated by Shirmer. Jamie Foxx stayed cool, Symington didn't flinch, though someone has to remind him to mention the time he saw his UFO and verbally separate that from the decoy flares at around 10PM. Marcel Jr. Looked like a deer caught in the headlights and has to stop bringing up those letters on the I-beam. He has more than that. The time delay didn't help Haut's daughter and she seemed less informed than the rest of us.

What's Shirmer's fixation on anal probs anyway? Coming from a soft non-science like psychology he has some nerve standing on the 'scientific method' soapbox. He was sitting next to a nuclear physicist who lived in the real scientific method for many years. What's Shirmer done?

Aldrin was Aldrin. He seems to flip-flop a lot.

Don Ledger

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Steve and Listers,

I agree with your assessment that when we researchers agree to
do documentaries, we anticipate that we will be represented as
intended, however that is normally not the case. (The Peter
Jennings special and the National Geographic documentary are
good examples). Each time I do an interview I'm hopeful that it
will be presented in the manner intended and not given a spin by
someone who probably has never done any research.

My experince as well as that of many other researchers I'm sure, is the fact that we are expected to share our years of research (in most cases in detail and honestly), in order to inform the public, and have absolutely no in-put on the editing and final product.

I have become convinced that documentaries are hyped through pre-airing advertisements, use show titles like the "The truth", and then edited to the point that serious researchers are not represented in the manner they intended when being filmed, for the benefit of profit and ratings for the documentary networks.

There have in all honesty been a few documentaries that I've been involved with over the years that have made an honest effort to be factual, most times by small independent film makers, unlike the major networks.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:33:43 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 17:11:50 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: The Walter G. Haut Affidavit

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>>Haut's second affidavit said that Ramey wanted to draw attention
>>away from the second craft/body site by acknowledging only the
>>first site, or debris field. He then said, "I was not completely
>>informed how this would be accomplished."

>>I interpret that to mean he didn't know about the weather
>>balloon deception at that time, which instead could have been
>>hatched by Ramey shortly after the meeting.

>You're right. When Haut said "...at the meeting... Gen. Ramey
>proposed a plan, which I believe originated from his bosses at
>the Pentagon", I took this to mean that the essence of the
>weather balloon plan was explained at the meeting, if not the
>exact when and where. But, yes, it could be that only the need
>for some sort of substitution was discussed, without a
>conclusion being reached as to what would be substituted. That's
>one of my problems out of the way.

>But if Haut was himself covering up clues to his own (and perhaps
>Blanchard's) real role in 1993, and, instead of simply saying
>nothing, went to the trouble of inventing circumstantial
>smokescreen details in a sworn affidavit:

>"I believe Col. Blanchard saw the material, because he sounded
>positive about what the material was", "He felt that he wanted
>the local media to have the first opportunity at the story"

>Does this fit with his then "dropping many hints" and telling
>several people explicitly about the secret meeting and the
>bodies over the years, including UFO investigators? I'm not
>sure. I still find it difficult to make that 1993 affidavit ring
>>false in a way that rings true, if you understand what I mean!

Martin, David,

This is a little off topic but relating to the weather balloon.
Who do you suppose picked - or decided to go with - the weather
balloon as an explanation-Blanchard?

Why didn't the USAAF just claim that a Top Secret, or even an
experimental aircraft had crashed and then sprinkle some

salvaged aluminum sheet, wiring and a couple of instruments around that was in the maintenance hangars for the press to see. They could then claim that that was all they could say about it at this time because it is classified.

It almost seems to me that the weather balloon was offered up as to be so unlikely to be misinterpreted by those who saw them on a daily basis as acquiescing to higher command but without entirely giving up on his moral obligation to more than just the air force and a tip-off for those who had any idea of how ludicrous the explanation was.

I've always been bothered with this simple-minded ruse. Mind you it might work with the press, even now - unless they are on the aviation beat - because they have no backgrounds in technology.

Don Ledger

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Life Elsewhere In Solar System Could Be Different From Life As We Know It

Science & TechnologyThe search for life elsewhere in the solar system and beyond should include efforts to detect what scientists sometimes refer to as "weird" life - that is, life with an alternative biochemistry to that of life on Earth - says a new report from the National Research Council.

Washington, D.C. - infoZine - The committee that wrote the report found that the fundamental requirements for life as we generally know it - a liquid water biosolvent, carbon-based metabolism, molecular system capable of evolution, and the ability to exchange energy with the environment - are not the only ways to support phenomena recognized as life. "Our investigation made clear that life is possible in forms different than those on Earth," said committee chair John Baross, professor of oceanography at the University of Washington, Seattle.

The report emphasizes that "no discovery that we can make in our exploration of the solar system would have greater impact on our view of our position in the cosmos, or be more inspiring, than the discovery of an alien life form, even a primitive one. At the same time, it is clear that nothing would be more tragic in the American exploration of space than to encounter alien life without recognizing it."

The tacit assumption that alien life would utilize the same biochemical architecture as life on Earth does means that scientists have artificially limited the scope of their thinking as to where extraterrestrial life might be found, the report says. The assumption that life requires water, for example, has limited thinking about likely habitats on Mars to those places where liquid water is thought to be present or have once flowed, such as the deep subsurface. However, according to the committee, liquids such as ammonia or formamide could also work as biosolvents - liquids that dissolve substances within an organism - albeit through a different biochemistry. The recent evidence that liquid water-ammonia mixtures may exist in the interior of Saturn's moon Titan suggests that increased priority be given to a follow-on mission to probe Titan, a locale the committee considers the solar system's most likely home for weird life.

"It is critical to know what to look for in the search for life in the solar system," said Baross. "The search so far has focused on Earth-like life because that's all we know, but life that may have originated elsewhere could be unrecognizable

compared with life here. Advances throughout the last decade in biology and biochemistry show that the basic requirements for life might not be as concrete as we thought."

Besides the possibility of alternative biosolvents, studies show that variations on some of the other basic tenets for life also might be able to support weird life. DNA on Earth works through the pairing of four chemical compounds called nucleotides, but experiments in synthetic biology have created structures with six or more nucleotides that can also encode genetic information and, potentially, support Darwinian evolution. Additionally, studies in chemistry show that an organism could utilize energy from alternative sources, such as through a reaction of sodium hydroxide and hydrochloric acid, meaning that such an organism could have an entirely non-carbon-based metabolism.

Researchers need to further explore variations of the requirements for life with particular emphasis on origin-of-life studies, which will help determine if life can exist without water or in environments where water is only present under extreme conditions, the report says. Most planets and moons in this solar system fall into one of these categories. Research should also focus on how organisms break down key elements, as even non-carbon-based life would need elements for energy, structure, and chemical reactions.

The report also stresses that the future search for alien life should not exclude additional research into terrestrial life. Through examination of extreme environments, such as deserts and deep under the oceans, studies have determined that life exists essentially anywhere water and a source of energy are found together on Earth. Field researchers should therefore seek out organisms with novel biochemistries and those that exist in areas where vital resources are scarce to better understand how life on Earth truly operates, the committee said. This improved understanding will contribute greatly toward seeking Earth-like life where the conditions necessary for its existence might be met, as in the case of subsurface Mars.

Space missions will need adjustment to increase the breadth of their search for life. Planned Mars missions, for example, should include instruments that detect components of light elements - especially carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, phosphorous, and sulfur - as well as simple organic functional groups and organic carbon. Recent evidence indicates that another moon of Saturn, Enceladus, has active water geysers, raising the prospect that habitable environments may exist there and greatly increasing the priority of additional studies of this body.

NASA sponsored the report. The National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, Institute of Medicine, and National Research Council make up the National Academies. They are private, nonprofit institutions that provide science, technology, and health policy advice under a congressional charter. The Research Council is the principal operating agency of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering. A committee roster follows.

Copies of The Limits of Organic Life in Planetary Systems will be available from the National Academies Press; tel. 202-334-3313 or 1-800-624-6242 or on the Internet at www.nap.edu. The cost of the report is \$27.50 (prepaid) plus shipping charges of \$4.50 for the first copy and \$.95 for each additional copy.

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>>>And I'd sure like to use Aldrin's prop on him, that stumble
>>>stepping, double talking, time wasting, duplicitous old
>>>bastard. He is without all relevancy, pertinence, and
>>>usefulness, and he's walked on both sides of the credulity line
>>>too often now for me to be able to take credence in anything he
>>>says in the future on this subject.

>>>Piss on him! But I sugar coat...

>>Twice today, defending Aldrin.

>>You say all of this as if Col. Aldrin owes you his time.

>Hey, sorry to step on some pretty juvenile hero-worship, but...
>That's right! He does! Time and more besides! Here's how that
>works.

>He took just a 'degree' more heat and tension than I did in my
>own military career and was at the focus of every kudos,
>accreditation, and congratulation that humankind can bestow on
>the individual. He's the one shopping his duplicitous square-
>jawed mug around as an 'authority'. He can take whatever
>criticism is served up for him and revel in the attention! That
>said: starch-wing zoomies can stand for me! I don't care if he
>flew in space! I flew helicopters in combat!

>>He's
>>had a long and successful career and I daresay that he doesn't
>>owe you a lick.

>Wrong again! He owes me consistency. He owes me relevancy! He
>owes me continuity! He owes me credulity! He owes me
>credibility! He owes me the truth!

<snip>

>>In other word, back it up.

>How specious! Be careful what you wish for, Sir. I'd sooner
>write misty-eyed eulogies for Klass and Todd before rolling over
>for the egregious activities of an obfuscating prima-donna
>zoomie like Aldrin, a man intent on keeping humankind in the
>ufological stone-age.

>Pausing only to eat asparagus, I resume urinating.

Couldn't have said it better myself, Al or as flowerly. Finally you poke the hero with a stick. Who takes the greater risk the pilot at the controls being shot at in wartime or astronauts with a few billions of dollars worth of technicians backing them up. Yeah I know, Challenger, Columbia and Chaffey White and Grissom, 17 versus 50,000 combat pilots-and that's just your country.

But you seem to be mellowing, Al. Disturbing....

Don

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Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 17:00:34 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:26:50 -0400
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:57:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friedman On CNN's Larry King Tonight

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>What I find unfortunate is that the List goes through a manic
>high before such shows, which gives way to a manic low
>afterwards, and the problem is one of expectations. These shows
>are, IMO, positive in nature for those who are unfamiliar with
>the field. But if we don't have a 'magic bullet' in hand to prove
>something, I wouldn't expect existing evidence presented over and
>over again to do much to sway public opinion.

The problem is, the wrong part of existing evidence always
gets presented. The best cases are never presented.

Here below is a quote from a post by Brad Sparks in mid-June
which says it like it is, really well:

>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?

Eleanor White

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 17:05:18 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:28:17 -0400
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>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 21:22:19 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

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>As I watched Aldrin speak on Larry King, I kept having the
>impression - which I didn't have watching his previous
>interviews - that something was wrong with his delivery. It
>seemed that he was straining to talk around the subject; I sensed
>an evasiveness that I found both unexpected and strange. I say
>this as someone who absolutely had no bias against the guy.
>Certainly not hard evidence - just a strong impression that
>something didn't feel right.

I'd like to know how our brightest and best consider a secrecy
oath binding, to an entity that knowingly covers up information
about ET presence and operations. That is fraud at best, and in
my personal opinion, treason against the public who pay their
salaries, not to mention all their spacecraft.

Eleanor White

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Strange Creatures Seen In San Luis Argentina

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Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 17:38:53 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:48:03 -0400
Subject: Strange Creatures Seen In San Luis Argentina

Source: Diario La Republica (San Luis, Argentina)

<http://www.grupopayne.com.ar/archivo/06/0611/061122/1-interior.php>

DATE: 07.15.07

Strange Creatures Seen In San Luis Argentina

Residents of Merlo claim having seen imps near a hundred year old eucalyptus tree

A strange story from Valle de Conlara

The Municipality trimmed the tree because its large branches were jeopardizing motorists traveling along Avenida del Inca. After work, some residents reportedly saw "little men coming out [of the tree] in single file from that location."

The landscapes described by the prolific South African (sic) writer John Ronald Reuel Tolkien =96 author of The Lord of the Rings =96 as the habitat of imps, elves, trolls and fairies that appear in his works do not vary all that much. These creatures enjoy living in forests, trees, small rivers and clean environments. They tend to dwell within trees or openings in the surface.

Described thus, an infinite number of similar landscapes can be described in a number of points throughout the country, and Merlo is no exception, even though humans may be accused of making these places fewer and fewer.

Days ago, the Municipality of Merlo, at the request of local residents, trimmed a hundred-year old eucalyptus that is next to the Leopoldo Lugones Library in Piedra Blanca, on a tight curve by Avenida de los Incas. The large branches obscured visibility for motorists and jeopardized light and telephone wires on windy days.

While the trimming operations took place on the avenue, adjacent to a stream, traffic was interrupted and once restored, locals driving through the area, lighting it with their car headlights, claimed to have seen the strange figures. They reportedly saw "some little men coming out of the amputated tree and walking single file toward the library. Most witnesses did not offer details, but one woman described their clothing as having a brownish hue," said Cecillia de Gabrele, an employee at the library who fielded several phone calls at her workplace from locals who sought confirmation for what they had seen nearby. However, neither the employee nor her coworkers noticed anything unusual.

Cecilia added that for many years there have been stories of "imp" sightings for many years in that district. "That's where Aguaribay Street begins, which has abundant native flora, and many claim having seen tiny beings between the branches and shadows."

Once the trimming operation was over in what some believe may have been the dwelling of these little people, the landscape

"was devastating", according to De Gabriele. The eucalyptus has a reddish wood and after being trimmed, this shade became visible. Faced with the bizarre scene, some have gone as far as to suggest that "the strong coloring gave the impression that the tree was bleeding."

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:51:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:59:54 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>When it comes to the
>>>ultimate questions we are all stuck with speculation, some of
>>>My own thinking (especially after reading the Carey-Schmitt
>>>book) is that the military and obviously the president were
>>>faced with sudden, undeniable proof of alien visitation without
>>>having a clue as to who they were, where they came from, why
>>>they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.
>>>Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
>>>understand.

>>I haven't read the book yet, but plan to do so as soon as
>>finances permit.

>>I would refine your statement above to say that the military,
>>and certainly the President, were faced with sudden undeniable
>>proof of visitation by something they had no information about.
>>At that time they would not know it was "alien visitation", if,
>>indeed, that's what it was. I'm still on the fence about that
>>myself.

>>Maybe they had undeniable proof of time travel, and no clue as
>>to who they were, when they came from, why they were here, or
>>what kind of danger, if any, they posed to humanity.

>>Regardless, cover-up is the obvious reaction to something that
>>might be very dangerous, and something they could not exercise
>>any control over.

>Good Morning, Bob, Dick, List, All -

>I have always believed that the cover-up began because they were
>presented with a technology they didn't understand, alien
>motives they couldn't determine, and an agenda that was unclear.
>Keeping this under wraps in 1947, especially because the war,
>made sense to me...

Hi List,

I agree with both Bob and Kevin on this point. The folks in
power had the creatures, and their craft, but they didn't
immediately understand where they came from or their intentions.
But I bet they all agreed on one thing: they weren't gods or
spirits or shape-changers or retarded, six-fingered Asians, or
shamans, or etc.

>What I don't understand is why this persists until today. The
>alien invasion fleet did not land. The UFOs, for the most part,
>stayed in the sky away from humans and in fact, seemed to work
>very hard to avoid interaction with humans. Yet, we have this
>cover-up that remains in place. I just don't have a good reason
>for it to remain, especially in the light of some of the secrets
>that have been revealed, from secret experiments with LSD, to
>the withholding of treatment for African-Americans to study the
>course of syphilis, to testing radiation on sick children. All
>very horrific, unethical, and certainly criminal.

>But, this UFO thing remains under wraps with idiotic
>explanations being offered for sightings, denials of denials,
>and a lack of candor on the part of officials. This just makes
>no sense to me...

>Unless there is an even bigger secret and I confess, I don't
>know what it could be.

They soon discovered that the creatures were from a civilization
that evolved in this solar system, probably earth, and that we
live parallel existences, as tool makers, and fellow mammals.
For some reason they decided to keep this reality from us and
offer the ETH as a red herring. It seems to be working.

Ed

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

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Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 14:02:58 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 10:01:53 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>apparent diameters diminish smoothly by ~30% during the film,
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>This is an interesting point, Mike. I recall seeing this 30%
>somewhere. Do you have the reference?

>Hartmann's meta-analysis of the Baker and Navy studies assumes
>that because the objects were filmed at high elevation there is
>no significant component of velocity in the line of sight, but
>evidently a 30% monotonic diminution of angular size suggests
>about a 1.4 range ratio between first and last frame. If the
>group of "birds" was 2000 ft away at its nearest then it was
>about 2800 ft away by the end. During 75 seconds this equates to
>a little over 7 mph. Transverse angular rates measured within
>the group correspond to about 9 mph at 2000 ft, representing
>minima for internal velocity within the group, so that the lower
>bound on the total velocity for any group member is the vector
>sum of a bulk radial rate of ~ 7 mph and 9 mph = about 11.5
>mph.

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>might be overexposing). This could in itself reduce the image
>size. So I'd like to know that the 30 % size reduction is indeed
>"smooth" and is a figure arrived at after subtracting the
>reduction in flare.

I would like to add something to this rather erudite discussion
of the Newhouse film.

I discovered, or more accurately, rediscovered the image size
vs brightness relationship while I was analyzing the New Zealand
(Dec. 31, 1978) film oh, so long ago!
I carried out experiments which showed the following:

Let "geosize" be the geometric sized image which depends upon the focal length, F, the distance to the object, D and the object size (transverse to the line of sight), O. Then

$$\text{geosize} = F (O/D)$$

This is simply the equivalence of two ratios: $\text{geosize}/F = O/D$.

However, this has to be modified when brightness becomes very large. Light travels sideways in the film thereby increasing the size of the image beyond its geosize according to the relation, where I = image size including brightness effects,

$$I = \text{geosize} + K \log (\text{Exposure})$$

K is a function of the film and its development. Exposure is the amount of light energy hitting the film (the illuminance on the film multiplied by the shutter time, or the irradiance in W/cm^2 times the shutter time). Exposure depends upon how much light falls on the film while the shutter is open and this also depends upon the area of the lens aperture which is proportional to the square of the f#. If one had film identical to what Newhouse used, and if it were developed in the same way, it would be possible to determine from the test film what the constant K is. (I did this years ago for the New Zealand color movie film by photographing back-illuminated apertures of various sizes using various exposure settings.) Since he changed the f# it might be possible to deduce or approximate K from the film itself if one had the original (sorry about that!) or a good copy. It would be necessary to measure the sizes of the images before and after the f stop change. IF there was very little change then probably there was little image growth due to exposure. If there was a large change (e.g., 30%) then the image sizes at f/16 would probably still be "inflated" somewhat by brightness.

But, aside from the interesting but tedious technical analysis, I always believed that they were not seagulls because I couldn't imagine Newhouse (after his wife attracted his attention to the objects) would be so confused by birds flying overhead that he would stop the car to take their picture. If the objects were of sufficiently large angular size for him to deduce shape and if they had been birds he'd have known it. As I recall, Ruppelt pointed out that when Newhouse was first interviewed the discussion was centered on the film and no one asked for a detailed description of what the objects looked like at the time he first saw them. And at the Robertson panel discussion all they talked about was the film. Nothing about their initial appearance. (Same with the Marianna/Great Falls Montana film.)

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 07:48:41 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:57:59 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

On Jul 17, 2007, at 10:25 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>The Alien Abduction Story And Non-Physical Reality
>William C. Treurniet

>Summary

>Analysis of the alien abduction story suggests that the
>sequence of events is comparable to some experiences of the
>shamanic spirit world as revealed by DMT, a hallucinogenic drug.
>In the trance state, some people see beings similar to those
>reported by abductees. Therefore, it is possible that abductees
>involuntarily manufacture excessive endogenous DMT, which then
>opens the door to the spirit world. Further, the physical
>evidence associated with some abductions suggests that
>happenings in the spirit world can manifest in the physical
>world. Finally, since the alien abductors appear in the DMT
>visions, they are inhabitants of the spirit world and likely are
>not directly responsible for the UFOs seen in the physical
>world.

<snip>>

While I also believe that the beings involved in abductions are non-corporeal, I think dragging in such terminology as "spirit world" does not really help us in understanding what is happening.

Science depends on the precise use of mutually understood terminology, terminology that carries clear definitions. Mr. Treurniet needs to define his terms. Just what does he mean by "spirit world"? The realm of "ghosties and ghoulies and long leggy beasties"? Some realm that exists only in our minds? Or is he talking about some parallel reality?

When he says, "... the physical evidence associated with some abductions suggests that happenings in the spirit world can manifest in the physical world", just exactly what is he talking about? What physical evidence? Implants? Scoop marks?

While an interesting read, I'd file his essay under Modern Myths.

Bob Shell

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See page 3 of the Baker photogrammetric analysis report (Douglas
Aircraft Co., Inc., 16 May 1956):

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-440>

Baker notes that the average angular velocity of the objects
(relative to an arbitrary reference) decreases during the film,
and that the "average image diameter decreases about 30% over
the entire film". It's not clear whether the latter refers to
individual objects or the entire group, but in either case the
conclusion is the same: under the simplest assumptions (constant
intrinsic object size, constant average velocities of
individuals, constant average diameter of the group), both the
angular rate and diameter data indicate that the objects are
receding from the camera.

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>reduction in flare.

I was presumptive to say "diminish smoothly"... specifically, I
was presuming that a sudden or sporadic such diminution would
have been noted in the analysis (particularly since it would
suggest extreme accelerations, certainly noteworthy in the UFO
context). The switch from f8 to f16 was visually obvious, and if
this were the source of the change in angular diameter, Baker

would almost certainly have identified it as such.

Hartmann's suggestion that the objects are "unresolved" seems at odds with Baker's observation (same reference as above) that, based on microscopic examination of the film, the camera was well-focused: "...the edges of the images are sharp and clear on many of the properly exposed frames".

<snip>

>If Newhouse saw the objects as 0.5 degree wide gunmetal discs
>before turning the camera on them then obviously they weren't
>gulls. But does this description appear in the original AF
>reports? In his original Blue Book letter of 11 Aug 1952 he only
>described them as unrecognisable "objects". He does not say that
>their appearance to the eye differed in any way from what
>appears on the film. Other than saying that they were "milling
>about" and didn't look like anything he had seen before his only
>description is "it was impossible for me to make any estimate of
>speed, size, altitude or distance". He offered the film "for
>whatever value it may have in your investigation of the so-
>called 'Flying Saucers'", which as Hartmann points out does not
>hint at extraordinary large metallic discs. But to be fair he
>might have assumed that the film would speak for itself,
>especially if the original had more dramatic frames at the
>beginning which were later "lost" (see below) and maybe in his
>covering letter he would be careful not to sound like a
>"believer".

>Had this been the case then he would presumably have made good
>the deficiency later in the September AF Intelligence interview
>or in letters or in some other place soon afterwards. But Baker
>stated in a letter to Hartmann that the description of gunmetal
>discs the size of B29s at 10,000 ft dated from interviews Baker
>had with the witness at the time of his own investigation in
>1955, three years after the event. The Green-Rouse film
>interview giving the same description was made in 1956. Ruppelt
>also records this description in 1956. There don't seem to be
>any earlier versions.

<snip>

I am also troubled by the lack of contemporary provenance for Newhouse's claim that the objects were initially full-moon-sized, gun-metal gray 'saucers', directly overhead. This would obviously dash the seagull theory outright: if we adopt a 'gull-like' linear diameter of 3 ft, then the objects were no more than 350 ft away when overhead, and would have been unmistakable if seagulls.

Such a large initial angular diameter has additional implications. Let us assume that the objects maintained constant velocity and altitude, and that they passed directly overhead. Under the simplifying assumption that the object's linear diameter is much smaller than its altitude, the ratio of the angular diameter at a given elevation angle A to the angular diameter directly overhead is just $\sin A$. Baker gives a range of 0.02 - 0.09 deg for object angular diameters in the film. If we adopt a mean initial (start of filming) angular diameter of 0.05 deg, the implication is that the objects were less than 6 deg above the horizon at the start of the film. This result changes very little if the initial sighting was at 70 - 80 (rather than 90) deg elevation.

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>So, seagulls or not? Don't know, it's a 50/50 for me. Hartmann
>claimed to have seen identical seagull flocks in sunlight near
>Tremonton. Baker said he'd never seen seagulls like this. NPIC
>didn't believe they were gulls. The character and rate of the
>changes in brightness weren't right for wing motions, they were
>too bright for too long, etc. But it is a bit concerning to see
>the way the witness narrative seems to have firmed-up over time
>and it would be nice not to have to rely on it for interpreting
>the film.

I agree with your assessment, while making the awkward confession that I have not actually seen the film myself (but would certainly like to). Don Ledger has indicated that he owns or has access to a good copy. If you are still following this thread Don, can you point me in the right direction?

A point that still bugs me (I am clueless about film movie cameras, so bear with me): The film is described in various places (and by Newhouse himself) as 16 mm, shot at 16 frames/sec. He claims to have shot ~30 ft (9144 mm) of film, which would seem to imply (9144/16) or ~572 frames, and an elapsed time of 572*(1/16) or ~36 sec. But Baker clearly states that the film consists of ~1200 frames with an elapsed time of ~75 sec, which would seem to correspond to 8 mm frames, not 16 mm. What is eluding me here?

Mike

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Sawyer

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:31:21 -0700
Archived: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 11:11:31 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Sawyer

>From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 21:22:19 -0600
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>From: Brian Ally <UFOupdates.nul>
>>To: UFOupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 15:06:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 10:12:51 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

>>>And I 'd sure like to use Aldrin's prop on him, that stumble
>>>stepping, double talking, _time wasting_, duplicitous old
>>>bastard. He is without all relevancy, pertinence, and
>>>usefulness, and he's walked on both sides of the credulity line
>>>too often now for me to be able to take credence in anything he
>>>says in the future on this subject.

>>>Piss on him! But I sugar coat...

>>Twice today, defending Aldrin.

>>>You say all of this as if Col. Aldrin owes you his time. He's
>>had a long and successful career and I daresay that he doesn't
>>owe you a lick. I f you have some disagreement with anything
>>he's said then perhaps you could share it with us on this list,
>>rather than spout vituperative complaints.

>>You seem to be most agitated by Aldrin's measured responses (ok,
>>he speaks damned slower than most). But who's fault is that?

>><snip>

>In a previous interview, Aldrin didn't appear to come to the
>same conclusion that he rather brusquely offered on Larry King
>about seeing a "panel" during the Apollo 11 flight.

>As I watched Aldrin speak on Larry King, I kept having the
>impression - which I didn't have watching his previous
>interviews - that something was wrong with his delivery. It
>seemed that he was straining to talk around the subject; I
>sensed an evasiveness that I found both unexpected and strange.
>I say this as someone who absolutely had no bias against the
>guy. Certainly not hard evidence - just a strong impression that
>something didn't feel right.

>Am I alone in having that impression?

Hi, Jeff,

No, you are not alone in having the impression that something
about Aldrin's manner and delivery style have become off-kilter.
His use of language, response time, and other factors convince
me that Aldrin may be suffering from neurological or age-related

problem that has rendered him slightly dysfunctional on some level. He is getting up there in age, and his presentation, based on my own experience in having had to take care of my Dad when he was dying from cancer, and now my Mom, who has difficulty staying focused and remembering a lot of things suggests to me that Aldrin may be becoming somewhat senile. I hate to say that, but the symptoms and signs are there. However, that is not the main issue.

For the last few years, and even up to last year, Aldrin, without being either very descriptive or explicit, has said things that imply that he, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins may have actually seen a 'UFO', which is as we all know also a fairly loose and perjorative term as it is assumed to connote either alien spacecraft or alien programmed or remotely controlled probes, which would also be unaliened (like UAV, or unmanned aerial vehicles we have developed most recently) spacecraft, even though UFO has and still really should mean what its' initials stand for.

Perhaps Aldrin and crew saw the equivalent of an unidentified aerospace phenomenon of some kind, or a 'UFO', or a panel from the LEM container (which, as Aldrin has said, was at least 6000 miles away, as reported by NASA ground communicators after a pause for calculation when Aldrin slyly asked how close the nearest ejected LEM panel was after he and Armstrong saw the odd, thickish L-shaped object tracking with them for some time. I don't know if he ever made comment that what the Apollo 11 crew saw was, strictly speaking, a UFO per se, but he previously has sure suggested and at least heavily implied it, saying he did not want to report seeing a UFO, as that have caused ground control to cancel the moon landing and require the crew to turn around and land prior to completing the mission.

There are several YouTube videos and other online transcripts of what Aldrin described and how he characterized it before now, when on the Larry King show, he now says what he saw was the one of the LEM shell panels. He even referred to being 99.999 sure. Oddly, he didn't append the usual term of "percent" to the comment he made on the King show.

So what happened?

I surely do not know, but he has apparently changed his mind and thinking, or characterization of the incident. Did someone get to him, or did others he knows discuss how his near-claim of having seen something other than the LEM panel, some kind of UFO, get too much attention or create a negative impression about him and/or his rationality or integrity or ego? Again, that has yet to be determined.

But there is a big difference, he essentially reversed himself, and the only way now that there may be a way to help resolve or balance the issue, due to Aldrin's flip-flop, would be for some one to get either Neil Armstrong to answer the question of what might have been seen, which is unlikely since he avoids publicity and any implication of controversy or limelight, and thus perhaps the answer to the question at hand could only be resolved by Michael Collins going on the record if Armstrong won't (which may say something itself, despite his being publicity-shy), and possibly what was said in post-mission debriefing of the 3 astronauts after they returned from the Moon.

Anyone know better details or how this question might otherwise be answered out there?

Oddly, one Aldrin YouTube video shows him punching out a 'reporter' or actually moon-landing debunker, who insults Aldrin fairly directly just before Aldrin gets pissed and punches the guy in the face after starting to say or yell, "get this guy away from me." It was after the guy called him a liar that he physically reacted to the researcher/debunker.

Others may have called him a liar effectively in private or via other communications with his original comments and on the record statements prior to what he said on Larry King, so maybe that kind of pressure made him reverse himself. His manner and effusiveness (didn't get a couple King-supplied social cues to stop talking, or to get to the point, as they went to break) on the show seemed like someone not really in full control of

himself, or some odd lack of self-awareness. Sad, really.

So unless Collins or Armstrong say what they saw, to either back Aldrin up (that it was a LEM panel, which is most likely--in explosive eject, the panel could have folded into an L-shape, I suppose, and saying just about anything other than what was seen was some kind of UFO would be the politic and safe course of action, and seems likely to be done, if any further statements are forthcoming from the 2 others who, as far as I know, haven't earlier said anything on the record as to Aldrin's earlier statements) or say they saw something that was not the LEM panel, we may never really know. How typical, eh?

Steve

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Re: US NRC Advocates Search For 'Weird Life' -

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:58:39 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 08:57:10 -0400
Subject: Re: US NRC Advocates Search For 'Weird Life' -

>Source: Kansas City infoZine - Kansas, USA

><http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/23988/>

>Tuesday, July 17, 2007

>Life Elsewhere In Solar System Could Be Different From Life As
>We Know It

>Science & TechnologyThe search for life elsewhere in the solar
>system and beyond should include efforts to detect what
>scientists sometimes refer to as "weird" life - that is, life
>with an alternative biochemistry to that of life on Earth - says
>a new report from the National Research Council.

<snip>

>The report emphasizes that "no discovery that we can make in our
>exploration of the solar system would have greater impact on our
>view of our position in the cosmos, or be more inspiring, than
>the discovery of an alien life form, even a primitive one. At
>the same time, it is clear that nothing would be more tragic in
>the American exploration of space than to encounter alien life
>without recognizing it."

Hi Everyone!

You and I, including NRC scientists, brought up watching Star Trek on TV where the crew of the Enterprise would encounter different forms of life, often non-organic in nature, know better than to restrict their search for life outside our own physical world by limiting to our current knowledge and understanding (or science) that is based strictly on input from our five senses and is restricted to our three dimensional of reality which is actually multidimensional.

The biology labs is not the only place where I work that we study living things. In our physics and computer science labs we are studying non-biological "living" things such as plasmas and even our theologians talk about our ongoing encounters with intelligent energies which we they call God, angels and demons.

There are many examples of such weird living things (at least according to our current definition of what is living and what is not) here on Earth. A flame is one such example. It grows, consumes, reproduces, moves and responds to its surroundings and even dies. Like humans, flames also kill other living things, including fellow humans. A flame is a "life form" that we and other ETs would certainly want to monitor and guard against.

The current world religion of "environmentalism" in fact treats our entire planet Earth as a single living entity, known to some as Gaia or Mother Earth.

Only by examining things fresh with an unbiased mind will we, and NRC, make important discoveries of new life forms out there and within that will surprise us all and answer some of sciences biggest questions, such as who we are and are we alone in the

cosmos .

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:04:04 -0500
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 08:58:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 15:21:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:38:09 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 10:59:54 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>They soon discovered that the creatures were from a civilization
>that evolved in this solar system, probably earth, and that we
>live parallel existences, as tool makers, and fellow mammals.
>For some reason they decided to keep this reality from us and
>offer the ETH as a red herring. It seems to be working.

In fact, the entities were the result of an accidental breeding
of dill pickles and tropical fruit. The progeny developed high
intelligence and in time were able to create an advanced
technology. Unfortunately, for some reason the U.S. government
does not want us to know this and so has devoted enormous effort
- as we all know - to forcing us to believe in the reality of
space visitors. It seems to be working.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 15:21:19 +0000
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:01:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 15:21:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 09:38:09 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I have always believed that the cover-up began because they were
>>presented with a technology they didn't understand, alien
>>motives they couldn't determine, and an agenda that was unclear.
>>Keeping this under wraps in 1947, especially because the war,
>>made sense to me...

>Hi List,

>I agree with both Bob and Kevin on this point. The folks in
>power had the creatures, and their craft, but they didn't
>immediately understand where they came from or their intentions.
>But I bet they all agreed on one thing: they weren't gods or
>spirits or shape-changers or retarded, six-fingered Asians, or
>shamans, or etc.

>>What I don't understand is why this persists until today. The
>>alien invasion fleet did not land. The UFOs, for the most part,
>>stayed in the sky away from humans and in fact, seemed to work
>>very hard to avoid interaction with humans. Yet, we have this
>>cover-up that remains in place. I just don't have a good reason
>>for it to remain, especially in the light of some of the secrets
>>that have been revealed, from secret experiments with LSD, to
>>the withholding of treatment for African-Americans to study the
>>course of syphilis, to testing radiation on sick children. All
>>very horrific, unethical, and certainly criminal.

>>But, this UFO thing remains under wraps with idiotic
>>explanations being offered for sightings, denials of denials,
>>and a lack of candor on the part of officials. This just makes
>>no sense to me...

>>Unless there is an even bigger secret and I confess, I don't
>>know what it could be.

>They soon discovered that the creatures were from a civilization
>that evolved in this solar system, probably earth, and that we
>live parallel existences, as tool makers, and fellow mammals.
>For some reason they decided to keep this reality from us and
>offer the ETH as a red herring. It seems to be working.

Uh, Ed? You're kidding, right?

We all know that what they really, really soon discovered was
that they were lizard beings from the inner earth (hence the
pale skin and large eyes).

Our H-bomb tests were rattling their cages, so they flew their

saucers (designed with the help of renegade Nazis) out of caverns in the Pacific Northwest and holes in the South Polar region and began buzzing our craft in retaliation. But the Nazi engineers screwed up and one of their saucers crashed and gave the game away. But our leaders decided to try and fake out the Commies by making them think we had alien technology. And so it goes.

- Dick

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 11:35:02 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:03:05 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>A point that still bugs me (I am clueless about film movie
>cameras, so bear with me): The film is described in various
>places (and by Newhouse himself) as 16 mm, shot at 16
>frames/sec. He claims to have shot ~30 ft (9144 mm) of film,
>which would seem to imply (9144/16) or ~572 frames, and an
>elapsed time of 572*(1/16) or ~36 sec. But Baker clearly states
>that the film consists of ~1200 frames with an elapsed time of
>~75 sec, which would seem to correspond to 8 mm frames, not 16
>mm. What is eluding me here?

I don't think anything is eluding you. Some of the data is just wrong.

Assuming that the film was shot with a spring-powered 16 mm movie camera, the most common in those days, most had at least two filming speeds. Silent was about 18 fps on most of these cameras, and Sound was 24 fps. Shooting at Sound speed did not necessarily mean you were recording sound at the time, but that you had the possibility to add it later.

I haven't looked at that film footage in years, but I don't recall any breaks in it. Maybe I'm remembering wrong. Most spring-powered cameras of that time period could run less than a minute on one winding. You'd shoot a bit, pause and wind the motor, then shoot more.

Your calculations above have a major mistake, though. You are dividing 9144 by 16. That's the width of the film, not the short dimension of the film frame. A 16 mm film frame is about 8 mm top to bottom including the between frame space. So you should be dividing by 8.

Bob Shell

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Norwegian UFO-Mystery Solved?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:07:13 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:07:13 -0400
Subject: Norwegian UFO-Mystery Solved?

Source: The Norway Post - Baerum, Norway

<http://www.norwaypost.no/cgi-bin/norwaypost/imaker?id=91261>

18.07.2007

Norwegian UFO-Mystery Solved?

Norwegian scientists now believe they are nearing a solution to the Hessdalen UFO-mystery which has puzzled experts for more than 25 years.

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The so-called Hessdalen lights have been seen ever since the 1940's and have since 1984 been monitored by volunteers.

Hessdalen is a small valley in the central part of Norway. At the end of 1981 through 1984, residents of the Valley became concerned and alarmed about strange, unexplained lights that appeared at many locations throughout the Valley. Hundreds of lights were observed. At the peak of activity there were about 20 reports a week.

Project Hessdalen was established in the summer of 1983. A field investigation was carried out between 21st of January and 26th of February 1984. Fifty-three light observations were made during the field investigation.

An automatic measurement station was put up in Hessdalen in August 1998.

According to the scientists, it is now clear that the phenomenon is not UFO-related, but are luminous balls containing some form of energy.

- We have pictures which show the optical spectre, and can therefore determine which elements they are made of, says researcher Erling Strand of the Oestfold College.

However, he says much work remains before he is ready to give the final answer.

(NRK)

Rolleiv Solholm

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NZ UFO Sighting Report Process Formalised

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:13:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:13:00 -0400
Subject: NZ UFO Sighting Report Process Formalised

Source: Scoop.co.nz - North Harbour, Auckland, New Zealand

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/CU0707/S00185.htm>

Wednesday, 18 July 2007

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18 July 2007

NZ Air Traffic Controller Formalises UFO Sighting Report Process

A formal reporting system and specific guidelines have been developed for people who observe unidentified flying objects (UFOs) in New Zealand.

The system provides people with step-by-step advice on how to document what they saw, the circumstances in which they experienced the sighting, and if it had an effect on them.

Reporting system developer Mr Graeme Opie, a Hamilton air traffic controller and pilot, said the reporting program was created in line with overseas models developed by leading global UFO researchers and scientists.

Mr Opie, who is a sighting report investigator for the nationwide UFO Focus New Zealand Research Network (UFOCUS NZ) states, The system is based on a scientific approach where witnesses can go to our website (www.ufocusnz.org.nz) and obtain advice on sighting documentation, and complete a comprehensive report format.

Essentially, the single most important factor is for a person to write down and sketch as many details of what they observed as soon as possible after the event, he said.

Mr Opie said the formal documentation of sightings will enable more efficient investigation to take place on the subject, which will lead to more comprehensive research into these intriguing phenomena.

He said the system was developed following an increase in sightings and witnesses wanting to know what to do during and after a UFO sighting.

In the last 12 months, UFOCUS NZ has received 48 reports of strange objects in New Zealand skies, said Mr Opie.

While some of these reports were explained by natural phenomena

or other conventional causes, the majority could not be similarly explained, he said.

Mr Opie said his own experience with unidentified flying objects first took place in 1995 when he was on duty in the Hamilton Airport control tower.

I sighted a very bright silver object with a sparkling orange tail.

It was travelling extremely fast as it crossed my field of vision.

The event was witnessed by people across the central North Island as it sped from seaward of Tauranga before disappearing south of Waitomo in the Waikato, said Mr Opie.

Mr Opie said the sighting resulted in comprehensive investigations where witness interviews proved conclusively that the object was not a meteorite or a fireball as proposed by a spokesperson from the Carter Observatory.

The ATC radar centre also confirmed that there were no aircraft in the area at that time, he said.

I consider that what I saw from the control tower was a UFO definitely some form of controlled UFO-type craft of unknown origin and technology. I just happened to be looking in the right direction at the right time. I found it most interesting that it didnt appear on our radar screens.

Mr Opie said New Zealand has a rich history of UFO sightings, including such renowned events as the Kaikoura lights, the Ngatea landing site mystery, and the Gisborne UFO flap that took place in the late 70s, complete with sightings of silver-suited humanoids in the Waimata Valley.

He said UFOCUS NZ, the organisation which collects material on UFO sightings, is hosting a first ever International Future Perspectives Conference on UFOs and related topics, in Rotorua on September 29 and 30 this year.

Leading international and New Zealand researchers will be speaking at the conference and responding to participant queries and experiences, said Mr Opie. The latest research and photos on UFO sightings in New Zealand and from around the world will also be shared.

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 08:39:47 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:21:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 07:48:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>>On Jul 17, 2007, at 10:25 AM, UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>>The Alien Abduction Story And Non-Physical Reality
>>William C. Treurniet

>>Summary

>>Analysis of the alien abduction story suggests that the
>>sequence of events is comparable to some experiences of the
>>shamanic spirit world as revealed by DMT, a hallucinogenic drug.
>>In the trance state, some people see beings similar to those
>>reported by abductees. Therefore, it is possible that abductees
>>involuntarily manufacture excessive endogenous DMT, which then
>>opens the door to the spirit world. Further, the physical
>>evidence associated with some abductions suggests that
>>happenings in the spirit world can manifest in the physical
>>world. Finally, since the alien abductors appear in the DMT
>>visions, they are inhabitants of the spirit world and likely are
>>not directly responsible for the UFOs seen in the physical
>>world.

<snip>

>While I also believe that the beings involved in abductions are
>non-corporeal, I think dragging in such terminology as "spirit
>world" does not really help us in understanding what is
>happening.

<snip>

>While an interesting read, I'd file his essay under Modern Myths.

Why of course you will, Bob, just like all psuedo-scientists
(not meant to be deprecating, just accurate) who file away all
anomaly that disturbs their mindset.

Most of those here are astounding in their snail-like approach.
Either that or you're actually here to assure yourselves there's
really nothing better than you, here on earth, in the solar
system... the entire universe.

It's a dead certainty to those that can contain revelation at
all (new grasps of the otherwise redundant) that 50 years of
this miniscule laboring grows less and less encompassing with
time, not more. Pretty soon you'll be back to pumping up the
earth-is-flat thesis with stale air. Incredulity is its own
disease.

You don't look at the significance of why no third part
witnesses are ever present to alien abductions... someone not
involved in the actual experience, someone observing from afar.

Regardless of what you, Bob, think of any massive belief in

'spiritualism' few believe in anything... just like 75% of those that call themselves ufologists.

The truth is more complex than this type of treatment can, in a million years appreciate. Thinking inside a box won't get you more, it will just mallet drive the evidence further and further into oblivion, out of stark redundance if nothing else.

Spiritual technology exists. Even the earliest UFO reports describe extra-reality components. The redundance today is simply because your stinking military/government agency crowd are developing an alien facade to better hide the truth and to better shade interpretation of 'alien intent'.

I was once very involved in various mind control forums. Eventually I began exchanges with hypnotherapists who were treating abductees.

One day I sent the same email to 5 or 6 of these people. It asked simply, "how many of your abductees had their abduction experience within a thousand feet of some kind of power grid?" None of them would ever deal with me again after that. Even in private email.

Now, two things relate to this. One, my suspicion all along that Black Ops approach any of these psy-pros after they take on an abductee to have them finish up the research they started... or else.

Another, that my knowledge of secret projects that entail utilizing power grids for 'counter-insurgency' is online and not restricted to any perceived immediate threat.

After all, one of the more astute of you once mentioned how so much of the UFO phenomenon smacked of mind control. That's just what it's become and 'thinking' like what I've observe here is more than partly responsible.

JCH

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

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Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:23:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 07:48:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>>The Alien Abduction Story And Non-Physical Reality
>>William C. Treurniet

<snip>

>While I also believe that the beings involved in abductions are
>non-corporeal, I think dragging in such terminology as "spirit
>world" does not really help us in understanding what is
>happening.

>Science depends on the precise use of mutually understood
>terminology, terminology that carries clear definitions. Mr.
>Treurniet needs to define his terms. Just what does he mean by
>"spirit world"? The realm of "ghosties and ghoulies and long
>leggit beasties"? Some realm that exists only in our minds? Or
>is he talking about some parallel reality?

Hi Bob,

Like you have always queried 'spirit' or 'etheral' terminology,
mainly because it didn't take us any further.

However, there's a previously unknown field, only now being
admitted by mainstream science as necessary to account for
various phenomena. It's now variously labeled 'quintessence' or
'vacuum energy' or other overlapping (and sometimes
contradictory) terms. Actually it's only a replacement for the
old clumsy 'ether'/'aether'.

Mechanistic assumptions prevented us sensing or measuring the
ether/quintessence. Indeed the only part-way reasonable attempt
- the Michelson-Morley experiment - is still misunderstood
today. It didn't prove what they thought it proved, and it
didn't disprove it either, because effects like Lorenz
contraction weren't taken into account at the time.

Which leaves us with an energy field which is virtually
undetactable (except for quantum and inertial effects which
'science' is frankly afraid to address) and which could be the
medium for unexplained 'transmissions' - entanglement, esp,
telepathy etc, and might even permit a (mostly non-corporeal)
'existence' or 'life' for patterns in the field.

Hopefully detection and measurement might soon be possible
without the fear/aversion that 'non-corporeality' has always
aroused in mechanistic/Newtonian mainstream scientists - they're
slowly dying off.

Cheers,

Ray D

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Re: The 1952 Tremontion Utah

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremontion Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 14:02:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremontion Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>I was presumptive to say "diminish smoothly"... specifically, I
>was presuming that a sudden or sporadic such diminution would
>have been noted in the analysis (particularly since it would
>suggest extreme accelerations, certainly noteworthy in the UFO
>context). The switch from f8 to f16 was visually obvious, and if
>this were the source of the change in angular diameter, Baker
>would almost certainly have identified it as such.

True.

>Hartmann's suggestion that the objects are "unresolved" seems at
>odds with Baker's observation (same reference as above) that,
>based on microscopic examination of the film, the camera was
>well-focused: "...the edges of the images are sharp and clear
>on many of the properly exposed frames".

Well, this seems to be the basis of the distance estimates if
they are gulls, so perhaps I should have said "unresolved if they
are gulls". If they are just blob-shaped then perhaps they are
fully-resolved blobs. The argument then moves on to dynamical
features like variation in brightness, angular rates and so on.

>I agree with your assessment, while making the awkward
>confession that I have not actually seen the film myself (but
>would certainly like to). Don Ledger has indicated that he owns
>or has access to a good copy. If you are still following this
>thread Don, can you point me in the right direction?

I haven't seen the whole film either. I suspect few people have.
I have only seen short clips and still frames. It would
certainly be interesting to watch from start to finish.

>A point that still bugs me (I am clueless about film movie
>cameras, so bear with me): The film is described in various
>places (and by Newhouse himself) as 16 mm, shot at 16
>frames/sec. He claims to have shot ~30 ft (9144 mm) of film,
>which would seem to imply (9144/16) or ~572 frames, and an
>elapsed time of 572*(1/16) or ~36 sec. But Baker clearly states
>that the film consists of ~1200 frames with an elapsed time of
>~75 sec, which would seem to correspond to 8 mm frames, not 16
>mm. What is eluding me here?

I suspect we have to assume that 16mm is the film width, but
that frames are ~ 8mm in the longitudinal direction?

Martin

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>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'Confirmation?

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 14:02:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 10:01:53 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>Newhouse stopped down from f/8 to f/16 (because he feared he
>>might be overexposing). This could in itself reduce the image
>>size. So I'd like to know that the 30 % size reduction is indeed
>>"smooth" and is a figure arrived at after subtracting the
>>reduction in flare.

>I would like to add something to this rather erudite discussion
>of the Newhouse film.

>I discovered, or more accurately, rediscovered the image size
>vs brightness relationship while I was analyzing the New Zealand
>(Dec. 31, 1978) film oh, so long ago!

>I carried out experiments which showed the following:

>Let "geosize" be the geometric sized image which depends
>upon the focal length, F, the distance to the object, D and the
>object size (transverse to the line of sight), O. Then
>geosize = F (O/D)

>This is simply the equivalence of two ratios: geosize/F = O/D.

>However, this has to be modified when brightness becomes very
>large. Light travels sideways in the film thereby increasing
>the size of the image beyond its geosize according to the
>relation, where I = image size including brightness effects,

>I = geosize + K log (Exposure)

>K is a function of the film and its development. Exposure is the
>amount of light energy hitting the film (the illuminance on the
>film multiplied by the shutter time, or the irradiance in W/cm²
>times the shutter time). Exposure depends upon how much light
>falls on the film while the shutter is open and this also
>depends upon the area of the the lens aperture which is
>proportional to the square of the f#. If one had film identical
>to what Newhouse used, and if it were developed in the same way,
>it would be possible to determine from the test film what the
>constant K is. (I did this years ago for the New Zealand color
>movie film by photographing back-illuminated apertures of
>various sizes using various exposure settings.) Since he
>changed

>the f# it might be possible to deduce or approximate K from the
>film itself if one had the original (sorry about that!) or a
>good copy. It would be necessary to measure the sizes of the
>images before and after the f stop change. IF there was very
>little change then probably there was little image growth due to
>exposure. If there was a large change (e.g., 30%) then the image
>sizes at f/16 would probably still be "inflated" somewhat by
>brightness.

Thanks, Bruce. As I read the BB documents, the film was physically separated into literal "clips" for study and one of the cuts was made at the point of f# change if I remember right. Since the extant film is only a copy I hope it was made directly from the original before any dismembering so that if anyone does the measurement you recommend they can be sure to be comparing like with like.

How do the edges of the image behave as it grows with this flaring? Al Chop is quoted as saying that these were "burned right down to the celluloid", which I take to mean the negative is saturated in the image areas (don't know if this applies to both sides of the f/stop change) but the edges are said to be "sharp". Hartmann says that "when the objects dimmed sufficiently they faded out entirely with no dark dot or silhouette being visible", implying that most if not all of the image size is due to overexposure, which allows the angular source size to be small enough for unresolved birds. On the other hand the further away the bird is not only the faster it needs to fly but the more efficiently it needs to reflect the sun. Would it be possible to put a lower limit on the light flux at the emulsion and then infer the emitted/reflected intensity from general principles? (I think the NPIC did something like this because they decided gulls were "not sufficiently actinic" but I don't know the detail of how they did it)

I take it you haven't had the chance to work on this film yourself? Would you like to? (Not that I can do anything about it of course, I'd just like to see your results.)

>But, aside from the interesting but tedious technical analysis,
>I always believed that they were not seagulls because I couldn't
>imagine Newhouse (after his wife attracted his attention to the
>objects) would be so confused by birds flying overhead that he
>would stop the car to take their picture. If the objects were of
>sufficiently large angular size for him to deduce shape and if
>they had been birds he'd have known it. As I recall, Ruppelt
>pointed out that when Newhouse was first interviewed the
>discussion was centered on the film and no one asked for a
>detailed description of what the objects looked like at the time
>he first saw them. And at the Robertson panel discussion all
>they talked about was the film. Nothing about their initial
>appearance. (Same with the Marianna/Great Falls Montana film.)

I find it hard to imagine that they didn't recognise seagulls too. To be frank about it, we'd have to be prepared to assume some dishonesty or serious self-deception on the part of Newhouse and his wife to make it work - for example, that they realised in their heart-of-hearts that the things were gulls but thought the film looked weird enough to try passing it off as UFOs. But as far as I know nobody has ever seriously suggested that Newhouse was being disingenuous when he first offered the film "for whatever value it may have in connection with your investigation of the so-called 'Flying Saucers'". I suppose there's the remote possibility that the subtext here was "Take a look at these gulls, and we'll see how gullible you are!" and that after a while things got out of their control, they sort of came to believe their own story with years of retelling etc Well, you know the script. But I don't believe it. I can believe that with the passage of years some visual detail got inflated and embroidered a bit (i.e. the 0.5 degree saucers), but I don't think that at the time they were able to recognise these things as birds.

It would be interesting to hear from any researchers on the List who had personal knowledge of the Newhouse family or the investigation. Also I'd second Mike's query: Where can we see the entire film today?.

Martin Shough

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>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 11:00:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jul 2007 13:32:37 EDT
>>>Subject: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>While watching last night's Larry King Live show dedicated to
>>>Roswell and UFOs, I became disgusted.

>>>As seems the norm for most skeptics and/or talk show hosts, King
>>>commented on the fact, 'Why the cover-up?' After all, why would
>>>the government conceal such an exciting thing as proof of
>>>extraterrestrial visitation?

>>Why the cover-up?

>>Ask yourself what cover-ups in the past and present that have
>>become unveiled and what the reasons for those were and you'll
>>have a good idea of the pattern of cover-up priorities.

>I think Jason's point was that the question is often used in
>order to change the subject. His next question appears to
>be rhetorical.

No, the question is not used to change the subject, it is
being used to debunk the subject, as if the government
would never cover-up the existence of UFOs so therefore
they do not exist.

The same applies for the other questions, distance is too
problematic so therefore UFOs are an impossibility, and humanoid
aliens could not evolve elsewhere so therefore same conclusion.
All of these and any similar questions are truly a form of
illogical fallacy. To support or believe in such questions
implies an illogical skipping of the first question anybody
should be asking, 'Is there evidence of crafts operating in our
skies that display technology currently unobtainable by
humanity?'

Answer this question first. Any other questions are mere
distractions this early in the game.

Just to show you how illogical such questions are as a
form of debunking, let me propose the following scenario.
I do not stand by it and am only posing it as a means to
eradicate such lines of questioning.

Say an advanced civilization sends a probe to our galaxy. The
probe travels millions of years to reach earth. The probe
abducts the first people it comes across, and takes samples of

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sperm and eggs to build a workforce in order to aid it in the carrying out of it's programming. The probe not only travels through space at our technology's current rate of speed, it also creates humanoid 'aliens'.

Voila! I have provided a means to eliminate such dubious questioning so beloved of skeptics.

-Jason Gammon

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>From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 17:35:36 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>The question that concerns me most is whether the (presumed)
>occupants of the UFOs might have succeeded, over the last 60
>years, or so, in insinuating themselves into our culture, to the
>extent that they can manipulate events on a large scale.
>Moreover, they are able to do so in a fashion that leaves the
>perpetrators not only undetected, but even unsuspected.

I agree that it's possible that a take over could have occurred
in the past for all we know. However, I think that what many are
forgetting is the fact that our visitors want secrecy just as
much as our governments do.

>Given the findings of abduction researchers, I see nothing that
>militates against this possibility. Alien technology appears to
>be so far advanced beyond anything humans have yet invented, it
>may occur right under our noses and we don't recognize it for
>what it is.

<snip>

>My observation also underscores the possibility that those of us
>in ufology may err in expecting that the U. S. government, or
>any other social institution, will ever act so as to reveal the
>truth about the UFO phenomenon. They may be under quiet
>influence by the very presence we are attempting to reveal, and
>even those humans being influenced may not be aware of it!

I've come to accept the fact that the government will never come
clean, save for an undeniable UFO mass-sighting on such a scale
as to instantly convert heathens into believers, and angry
believers demanding, the truth, at that.

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>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 22:26:33 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 15 Jul 2007 12:01:15 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>>Our government will willingly tell us the truth about UFOs when they
>>>know how to control them.

>>I sometimes agree with Bob. This is one of those occasions. His
>>is a very reasonable line of thought. When it comes to the
>>ultimate questions we are all stuck with speculation, some of
>>which can be far more reasonable than others.

>>My own thinking (especially after reading the Carey-Schmitt
>>book) is that the military and obviously the president were
>>faced with sudden, undeniable proof of alien visitation without
>>having a clue as to who they were, where they came from, why
>>they were here, or what kind of danger they posed to humanity.

>>Cover-up as a decision at that point is extremely easy to
>>understand.

>I am in full agreement with Dick about the Cover-up reasons for
>1947. There is an extended discussion in my article "The UFO Why
>Questions" at my website:

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

>for the more recent time frame.

I think everyone should realize that a cover-up is the standard
military reaction to the crash of any foreign technology, let
alone that of a UFO.

Second, I personally feel the reasons for the cover-up were
basically the same as Stan and others have written, meaning they
didn't know what it was.

However, I feel the reason the secrecy is maintained to this day
is that they know exactly what it is and what they are. I'm
not speaking of the mere fact of their extraterrestrial origin.
Instead, I'm referring to a possible merger of technology and
organics, with the emphasis on technology as being the dominate
component.

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- Jason Gammon

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>odds with Baker's observation (same reference as above) that,
>based on microscopic examination of the film, the camera was
>well-focused: "...the edges of the images are sharp and clear
>on many of the properly exposed frames".

If the camera was in sharp focus, "unresolved" could simply mean
'no detail', as might be expected from something like a glowing
disc with no appendages.

However, "seagulls" would very definitely show details if the
angular size of the image is great enough. Wings in particular
will clearly stick out and wing flapping is very visible. This
brings us to the next point below.

<snip>

>I am also troubled by the lack of contemporary provenance for
>Newhouse's claim that the objects were initially full-moon-
>sized, gun-metal gray 'saucers', directly overhead. This would
>obviously dash the seagull theory outright: if we adopt a 'gull-
>like' linear diameter of 3 ft, then the objects were no more
>than 350 ft away when overhead, and would have been
>unmistakable

Quite! There's no mistaking a flapping, white seagull the
angular size of the full moon for a gun-metal grey saucer.

<snip>

>Baker gives a range of
>0.02 - 0.09 deg for object angular diameters in the film. If we
>adopt a mean initial (start of filming) angular diameter of 0.05
>deg, the implication is that the objects were less than 6 deg
>above the horizon at the start of the film.

Translated into minutes of arc, .02 degress is 1.2 minarc and
.09 is 5.4 minarc. 20/20 letters on an eyechart are 5 minarc in
size composed of lines and gaps 1 minarc wide. 20/15 letters,
which are 3.75 minarc high with elements with .75 minarc
elements are discernible by about half the normal population.
Isolated elements like single lines (or wings sticking out from
the side of a bird body) can be made out at even smaller angular
sizes.

Not only should Newhouse have been able to make out details like
wings on "seagulls", even when they had flown into the distance,
his film viewed under a microscope should definitely have been
able to pick them up.

The scientific twits on the Robertson Panel should have gotten outside their laboratories more often to view flocks of birds way off the distance. Even as they move away and they are barely more than dots, the wing flapping is still easily visible. Even birds riding thermals with minimal flapping should still have visible wings. Baker's film analysis indicates that at least some of the objects were still very resolvable "dots" and details such as wings and flapping should have been apparent both by eye and on film.

David Rudiak

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>Martin, David,

>This is a little off topic but relating to the weather balloon.
>Who do you suppose picked - or decided to go with - the weather
>balloon as an explanation-Blanchard?

>Why didn't the USAAF just claim that a Top Secret, or even an
>experimental aircraft had crashed and then sprinkle some
>salvaged aluminum sheet, wiring and a couple of instruments
>around that was in the maintenance hangars for the press to see.
>They could then claim that that was all they could say about it
>at this time because it is classified.

>It almost seems to me that the weather balloon was offered up as
>to be so unlikely to be misinterpreted by those who saw them on
>a daily basis as acquiescing to higher command but without
>entirely giving up on his moral obligation to more than just the
>air force and a tip-off for those who had any idea of how
>ludicrous the explanation was.

>I've always been bothered with this simple-minded ruse. Mind you
>it might work with the press, even now - unless they are on the
>aviation beat - because they have no backgrounds in technology.

<snip>

Don:

We need to remember a few other things.

One is that General Twining arrived in New Mexico over at White Sands on July 7. I can prove that based on the flight logs of himself and his pilot.

Second, it was his AMC people at White Sands who staged the launch of a weather balloon radar reflector package on July 9 leading to the full width front page July 10 headline on the Alamogordo News of; Fantasy of 'Flying Disc' is Explained Here, complete with three pictures.

Twining was also quoted about flying saucers on the front page of the Roswell Daily Record article of July 8... clearly having been tasked to get involved.

Also note that an important aspect of the whole coverup was that no pictures were taken, and shown publicly, in Roswell. The cover story was out of Ft. Worth, Texas. Sort of bait and switch. Twining outranked Ramey.

Do note the EBD comment about Twining.

Stan Friedman

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At Roswell Festival Doubt Is an Alien Concept

By William Booth
Washington Post Staff Writer
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ROSWELL, N.M., July 7 -- Attention, all aliens. Come on down. Because, seriously, this is your crowd. About 50,000 of your closest admirers are expected this weekend for the Roswell UFO Festival, celebrating the 60th anniversary of the nearby crash landing of a flying saucer -- and, naturally, the ensuing government coverup.

A weather balloon? Please. We are not fools.

At least that's the thinking here. Not up on the latest ufology? The debate today is all about "disclosure," meaning not if, but when. When is the government finally going to open its top-secret files to reveal its voluminous data on the sightings, abductions and close encounters dating back to at least July 5, 1947. "The anomalies." Here in the desert Southwest. And probably Mars.

"The secret world will fall. We want the truth embargo to end," said Stephen Bassett, the founder of X-PPAC, the first political action committee established to target the politics of UFO/ET phenomena. Bassett spoke at the festival's conference, which, along with the Alien Chase fun run, costume parades and carnival rides (Orbiter, Splash Down), have filled every motel room in Roswell, once the home of the world's only atomic warfare unit and the Enola Gay B-29 bomber.

On Friday night, Bassett told listeners of George Noory's "Coast to Coast AM" radio show, which beamed live from the convention center to 500 stations, that: "I believe the Democrats are planning disclosures in the first months of the next administration."

The Democrats? Naturally.

Several ufologists agreed that "the best ET ticket" would be Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York (or maybe Al Gore?) and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson (D), who have probably already have been briefed on the truth. "But they don't want to say so now," Bassett said. Interestingly, Richardson is quoted at the UFO Museum and Research Center ("The Truth is Here!") as stating: "I don't think the U.S. government has fully disclosed everything they know."

Indeed. If only citizens could get access to the data. Because

the people here want to know about the shadow guests, crop circles, shape shifters, crash retrievals, men in black, cattle mutilations, probes and, of course, the antimatter perpetual energy machines that have been kept under wraps in those deep-black special limited access programs run by an international cabal of military-industrial-intelligence-media interests.

Why won't they tell all? "Because they don't want to kill the goose that lays the golden eggs," said Richard M. Dolan, author of "UFOs and the National Security State," and another of the two dozen speakers this weekend. Dolan is not certain that it is an antimatter machine. Could be anti-gravity. But they're working on something, perhaps by "reverse engineering" based upon debris -- mechanical or biological -- vacuumed up at the crash sites.

"The topic is now being taken very seriously," Noory said. He said if the CIA could release 693 pages of the "family jewels," the worst deeds by the nation's spies, then the UFO research community asks why not the files (probably kept underground) about the extraterrestrials. "We've been visited from the very beginning of time," Noory said. "Maybe we've been seeded. Maybe we've been changed. I don't know. But somebody does."

That somebody might be Roger Leir, author of "The Aliens and the Scalpel," about his research on the abductees who have been implanted or probed. His latest case, which he shared with UFO enthusiasts at the festival, involves "a gentleman in his 60s" who awoke recently to see "a drop of blood on his knee." CAT scans, X-rays and interviews, said Leir, revealed a 60 percent certainty that the man had been snatched by the ETs. The foreign object in his knee appeared to be a one-inch-long rod as thick as a pencil. More testing, naturally, is required. "We try to do this as scientifically as possible," he said. His pet theory? Mass genetic manipulation. But it is only a theory -- so far.

Other lectures at the festival include "Body Snatchers in the Desert," "Were Early Contactees Ritual Magicians?" and "UFOs and the Occult: Reptilian Overlords, Abductions, Mind Control and the New World Order."

Reptilian overlords aside, the aliens have been pretty good for little Roswell, population 45,000, which in recent years has embraced the 1947 flying saucer crash as a boomlet for tourism dollars. "We're told the motels are absolutely packed," said Roswell assistant city manager Bob Thomson. Is he a believer? "There's a lot of excitement this year," he said diplomatically.

Downtown, the street lamps of Roswell sport lights depicting almond-eyed ETs. The local liquor store's sign offers "aliens, beer, wine." Perhaps not in that order. At the Wool Bowl, thousands came out to hear the Alan Parsons Project play. At the convention center, a company is offering tours of the crash site, which is on a ranch west of town. They're selling alien cat scratches, glow-in-the-dark soap and Area 51 coffee mugs.

The crowds at the festival appear relatively sane. Many are from New Mexico, and they say they are here for the fun carnival atmosphere in tidy, laid-back Roswell. Some of the out-of-towners, the real enthusiasts, can be a little intense. They're like trekkies at a "Star Trek" convention, except that they pepper their conversations with the phrase: "And that can be authenticated."

Guy Malone is one of the official organizers of the weekend event. "There are a lot of views expressed here, and I share them all," he said. "Angels, fairies, demons, succubuses, ETs and aliens. They might all be the same phenomena."

Please, continue. "Hundreds of years ago," Malone explained, sporting black alien-style sunglasses, "it was elves and fairies taking you to a cave and poking you with wands or having weird sex in the woods." And today? "We call them aliens."

Why does the public not know all this? "The single largest number one roadblock to disclosure is the mainstream media," Dolan said. For example, he said, last year there was a UFO sighting in Chicago. Did you know that?

"A flying saucer-like object hovered low over O'Hare International Airport for several minutes before bolting through

thick clouds with such intense energy that it left an eerie hole in overcast skies, said some United Airlines employees who observed the phenomenon," according to a report in the Chicago Tribune. Officials with the Federal Aviation Administration blamed "a weather phenomenon," but really, what else could they say? The problem, said Dolan, is not that the major media avoid such stories completely, "but they don't follow up."

The U.S. government, of course, has issued its share of reports debunking UFOs. Here in Roswell, those reports are generally seen as desperate attempts to whitewash the truth.

Yet there is hope for the Roswell set. Apparently from the French, who have declassified some of their UFO files. The British and Brazilians have or will soon open their cases for scrutiny. But the treasure trove belongs to the U.S. government, and strangely, disclosure has not yet become an issue on the presidential campaign.

The question is why.

[Thanks to A.J. Gevaerd for the lead]

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CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY TO LIMIT MILITARY OPERATIONS

Does Congress have the constitutional authority to legislate limits on the conduct of the war in Iraq?

The answer may seem obvious. But to resolve any lingering doubt, the Congressional Research Service gave the topic a thorough analytic treatment in a newly updated report and concluded that Congress does have such authority.

"It has been suggested that the President's role as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces provides sufficient authority for his deployment of troops, and any efforts on the part of Congress to intervene could represent an unconstitutional violation of separation-of-powers principles."

"While even proponents of strong executive prerogative in matters of war appear to concede that it is within Congress's authority to cut off funding entirely for a military operation, it has been suggested that spending measures that restrict but do not end financial support for the war in Iraq would amount to an 'unconstitutional condition'."

To rebut any such suggestion, the newly updated CRS report "provides historical examples of measures that restrict the use of particular personnel, and concludes with a brief analysis of arguments that might be brought to bear on the question of Congress's authority to limit the availability of troops to serve in Iraq."

"Although not beyond debate, such a restriction appears to be within Congress's authority to allocate resources for military operations," the report stated.

See "Congressional Authority To Limit U.S. Military Operations in Iraq," updated July 11, 2007:

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

See, relatedly, "Defense: FY2008 Authorization and Appropriations," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33999.pdf>

and "FY2007 Supplemental Appropriations for Defense, Foreign Affairs, and Other Purposes," updated July 2, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33900.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON IRAQ

The Congressional Research Service has produced several newly updated reports on Iraq for congressional consumption. CRS does not make its publications freely available to the public, but the following reports were obtained by Secrecy News.

"Iraq: Post-Saddam Governance and Security," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL31339.pdf>

"Iraq: U.S. Military Operations," updated July 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL31701.pdf>

"Iraq: Reconstruction Assistance," updated June 25, 2007:

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

"Post-War Iraq: Foreign Contributions to Training, Peacekeeping, and Reconstruction," updated June 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RL32105.pdf>

"Iraq: Summary of U.S. Casualties," updated July 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS21578.pdf>

"U.S. Embassy in Iraq," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS21867.pdf>

"Iraq: Milestones Since the Ouster of Saddam Hussein," updated June 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS22598.pdf>

"The Kurds in Post-Saddam Iraq," updated June 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS22079.pdf>

"Iraq: Government Formation and Benchmarks," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS21968.pdf>

"The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated June 28, 2007:

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

VARIOUS DOD RESOURCES

Classification guides are used by government agencies and program managers to translate top-level national security classification policy into specific guidance on what information is to be classified and at what level. There are innumerable such guides, many of which are themselves classified. One recent (unclassified) example that provides a notion of the entire class of documents is an Air Force Classification Guide for the Global Broadcast System, issued in April 2007.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/othergov/dod/gbs.pdf>

The potential role of nanotechnology for defense and military applications was assessed in unclassified format in a recent report issued by the Director, Defense Research and Engineering. See "Defense Nanotechnology Research and Development Program," April 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/agency/dod/nano2007.pdf>

"Command and control of air and space power is an Air Force-provided asymmetric capability that no other Service or nation provides," according to a new U.S. Air Force publication on the subject. See "Command and Control," Air Force Doctrine Document 2-8, June 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/afdd2-8.pdf>

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 13:01:52 -0600
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:26:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 18:35:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

<snip>

>I discovered, or more accurately, rediscovered the image size
>vs brightness relationship while I was analyzing the New Zealand
>(Dec. 31, 1978) film oh, so long ago!
>I carried out experiments which showed the following:

>Let "geosize" be the geometric sized image which depends
>upon the focal length, F, the distance to the object, D and the object
>size (transverse to the line of sight), O. Then

>geosize = F (O/D)

>This is simply the equivalence of two ratios: geosize/F = O/D.

>However, this has to be modified when brightness becomes very
>large. Light travels sideways in the film thereby increasing
>the size of the image beyond its geosize according to the
>relation, where I = image size including brightness effects,

>I = geosize + K log (Exposure)

>K is a function of the film and its development. Exposure is the
>amount of light energy hitting the film (the illuminance on the
>film multiplied by the shutter time, or the irradiance in W/cm²
>times the shutter time). Exposure depends upon how much light
>falls on the film while the shutter is open and this also
>depends upon the area of the the lens aperture which is
>proportional to the square of the f#. If one had film identical
>to what Newhouse used, and if it were developed in the same way,
>it would be possible to determine from the test film what the
>constant K is. (I did this years ago for the New Zealand color
>movie film by photographing back-illuminated apertures of
>various sizes using various exposure settings.) Since he changed
>the f# it might be possible to deduce or approximate K from the
>film itself if one had the original (sorry about that!) or a
>good copy. It would be necessary to measure the sizes of the
>images before and after the f stop change. IF there was very
>little change then probably there was little image growth due to
>exposure. If there was a large change (e.g., 30%) then the image
>sizes at f/16 would probably still be "inflated" somewhat by
>brightness.

Hello Bruce,

This is an interesting and handy relationship. I am still not
sure how to interpret the Exposure term. Typically the argument
to the logarithm function is a normalized (dimensionless)
quantity. For example, if E0 were the exposure that gives
exactly the true 'geosize', then the expression might take the
form

I = geosize + K log(E/E0)

However, this can't be right, since it suggests that underexposing ($E < E_0$) can make the object appear smaller than its geosize. What do you actually use as the argument to the log function?

Thanks,

Mike

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 16:44:31 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:29:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - White

>From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 16 Jul 2007 17:35:36 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>My observation also underscores the possibility that those of us
>in ufology may err in expecting that the U. S. government, or any
>other social institution, will ever act so as to reveal the truth
>about the UFO phenomenon. They may be under quiet influence by
>the very presence we are attempting to reveal, and even those
>humans being influenced may not be aware of it!

My group of organized stalking/electronic harassment targets,
mind control being part of e-harassment, can guarantee you
that is not only possible, it is done quite effectively to some
of us.

The control doesn't seem to be continuous, but carried out
during short time span - hours to a few days - incidents. There
is zero sensation one is being controlled until the controllee
suddenly realizes "Hey! I've been had!"

I suspect, as a result, Peter is probably right.

Eleanor White

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - White

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 17:15:58 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:30:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - White

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 10:43:53 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>But we don't ever want to find out that there might be more
>powerful and influential governing bodies afoot.

Bravo for that, Greg Boone!!

>Bottom line is, there is no cover up. What we have here is not a
>cover up but an unwillingness to address, confront, and disclose
>via official means.

Sure sounds like the definition of a cover up to me.

Eleanor White

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Sci Fi Channel To Host New UFO Show

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:33:47 -0400
Subject: Sci Fi Channel To Host New UFO Show

IMO this looks like another attempt to paint Ufology as a group of paranoids bubba's running around the country in search of lil'green what ever. The show is sure to improve their rating, while doing nothing for the nut & bolt investigators

Various entertainment media sites are reporting that the Sci Fi channel will host a new UFO reality show beginning this fall.

According to worldscreen.com, "UFO Hunters, [is] a series which investigates claims of UFO sightings and otherworldly experiences. UFO Hunters is from the creators of SCI FI Channel's Ghost Hunters."

Additional information can be found at this on-line story from realitytvworld.com

"The New York Strange Phenomena Investigators (NY-SPI) -- led by co-founders Oliver Kemenczky and Ted Davis, and supported by researcher/investigator Dennis Anderson -- will conduct the investigations featured on UFO Hunters, using their decades of experience to lend credibility to the different phenomena they'll attempt to explain."

"Ghost Hunters executive producers Craig Piligian and Tom Thayer will also executive produce UFO Hunters."

It will be interesting to see if the new Sci Fi Channel reality show pursues any of the Intelligence Agency/UFO leads we have revealed here.

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Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Sparks

From: **Brad Sparks** <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:41:32 EDT
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:19:34 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist? - Sparks

>From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:31:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: 'Out of the Blue' Do Aliens Exist?

<snip>

>Perhaps Aldrin and crew saw the equivalent of an unidentified
>aerospace phenomenon of some kind, or a 'UFO', or a panel from
>the LEM container (which, as Aldrin has said, was at least 6000
>miles away, as reported by NASA ground communicators after a
>pause for calculation when Aldrin slyly asked how close the
>nearest ejected LEM panel was after he and Armstrong saw the
>odd, thickish L-shaped object tracking with them for some time.

I have already found the probable explanation, which was Apollo 11 astronaut Michael Collins' explanation given in debriefing. If you will look up UFO UpDates archives from March of this year:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/mar/m24-009.shtml>

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2007/mar/m27-009.shtml>

It was the third stage of the saturn rocket, the S-IVB, that was supposed to be about 6,000 miles away not the LM panels, called Spacecraft Lunar Adapter (SLA) panels. Calculating the distances to the four panels is very difficult (read my postings). They were probably several hundred miles away. However the Apollo 11 had two major rocket firings, the separation maneuver and the mid-course correction, which would have sent the Apollo in roughly the direction of one of these ejected panels. Thus the Apollo might have been a lot closer to one SLA panel than one might have guessed.

However, Collin's explanation that it was a piece of metallized Mylar that had come off, seems to fit best. As I reconstructed the situation the Apollo's attitude control rockets had misfired for about 2 hours and must have dislodged a piece of Mylar thermal covering. The last blast of the RCS jets at about 8:40 PM must have sent the Mylar flying.

About 20 minutes later the Mylar piece would have traveled to a position where the astronauts could see it. They watched it for about 1-1/2 hours until their delayed sleep time and they never saw it again. That fits the dynamic profile of a small piece of Mylar (say 2 ft) sent off at about 1 mph. In about 20 minutes it would be about a third of a mile away and about 1/8 Full Moon in size, thus larger than a mere pinpoint. As the Mylar rotated various shapes would be seen. If part of it had been wrapped around a LM leg it might look cylindrical while the other end might have a sharp crease, looking L-shaped or "open book" shaped. The astronauts strongly disagreed with each other in debriefing because each saw a different part of the elephant so to speak (like the blindmen arguing) and saw a different shape.

After 1-1/2 more hours still drifting away at say 1 mph the Mylar would have reached a distance of almost 2 miles and would now be too small to see and that is about when the Apollo crew

went to sleep. They could not see the Mylar again after that point, and indeed the object was never seen again, it was all seen before the sleep period.

>Anyone know better details or how this question might otherwise
>be answered out there?

Yes see above.

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:21:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

<snip>

>A point that still bugs me (I am clueless about film movie
>cameras, so bear with me): The film is described in various
>places (and by Newhouse himself) as 16 mm, shot at 16
>frames/sec. He claims to have shot ~30 ft (9144 mm) of film,
>which would seem to imply (9144/16) or ~572 frames, and an
>elapsed time of 572*(1/16) or ~36 sec. But Baker clearly states
>that the film consists of ~1200 frames with an elapsed time of
>~75 sec, which would seem to correspond to 8 mm frames, not 16
>mm. What is eluding me here?

The 16mm film format only exposes an area about 8 mm high and
about 12-13 mm wide, depending on the exact film type. You are
calculating the length of the film strip in feet from the 16mm
figure but that is the width of the film strip not the length.
Double your figures.

The CIA got an early copy perhaps before the first portion was
lost. The CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence lists the total
number of frames as about 1,600. That would correspond to 100
seconds (or about 1.7 minutes).

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:36:03 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:40:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 15:21:19 +0000
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Uh, Ed? You're kidding, right?

>We all know that what they really, really soon discovered was
>that they were lizard beings from the inner earth (hence the
>pale skin and large eyes).

>Our H-bomb tests were rattling their cages, so they flew their
>saucers (designed with the help of renegade Nazis) out of
>caverns in the Pacific Northwest and holes in the South Polar
>region and began buzzing our craft in retaliation. But the Nazi
>engineers screwed up and one of their saucers crashed and gave
>the game away. But our leaders decided to try and fake out the
>Commies by making them think we had alien technology. And so it
>goes.

You know, I find it very disturbing that some of you are acting
just like the skeptics and pelicanists we so often disparage.

Ed is quite serious about his theory. He may be right or he may
be wrong, but he has worked damned hard on this and deserves
respect.

Personally, I find his theory, or some variation of it, much
more likely than space aliens. We know very little, really, of
the past history of this planet. There is plenty of room in our
planet's time clock for multiple cycles of evolution culminating
in intelligence. Just because we haven't found something doesn't
mean it doesn't exist. Or we may have the compelling evidence
locked up in some storage drawer in one of our great museums.

Bob Shell

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Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:11:18 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:33:50 -0400
Subject: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

=46rom the ESkeptic Newsletter:

Michael Shermer On Larry King Live On UFOs

I thought eSkeptic readers might appreciate some of the more amusing (and nasty) letters I have received (appended below), plus one very revealing letter about Apollo 11 astronaut Buzz Aldrin's "UFO sighting" on the way to the moon, recounted by him on the show (revealing UFOlogist Stanton Friedman to be an incompetent researcher). Unfortunately it took Buzz a long time to get to the point of the story =97 which was that the UFO turned out to be one of the panels from the Apollo rocket booster =97 so I fear that it might have been missed by viewers that he was, in fact, a UFO skeptic.

Please note as well that former Arizona governor Fife Symington described what he saw during the "Phoenix Lights" event as "otherworldly." I spoke at length with Fife before and after the show and found him to be a most thoughtful, intelligent, and warm individual with no special propensity toward gullibility (any more than the rest of us normally express), so after the show I asked him, "How do you know what you saw was 'otherworldly,' when none of us has any experience whatsoever with other worlds? Yet we have vast experience with strange and unusual secret military aircraft from this world that we find out about years later." His response to me in private was similar to what he said on the show: it is possible that it was some secret military experimental aircraft, but he was so awed by what he saw that the military aircraft explanation just seemed too unlikely. I noted both on the show and in private that in science it's okay to just say "I don't know" and leave it at that.

Overall I find such shows to be a frustrating experience, which is why I brought along the little toy aliens to break up the gravitas of the conversation, plus to make the point that whatever actual aliens from another planet will look like, it most definitely will not be that they are bilaterally symmetrical bipedal primates, which only happened once on this planet in two billion years of biological evolution and hundreds of billions of different species.

=97Michael Shermer

The Letters (spelling left as is)

Hello saw you make an ass out of yourself on Larry last night. I guess with all your genius you could despute actual witnesses to the Rosewell crash. I guess you were there so it must not be true. I came to the conclusion that you talk to much. You sound more like a mina bird than someone with a PHD.

=97rich sottilaro

After seeing you work on Larry King I just felt I needed to

congratulate you on being such a supreme ass. No, really. Because not that many people can pull it off. You did make one valid point though when you asked where was the evidence. Granted, the evidence so far is circumstantial. Videos (some with crystal clear clarity), eyewitness reports, and so on and so forth. And Freidman wasn't really helping his own argument when he tried to sell his book. But from an odds standpoint, do you REALLY think that out of hundreds of thousands of reports that everyone is either lying or tricked by an optical illusion? Wouldn't that be akin to flipping a coin and always coming up heads? Not everyone can be mistaken or lying. And if we think it's more than possible for us to go out there then why do skeptics think it's impossible for them to come here? Is it ego? Insecurity? Look, I am not going to sit here and knock you down or call you names because I don't agree with your opinions. But, that being said let's be realistic. You were being an ass on King's show. In any other situation, if you treated different people the same way you would still be an ass. Don't get me wrong. I'm not trying to be rude or ill mannered. But you were being a total jerk.

=97Anonymous

i saw your segment on larry king live. i must say you guys are all asking and talking about the wrong thing. you need to ask yourself, why is there an area 51 for space resaerch on ufo's. if there was no alien then why is there a cover up. the govt knows and puts it off on us as a joke. also we are living in space there are 9 planets in our solar system; and how can you possibly believe that we are the only one alive in the solar system. much less the galaxy, if scientist say that there are millions of galazies out there. how do they know? have they been to them already? then why say that? thank you, and feel free to respond.

=97kenny

Michael, you did an excellent job on Larry King Live last night confusing the issues. I'm sure you were damn proud of yourself. You do realize that UFO's are not a scientific issue yes? We don't need science to prove truth. Science is incapable of proving truth. In light of ET truth, science is obsolete and impotent as is religion. Science and religion are false gods, leading our planet to disaster. UFO's are a political issue. I don't know how you can sleep with yourself at night, knowing that you exist only to confuse and not to clarify. You are no better than George Bush who invented WMD's so that he could direct attention away from the real problems of his inadequacy as a leader. I feel sorry for skeptics. You are not leaders. You are not part of the solution.

=97Mike Bird, director, Exopoliticstoronto

I saw you on Larry King, last night. Please, if you would, e-mail me PROOF that you REALLY ARE the Publisher, and PROOF that your name REALLY IS "Michael Shermer." If you can't PROVE both of the above things to MY COMPLETE SATISFACTION, then you are a LIAR. (Naturally, your "proof," if any, will be subject to MY verification process.) I look forward to your response, with the necessary PROOF.

=97"Scorp"

The letter about Buzz Aldrin's UFO experience & Stanton Friedman's "research" skills

I am a publisher and author. I am also a friend of Buzz Aldrin. I watched Mr Shermer on Larry King yesterday and wanted to provide you with this little nugget of information for future use.

In 1999 I edited and published a book called Apollo 11 =97 The NASA Mission Reports. During the course of editing the various documents it occurred to me that the crew of Apollo 11 must have been debriefed after their flight, but I had never seen such a debriefing. I was about to publish my book when I approached NASA about the subject of the debriefing. I was told that it made sense that such a thing existed, but not one person I spoke

to at the Johnson Space Centre had ever seen the debrief. A quest to exhume the tape or transcript ensued and about eight weeks later, to my complete surprise I was called and told that the debriefing had been found.

Here is where it gets interesting. On the airplane home from Houston I read the entire transcript, which came in a four-inch ring binder. To my utter astonishment, about half way through, I found the crew talking about an "anomalous" sighting of an unexplained object during the outbound flight to the moon. All three crew members described the object differently. Now I was aware that this was a contentious issue, and I also knew that I could have capitalized on the latent publicity in this. However, that was not what my series of books was about, so I simply published the report, without any fuss.

I OCR'd and published the transcript as my book "Apollo 11 The NASA Mission Reports Volume 2" in the summer of 1999. It was on sale in practically every Barnes and Noble, Borders, and every other major bookseller in America, as well as at WH Smith in England and Chapters/Indigo in Canada. This pretty much covers the bulk of English speaking book stores. Over the course of the next 18 months I received one phone call for an interview, with a local radio station in Toronto [SDI -- ebk]. That was it.

Then, at least two years after I had sold well over 20,000 copies of the book, I received a phone call at my office from Stanton Friedman. I recognized the name, but couldn't understand what he was calling about. My book was "old news" at this point. Friedman began the conversation by asking me if it was true that I had published a book with the "famous" Apollo 11 UFO sighting. I replied that I had. Friedman then said, "How did you do that? Do you realize how many years my colleagues and I have been trying to get our hands on that document? How did you get NASA to release it to you?" I replied, "I asked them for it."

Friedman then asked me if he could get his hands on a copy of my book and I promptly told him that he could buy a copy at any bookstore. He thanked me and hung up.

I guess my question is this. If Stanton Friedman has "done the research," (as he boasted he had on Larry King, and upbraiding Michael Shermer for not doing the research), why is it that he couldn't get this report "for years" when it took me only one phone call to acquire this "classified" document from NASA. And after two years in practically every bookstore in the English speaking world, why was Friedman still unaware of its "release" if he is such a tireless researcher?

I should also point out that I have interviewed Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell for my book Apollo 14 =97 The NASA Mission Reports. Ed Mitchell is one of the most charming, open-minded and intelligent individuals I have had the pleasure to meet. I have never met anyone whose willingness to believe in "things possible" has been so frequently and regularly misquoted. If you were to believe half the things attributed to Ed Mitchell you would think he has an alien spaceship parked on his front lawn.

I congratulate Mr Shermer for his efforts on CNN, despite being surrounded by people who clearly have little regard for the scientific process and who apparently are not that good at "doing the research," despite claims to the contrary.

=97Robert Godwin, Editor =97 Apogee Space Books

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FOIA Hitch Could Be 'X-Files'-Related

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Source: Billy Cox's Miami HeraldTribune Blog De Void, Florida, USA

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FOIA Hitch Could Be 'X-Files'-Related

Billy Cox

Meanwhile, north of the border in Winnipeg, as the grotesquely protracted U.S. presidential campaign grinds on and on and on, Grant Cameron is still waiting for the William Jefferson Clinton Presidential Library to send him the UFO stuff.

When the 138 million-page library opened its doors in Little Rock, Ark., in January '06, Cameron and scores of his Freedom of Information Act requests were idling near the front of the line.

At his Web site, Cameron chronicles frequent conversational UFO references by the Clinton White House. He says his FOIAs are trolling for the sort of unglamorous tedium (e.g., schedules from the early 1990s, when the late billionaire philanthropist Laurance Rockefeller was distributing UFO briefing documents to Washington insiders) that could provide a back-door glimpse into the Clintons' maneuvering with the issue.

Grounded by U.S. security agents in 2005 (De Void, 7/3/07) from presenting his "64 Reasons the Government Decided Not to Tell You What's Going On" to a crowd in Los Angeles, Cameron's an old hand at the FOIA game. That's why he's a tad puzzled over why he's heard so little from the Clinton Library.

"I got Nancy's (Reagan) astrology stuff a lot sooner than this," he says. "Six months, somewhere in there, mostly copies of newspaper articles, editorial cartoons they'd collected, huge amounts of paper, maybe 2,000 pages."

Why the long delay with Clinton? Cameron suspects Sen. Hillary Clinton's bid for the White House is a factor.

"There's things in there like (chief of staff John) Podesta's 50th birthday party," Cameron says. "Podesta was a big 'X-Files' fan, and Bill and Hillary came dressed up as 'X-File' characters. There's videotape of it, and I've requested it. I'm sure they don't want that kind of material coming out during the election cycle."

Unless the former first couple employed themes from the episodes "Home" (inbred pig people) or "The Host" (worm/human mutant sewage parasite), De Void fails to see the problem.

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

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Life But Not As We Know It

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Source: Scott Danielson's SFFAudio.Com - Malad City, Indiana, USA

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Wednesday, July 18, 2007

posted by Jesse Willis

The Essay - Life, But Not As We Know It

BBC Radio 3 has an intriguing program series available through their Listen Again service. A three part series about the consequences of the existence of alien life...

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Broadcaster: BBC Radio 3
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'UFO' Is Stray Woodchipper Part

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Mystery solved! UFO Is Stray Woodchipper Part

Officials were perplexed after metal object crashed through roof in N.J.

BAYONNE, N.J.[AP] - A hunk of metal that crashed through the roof of a home had NASA and Federal Aviation Administration officials scratching their heads.

It didn't look "very space-y," said Henry Kline, a spokesman for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif. "It's obviously made for something... But we wouldn't know what to do with it."

It didn't appear to be an airplane part either, the FAA said.

Finally, FAA spokesman Jim Peters said Wednesday, a colleague in his office solved the mystery: It was part of a commercial woodchipper. The same part from another woodchipper's grinder had caused similar confusion last year, he said.

How it got on a Bayonne roof was anyone guess, but Peters had a theory. The grinder piece moves very fast and, apparently, it can launch into the air if something goes wrong.

The man who lives in the house was watching television Tuesday when he heard a crash and saw a cloud of dust. In the next room, he found the hunk of gray metal, 3=BD inches by 5 inches, with two hexagonal holes in it.

The part was being returned to Bayonne Police on Wednesday, Peters said.

"It belongs to somebody", Police Director Mark Smith said.

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:44:12 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:59:41 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 08:39:47 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>You don't look at the significance of why no third part
>witnesses are ever present to alien abductions... someone not
>involved in the actual experience, someone observing from afar.

I don't know if you are addressing me or the List as a whole in this comment. It is my understanding from conversations with Budd Hopkins, John Mack, and others, that there have been a number of abductions with third party witnesses.

I'm not really sure the point of your note unless you're in the Persinger camp and believe abductions are hallucinations induced by electromagnetic fields. Personally, I think that is hogwash.

Bob Shell

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Dickenson

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 15:00:28 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:00:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Dickenson

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 13:38:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>I think everyone should realize that a cover-up is the standard
>military reaction to the crash of any foreign technology, let
>alone that of a UFO.

<snip>

Hi Jason,

I'd go further - from experience think that a cover-up is the
standard gov't/bureaucracy/police/judiciary plus military
reaction to anything which would make them look inadequate (or
even slightly less than all-powerful).

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Olson

From: **Jeff Olson** <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 08:45:33 -0600
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:02:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Olson

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 10:04:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 15:21:01 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>They soon discovered that the creatures were from a civilization
>>that evolved in this solar system, probably earth, and that we
>>live parallel existences, as tool makers, and fellow mammals.
>>For some reason they decided to keep this reality from us and
>>offer the ETH as a red herring. It seems to be working.

>In fact, the entities were the result of an accidental breeding
>of dill pickles and tropical fruit. The progeny developed high
>intelligence and in time were able to create an advanced
>technology. Unfortunately, for some reason the U.S. government
>does not want us to know this and so has devoted enormous effort
>- as we all know - to forcing us to believe in the reality of
>space visitors. It seems to be working.

Damn it, Jerry, all this time I believed it was dill pickles and
Mediterranean vegetables! Man, you really know how to wreck a
man's religion.

:-(Jeff

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From: Jeff Olson <jlolson.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 08:48:02 -0600
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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Olson

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 15:21:19 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 15:21:01 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I agree with both Bob and Kevin on this point. The folks in
>>power had the creatures, and their craft, but they didn't
>>immediately understand where they came from or their intentions.
>>But I bet they all agreed on one thing: they weren't gods or
>>spirits or shape-changers or retarded, six-fingered Asians, or
>>shamans, or etc.

<snip>

>Uh, Ed? You're kidding, right?

>We all know that what they really, really soon discovered was
>that they were lizard beings from the inner earth (hence the
>pale skin and large eyes).

<snip>

Dick, all respect intended, but I think this is far too
important of a subject to kid about.

In all seriousness, some rogue Soviet engineers were involved as
well. FYI.

Jeff

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Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

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Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:14:04 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:11:33 -0400
Subject: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

Dear List Readers,

There seems to be a question about where the 1956 United Artists documentary, UFO, may be found, concerned as some of you are with the Newhouse and Montana films.

As I stated some time back on this List, the commercial version by MGM Home Video, offered in 2000, was pulled a few years ago. It may sometimes be found on e-Bay and the like.

However, you might also check at NICAP.org, where either a DVD or videotape copy should easily be available via the page of things for sale.

Also, I'll shamelessly take this blatant opportunity to suggest that you can check the NICAP search engine for my name and then you may read my two oldest articles on the movie. The movie, like the incredible and tireless work of Errol Bruce-Knapp, really does deserve an important place in UFO history.

Bob Barrow
robert-barrow.blogspot.com

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:42:11 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:20:20 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

Hello Everyone!

Below is a reply from Eugene Frison who is no longer subscribed to the UFO UpDates List but frequently checks out the recently archived articles that are of particular interest to him. Eugene gave me permission, to share his e-mail with others on the List

Nick Balaskas

From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
To: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 21:36:03 -0300
Subject: Regarding Your Lead To UpDates (William Treurniet's Article)

2007.07.18

Hi Nick:

I read with interest the lead you supplied to UpDates re: William C. Treurniet and his article on 'abduction' and non-physical reality.' The research he described is an example of research and thinking that is going to do more to solve the UFO enigma than anything else happening today.

Graham Hancock's research and personal experimentation via the hallucinogenic substances DMT, Ayahuasca, Ibogaine, and Psilocybin into the so-called 'spirit world' - described in his 'Supernatural: Meetings With the Ancient Teachers of Mankind' - does, indeed, seem to extend Vallee's hypothesis of there being a connection between the entities in fairy reports and the entities allegedly encountered in UFO reports, to also include the entities described by shamans. When I first read these books by Hancock, Strassman, and Pinchbeck (among others) awhile back, I couldn't help but think of Alvin Lawson's research - again, the same entities were apparently encountered here in another type of altered state of consciousness (hypnotism). It seems that if you scratch an altered state of consciousness - be it brought on by drugs such as DMT, Ayahuasca, Ibogaine, or Psilocybin, or by other methods such as rhythmic dancing, austerities, sensory deprivation, hypnotism, etc - the 'greys' and their 'UFOs' can be found.

The idea that tryptamine compounds can 'retune' the brain to allow it to access frequencies that normally aren't (at least consciously) processed may do more to help explain the riddle of the UFO phenomenon than first appears. For instance, genetics may predispose people to produce excess DMT within their brains which allows for an 'abduction' experience to occur and such a genetic based predisposition for excess DMT production may also explain why 'abductions' tend to occur over several generations in the same family. It's not such a crazy idea: the source molecule from which all the hallucinogenic tryptamine compounds - those with a tryptamine core - including DMT (which is produced naturally in our brains) is tryptophan, and tryptophan is one of the key amino acids in the construction and

replication of life (one of only two amino acids that DNA treats as too important for any ambiguity).

The category of 'blur zone' UFOs may support the notion that the so-called 'spirit world' and the 'physical world' may not be separate and distinct afterall. We keep trying to hammer reality out into two halves, the spiritual and the physical. We even do this in the UFO field with distinctions of physical and psychical. Reality may be a holographic, enfolded, unified structure and we merely compartmentalize it - with such compartments not really existing. It might be that the division between the two realms isn't, and never has been, real - being instead a creation of our profoundly materialistic civilization. I think too many 'Ufologists' are trying to hammer a round peg into a square hole - and their nuts and bolts idea of flesh and blood ET aliens in souped-up physical spaceships originating in our limited space-time continuum is the round peg they've been playing with. But the UFO is not the round peg most of them think it is!

Another very excellent book that describes the effects such substances, especially the neurotransmitter 'glutamate,' may have on retuning the brain to other realities is by Anthony Peake and is entitled 'Is There Life After Death? The Extraordinary Science Of What Happens When We Die.' Peake, among much else, describes the effects of a glutamate flood within the brain and what it does to our perception of reality. Fascinating research. I think research along these lines is providing answers to questions pertaining to the UFO mystery that just didn't yield under the older prejudiced approach.

I don't subscribe to UpDates or any other UFO list anymore but I check the archives for news regularly. So I can't reply to your lead on UpDates. But you can cut/paste this and quote my reply to you (by putting into the body of one of your posts to UpDates) if you want.

Regards,

Eugene Frison

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From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:00:01 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:21:35 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 07/19/07

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ARMY VIEWS "CIVIL AFFAIRS" OPERATIONS

The crucial interactions between military forces and the civilian environment in which they operate are the domain of "civil affairs," a subject of urgent interest to the U.S. military in Iraq and elsewhere.

Civil affairs operations that promote cooperation between the military and the local population help to advance the military mission. Activities that generate friction or inspire opposition are not helpful.

"A supportive civilian population can provide resources and information that facilitate friendly operations. It can also provide a positive climate for the military and diplomatic activity a nation pursues to achieve foreign policy objectives," according to U.S. military doctrine.

"A hostile civilian population threatens the immediate operations of deployed friendly forces and can often undermine public support at home for the policy objectives of the United States and its allies."

"The problem of achieving maximum civilian support and minimum civilian interference with U.S. military operations will require the coordination of intelligence efforts, security measures, operational efficiency, and the intentional cultivation of goodwill."

"Failure to use CA [civil affairs] assets in the analysis of political, economic, and social bases of instability may result in inadequate responses to the root causes of the instability and result in the initiation or continuation of conflict."

Earlier this month, the U.S. Army issued a revised "how-to" manual on the conduct of civil affairs. That manual has not been approved for public release and is not readily available. But a copy of the prior edition from 2003 was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Civil Affairs Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures," U.S. Army Field Manual FM 3-05.401, September 2003 (535 pages, 16 MB

PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-401.pdf>

A more concise treatment of the same subject was given in another recent manual. Though not approved for public release, a copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Civil Affairs Operations," U.S. Army Field Manual 3-05.40, September 2006 (183 pages, 4 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-40.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON AFGHANISTAN

The Congressional Research Service has recently updated several publications on Afghanistan, including these:

"NATO in Afghanistan: A Test of the Transatlantic Alliance," updated July 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33627.pdf>

"Afghanistan: Post-War Governance, Security, and U.S. Policy," updated June 21, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL30588.pdf>

"Afghanistan: Narcotics and U.S. Policy," updated June 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32686.pdf>

"Afghanistan: Government Formation and Performance," updated June 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21922.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON CHINA

Recent reports from the Congressional Research Service concerning China include these:

"Hong Kong: Ten Years After the Handover," June 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34071.pdf>

"China's Economic Conditions," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33534.pdf>

"Taiwan: Major U.S. Arms Sales Since 1990," updated July 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL30957.pdf>

"China-U.S. Trade Issues," updated July 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33536.pdf>

"China-U.S. Relations: Current Issues and Implications for U.S. Policy," updated June 14, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33877.pdf>

"Food and Agricultural Imports from China," updated July 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34080.pdf>

"The Southwest Pacific: U.S. Interests and China's Growing Influence," July 6, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34086.pdf>

"China's Currency: A Summary of the Economic Issues," updated July 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21625.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

The Congressional Research Service, at congressional direction, does not permit direct public access to its products. Members of the public must connive or contrive to gain such access. So we do.

Some recent CRS reports that caught our eye include these:

"Presidential Claims of Executive Privilege: History, Law, Practice and Recent Developments," updated July 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RL30319.pdf>

"The Palestinian Territories: Background and U.S. Relations," July 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL34074.pdf>

"Restructuring EPA's Libraries: Background and Issues for Congress," updated June 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RS22533.pdf>

"U.S. Special Operations Forces (SOF): Background and Issues for Congress," updated June 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RS21048.pdf>

"Airborne Laser (ABL): Issues for Congress," updated July 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL32123.pdf>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:02:20 EDT
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:23:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Shell

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:36:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 15:21:19 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Uh, Ed? You're kidding, right?

>>We all know that what they really, really soon discovered was
>>that they were lizard beings from the inner earth (hence the
>>pale skin and large eyes).

<snip>

>You know, I find it very disturbing that some of you are acting
>just like the skeptics and pelicanists we so often disparage.

>Ed is quite serious about his theory. He may be right or he may
>be wrong, but he has worked damned hard on this and deserves
>respect.

<snip>

Good for you Bob Shell!

It's high time someone said that.

I've been stating for years now that we cannot allow ourselves
to become so high and mighty that we can't show respect to
another's theories. I've seen too many ufologists demand that
their theories of little green men from Mars is the definitive
truth and how these other theories are too weird to hold merit.
Mind you, we're talking UFOs here.

When ufologists commit the ultimate crime in science and as
researchers which is to ridicule and humiliate others who are
just proposing a theory or alternate data stream the entire
science end of ufology drops to the level of mainstream
debunkery.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:03:57 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:26:01 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

Hello again Everyone!

From the many responses I got to this post, I can see that there is very much public interest in abductions. I still get many members of the York University community visiting me in person to share their personal experiences with me and to see if they can find answers to their questions.

Unfortunately, still very little is understood about the abduction phenomenon and because of this, nearly nothing is being done to help out its victims who are troubled and by what happened, and often continues to happen, to them. Maybe with the latest discussions about this important and unresolved mystery on the UFO UpDates Llist we will be in a better understand what is happening and be in a better position to help those that seek our help.

For those that asked me about William, the author of this paper, he is a physicist by training and a very curious member of the scientific community, especially in regards to alleged ET alien contacts and alien technology (a physics colleague of his and I demonstrated some of this alien technology at the recent SSE symposium in East Lansing, Michigan).

Below is William's reply stating his reasons for writing this paper.

Nick Balaskas

Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:19:32 -0400
From: William Treurniet <snip>
To: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

Hi Nick,

Thanks for the info. I found out after I released the paper that the basic idea has been kicking around for a while (besides the sources I mentioned). This morning I noticed a mention of my paper at the Redfern Files at

<http://www.ufomystic.com/the-redfern-files/abductions-and-dmt/>

Redfern points to <http://dailygrail.com/node/4765> where similar ideas are discussed.

I wrote the paper mostly for my own benefit. There's nothing like trying to put an argument into words on paper to crystalize ideas and firm up the reasoning. But maybe there is something new there for others too. At least it renews the discussion.

I also just read Katharina Wilson's new on-line book at www.alienjigsaw.com about her abduction experiences. It was an interesting read after having just completed the paper. My difficulty with her book is that she talks mostly about her "memories" without giving much context like was she asleep or not at the time. Maybe that was not very relevant to her, but it

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might help in the search for a possible underlying physical mechanism.

Bill

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Rent-A-Skeptic?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:12:10 EDT
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:30:06 -0400
Subject: Rent-A-Skeptic?

Okay, I laughed for a whole day after hearing Mr. Stanton T. Friedman on the Jeff Rense Program refer to Mr. Shermer who appeared on the Larry King Show as a 'rent-a-skeptic'.

I screamed and rolled on the floor laughing. I couldn't type for quite some time. That is what we call in the streets a 'snap'.

See, now I'm giggling all over again!

I saw the Larry King special and thought everyone did well except when Buzz Aldrin went through a long drawn out explanation of his supposed UFO encounter. Of course he due all 'props' being a man who walked on the Moon but it took longer to get to the Moon than it did for him to explain it.

Then that guy Shermer looked like he was having far too much fun being the skeptic guy on the panel. He was getting beat down six ways to Sunday. He looked like at any moment he was going to fall out of his chair in hysterics. I don't know him personally but he appeared to enjoy just being the skeptic guy not hostile or demeaning at all.

However the direction of the segment was worse than one of those used car commercials we have on the air in California. During the most intense part of the discussion CNN started running NASA and military file footage of crash test dummies and failed aerial experiments and balloons with no explanation whatsoever to the viewer about what the heck they were looking at. It looked like one of those old 1970's student film presentations on PBS. It made no sense whatsoever to do this. The viewer got ripped off and the panel not given it's due respect given the years of service the panelists had given mankind in general. It's another example of pitiful poor journalism or an attempt to implant suggestions into the viewer.

Ufologists should just boycott ABC. Just tell them no whenever they call you up. As for CNN at least they tried. No one will take ufology seriously unless there's some sex-scandal involved or some famous black guy can be blamed for some crime and UFOs are attached to the story. Then you'll get press like there's no tomorrow!

Best,

Greg

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:28:09 -0600
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 11:35:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>A point that still bugs me (I am clueless about film movie
>>cameras, so bear with me): The film is described in various
>>places (and by Newhouse himself) as 16 mm, shot at 16
>>frames/sec. He claims to have shot ~30 ft (9144 mm) of film,
>>which would seem to imply (9144/16) or ~572 frames, and an
>>elapsed time of 572*(1/16) or ~36 sec. But Baker clearly states
>>that the film consists of ~1200 frames with an elapsed time of
>>~75 sec, which would seem to correspond to 8 mm frames, not 16
>>mm. What is eluding me here?

<snip>

>Your calculations above have a major mistake, though. You are
>dividing 9144 by 16. That's the width of the film, not the
>short dimension of the film frame. A 16 mm film frame is about 8
>mm top to bottom including the between frame space. So you
>should be dividing by 8.

Thanks Bob, that definitely clears it up!

Mike

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 17:43:29 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:32:33 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 11:17:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>Hartmann's suggestion that the objects are "unresolved" seems at
>>odds with Baker's observation (same reference as above) that,
>>based on microscopic examination of the film, the camera was
>>well-focused: "...the edges of the images are sharp and clear
>>on many of the properly exposed frames".

>If the camera was in sharp focus, "unresolved" could simply mean
>'no detail', as might be expected from something like a glowing
>disc with no appendages.

Hartmann believed they are not resolved for two reasons: 1) a gull modelled as an 8 inch circle with a 2-foot wingspan at a just-possible 2000 ft range would be "at the margin of resolvability", which he takes to be 1 - 3 arc mins; 2) most or all of the image size was assumed to be "flaring" due to the brightness. In other words, the birds would, he suggests, be virtually imperceptible except for halation, pointing out that when the objects occasionally fade out completely there is no dark shape or dot visible. (If the objects "fade out completely" I suppose this means their brightness equals the background sky brightness, which presumably is quite bright on a cloudless day near noon in July in the desert.)

But he is using a figure for the resolving power of the human eye (which is slightly smaller than the conventionally-cited 3.75 arcmin but more comparable to the limits you suggest below). Surely considered as a lens system the eye is a much poorer resolver than a good camera lens because resolution is inversely proportional to aperture - other factors being equal (so neglecting focus and film emulsion characteristics etc)? What is the theoretical resolution of a Bell & Howell Automaster "3 inch f.1 telephoto lens?

>However, "seagulls" would very definitely show details if the
>angular size of the image is great enough. Wings in particular
>will clearly stick out and wing flapping is very visible. This
>brings us to the next point below.

The question is whether fluctuations due to flapping appear on the film. The Navy said no, Robertson said yes, Baker seemed to think on balance probably no, Hartmann thought yes. So there are fluctuations, the disagreement is about their magnitude and frequency. The Navy measured a constant brightness through what was calculated to be 60 degs of arc (presumably based on Newhouse's statement) and concluded that absence of blinking meant self-luminosity. The Robertson Panel pointed out that a hemispherical reflector could easily maintain a constant reflection through 60 degs without blinking. so could still be birds. If you are free to optimally orient a hemisphere without

wings attached this may be true, but I'm suspicious that this misses the point.

><snip>

>The scientific twits on the Robertson Panel should have gotten
>outside their laboratories more often to view flocks of birds
>way off the distance. Even as they move away and they are barely
>more than dots, the wing flapping is still easily visible. Even
>birds riding thermals with minimal flapping should still have
>visible wings. Baker's film analysis indicates that at least
>some of the objects were still very resolvable "dots" and
>details such as wings and flapping should have been apparent
>both by eye and on film.

They did view a film of seagulls for comparison, and I seem to recall that one of them - was it Thornton Page? - referred to having seen seagulls that looked similar. Hartmann also went to the area of Tremonton in August 1968 and claimed to have watched groups of bright gulls looking very much like the film. On the other hand Baker said he had never seen such gulls. But really we still need to see Brad Sparks' experiment carried out.

Martin Shough

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 17:51:50 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:33:58 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>The CIA got an early copy perhaps before the first portion was
>lost. The CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence lists the total
>number of frames as about 1,600. That would correspond to 100
>seconds (or about 1.7 minutes).

Intriguing. Is "about 1600" just casual CIA auditing or an
indication that the film was truncated twice? The Navy mentions
"90 seconds of film" which would be 1440 frames, then the
recovered copy finally has only 1200 frames running 75 seconds.

Did the CIA have the original?

MS

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 14:26:19 EDT
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:38:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:36:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>planet's time clock for multiple cycles of evolution culminating
>in intelligence. Just because we haven't found something doesn't
>mean it doesn't exist. Or we may have the compelling evidence
>locked up in some storage drawer in one of our great museums.

Bob, no disrespect intended but your implied notion that all
opinions or theories are equal is completely untrue.

Perhaps if Ed would have written it so that he clearly stated
it was his opinion, one not based on any facts, people might
have been more understanding.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:44:59 -0600
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:40:11 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>The 16mm film format only exposes an area about 8 mm high and
>about 12-13 mm wide, depending on the exact film type. You are
>calculating the length of the film strip in feet from the 16mm
>figure but that is the width of the film strip not the length.
>Double your figures.

Thanks Brad, Bob Shell also cleared this up for me earlier. I was quite unaware that each frame had such a broad aspect ratio.

>The CIA got an early copy perhaps before the first portion was
>lost. The CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence lists the total
>number of frames as about 1,600. That would correspond to 100
>seconds (or about 1.7 minutes).

It seems apparent that the short (~75 sec) copy was not produced by simply snipping off the initial segment shot at f8. The Baker analysis of the shortened copy clearly refers to the transition to f16, and even includes a still image from the f8 portion. Moreover, he describes the transition occurring ~30% of the way through the film, whereas Newhouse states that he shot "a few feet" (out of ~30 total) at f8. This would seem to indicate that it was the end of the film that was truncated.

I'm definitely confused about the travels of the original film, who made copies for whom, etc. Here is a letter dated 04 May 1953 from L. W. Keith, US Naval Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC), which clearly indicates that NPIC had the original (at least temporarily) and produced a color-corrected copy:

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-408>

Here is another letter, dated 18 Mar 1954, from the acting Commanding Officer at NPIC, who states that NPIC "... has never had possession of the original and does not have information concerning its whereabouts.":

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-387>

Yours is the first mention I've seen of CIA/OSI having a complete (if not original) copy.

I'd be happy to see even a digitized version of the short copy, if anyone knows where one might be.

Mike

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:57:43 -0700
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 09:43:21 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 18:04:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jul 2007 18:35:59 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'Confirmation?

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>>I discovered, or more accurately, rediscovered the image size
>>vs brightness relationship while I was analyzing the New
>>Zealand (Dec. 31, 1978) film oh, so long ago!

<snip>

>>However, this has to be modified when brightness becomes very
>>large. Light travels sideways in the film thereby increasing
>>the size of the image beyond its geosize according to the
>>relation, where I = image size including brightness effects,

>>I = geosize + K log (Exposure)

>>K is a function of the film and its development. Exposure is the
>>amount of light energy hitting the film (the illuminance on the
>>film multiplied by the shutter time, or the irradiance in W/cm²
>>times the shutter time). Exposure depends upon how much light
>>falls on the film while the shutter is open and this also
>>depends upon the area of the the lens aperture which is
>>proportional to the square of the f#.

<snip>

>>IF there was very
>>little change then probably there was little image growth due to
>>exposure. If there was a large change (e.g., 30%) then the image
>>sizes at f/16 would probably still be "inflated" somewhat by
>>brightness.

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>right down to the celluloid", which I take to mean the
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>is saturated in the image areas (don't know if this applies to
>both sides of the f/stop change) but the edges are said to be
>"sharp".

If the filming was done near just after sunset and "birds" were
milling about opposite the sun where the sky was darkening, then
the birds could be reflecting the sunlight and appear brighter
than the darkening background sky.

However, this was not the situation with the Tremonton film,
taken in daytime in bright sunlight. Birds simply cannot
outshine the background sky. If Newhouse had overexposed the
birds and "burned" them right down to the celluloid, the sky
should also have been overexposed and washed out.

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Check Paul Hill's book, p. 151-152, where he discusses the Tremonton film and cites it as evidence that the saucers were using banked turns. Hill says he viewed the film repeatedly in the 1950s at normal speed, slow motion, forward, backwards, and stop motion (maybe upside-down and inside-out as well). He says it was exactly what they did with the research vehicles they flew at Wallops Island.

Hill comments: "What Ruppelt took to be fading in and out I was sure was the presentation of broadside and edge views due to banking. In stop motion, one could see the elliptic in-between in some frames."

Thus, a very different conclusion from Hartmann. I really don't see how the bright objects in the Tremonton film could be "overexposed" "birds." I don't think it's physically possible, unless the birds had mirror-like surfaces, which they don't.

Instead I think we have a situation as described by Hill, and also by Kenneth Arnold, where the objects can appear to be brilliantly bright seen in full, but fade out when seen in profile.

Birds will also "fade out" to some extent in profile, but they would never appear to be glowing and overexposed as in the Tremonton film.

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I think the Navy analysts got that right and Hartmann got it wrong. No way will birds be reflective enough to glow like in the film and outshine the sky.

>It would be interesting to hear from any researchers on the List
>who had personal knowledge of the Newhouse family or the
>investigation. Also I'd second Mike's query: Where can we see
>the entire film today?.

You might be interested to know that Canadian documentary filmmaker David Cherniak had planned to interview Newhouse last year for his new UFO documentary, but Newhouse died only a day or two before the interview. However, Newhouse's son was also a witness to the objects, and David hoped to interview him in the future. However, I don't know if he ever got back to do the interview.

David Rudiak

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 19:38:17 +0000
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 10:12:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:36:03 -0400
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>>We all know that what they really, really soon discovered was
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>>Our H-bomb tests were rattling their cages, so they flew their
>>saucers (designed with the help of renegade Nazis) out of
>>caverns in the Pacific Northwest and holes in the South Polar
>>region and began buzzing our craft in retaliation. But the Nazi
>>engineers screwed up and one of their saucers crashed and gave
>>the game away. But our leaders decided to try and fake out the
>>Commies by making them think we had alien technology. And so it
>>goes.

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>locked up in some storage drawer in one of our great museums.

Bob,

Do you know the difference between real, meaningful theory
construction and wild-ass speculation? Apparently not, because
you introduce the notion of what we don't know about the
planet's history, and then maybe anything is possible. Theories
(if they are to be meaningful) have to be based on data,
established facts. Not on wild imagination.

The 'anything is possible' school of thought states only an
obvious generalization; it does not address or explain in any
way the data. What it omits is that some things are a hell of a
lot more likely than others, and in any event that reasoning
(deduction) from high-sounding generalizations has no
established connection with reality.

- Dick

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Alien Abduction Article in UK Daily Mirror

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:06:33 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 10:14:34 -0400
Subject: Alien Abduction Article in UK Daily Mirror

There's an article about Hilary Porter's alien abduction experiences on page 46 of today's Daily Mirror. The article isn't available online, but UK-based list members might want to check this out. Hilary's account is presented by the journalist in a straightforward way, and it's not that often that you see a positive and decent-sized article on alien abductions in a national newspaper.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 06:24:34 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 10:17:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 09:44:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 08:39:47 -0700 (PDT)
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Give me one remote third party witness, one free of the
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parameter of any kind of power grid in recent times.

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>Persinger camp and believe abductions are hallucinations induced
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>Bob Shell

There's no smoking gun, one explanation for all abduction
phenomena. Early on there were actual contacts of earth based
humans with ETs. These were not abductions. The abductions that
followed all involved EBES who have since made their
understandings with representatives of various concerns here.
How many times does one with vastly superior technology have to
abduct a species to determine what it seeks?

Since, the abductee phenomenon has reverted to mind control
experimentation by earth based humans on their own kind.

Does this fit your frame of reference, Mr. Shell?

JCH

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It is true that there have been third party witnesses. But by
your own reasoning how can you so readily dismiss Persinger's
theory? I happen to agree with you that it is hogwash, but in
the Anything is Possible world-view how can you exclude it? They
may even be non-corporeal nth dimensional demons.

- Dick

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 10:22:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:02:20 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>respect.

>Good for you[,] Bob Shell!

>It's high time someone said that.

I agree. We may as well be honest about what a black hole of
unreason so much of what passes for ufology so often is.

Thanks to the above, we now have an explicit statement of what
ufology's (as opposed to intellectually disciplined) standards
are. If you work "damned hard" and are "quite serious," you are
entitled to express any opinion, however ill-considered,
improbable, question-begging, pseudoscientific, or crazy, and
the rest of us are obligated to act as if your views merit
respect and (using the adjective relatively) serious
consideration. After all, according to this dictum, one idea is
as good as another, and we have no right to discriminate lest we
be pelicanists.

Maybe, in other words, ufology is indeed the province of the
soft of head and the cracked of pot.

Lemme outta here....

Jerry Clark

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Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 10:25:40 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

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>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 18:04:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>"sharp".

Sideways scattering of light within the film could produce a
"blurred" edge. But the problem in answering this question is
the definition of "sharp". What was the distance from complete
exposure to unexposed (measuring from inside an image to the
outer boundary)? The distance would be measured in microns
(thousandths of a millimeter). Without knowing how many microns
from a location of maximum exposure to a location of no exposure
(or sky exposure) I really can't answer the question. In all
cases, the center of the image is brightness and the brightness
(actually transparency) of the image diminishes as one measures
from the center outwards. The response of the film to light is
non-linear (more like logarithmic) which complicates the issue.

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>sufficiently they faded out entirely with no dark dot or
>silhouette being visible", implying that most if not all of the
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Again, the center of the image is brightest for a small bright
light source so it would be the 'last to go' even if the image
were large enough to be resolved. As the objects move away their
image size would shrink from the distance increase. So it would
be difficult to argue that the size is totally a result of
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Tough because there is skylight to contend with.

>I take it you haven't had the chance to work on this film
>yourself? Would you like to? (Not that I can do anything about it
>of course, I'd just like to see your results.)

Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

I've seen it... in the UFO movie... but never had the film itself to work with. I'm sure I would look at it if available. But others have spent 'thousands of hours'. Don't know that I could do any better.

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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 13:01:52 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>sure how to interpret the Exposure term. Typically the argument
>to the logarithm function is a normalized (dimensionless)
>quantity. For example, if E0 were the exposure that gives
>exactly the true 'geosize', then the expression might take the
>form

>I = geosize + K log(E/E0)

>However, this can't be right, since it suggests that
>underexposing (E < E0) can make the object appear smaller than
>its geosize. What do you actually use as the argument to the log
>function?

This is a function that provides an empirical fit to the data for the particular type of film. In the experiments did with color reversal film (Fujichrome RD-400) at very low exposure levels the image did, in fact, shrink a small amount below the geosize. However, the main point is that this function is not intended to represent image size at all exposure settings. (If it did, exposure zero would correspond to a negative image size.) The units could be (lm.sec/cm²).

This function has been known to astronomers for a hundred(?) years. It relates the size of star images to the brightness (or "magnitude") of stars since geosize for a star is essentially zero. There is, of course, also the diffraction and aberration effects which increase the image size. See. C.E.K. Mees, The Theory of the Photographic Process, McMillan, N.Y.C. 1944.

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From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:45:40 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:25:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 10:11:18 +0100
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Formation Happened Within 90 Minutes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:35:18 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:35:18 -0400
Subject: Formation Happened Within 90 Minutes

For those readers interested in Crop Circle phenomena, Linda Moulton Howe has some very interesting, in-depth reportage of the July 7, 2007, Alton Priors, Wiltshire, England at:

<http://www.earthfiles.com/news.php?ID=1288&category=Environment>

Thanks to 'The Norm' fot the lead...

ebk

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 08:45:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:02:20 EDT
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>the rest of us are obligated to act as if your views merit
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>consideration. After all, according to this dictum, one idea is
>as good as another, and we have no right to discriminate lest we
>be pelicanists.

>Maybe, in other words, ufology is indeed the province of the
>soft of head and the cracked of pot.

Hi Jerome,

Here's the fatal weakness of your 'argument': who defines what
is 'scientific' or 'pseudo-science'?

If you say 'authority' or 'established science' then we should
still be believing in a geo-centric universe and obeying the
mind-control rules of the Inquisition - and Galileo would've
been forever silenced.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:39:59 -0400
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 13:38:43 +0000
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>It is true that there have been third party witnesses. But by
>your own reasoning how can you so readily dismiss Persinger's
>theory? I happen to agree with you that it is hogwash, but in
>the Anything is Possible world-view how can you exclude it? They
>may even be non-corporeal nth dimensional demons.

I have carefully considered Persinger's theories. I have read his books. I have looked at his statistics. I find his work unconvincing. I'm not making fun of him for thinking as he does, or trying to have any serious discussion of his work excluded from this List by fiat or ridicule. If someone asks me about his work I give them my opinion, but suggest they read the books themselves.

I'm not sure why you think my belief that there could be parallel evolutionary cycles in earth's past equates with an 'Anything is Possible world-view'. I was trained as a biologist and worked as one in my early career, and I have a better than average understanding of evolutionary theories. We have a large number of examples of parallel and convergent evolution right in front of us in nature. So it is not just possible, it has definitely happened, and many times. Similar environmental conditions will produce similar creatures to fill specific niches in the ecosystem. So the idea that bipedal humanoids could evolve more than once is not an off-beat, pseudoscientific notion at all. It is good, sound science.

Remember, the first thing you are taught in science is '"absence of evidence is not evidence of absence'.

Bob Shell

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 13:18:10 -0400
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 08:55:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

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>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
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This is a stupid generalization from one instance of Stan
essentially not being aware of everything that is published to
implying that Stan is generally incompetent, which clearly isn't
true.

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There still is an argument over whether or not a panel could
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But here is where Shermer falls apart: he talks to a witness and
probably is given a reasonably accurate description of what the
witness saw. But does Shermer try to identify it? No, he's apparently
happy with the "maybe military" handwaving solution and saying
"I don't know." Will he review the most modern aircraft designs
to find out if something approximates what Symington saw?

And also dozens or hundreds of other witnesses?

If it was military it should be provable.

However, silence is not likely consistent with military craft that might be flying slowly over Phoenix.

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From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 13:23:34 EDT
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 08:57:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

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Buzz's inclusion to the panel was pointless. He was apparently
filler, filler that sapped away much needed time.

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Not only is Shermer not a scientist, he isn't even a skeptic.
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Shermer's did nothing but prove his ignorance regarding
sightings. The fact that he had no clue that a structured craft
was witnessed around 8pm during the Phoenix Lights incident,
proves he is not doing his homework. He also seemed ignorant on
the fact that Marcel claimed the wreckage photographed was
switched for mundane weather balloon material.

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Speaking of Larry King, I am interested in his opinions on the
subject. Has Larry ever said anything to you, Stanton, or any
other guest off-camera or in the past?

Jason Gammon

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 11:03:26 -0700
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Jerry, Bob, Greg,

Yes, many of the accepted truths of ufology are unresonable and unscientific. FTL travel and the belief that technology will eventually allow us to travel from star to star being the main mind benders.

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You don't have to do any work at all to express an opinion in ufology, but if you have made some effort to collect evidence and connect the dots, then folks might at least want to know what you have to say.

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I don't consider the theory that the unusual craft we see (UFO) and the creatures who pilot them (EBE) are products of an advanced, ancient civilization as being ill-considered or improbable. I know you have an attitude about this theory, not just with me but others. Is this just a gut feeling (faith) or do you have some evidence to support your beliefs?

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Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:03:59 -0400
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I think, that with "Phoenix triangular craft" officials appeared
in very uncomfortable position. It is clear that a lot of people
saw not just light, but craft, huge craft. So even Michael
Shermer can't deny that. So there can be only two logical
explanations:

- 1 - it was our craft
- 2 - it was extraterrestrial craft
- 3 - can be something else? Probably Russians? :)

If it was our craft, then why this huge super-technological
machine quietly flying over our heads, and we are still using
fossil fuel?

If it was extraterrestrial craft, then... I think you know what
then.

So, very uncomfortable situation. And how long it will last
without official explanation?

Sergey
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From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming6.nul>
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As some readers might recall from previous futile discussions on
the Apollo 11 story, Aldrin was quoted in Godwin's book as
stating:

"We thought it could have been a panel, but it didn't appear to
have that shape at all."

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2002/jan/m13-008.shtml>

To native English speakers, that statement would be taken as a
rejection of the notion that the object the astronauts saw was a
panel from the booster rocket. But to people like Shermer whose
native language is Skeptibabble, "didn't appear to have that
shape at all" evidently means that Aldrin was confirming that
the object they saw was of a type whose shape it did not have.

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PRG Press Release 'The ET Ticket'

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Washington, DC - An article written by PRG and X-PPAC Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, has received national attention. Exopolitics: The ET Ticket proposed the most advantageous pairing from either party as regards the prospects for Disclosure - the formal acknowledgement by the United States Government of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race.

His choice, New York Senator Hillary Clinton and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, were discussed on the July 6 Fox News morning show and mentioned in a front page article by William Booth in the Sunday, July 8 Washington Post.

Hillary Clinton and top Democratic political operative, John Podesta, were on duty in the White House during a three year effort by Laurance Rockefeller to convince then President Bill Clinton to end the UFO/ET truth embargo. Podesta would later call for the release of government documents relating to ET events and evidence, because "the American people quite frankly can handle the truth, and... because it's the law."

Richardson recently wrote regarding the 1947 Roswell event, "the mystery surrounding this crash has never been adequately explained - not by independent investigators, and not by the U.S. government." "It would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows. With full disclosure and our best scientific investigation, we should be able to find out what happened on that fateful day in July of 1947. The American people can handle the truth no matter how bizarre or mundane, and contrary to what you see in the movies."

PRG has been contacted by several reporters who are considering asking ET/Disclosure questions of the candidates in upcoming political campaign debates. Suggested questions are being posted at the PRG website.

This issue and much more will be on the program at PRG's upcoming X-Conference 2007 - the Insiders I, September 14-16 at the Hilton Gaithersburg Hotel near Washington, DC.

X-Conference 2007: www.x-conference.com

The ET Ticket:
www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=31499

Fox News Interview: www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpDJqb7DRMc

Post Article:
www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/07/07/AR2007070701234.html

Candidate Questions: www.x-ppac.org/Get_out_the_questions.html

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 12:57:33 -0700
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:13:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:02:20 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Good for you Bob Shell!

>It's high time someone said that.

>I've been stating for years now that we cannot allow ourselves
>to become so high and mighty that we can't show respect to
>another's theories. I've seen too many ufologists demand that
>their theories of little green men from Mars is the definitive
>truth and how these other theories are too weird to hold merit.
>Mind you, we're talking UFOs here.

>When ufologists commit the ultimate crime in science and as
>researchers which is to ridicule and humiliate others who are
>just proposing a theory or alternate data stream the entire
>science end of ufology drops to the level of mainstream
>debunkery.

I agree.

It's the same problem. The debunkers think they have all the answers, but some ufologists also act the same way... there are various explanations that are plausible for the ufo phenomenon, but just as with crop circles, I think more than one may be involved. It isn't all as black and white as some would like to make it out to be. I just bought and am now reading 'Witness to Roswell' but I also have various books by Jacques Vallee, Michio Kaku, Carl Sagan, etc. The point is simply about being open to different ideas.

I think this also applies to the 'drones' debate. Some Listers were quick to debunk it all, and never did respond to my or others' note that there were additional eyewitnesses who should be taken into account. But maybe observations like this aren't taken as seriously coming from anyone outside of the 'inner circle', per se, of ufology (myself being, as many here know, a crop circle researcher and planetary exploration supporter, although I used to be actively involved with MUFON in the early-mid 90s).

Paul

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 17:18:40 EDT
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:17:35 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 17:51:50 +0100
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>The CIA got an early copy perhaps before the first portion was
>>lost. The CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence lists the total
>>number of frames as about 1,600. That would correspond to 100
>>seconds (or about 1.7 minutes).

>Intriguing. Is "about 1600" just casual CIA auditing or an
>indication that the film was truncated twice? The Navy mentions
>"90 seconds of film" which would be 1440 frames, then the
>recovered copy finally has only 1200 frames running 75 seconds.

>Did the CIA have the original?

>MS

Fred Durant of the CIA/OSI Operations Staff told me in the 70's that CIA (in his group) got the Tremonton film by late August 1952. The only reason CIA was able to get it is because the President had ordered CIA to investigate the AF's mishandling of the UFO investigations in the wake of the two weekends in a row of Washington National UFO incidents.

This gave CIA enough leverage to get access to the film which was being shown over and over again in the Pentagon without anyone making a copy. Apparently the CIA's copy was the first copy made. Ruppelt complained that by the time the Pentagon had finished with the Tremonton film and it was finally sent to ATIC it was in bad shape.

Durant still has the CIA copy that was made, evidently before most of the damage. Durant put the 1,600 frame figure into his Durant Report to OSI director Chadwell. Efforts have been made by Jan Aldrich and Tom Tullien to borrow Durant's copy and duplicate it, and make it available for research. I don't know if they ran into a snag or what happened. Or maybe there wasn't enough interest in the UFO research community to go to the trouble. I would hope the film could go to a scientific lab for a professional assessment. I would be especially curious to see the exact frame count.

Brad

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 18:26:33 EDT
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:19:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:44:59 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

<snip>

>>The CIA got an early copy perhaps before the first portion was
>>lost. The CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence lists the total
>>number of frames as about 1,600. That would correspond to 100
>>seconds (or about 1.7 minutes).

>I'm definitely confused about the travels of the original film,
>who made copies for whom, etc. Here is a letter dated 04 May
>1953 from L. W. Keith, US Naval Photographic Interpretation
>Center (NPIC), which clearly indicates that NPIC had the
>original (at least temporarily) and produced a color-corrected
>copy:

><http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-408>

Unfortunately someone started calling the NavPIC the "NPIC"
here in these UFO UpDates postings, which is a confusing no-no,
since several years after Tremonton the now much more famous CIA
NPIC was established on Jan. 18, 1961. They are or were two
completely different orgs. Even internally NavPIC did not call
themselves that, they used the "PIC" abbreviation. Possibly they
liked that because it's short for "picture."

>Here is another letter, dated 18 Mar 1954, from the acting
>Commanding Officer at NPIC, who states that NPIC "... has never
>had possession of the original and does not have information
>concerning its whereabouts.":

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-387>

NavPIC analyst Harry Woo's report states that he was working
with a "duplicate of a copy." He made the duplicate from what he
thought was a copy. Maybe he was mistaken or misled about that
fact. Maybe he could not believe how badly the film had been
handled and assumed that it could only be a copy that that this
was done to, as surely no one would be so stupid as to wreck the
original like that without copying it first, and only replaying
the copy over and over again. In any case Page 3 of Woo's report
states he used a "duplicate of a copy." See:

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-410>

Woo's NavPIC analysis states that the film was "divided into

three parts" for "convenience in interpretation." But I don't think that was meant literally, using scissors to cut the film, but meant he divided his analysis in three parts. Part I was the f/8 phase. Parts II and III were the f/16 phase. Part II was the view of the whole group. Part III was the view of the lone departing object.

>Yours is the first mention I've seen of CIA/OSI having a >complete (if not original) copy.

B: See my just previous posting. Apparently CIA/OSI borrowed and copied the film before a lot of the damage from reshowings occurred, but they didn't keep the original. Ruppelt got the original from the AF HQ (and CIA) in bad shape.

Also note that as of Oct. 7, 1952, the Tremonton film still had the scene of mountains in Idaho at the end which was taken by Newhouse sometime after the UFO's. This could screw up the total frame counts. If a count was made for completeness with the Idaho scenes included then it would enlarge the total relevant number.

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-360>

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Re: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 23:32:26 -0300
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:22:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

>From: Robert Barrow <rbarr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:14:04 -0400
>Subject: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

>There seems to be a question about where the 1956 United Artists
>documentary, UFO, may be found, concerned as some of you are
>with the Newhouse and Montana films.

>As I stated some time back on this List, the commercial version
>by MGM Home Video, offered in 2000, was pulled a few years ago.
>It may sometimes be found on e-Bay and the like.

>However, you might also check at NICAP.org, where either a DVD
>or videotape copy should easily be available via the page of
>things for sale.

>Also, I'll shamelessly take this blatant opportunity to suggest
>that you can check the NICAP search engine for my name and then
>you may read my two oldest articles on the movie. The movie,
>like the incredible and tireless work of Errol Bruce-Knapp,
>really does deserve an important place in UFO history.

Bob kindly provided me with a new copy of UFO. My video copy was
is pretty sad shape.

As informative as the movie is, there are inaccuracies despite
Al Chop's involvement. Bob has taken it upon himself to dig them
out.

For my own part there were two I noted, with one being a glaring
inaccuracy; the mention of Ken Arnold radioing his sighting
ahead. Arnold's aircraft had no electrics - the engine ran on
magnetos just like the J-3 Cub. You hand propped it to get it
going.

In the movie they show an Aeronca aircraft, a high wing rather
than the real Call-Air-A2 low wing with reverse strut that he
was actually flying.

Don Ledger

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Orange Lights Spark 'UFO Mystery'

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Subject: Orange Lights Spark 'UFO Mystery'

Source: The Hertfordshire Mercury - Hertford, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3c5aaz>

20th July 2007

Orange Lights Spark Big UFO Mystery

Sky watchers across the Mercury patch thought the little green men were invading this week.

Mass UFO sightings had alien watchers' antennae twitching.

Several people reported seeing orange orbs moving silently over Ware and Stanstead Abbotts at the weekend.

Chris Hollis, news DJ for Hertbeat FM, said: "We have had loads of calls from people who have spotted the UFOs. I saw them too and thought that the aliens were about to land. Maybe the Mercury can find out what these lights were."

Several people reported the lights on community website Ware Online.

Former Chauncy School governor Pat Horridge said: "They came up from the horizon and slowly climbed in height. The light output was orange and seemed to twinkle like fire, but was consistent throughout the time visible.

"There didn't seem to be any sort of order to them, just a large cluster that drifted apart =96 very weird."

A likely explanation is that the glowing orange lights were nothing more than paper lanterns =96 the latest craze for summer parties and barbecues.

Powered by tea lights, they work like small hot-air balloons. Originally used in China as a way of sending messages to the heavens, the idea has caught on here.

'Wishes in the Sky' are little hot-air balloons made of orange paper to give the gentle orange glow as they float.

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UFO & Anomalous Zones Map Published In Russia

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Subject: UFO & Anomalous Zones Map Published In Russia

Source: Russia-InfoCenter - Moscow, Russia

<http://www.russia-ic.com/news/show/4379/>

20.07.2007

UFO And Anomalous Zones Map Published In Russia

A detailed map of all anomalous and mystical zones of the Moscow Region has appeared in Moscow shops. One of the map=92s creators, specialist of the Centre of Regional and Geophysical Researches Mikhail Lodzhevskiy says that the map is based on stories told by the anomalies` witnesses, but it also contains some scientific information: land faults, gas volcanoes, and geological anomalies.

"We are sure that all things in nature are dependent on one another. This is why we decided to check whether the anomalous phenomena were linked with faults and geological anomalies. Undoubtedly, the information about UFO can be disputed. We do not claim that a place marked with an UFO sign on the map is a real place of UFO landing, but we mean that here there has been noticed something that was interpreted as UFO. The same concerns the other anomalies on the map =96 it is meant that in these places something unusual and unexplained has been registered", as Mikhail Lodzhevskiy comments.

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New Top Secret Construction At Area 51

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Subject: New Top Secret Construction At Area 51

Source: KLAS-TV 8 - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

<http://www.lasvegasnow.com/Global/story.asp?S=6810117>

July 19, 2007

I-Team: New Top Secret Construction At Area 51

George Knapp
Chief Investigative Reporter

Something big is in the works at Nevada's legendary Area 51 military base. A massive new building is under construction at the top secret location. Aviation experts say there's a good chance that a new, highly classified aircraft might soon be zipping around the Nevada skies.

What kind of aircraft? One possibility is a successor to the SR-71 spy plane, the SR-72.

The SR-71 Blackbird is widely regarded as the greatest airplane ever built. It sliced through the sky at Mach 3 and still reigns, officially anyway, as the fastest plane in history. Groom Lake, also known as Area 51, was home for the Blackbird during its early days. The question is -- will Area 51 also be the location of choice for the development of a successor, and maybe more than one?

A photo of a new building under construction at Area 51 has raised tantalizing possibilities for the civilian researchers who dabble in such topics. No one can say for certain what the building will be used for, but aviation historian Peter Merlin says the one thing we can say is that it's one big hangar.

"It probably measures 275 feet by 600 feet. It's no larger than hangars at other bases, but it certainly is the largest at Area 51," Peter Merlin said.

Satellite photos confirm Area 51 already has two dozen hangars, including some less than two years old. So what's going on out there?

The hangar could be a central maintenance facility, machine shop and or simulator training center. But aviation writers are thinking more exotic thoughts. For months, there's been speculation in aviation circles about a successor to the SR-71, call it the SR-72. Model airplane companies already have their version of the so called "dark bird," which theoretically could fly twice as fast as the Blackbird.

Peter Merlin says he's been told by engineers at Lockheed that the SR-72 project was canceled, but new reports in aviation media note the Air Force has just awarded a new contract to Lockheed for a plane that sounds exactly like the SR-72, a Mach 6 reconnaissance plane that could also carry weapons, and unlike

the SR-71, this one would be unmanned.

It would make for a comfy fit inside that new hangar. But Merlin thinks there are other possibilities also in the works at Groom Lake.

"There are at least seven and maybe as many as eleven manned classified air craft that have not yet been unveiled that have been flying since 1985 and countless unmanned programs as well. Most of these things have been tested there. I know some of the guys that have flown these airplanes," Merlin continued.

Among the suspects is something called the Black Manta, a stealthy hypersonic craft that might explain the wispy images captured in a few photos around the world. Various black triangle-type craft have been spotted over American military bases and cities for years, some of them huge in size, big enough to require a big hangar.

Aviation journalist Bill Sweetman has long argued for the existence of the Aurora, another plane rumored to have been flown at Groom Lake. Sweetman says black budget figures hint at the existence of the plane, which some have dubbed the SR-75 penetrator. Whichever of these ambitious projects ends up in full development, it's abundantly clear that the testing location of choice for top secret planes is still Area 51.

The Lockheed Company, whose so-called Skunkworks plant developed the U-2, SR-71, and stealth fighter -- all of which were test flown out at Area 51 -- says it will not comment on its new Air Force contract.

The Air Force is also not talking.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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NARA Posts Redacted Project Blue Book Files Online

From: Will Wise <will.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 19:52:20 -0400
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:51:46 -0400
Subject: NARA Posts Redacted Project Blue Book Files Online

Great news! The NARA, with assistance from footnote.com, has posted the entire (from what I can tell) redacted NARA Project Blue Book microfilm collection online:

<http://www.footnote.com/image/#6310970>

Based on a quick review the collection looks complete and the scans appear to be of superior quality. Moreover, the files are fully searchable and can be downloaded for offline viewing by registering for a free account.

Happy researching!

Will

Website of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena
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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:01:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Here's the fatal weakness of your 'argument': who defines what
>is 'scientific' or 'pseudo-science'?

>If you say 'authority' or 'established science' then we should
>still be believing in a geo-centric universe and obeying the
>mind-control rules of the Inquisition - and Galileo would've
>been forever silenced.

Ray,

One hesitates to comment, for fear of making it sound as if it
merited more than a horse laugh. I guess, though, that in the
wacky world of ufology 2007, Ed Gehrman is Galileo.

One is reminded of Orwell's famous crack about vacuous arguments
that seek to give an "appearance of solidity to pure wind." On
the other hand, unlike the creations of clueless ufologists'
fanciful imaginations, pure wind actually exists.

But if you want to believe Ed Gehrman is the Galileo of our
time, be my guest. And never you mind all those laughing
horses.

Jerry Clark

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>*****
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>Washington, DC - An article written by PRG and X-PPAC Executive
>Director, Stephen Bassett, has received national attention.
>Exopolitics: The ET Ticket proposed the most advantageous
>pairing from either party as regards the prospects for
>Disclosure - the formal acknowledgement by the United States
>Government of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human
>race.

<snip>

I'm still wondering if ET has any sense of humor.

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Lights Over Guaxupe Airport Brazil

From: Milton Frank <mfrank.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:01 -0300
Archived: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:05:43 -0400
Subject: Lights Over Guaxupe Airport Brazil

Lights were seen over Guaxupe airport in Minas Gerais, Brasil.

Mr. Roberto who takes care of Guaxupe airport and his wife Mrs Angela had a very interesting experience on June, 15th at the airport.

They saw lights with a very fast movement in the sky.

They live in the airport for 17 year. So they know exactly what is a plane and what is not.

It was a UFO said Roberto. The light speed was something really different and special.

I'll never forget this experience. It was a wonderful sight.

Written by Milton Dino Frank Junior
Brazilian Ufology Center President
www.cubbrasil.net

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:56:02 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:35:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>But if you want to believe Ed Gehrman is the Galileo of our
>time, be my guest. And never you mind all those laughing
>horses.

Jerome,

You're trying to put words in my mouth.

Let's face it, only someone with all-knowledge can exclude a
theory, no matter how far-out it might be. And I don't see any
humans with all-knowledge.

So anybody might act as a Galileo - while 'excluders' are always
with the Inquisition.

Cheers

Ray D

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Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:51 -0500
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:37:05 -0400
Subject: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

Dear List:

I wanted to let you know about this video in case you haven't seen it before. I thought it was quite interesting the way they portrayed some of the more disturbing and/or invasive experiences involving alien abductions.

These abductees should be commended for sharing their information with the public in this way. I'm certain it was not an easy decision.
it was not an easy decision.

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

Thanks to artist/researcher David Chace for the lead.

Sincerely,

Katharina
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:32:41 -0700
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:39:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>is 'scientific' or 'pseudo-science'?

>>If you say 'authority' or 'established science' then we should
>>still be believing in a geo-centric universe and obeying the
>>mind-control rules of the Inquisition - and Galileo would've
>>been forever silenced.

>Ray,

>One hesitates to comment, for fear of making it sound as if it
>merited more than a horse laugh. I guess, though, that in the
>wacky world of ufology 2007, Ed Gehrman is Galileo.

Jerry,

I don't think Ray is saying that I'm Galileo, but that your
attitude of condemnation toward my research is similar to the
mind control found during the inquisition.

You have yet to present a single ounce of evidence that my ideas
are horse-laughable. I don't think you can. You have an eerie
faith that I'm wrong, so no proof is necessary. I hope he list
can see through this mindless fog of ridicule.

>One is reminded of Orwell's famous crack about vacuous arguments
>that seek to give an "appearance of solidity to pure wind." On
>the other hand, unlike the creations of clueless ufologists'
>fanciful imaginations, pure wind actually exists.

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>But if you want to believe Ed Gehrman is the Galileo of our
>time, be my guest. And never you mind all those laughing
>horses.

I consider this a pretty stupid statement, really not funny at
all. I'd love to discuss my reasoning, so why the attitude?

Ed

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:47:06 -0700
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:42:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>time, be my guest. And never you mind all those laughing
>horses.

Gosh, Jerry, don't hold back. Let us know what you really think!
I have to say your reply, an many others recently to others or
commenting about this or that ufological matter, have been
rather dismissive and abrupt, not to say rather cynical in
nature. I guess when you've been around as long as you have, you
get kind of jaded by the relative newbies.

But, damn it, I thought the above reply was a bit too much,
frankly.

I could say some things about CUFOS' various intellectual
liabilities, such as their obvious, long-term bias against just
about anything Vallee has had to say for nearly 20 or more
years, as he challenges your and CUFOS bias in favor of the ETH,
which is as questionable as a number of other theories and
speculations in this variegated field, but I think I should
leave my impressions of you and the CUFOS organization at that.

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

I just think your comments about Ed being the ufological equal to Galillieo, etc., as both over the top, unnecessary, and a sadly unresponsive ad hominem form of argumentation and lack of insight.

Just thought you ought to know how you sometimes come across, and ought to restrain yourself from such insulting commentary in future, if possible.

I await your reply,

Steve Sawyer

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:16:10 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:45:09 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 12:44:59 -0600
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 04:49:00 EDT
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 06:40:08 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

Regarding the Newhouse film which has been the subject of intense discussion here since a potential corroborating witness posted his comments a week ago: for those who are not up on their history, this film had a major impact on the intelligence agencies because of the source of the film (Navy photographer) and the analyses done by the Air Force and Navy (NPIC).

The real impact of this film is not to be found in the AF or CIA records. It is in the FBI "flying disc filke"... the real X files!

Therein we find a document dated Oct 27, 1952 (over 3 months after the film was taken) which says, among other things, that the FBI was informed as follows:

"...another recent extremely creditable (sic) sighting (has) been reported to Air Intelligence. A Navy photographer... saw objects in the sky which appeared to be flying saucers. He took approximately 35 feet of motion picture film of these objects. He voluntarily submitted the film to Air Intelligence who had it studied at (ATIC). Experts at (ATIC) have advised that, after careful study, there were as many as twelve to sixteen flying objects recorded on the film; that the possibility of weather balloons, clouds or other explainable phenomena has been completely ruled out; that they are at a complete loss as to how to explain this most recent creditable (sic) sighting. (ATIC) experts pointed out that they could not be optical illusions inasmuch as optical illusions could not be recorded on film.

(ATIC) still feels that that the so called flying saucers are either optical illusions or atmospheric phenomena... however, some military officials are seriously considering the possibility of interplanetary craft."

Further information is available at the FBI web site or in my book The UFO-FBI Connection which can be purchased from Amazon for a few bucks... or less.

Note, by the way, the reference to 35 ft of film. I guess it was the Incredible Shrinking Film.

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Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:15:57 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:56:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:42:11 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: The Alien Abduction Story & Non-Physical Reality

>Hello Everyone!

>Below is a reply from Eugene Frison who is no longer subscribed
>to the UFO UpDates List but frequently checks out the recently
>archived articles that are of particular interest to him. Eugene
>gave me permission, to share his e-mail with others on the List

>Nick Balaskas

>From: Eugene Frison <eugene.frison.nul>
>To: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jul 2007 21:36:03 -0300
>Subject: Regarding Your Lead To UpDates (William Treurniet's
>Article)

>2007.07.18

>Hi Nick:

>I read with interest the lead you supplied to UpDates re:
>William C. Treurniet and his article on 'abduction' and non-
>physical reality.' The research he described is an example of
>research and thinking that is going to do more to solve the UFO
>enigma than anything else happening today.

>Graham Hancock's research and personal experimentation via the
>hallucinogenic substances DMT, Ayahuasca, Ibogaine, and
>Psilocybin into the so-called 'spirit world' - described in his
>'Supernatural: Meetings With the Ancient Teachers of Mankind' -
>does, indeed, seem to extend Vallee's hypothesis of there being
>a connection between the entities in fairy reports and the
>entities allegedly encountered in UFO reports, to also include
>the entities described by shamans. When I first read these books
>by Hancock, Strassman, and Pinchbeck (among others) awhile back,
>I couldn't help but think of Alvin Lawson's research - again,
>the same entities were apparently encountered here in another
>type of altered state of consciousness (hypnotism). It seems
>that if you scratch an altered state of consciousness - be it
>brought on by drugs such as DMT, Ayahuasca, Ibogaine, or
>Psilocybin, or by other methods such as rhythmic dancing,
>austerities, sensory deprivation, hypnotism, etc - the 'greys'
>and their 'UFOs' can be found.

<snip>

Before 'going chemical', abduction theorists should re-acquaint
themselves with the Betty and Barney Hill case by reading the
new book Captured by Friedman and Marden. It was mostly
written by Kathleen Marden, Betty's neice using all the
previously available information and discussions/analyses of the

case plus she also had access to all of Betty's notes and she was a teenage witness to the activities of Betty and Barney before and after the event in Sept. 1961. Her book severely reduces the 'wiggle room' for the skeptics.

>The category of 'blur zone' UFOs may support the notion that the
>so-called 'spirit world' and the 'physical world' may not be
>separate and distinct afterall. We keep trying to hammer reality
>out into two halves, the spiritual and the physical. We even do
>this in the UFO field with distinctions of physical and
>psychical. Reality may be a holographic, enfolded, unified
>structure and we merely compartmentalize it - with such
>compartments not really existing. It might be that the division
>between the two realms isn't, and never has been, real - being
>instead a creation of our profoundly materialistic civilization.
I> think too many 'Ufologists' are trying to hammer a round peg
>nto a square hole - and their nuts and bolts idea of flesh and
>blood ET aliens in souped-up physical spaceships originating in
>our limited space-time continuum is the round peg they've been
>playing with. But the UFO is not the round peg most of them
t>hink it is!

I would not look to 'blurfos' as a connection to the 'other world' - spirit world, other dimensions leaking into ours, etc. Blurfos tend to be rapidly moving 'objects' (insects?) that are so close to the camera lens as to be out of focus so they make a smeared and defocused or blurred-image.

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:16:20 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:58:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:57:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

<snip>

>You might be interested to know that Canadian documentary film-
>maker David Cherniak had planned to interview Newhouse last year
>for his new UFO documentary, but Newhouse died only a day or two
>before the interview. However, Newhouse's son was also a witness
>to the objects, and David hoped to interview him in the future.
>However, I don't know if he ever got back to do the interview.

Never heard about his son being a witness. Everyone concentrated
on Newhouse. Anyone ever interview his wife?

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Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:34:21 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:00:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 13:23:34 EDT
>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

<snip>

>Not only is Shermer not a scientist, he isn't even a skeptic.
>He's a debunker, tried and true.

Y'know, I've never liked that term 'debunker' applied to ufology. It half implies that somehow, the subject is 'bunk' and the 'debunker' is trying to show how much 'bunk' the subject is, a noble pursuit, seemingly.

I wonder if there is a term that suggests a noisy negativist is actually trying to sully the reputation of a fundamentally good and sound subject? And a term as easy to say as "debunker."

I don't think this is a good choice, but 'trasher' tells the story accurately. How about 'bunker'? Any ideas?

Eleanor White

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Made Of Stars...

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:05:15 -0500
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:02:47 -0400
Subject: Made Of Stars...

"I'm 'nasty' to those too contentious, those so gleefully pretentious - those professing 'dead-lock nuts' on truths which show their lack of guts! Reality's detracted from, nor near the message will they come - their quick dismissal is their creed. When that is lost? They cease to be!"

More, with a compelling illustration if you care to:

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2007/07/made-of-stars.html>

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PRG Media Notice - CNN Presidential Debate Question

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 23:44:52 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:04:46 -0400
Subject: PRG Media Notice - CNN Presidential Debate Question

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Paradigm Research Group

Media Notice - July 21, 2007
CNN Presidential Debate Question

Washington, DC - Stephen Bassett, Executive Director of X-PPAC, has submitted a question via YouTube for the presidential candidates in the CNN debate, Monday, July 23, 7 pm EST.

The question can be viewed at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dlfw3MPvIA>

This question to all the candidates requests their intentions as president regarding their being fully briefed on the ET/UFO issue by the military and civilian intelligence agencies and regarding their calling for open, comprehensive congressional hearings to take the testimony of scores of former government employees ready to come before the Congress now.

If you want this question chosen from the 2000 plus questions submitted, please consider contacting CNN at:

<http://www.cnn.com/feedback/forms/form5.ac.html?10>

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They Really Are Here Deal With It

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:18:07 -0400
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:18:07 -0400
Subject: They Really Are Here Deal With It

Source: D.L. McCracken's Beyond The Screen Door Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/3d823t>

Monday, July 16, 2007

The Grays - They Really Are Here - Deal With It

Earlier today I reluctantly finished reading a book that has managed to re-ignite my curiosity and fascination with a topic that if brought up in polite conversation will undoubtedly and irrevocably set you apart from the crowd as an oddball.

The book - The Grays written convincingly by Whitley Strieber, an author whose works I haven't read for more than a decade. Strieber is a renowned expert on the subject of alien abductions and believes that extraterrestrials or as he refers to them, "the visitors" have been visiting earth for centuries. Himself an abductee, Strieber describes his experience in the best-seller, Communion published in 1985.

Strieber describes The Grays as "fact-based fiction" and is a culmination of Strieber's extensive research findings as well as his own past experiences. For the non-believer the novel will no doubt entertain, perhaps even spark a bit of self-doubt that maybe they should re-evaluate their positions on the existence of ETs. For those of us who at one time belonged to the group of believers, The Grays will re-ignite the once burning questions-with-no-answers that helped make life just a tad more interesting but eventually gave up after buying into the whole mantra that anyone who believed in extraterrestrials were simply nut cases.

I belonged to that category. I wanted to believe that extraterrestrials were among us but life sort of got in the way and I grew away from the notion. The constant government denials of any extraordinary event occurring in New Mexico in 1947 had succeeded over the years in convincing me that aliens were simply a figment of our overactive imaginations.

But how could I turn my back on my own experience with an extraordinary event? I actually encountered something that can only be described as an unidentified flying object - a UFO - when I was no older than seven or eight. How could I possibly convince myself that the encounter didn't really happen? The government propaganda machine has always been very well-oiled and maintained...

Thank god for people like Whitley Strieber and Stanton T. Friedman, another notable ufologist. They never wavered in their beliefs and they never allowed the government to wear them down. They know the truths and they will never give up. They have me back.

I grew up in a tiny village that bordered Canadian Forces Base Galetown in New Brunswick Canada. Our family would partake of a

few annual community events organized by civilians in the town of Gagetown and one of those happened to be a Gagetown Fair which took place in the late summer of either 1959 or 1960. I have no distinct memories of the Fair but I remember quite vividly the drive home.

There were four of us in the car heading back to Welsford on the lonely two-lane highway bordered on both sides with forest. The sun had dipped below the tree line - it was dusk. My parents were in the front seat - my father behind the wheel. I and my younger brother were in the backseat and I, seated behind my mother on the passenger side of the car was looking out the side window at nothing in particular. My brother suddenly indicated to our parents that he had to "go" so Dad slowed the car and pulled over to the side of the highway. He put the car in park and turned off the ignition.

As was the norm in those days when one of the kids needed to "go" when in a car out in the middle of nowhere, my mother got out of the car, left her door open and opened the back door on her side, leaving that open as well. My brother scrambled out of the car, relieved himself within the 'privacy' of the two open doors. But while he was in the process of zipping up, I saw something in the sky just over the tree line beyond where our car was temporarily parked. I watched it for a moment... it seemed to be moving slowly but I heard no sound.

I told my mother and pointed. She took one look and scurried us back in the car immediately. I can remember sensing that she was suddenly afraid. My father by now was aware of this strange object and after making sure we were all in the car and the doors were closed - and locked for the first time that evening, he hurriedly pulled the car back on the road and sped away. But not away from the flying object.

As we drove along that dark highway the object appeared to be shadowing us. It never came any closer to the car but kept up at the same speed as the car. It remained just over the treetops to our right. The object was long and shaped like a big cigar. I remember pretty lights that went along the length of the object. It never ever made a sound or noise like one would expect from a flying craft.

It shadowed us almost the entire way back to Welsford. Then suddenly as we were coming up on the turn into the village, it was gone. I didn't see it speed away... it was just gone. Our family never discussed the event until years later, I don't know why.

Later when we did start talking about it, my mother told me that she felt fear because she sensed fear in my father. My father was not a man who would scare easily so for her to sense fear from him was alarming. During the event I remember no feelings of fear. I was very young and felt more... in awe I guess is the right feeling. My brother was too young to remember the event at all. My father refused to ever talk about it and eventually took his emotions from that night to the grave.

And that was the end of that. It was the first and last time I witnessed an extraordinary event like that. As I grew older into my teens I realized the magnitude of what we had seen - a UFO. I felt rather special that I was the only girl in my circle of friends who had ever seen one.

Of course one could say that living so close to CFB Gagetown, there might be all sorts of experimental vehicles out and about. True but for one important point - this was the late 1950s/early 1960s... they may have been testing new airplanes but they certainly did not have the knowledge to actually fly one of these things for miles without making a sound. It had no wings, no props, no vapour trail. Just pretty lights on a very large cigar. Which followed our car for miles. And then... went poof.

So I'm back. Call me crazy... that's fine. Call me a conspiracy theorist if you must but I prefer conspiracy factualist. The object I and my family saw that night is a fact... the conspiracy was and continues to be perpetuated by those who don't want us to believe our own eyes... by those who will do whatever it takes to continue to deny that we are not alone...

ET came to us eons ago and have stuck around.

It's now up to us to find out why...

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 06:15:17 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:21:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:34:21 -0400
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>Eleanor White

Ethnocentric narcissist with an attitude, ethnoid for short.

JCH

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Interviews With Ufologists

From: **Milton Frank** <mfrank.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 10:07:30 -0300
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:29:33 -0400
Subject: Interviews With Ufologists

The Brazilian Ufology Center has been doing several interviews with a lot of people all over the world both in English and Portugues to make Ufology people be known in Brazil.

It's very important for the Brazilian Community and the world to know the ufologists.

Milton Frank Junior is the president of Brazilian Ufology Center, and He has been doing some of those interviews.

See some of our interviews:

James Carrion - Mufon International Director:

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=41&Itemid=35

Geoff Dittman from Canada:

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=57&Itemid=35

Stanton Friedman

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=58&Itemid=35

Clas Svahm from UFO-SWEDEN

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=35

Thomas Bullard

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=60&Itemid=35

Colin Andrews

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=61&Itemid=35

Don Berliner

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=62&Itemid=35

Robert Rosamond from BUFORA:

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=63&Itemid=35

Mr. Anders from AFU - Sweden

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=64&Itemid=35

Hakan of AFU too:

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=65&Itemid=35

Brian Vike

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=66&Itemid=35

Patrick Ferryn from Belgium - SOBEPs

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id1&Itemid=35

Harold Soevik from UFO Norway

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id4&Itemid=35

George Simpson from AUFORN - Australia

http://www.cubbrasil.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=edit&id=229&Itemid=35&Returnid=35

Best regards,

Milton Dino Frank Junior
Brazilian Ufology Center President

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:57:26 -0500
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:32:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:32:41 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
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>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
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>>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>>Here's the fatal weakness of your 'argument': who defines what
>>>is 'scientific' or 'pseudo-science'?

>>>If you say 'authority' or 'established science' then we should
>>>still be believing in a geo-centric universe and obeying the
>>>mind-control rules of the Inquisition - and Galileo would've
>>>been forever silenced.

>>Ray,

>>One hesitates to comment, for fear of making it sound as if it
>>merited more than a horse laugh. I guess, though, that in the
>>wacky world of ufology 2007, Ed Gehrman is Galileo.

>Jerry,

>I don't think Ray is saying that I'm Galileo, but that your
>attitude of condemnation toward my research is similar to the
>mind control found during the inquisition.

>You have yet to present a single ounce of evidence that my ideas
>are horse-laughable. I don't think you can. You have an eerie
>faith that I'm wrong, so no proof is necessary. I hope he list
>can see through this mindless fog of ridicule.

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>I consider this a pretty stupid statement, really not funny at
>all. I'd love to discuss my reasoning, so why the attitude?

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Just a feeling, a thought had after too big a breakfast, but I get the distinct impression that 'Dick & Jerry', are evolving into the 'Penn & Teller' of UFO UpDates. I suspect it's not entirely inappropriate given that something similar has recently been prophesied by Stuart Miller... SDI #442, I believe... Maybe #443.

Consequently, it might also be appropriate to remind everybody that both gentlemen are entirely convinced regarding the 'actuality' of UFOs and that thought regarding the presumed 'occupants' of same, is justified.

Not so Penn and Teller after all...

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 07:04:27 -0700
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:35:16 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:16:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:57:43 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

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>>You might be interested to know that Canadian documentary film-
>>maker David Cherniak had planned to interview Newhouse last year
>>for his new UFO documentary, but Newhouse died only a day or two
>>before the interview. However, Newhouse's son was also a witness
>>to the objects, and David hoped to interview him in the future.
>>However, I don't know if he ever got back to do the interview.

>Never heard about his son being a witness. Everyone concentrated
>on Newhouse. Anyone ever interview his wife?

McDonald interviewed her along with Delbert (Deb) Newhouse on
the telephone. His account is at:

<http://ufologie.net/htm/tremontonmcdonald.htm>

The wife, Norma, spotted the flying saucers first, and spent
about a minute trying to persuade her husband to stop the car
and get out and look at them. I've had to read up on it, after
moving into Willamette View in Portland, where Delbert and Norma
spent their aging days. Though he died over 10 years ago, quite
a few of the folk here remember him and his UFO interests.

Jim Deardorff

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:37:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:47:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
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>Gosh, Jerry, don't hold back. Let us know what you really think!
>I have to say your reply, an many others recently to others or
>commenting about this or that ufological matter, have been
>rather dismissive and abrupt, not to say rather cynical in
>nature. I guess when you've been around as long as you have, you
>get kind of jaded by the relative newbies.

>But, damn it, I thought the above reply was a bit too much,
>frankly.

>I could say some things about CUFOS' various intellectual
>liabilities, such as their obvious, long-term bias against just
>about anything Vallee has had to say for nearly 20 or more
>years, as he challenges your and CUFOS bias in favor of the ETH,
>which is as questionable as a number of other theories and
>speculations in this variegated field, but I think I should
>leave my impressions of you and the CUFOS organization at that.

>I just think your comments about Ed being the ufological equal
>to Galileo, etc., as both over the top, unnecessary, and a
>sadly unrepresentative ad hominem form of argumentation and lack of
>insight.

>Just thought you ought to know how you sometimes come across,
>and ought to restrain yourself from such insulting commentary in
>future, if possible.

>I await your reply,

Steve,

What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
diaplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
indeed horse-laughable.

The utter necessity of peer review aside, hypothesis or theory construction requires building a logically coherent and empirically grounded explanation for a body of data. not simply pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

Take a simple example. Things go wrong in my house (real!); dishes crash to the floor and break; an electric short wipes out an appliance. Now, I can hypothesize that invisible, green, non-corporeal demons are sitting in the corner playing tricks on me. Or I can find much simpler and far more likely explanations. My cat jumped up on the counter and knocked over the dishes. The thermostat on the appliance malfunctioned.

These are not only far more likely explanations, but also hypotheses are not really meaningful unless they can be tested. Cat tracks or fur on the counter, direct inspection of the appliance mechanism, things like that. ETH can be tested in principle, though not easily or inexpensively. So can one or two of the very few alternative hypotheses. Some of the notions advanced on this list are so improbable as to not merit the slightest bit of attention unless and until the advocators can advance some meaningful supporting evidence.

- Dick

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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Maybe, in other words, ufology is indeed the province of the
>soft of head and the cracked of pot.

>Lemme outta here....

Leave it up to a Clark to get a party started right. Yes I'm a member of the Clark family Clan too. Came over not too long after the Mayflower I'm told. Long family line of Sheriffin' too.

I take it your comments as the result of too many frustrating years in ufology. It can have an affect on a guy after a while. Gets some folks all cynical and curmudgeonly like Ol' Uncle Joe from the classic Petticoat Junction tv show.

The wild theories and speculations regarding ufology make it that unique field of study because it so fires up the imagination and peppers our culture with new books, videos, art, music and discussion.

One man's theory may well be another man's musings but its our birthright in this country to do so. Believe it or not there are some pretty wild theories held by the majority of Americans as well as the majority of peoples on this planet that there is something or someone called God. You can't see him, he has no driver's license and no tv talk show but by cracky, there are 100s of millions of people present as well as past who'll swear on a stack of Bibles that he's spoken to them, protected them from harm, healed their illnesses and helped them find those rare Bill Monroe bluegrass albums at the Sunday flea market.

Ufology is more than just a science. I do agree we should have more discipline but it's difficult when the rest of the scientific community, the mainstream press, our representatives are too cowardly to confront the issue. We're left up to doing it ourselves and even with the often circus attitude and shenanigans the scientific research that has been done often on shoestring budgets is admirable.

No, we can't walk into a disco and impress the hotties by saying "I'm a ufologist!" because none of us are driving Lexuses and the media's portrayal of ufologists doesn't include James Bond like cool. That says to me if you're in it, you care. Ufologists and the witnesses and whistleblowers and victims need our support not our chastisement, that's what the enemy uses.

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Best ,

Greg

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 10:28:07 EDT
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:03:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube - Boone

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:51 -0500
>Subject: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>I wanted to let you know about this video in case you haven't
>seen it before. I thought it was quite interesting the way they
>portrayed some of the more disturbing and/or invasive
>experiences involving alien abductions.

>These abductees should be commended for sharing their
>information with the public in this way. I'm certain it was not
>an easy decision.
>it was not an easy decision.

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

>Thanks to artist/researcher David Chace for the lead.

Wow! I almost jumped out of my skin watching that video!

Any idea where it came from? Great use of animation!

Best,

Greg

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In other words, anybody who dismisses an idea he finds extremely unlikely to be true, and with which otherwise he does not wish to waste his and colleagues' limited time and resources, is an advocate of "the mind control found during the inquisition." You are not a serious man, Ed, and your rhetorical style is as inept as your critical acumen.

>You have yet to present a single ounce of evidence that my ideas
>are horse-laughable. I don't think you can. You have an eerie
>faith that I'm wrong, so no proof is necessary. I hope he list
>can see through this mindless fog of ridicule.

In its study of ufology's intellectual history, my UFO Encyclopedia surveys other fringe "theories", some of them broadly comparable to yours (e.g., Shaver's in the 1940s, Jessup's in the 1950s), so I'm afraid I can't even give you credit for much of an original imagination. In any event, I am not the one who has to prove anything; the burden of proof is always on those who advance fantastic claims which challenge mountains of accumulated knowledge. I understand, of course, that you would like it to be otherwise. Naturally, if your wish were to come true, I would immediately demand that you provide proof that UFO entities are not the product, as I have proposed, of interbreeding between dill pickles and tropical fruit.

I don't argue, either, with persons who think the earth is flat, or who hold that a Hebrew tribal deity created - magically and immutably - all life on earth, or that the Queen of England secretly rules the world, or that Nikola Tesla was a Venusian.

There are, however, genuine authorities on archaeology and history. You are not among them. Consequently, you would do well to seek out those who do know what they're talking about, those who have devoted their professional careers to the study of the human past, building upon centuries of discovery by pioneers in

the unraveling of humanity's long and fascinating story.

I encourage you to approach such experts - you'll find some at a nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or present, of a technologically advanced but hidden race that shares the planet with us. Then you can come back and tell us why them educated fellers are all inquisitors at heart and Ed Gehrman is the heroic victim of their blind refusal to concede his superior wisdom. You can also tell us how Galileo, to whom you secretly compare yourself, must have felt.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Made Of Stars...

From: **John Rimmer** <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:32:05 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:13:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Made Of Stars...

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:05:15 -0500
>Subject: Made Of Stars...

>"I'm 'nasty' to those too contentious, those so gleefully
>pretentious - those professing 'dead-lock nuts' on truths
>which show their lack of guts! Reality's detracted from, nor
>near the message will they come - their quick dismissal is their
>creed. When that is lost? They cease to be!"

Why am I reminded of P. G. Wodehouse's famous saying: "It is never difficult to distinguish between a Scotsman with a grievance and a ray of sunshine"

Not that I would wish to suggest for one moment that Mr Lehmborg is Scottish.

--

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 17:46:16 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:14:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:57:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Just a feeling, a thought had after too big a breakfast, but I
>get the distinct impression that 'Dick & Jerry', are evolving
>into the 'Penn & Teller' of UFO UpDates. I suspect it's not
>entirely inappropriate given that something similar has recently
>been prophesied by Stuart Miller... SDI #442, I believe... Maybe
>#443.

<snip>

Hi Alfred,

While not knowledgeable about the 'politics' of any area of research, feel I can contribute a small personal confession as to why people might suddenly start 'laying down the law' on a subject.

Hubris - pure and simple.

Sometimes helped or initiated - maybe in my own case - by an extra glass of something inspiring.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:50:23 -0500
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:18:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:47:06 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 09:00:46 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 16:06:09 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 08:51:28 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I could say some things about CUFOS' various intellectual
>liabilities, such as their obvious, long-term bias against just
>about anything Vallee has had to say for nearly 20 or more
>years, as he challenges your and CUFOS bias in favor of the ETH,
>which is as questionable as a number of other theories and
>speculations in this variegated field, but I think I should
>leave my impressions of you and the CUFOS organization at that.

Okay, you've read the science fiction. Now, the real world:

CUFOS has no institutional or other "bias in favor of the ETH". Or, for that matter, against it. That's not what the organization is about; its official position eschews any particular interpretation of the UFO phenomenon. I defy Sawyer to produce an organizational statement in which CUFOS declares its support for any particular hypothesis concerning the nature of the phenomenon.

In actuality, in addition to its role in research and inquiry, CUFOS exists to advocate the position that UFO reports deserve scientific investigation and to urge scientists to involve themselves in the study of UFO sightings. That's it. I've been on the CUFOS board for almost three decades, and to this day I don't know what some members think UFOs are. Apparently, Steve Sawyer has CUFOS confused with NICAP, which did officially support the ETH - right or wrong, a perfectly respectable interpretation, of course - as a fundamental organizational statement.

Likewise, CUFOS has no position on Jacques Vallee. Perhaps Sawyer has us confused with somebody else. To the extent that I can make sense of his assertions above, I have to think back more than a decade and a half ago to a couple of sharply critical IUR reviews I wrote (in 1990 and 1991) of two Vallee books. But as regular readers understand, IUR - whose articles and reviews do not reflect anything but the writer's personal opinions unless clearly stated otherwise - has published many critical reviews of UFO books, nearly all by non-Vallees, in its

long history.

My criticisms of the paranormal/conspiratorial speculations Vallee was advocating, by the way, had little to do with the ETH as such (about which I have complex feelings not reducible to single sentence or slogan) and almost everything to do with Vallee's reasoning and use of evidence. Like anybody else in this field, Vallee, whom I like and respect despite our disagreements, is not and ought not to be above criticism. He is a colleague, not - as some of his apologists evidently judge - a guru.

>I just think your comments about Ed being the ufological equal
>to Galillieo, etc., as both over the top, unnecessary, and a
>sadly unresponsive ad hominem form of argumentation and lack of
>insight.

The mind reels. Why am I being attacked on this score, when I was simply responding to Dickenson's strange reference to "inquisitors"? It was Gehrman and Dickenson who brought Galileo into the discussion, by unmistakable implication if not by name. Or are we to believe that by victims of "inquisitors" they meant witches? I don't think so. It was Galileo who most famously suffered at the hands of the Inquisition, as Gehrman and Dickenson know perfectly well. The adjective 'disingenuous' is only one that comes to mind.

So do numerous cliched expressions: having cake and eating it too, standing the heat in the kitchen, and more. Please, guys: enough of the wildly hyperbolic rhetoric. We're trying to be serious here.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 18:45:37 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:20:24 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls'

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:16:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:57:43 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>You might be interested to know that Canadian documentary film-
>>maker David Cherniak had planned to interview Newhouse last year
>>for his new UFO documentary, but Newhouse died only a day or two
>>before the interview. However, Newhouse's son was also a witness
>>to the objects, and David hoped to interview him in the future.
>>However, I don't know if he ever got back to do the interview.

>Never heard about his son being a witness. Everyone concentrated
>on Newhouse. Anyone ever interview his wife?

According to the 1956 interview for the Greene Rouse documentary
it was their daughter, Anne, who was in the car. No son is
mentioned here. See:

<http://nicap.org/utah2.htm>

But a 1953 letter from Newhouse

<http://nicap.org/docs/utah520702docs1.htm>

describes the UFOs as "sighted by my wife, my children and
myself". This agrees with an interview by McDonald in early May
1970 where Newhouse said that "his son and daughter had gotten
fairly good views of the objects too. The son was then 14, the
daughter 12."

And yes, Mrs. Newhouse was interviewed by McDonald in that
telephone 3-way along with her husband. See:

<http://nicap.org/utah4.htm>

She "fully confirmed" her husbands description of the objects as
"gunmetal" and shaped like pie-pans face to face.

Interestingly (and confusingly) Newhouse apparently told McDonald
that he'd submitted approximately 60 ft of UFO film, adding the
further new detail that this was spliced from 20 ft and 40 ft
sections because he'd had to change film magazines in the middle.
I can find no other reference to this claim. In his 1956 filmed
interview

<http://nicap.org/utah2.htm>

he said "I watched the objects for several moments before I got
my camera out of the suitcase. I lost more time getting the
film out of a second suitcase and then loading the camera." This
suggests a fresh reel of film, which is unlikely to have been

only 20 ft long, or only about 45 secs at 16fps. His original statement makes no reference to changing the film: He said that he took the camera out of the trunk and "loading it hurriedly, I exposed approximately 30 ft of film... I expended the balance of the film late that afternoon on a mountain somewhere in Idaho."

Perhaps McDonald got this confused? (Note that McDonald also referred to the inconsistency of Newhouse's 0.5 degree angular size estimate for the same reason we have mentioned here, and concluded that Newhouse was exaggerating his angle estimate considerably - as witnesses tend to do.)

There's also a 1999 letter in which Newhouse says that the copy returned to him was "less than half" of the original length. Does this support the statement to McDonald concerning 60 ft of film? Air Force documents only record receipt of approximately 30 ft of film, and 1200 frames could equate to a little more than 30 ft. The FBI memo quoted by Bruce refers to about 35 ft of film, which might fit the "90 secs" (~36 ft) referred to in the Naval PIC document. These lengths might be explained, as Brad points out, if we allow for the mountain footage on the end. A 16 Sept 1952 ATIC Disposition Form requests the AF Photo Reconnaissance Lab to examine and copy the film and physically separate the non-UFO section, which was to be returned to ATIC.

But these Sept 1952 actions were evidently the first actions taken with the original film, and the copy later sent for analysis to the Naval PIC would have to have been a copy of the complete reel still containing mountain scenes if we are to explain their "90 secs" in this way. I find this unlikely. The first instructions to the Photo Recon Lab were to copy "the portion of the film containing unidentified aerial phenomena" and to cut away the rest from the original for return to ATIC. (This was incidentally a stupid thing to do for any scientific purpose, since the scene filmed at the end could have contained vital information about the response of the lens system and film as well as perhaps hand-jitter magnitudes that could have been used to calibrate the UFO film etc)

Some confusion about footage could potentially arise from the fact that 35mm copies are sometimes being discussed, sometimes 16 mm duplicates. Baker was using a 35 mm copy. ATIC didn't always seem clear about what it was using.

A Naval PIC letter responding to ATIC's request for return of the original film (pursuant to Newhouse's request for its return having damaged the copy that he originally agreed to receive in lieu) discloses that ATIC's Jan 1954 request referred to an original 35mm film. The PIC disclaims ever having been in possession of the original (they still held only 16mm and 35 mm copies), and informs ATIC that it was a 16mm taken with "a Revere [camera]... with an F1.9 wide-angle telephoto lens" (is this the same as a Bell & Howell?). The 16 Sept 1952 ATIC Disposition Form to the Photo Reconnaissance Lab mentioned above also requests an expeditious analysis and copying of the "35 mm film". But the reply from the AF Photo Reconnaissance Lab correctly references "16 mm Kodachrome".

Another interesting nugget is that the AF Photo Reconnaissance Lab replied to ATIC on Oct 10 1952 that they had "examined in detail" the original and would make a copy as requested "as soon as the immediate need for inspection has passed" (possibly implying that copying was thought to involve risk to the original and that measurements needed to be completed first?). But, says the Lab Chief, "it is doubtful that the duplicate will be of much value for detailed inspection, as explained by the small spot size and the general graininess of the film".

In other words the photo lab that made the first generation copy, which then became the master for all other copies on which all the years of subsequent argument have been based, opined right at the start that it was not going to be good enough for others to do the same "detailed examination" that they were then doing on the original. And the original was destroyed. Terrific.

Martin Shough

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:23:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:47:06 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I just think your comments about Ed being the ufological equal
>>to Galillieo, etc., as both over the top, unnecessary, and a
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>>insight.

>What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
>apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
>diaplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
>purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
>are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
>indeed horse-laughable.

Dick, Steve,

Thanks, Steve. I don't believe that I support the notion that
all theories are of equal value. I don't remember saying that
anywhere.

>The utter necessity of peer review aside, hpothesis or theory
>construction requiirres building a logically coherent and
>empirically grounded explanation for a body of data. not simply
>pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

My theory is supported by science theory (convergent evolution)
and is logically coherent and very simple to understand:

Sometime during the last two-hundred million years another
species of tool makers evolved and populated the earth in enough
numbers to create the technology that is responsible to the UFO
seen daily across our planet. We live parallel existences and
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"wild-ass notion". It is by far the simplest explanation, and
makes sense of all the information that ufology has collected
over the years. All one needs to do is substitute ancient
monotreme civilization (AMC) for ETH.

>Take a simple example. Things go wrong in my house (real!);
>dishes crash to the floor and break; an electric short wipes out
>an appliance. Now, I can hypothesize that invisible, green, non-
>corporeal demons are sitting in the corner playing tricks on me.
>Or I can find much simpler and far more likely explanations. My
>cat jumped up on the counter and knocked over the dishes. The
>thermostat on the appliance malfunctioned.
>These are not only far more likely explanations, but also
>hypotheses are not really meaningful unless they can be tested.

What is testable about ETH?

>Cat tracks or fur on the counter, direct inspection of the

>appliance mechanism, things like that. ETH can be tested in
>principle, though not easily or inexpensively. So can one or two
>of the very few alternative hypotheses. Some of the notions
>advanced on this list are so improbable as to not merit the
>slightest bit of attention unless and until the advocates can
>advance some meaningful supporting evidence.

The AMC can be tested in the same manner as the ETH. What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

Ed

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Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:14:05 EDT
Archived: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:24:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:51 -0500
>Subject: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>I wanted to let you know about this video in case you haven't
>seen it before. I thought it was quite interesting the way they
>portrayed some of the more disturbing and/or invasive
>experiences involving alien abductions.

>These abductees should be commended for sharing their
>information with the public in this way. I'm certain it was not
>an easy decision.
>it was not an easy decision.

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

>Thanks to artist/researcher David Chace for the lead.

My response is to post my comment on the video I made
approximately two weeks ago.

"This video is way to weird to even attempt to convince non-
abductees of the truth of the situation."

I stand by my comment.

-Jason Gammon

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:28:48 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:51:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think
>there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or
>present, of a technologically advanced but hidden race that
>shares the planet with us.
<snip>

Now, now Jerome,

You and I know that what you'll find at 'a nearby college/university or museum' are mostly minor, rote-learned pedants with very little real scientific knowledge and even less scientific capability.

Like someone said recently (and also much earlier) - '99% of everything is crap'.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:43:48 EDT
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:54:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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1. It's not your theory.

Mac Tonnies has claimed a similar theory, what he calls, 'The
Crypto-Terrestrial Hypothesis', yet it isn't his theory either.

John Keel claimed a similar theory, his 'Ultraterrestrial
Hypothesis', and it most likely didn't originate with him.

Neither Tonnies or Keel has ever provided one bit of evidence
supporting such theory. Neither have you.

2. Convergent Evolution is not a form of supporting evidence
for your 'theory'.

Convergent Evolution is also far more complicated than you
imply, and has never been used to address the rising of
intelligence, let alone a mysterious, in the closet sentient
species supposedly existing among us.

3. There is such a thing as 'Intelligent Speculation', a phrase
I coined, whereby one uses logic to speculate in cases where
physical evidence is lacking. However, Intelligent Speculation
shall never take the place of the true scientific method, mind
you.

Your theory doesn't fall into this category because it is
not founded in logic.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:13:55 -0700
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:55:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:02:59 -0500
>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:34:21 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>>>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jul 2007 13:23:34 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>><snip>

>>>>Not only is Shermer not a scientist, he isn't even a skeptic.
>>>>He's a debunker, tried and true.

>>>>Y'know, I've _never_ liked that term 'debunker' applied to
>>>>ufology. It half implies that somehow, the subject is 'bunk' and
>>>>the 'debunker' is trying to show how much 'bunk' the subject is,
>>>>a noble pursuit, seemingly.

>>>>I wonder if there is a term that suggests a noisy negativist is
>>>>actually trying to sully the reputation of a fundamentally good
>>>>and sound subject? And a term as easy to say as "debunker."

>>>>I don't think this is a good choice, but 'trasher' tells the
>>>>story accurately. How about 'bunker'? Any ideas?

>Klasskurtxian?

"Pelicanists" is an inside joke that nobody understands outside
the field.

"Anal Retentives" probably wouldn't go over well in polite
company.

How about Spiro Agnew (remember him?) and "Nattering Nabobs of
Negativism?" (sort of like Stan Friedman's "Noisy Negatativsts")

I like Robert Anton Wilson's perjoratives for CSICOPism,
"Irrational Rationalism" and "Fundamentalist Materialism", which
he used in his book, "The New Inquisition: Irrational
Rationalism and the Citadel of Science."

In a 1988 interview about his book he commented:

"I coined the term irrational rationalism because those people
claim to be rationalists, but they're governed by such a heavy
body of taboos. They're so fearful, and so hostile, and so
narrow, and frightened, and uptight and dogmatic. I thought it
was a fascinating paradox: irrational rationalists. Later on I
found out I didn't invent that. Somebody else who wrote an
article on CSICOP, that's the group they all belong to:

Committee for Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal. Somebody else who wrote about them also used the term irrational rationalism. It's a hard term to resist when you think about those people.

"I wrote this book because I got tired satirizing fundamentalist Christianity, I had done enough of that in my other books. I decided to satirize fundamentalist materialism for a change, because the two are equally comical. All fundamentalism is comical, unless you believe in it, in which case you'd become a fanatic yourself, and want everybody else to share your fundamentalism. But if you're not a fundamentalist yourself, fundamentalists are the funniest people on the planet. The materialist fundamentalists are funnier than the Christian fundamentalists, because they think they're rational!

"...They're never skeptical about anything except the things they have a prejudice against. None of them ever says anything skeptical about the AMA, or about anything in establishment science or any entrenched dogma. They're only skeptical about new ideas that frighten them. They're actually dogmatically committed to what they were taught when they were in college, which was about 1948-53, somewhere in that period. If you go back and study what was being taught in college in those days as the latest scientific theories, you find out that's what these people still believe. They haven't had a new idea in 30 years, that's all that happened to them. They just rigidified, they crystallized around 1960."

http://www.nii.net/~obie/1988_interview.htm

I think that sums up their overly rigid and humorless mentality quite well.

I still like "Debunker" however, but maybe to make it more specific they would be referred to as "Dogmatic Debunkers", sort of the flip side to "Gullible Believers" they like to use pejoratively to describe UFO researchers.

David Rudiak

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:35:10 -0500
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:56:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 17:46:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 08:57:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Just a feeling, a thought had after too big a breakfast, but I
>>get the distinct impression that 'Dick & Jerry', are evolving
>>into the 'Penn & Teller' of UFO UpDates. I suspect it's not
>>entirely inappropriate given that something similar has recently
>>been prophesied by Stuart Miller... SDI #442, I believe... Maybe
>>#443.

>While not knowledgeable about the 'politics' of any area of
>research, feel I can contribute a small personal confession as
>to why people might suddenly start 'laying down the law' on a
>subject.

>Hubris - pure and simple.

Nah, 'fraid not, just a decent respect for the elemental
requirements of science.

Jerry Clark

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From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:57:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:47:06 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>I just think your comments about Ed being the ufological equal
>>>to Galillieo, etc., as both over the top, unnecessary, and a
>>>sadly unresponsive ad hominem form of argumentation and lack of
>>>insight.

>>What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
>>apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
>>diaplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
>>purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
>>are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
>>indeed horse-laughable.

>Dick, Steve,

>Thanks, Steve. I don't believe that I support the notion that
>all theories are of equal value. I don't remember saying that
>anywhere.

I didn't say you did, Ed. It's your defenders who act that way.

>>The utter necessity of peer review aside, hpothesis or theory
>>construction requires building a logically coherent and
>>empirically grounded explanation for a body of data. not simply
>>pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

>My theory is supported by science theory (convergent evolution)
>and is logically coherent and very simple to understand:
>Sometime during the last two-hundred million years another
>species of tool makers evolved and populated the earth in enough
>numbers to create the technology that is responsible to the UFO
>seen daily across our planet. We live parallel existences and
>are at the point of possible convergence. All the above is
>possible, scientifically, and historically. It is not some
>"wild-ass notion". It is by far the simplest explanation, and
>makes sense of all the information that ufology has collected
>over the years. All one needs to do is substitute ancient
>monotreme civilization (AMC) for ETH.

And where do we go to see these people, Ed?

>>Take a simple example. Things go wrong in my house (real!);
>>dishes crash to the floor and break; an electric short wipes out
>>an appliance. Now, I can hypothesize that invisible, green, non-
>>corporeal demons are sitting in the corner playing tricks on me.

>>Or I can find much simpler and far more likely explanations. My
>>cat jumped up on the counter and knocked over the dishes. The
>>thermostat on the appliance malfunctioned.
>>These are not only far more likely explanations, but also
>>hypotheses are not really meaningful unless they can be tested.

>What is testable about ETH?

In your very next sentence you say that your theory "can be tested in the same manner as the ETH," so you must know the answer to your own question. Briefly, whether or not powered vehicles are entering or leaving the earth's atmosphere could be tested (monitored).

>>Cat tracks or fur on the counter, direct inspection of the
>>appliance mechanism, things like that. ETH can be tested in
>>principle, though not easily or inexpensively. So can one or two
>>of the very few alternative hypotheses. Some of the notions
>>advanced on this list are so improbable as to not merit the
>>slightest bit of attention unless and until the advocates can
>>advance some meaningful supporting evidence.

>The AMC can be tested in the same manner as the ETH. What is so
>improbable about an ancient civilization?

How can it be tested? Where do you look? As small as the earth is, another civilization would be pretty hard to find ... unless of course you are invoking invisibility.

- Dick

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Re: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

From: John Scheldroup <jschel.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 15:56:02 -0500
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:00:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

>From: Robert Barrow <rbarr.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jul 2007 11:14:04 -0400
>Subject: Where To Find The 1956 Movie UFO

>Dear List Readers,

>There seems to be a question about where the 1956 United Artists
>documentary, UFO, may be found, concerned as some of you are
>with the Newhouse and Montana films.

<http://www.christiancinema.com/lists/newsletters/unidentified.html>

Something is out there. Unidentified the movie 2006

Featured Filmmaker: Rich Christiano
by Angela Walker

Director Rich Christiano

Rich Christiano (Christiano Films) is a man of many interests,
and he is very passionate about all of those interests.

He is also staunchly not a believer in UFOs or aliens. So why is
his latest movie Unidentified a story about those very topics?
To find the answers to that question, I spoke with him
recently...

CC.com: Well, Rich - what's the verdict? Is there something
out there?

Rich: There is something out there, but I don't think it is what
most people say it is. I do not believe in aliens, and I don't
think there is life on other planets. What I do believe is that
UFOs and things of that nature are demonic distractions and
deceptions designed to lead people anywhere but to Christ.

In preparing for this film, I did a lot of personal research and
learned a lot. There are some really wild stories out there. I
think we took a very balanced approach toward all the UFOs
stuff.

Trailer:

<http://www.unidentifiedthemovie.com/trailer.htm>

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Laugh so hard I thought my pants would never dry.

Did you catch those moments in the trailer where the teenager is
driving along next thing these lights pass overhead, one of them
look straight up; holy haunted houses where did that come from!

Yes something is out there and if the holy scriptures are any
clue at all, we have some very definite ideas what's up there;
see trailer below, cut from the final chase scene 1977 movie

"The Car"

<http://home.centurytel.net/cty90143/avi/thecartrailer.avi>

John

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 17:06:53 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:01:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:50:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>That's it. I've been on the CUFOS board for almost three decades, ...

Oh! If you're on the board, is there any word when the raw data from those abductee home environmental monitors will be posted so we can draw our own conclusions?

Eleanor White

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 17:11:03 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:01:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>seen daily across our planet. We live parallel existences and are
>at the point of possible convergence. All the above is possible,
>scientifically, and historically.

Where are they, then? Or do they inhabit a parallel dimension as well?

Eleanor White

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Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 18:29:44 -0500
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:04:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 10:28:07 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:51 -0500
>>Subject: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>>I wanted to let you know about this video in case you haven't
>>seen it before. I thought it was quite interesting the way they
>>portrayed some of the more disturbing and/or invasive
>>experiences involving alien abductions.

>>These abductees should be commended for sharing their
>>information with the public in this way. I'm certain it was not
>>an easy decision.

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

>>Thanks to artist/researcher David Chace for the lead.

>Wow! I almost jumped out of my skin watching that video!

>Any idea where it came from? Great use of animation!

Greg and List:

It came from the British ITV Channel 4:

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Copyright Channel Four, 1995"

Katharina

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:32:41 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I don't think Ray is saying that I'm Galileo, but that your
>>attitude of condemnation toward my research is similar to the
>>mind control found during the inquisition.

>In other words, anybody who dismisses an idea he finds extremely
>unlikely to be true, and with which otherwise he does not wish
>to waste his and colleagues' limited time and resources, is an
>advocate of "the mind control found during the inquisition."

Jerry,

If this is the way you wish to read my statement, so be it. I realize that you find the hypothesis that UFO are piloted by civilized ancient mammals to be absurd. But what I don't understand is why. Why can't you give me a single reason for your opinion? What about convergent evolution? Is that also something that wastes your colleagues limited time? And for the record, the Galileo and inquisition references are Ray's alone. I don't have a persecution complex..

>You are not a serious man, Ed, and your rhetorical style is as inept
>as your critical acumen.

You don't know me. Saying that I'm not a "serious man" without providing an example doesn't help me understand your reasoning. Same with my inept writing.

>>You have yet to present a single ounce of evidence that my ideas
>>are horse-laughable. I don't think you can. You have an eerie
>>faith that I'm wrong, so no proof is necessary. I hope he list
>>can see through this mindless fog of ridicule.

>In its study of ufology's intellectual history, my UFO
>Encyclopedia surveys other fringe "theories", some of them
>broadly comparable to yours (e.g., Shaver's in the 1940s,
>Jessup's in the 1950s), so I'm afraid I can't even give you
>credit for much of an original imagination.

Did I ask for credit? Did I ever say that the basic concept was original? Yes Shaver and Jessup did think that the UFO problems could be home grown, but I'm much more indebted to Ivan Sanderson, whom you also have insulted and ridiculed, without reading or examining. All theories are fringe until examined closely. Some become accepted, and the others are rejected, usually for cause. To most scientists, the ETH is a fringe theory.

>In any event, I am

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>not the one who has to prove anything; the burden of proof is
>always on those who advance fantastic claims which challenge
>mountains of accumulated knowledge.

My theory doesn't challenge any accumulated knowledge, unless you consider the ETH to be one of these mounds.

>I understand, of course,
>that you would like it to be otherwise. Naturally, if your wish
>were to come true, I would immediately demand that you provide
>proof that UFO entities are not the product, as I have proposed,
>of interbreeding between dill pickles and tropical fruit.

Nothing that I have suggested is unscientific, nor does it violate any scientific or evolutionary doctrines. Convergent evolution is as well known and solid as the speed of sound.

>I don't argue, either, with persons who think the earth is flat,
>or who hold that a Hebrew tribal deity created - magically and
>immutably - all life on earth, or that the Queen of England
>secretly rules the world, or that Nikola Tesla was a Venusian.

As least we agree on a few things.

>There are, however, genuine authorities on archaeology and
>history. You are not among them.

I never said I was but I'm positive that I have read as much in these areas as you. Again you're making assumptions that aren't true.

>Consequently, you would do well
>to seek out those who do know what they're talking about, those
>who have devoted their professional careers to the study of the
>human past, building upon centuries of discovery by pioneers in
>the unraveling of humanity's long and fascinating story.

I'm sure that I have a much better understanding of these subjects than you.

>I encourage you to approach such experts - you'll find some at a
>nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think
>there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or
>present, of a technologically advanced but hidden race that
>shares the planet with us.

These experts are my friends and school classmates and fishing buddies and we talk about far out ideas all the time. They agree that there isn't any hard accepted evidence of ancient civilizations, but there are tantalizing clues, mainly the work of Hancock. Many stress that so much has been lost to time that there's no way to make a real estimate of probability. But if you ask them to make a choice between ETH and ancient hominids, the hominids win every time. Not a single scientist that I know believes that star travel is possible.

>Then you can come back and tell us
>why them educated fellers are all inquisitors at heart and Ed
>Gehrman is the heroic victim of their blind refusal to concede
>his superior wisdom. You can also tell us how Galileo, to whom
>you secretly compare yourself, must have felt.

I have never secretly or openly compared myself to Galileo. But you are correct. Most academics do not accept the idea that ancient monotonans pilot UFO. An even greater number reject ETH and are in denial about all UFO matters. So where does that leave us?

Ed

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:32:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: Made Of Stars...

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:05:15 -0500
>>Subject: Made Of Stars...

>>"I'm 'nasty' to those too contentious, those so gleefully
>>pretentious - those professing 'dead-lock nuts' on truths
>>which show their lack of guts! Reality's detracted from, nor
>>near the message will they come - their quick dismissal is their
>>creed. When that is lost? They cease to be!"

>Why am I reminded of P. G. Wodehouse's famous saying: "It is
>never difficult to distinguish between a Scotsman with a
>grievance and a ray of sunshine"

>Not that I would wish to suggest for one moment that Mr Lehmborg is
>Scottish.

Hmmm... parsed and sifted for something I could slap you around
on and came up bupkis. Try saying something snarky about Jerry
Clark or Stanton Friedman - see if that doesn't break me loose.
Or ask me condescendingly where my anger comes from... that'll
do it. Otherwise, very skillfully done! The 'zip-less' comment!

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Review Of UFO Data Magazine

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Review Of UFO Data Magazine (www.ufodata.co.uk)
by Kathy Kasten

Many people with an interest in a high standard of investigation into UFOs mourned the loss of UFO Magazine (UK) with the death of Graham Birdsall. One of the more personable people in the field of ufology and publishing. The editorial policy of that magazine was straight forward, let's-look-at-all-angles of the problem.

I am happy to tell you - those of us that missed UFO Magazine (UK) - into the vacuum a new UK publication has filled the void. Those of us who knew, and, yes, loved, UFO Magazine will recognized the name Russell Callaghan. Callaghan was a close associated of Birdsall and part of the reason for the high quality of publication. He is now the Editor of the slick glossy, large format, UFO Data. UFO Data is Callaghan's continuing attempt to get the word out about what is happening in European field of ufology. Plus, UFO Data brings that unique British approach to the field. This approach has always been my preference to the field. A straight forward attempt to present all sides. Even if the event, after investigation, turns out to be a hoax or has a more prosaic solution than an ET one.

For example, in the March-April 2007 issue is a report on the Leeds fireball sighting. The format is a straight forward case report. Although the report is unsigned. The reader must assume that either Callaghan or Phil Mantle were the authors. This is my only criticism of this publication; unsigned articles. However, the high level of investigation is evident. And, includes follow-up comments by another favorite contributor of the British UFO scene - Andrew Pike (another regular contributor to UFO Data). In addition, in the name of fair reporting, a report obtained from the RAF Flyingdales in Pickering is included. The RAF conclusion of the Leeds incident? They admit they are not sure what was seen after their research into the incident. The details of the RAF's research is there for all to see.

The staff of high caliber contributors includes Nick Pope - who has a regular column in UFO Data. In the March-April, he calls for - as so many before him - a serious study of ufology. On a personal note, I like the fact that Pope quotes from Terence McKenna. It tells me that this contributor is someone who is willing to step outside of the sixty year old "orthodox" ufologist's approach.

The 'O'Hare Incident' is covered by - a new to me writer - named Steve Johnson. It is a fairly thorough presentation of the media coverage and interviews of the incident. Johnson leaves the final solution of this sighting for a future article - when a final report is forthcoming.

UFO Data basically covers more recent European cases of UFO sightings with some reports of the controversial alien abduction reports. Plus, from Pike, the latest happenings in astronomy related to the discovery of exoplanets and planets in our solar system. There are lots of color photos to help the reader visualize what is being conveyed by the text.

Frankly, I can find nothing to criticize about this UFO publication. All I can say to our British colleagues is welcome back!

I will even go so far as to encourage interested people to subscribe to UFO Data. And, people who know me, know I am not easily impressed. I am impressed by this publication. The field needs to support publications of this caliber. Let's keep future issues of UFO Data coming by subscribing.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:31:34 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:14:42 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 07:04:27 -0700
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 16:16:20 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls'Confirmation?

>>Never heard about his son being a witness. Everyone concentrated
>>on Newhouse. Anyone ever interview his wife?

>McDonald interviewed her along with Delbert (Deb) Newhouse on
>the telephone. His account is at:

><http://ufologie.net/htm/tremontonmcdonald.htm>

>The wife, Norma, spotted the flying saucers first, and spent
>about a minute trying to persuade her husband to stop the car
>and get out and look at them. I've had to read up on it, after
>moving into Willamette View in Portland, where Delbert and Norma
>spent their aging days. Though he died over 10 years ago, quite
>a few of the folk here remember him and his UFO interests.

Thanks for the info. I suppose if anyone had interviewed his
wife it would have been McDonald. But I guess no one
interviewed his son.

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Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 22:43:13 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:16:35 -0400
Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 18:45:37 +0100
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>Another interesting nugget is that the AF Photo Reconnaissance
>Lab replied to ATIC on Oct 10 1952 that they had "examined in
>detail" the original and would make a copy as requested "as soon
>as the immediate need for inspection has passed" (possibly
>implying that copying was thought to involve risk to the
>original and that measurements needed to be completed first?).
>But, says the Lab Chief, "it is doubtful that the duplicate will
>be of much value for detailed inspection, as explained by the
>small spot size and the general graininess of the film".

>In other words the photo lab that made the first generation
>copy, which then became the master for all other copies on which
>all the years of subsequent argument have been based, opined
>right at the start that it was not going to be good enough for
>others to do the same "detailed examination" that they were then
>doing on the original. And the original was destroyed. Terrific.

Destroyed.

Hmmm....

Makes me think of the 'missing' (destroyed) White Sands
cinetheodolite films of objects flying over the test area in 1950.

See White Sands Proof at my web site.

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Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 03:52:46 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:18:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:14:05 EDT
>Subject: Re: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:56:51 -0500
>>Subject: Alien Abduction Video On YouTube

>>I wanted to let you know about this video in case you haven't
>>seen it before. I thought it was quite interesting the way they
>>portrayed some of the more disturbing and/or invasive
>>experiences involving alien abductions.

>>These abductees should be commended for sharing their
>>information with the public in this way. I'm certain it was not
>>an easy decision.
>>it was not an easy decision.

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

>>Thanks to artist/researcher David Chace for the lead.

>My response is to post my comment on the video I made
>approximately two weeks ago.

>"This video is way to weird to even attempt to convince non-
>abductees of the truth of the situation."

>I stand by my comment.

Hello Jason, Kat, all,

This short but powerful film was made in the early 90's at Budd Hopkins studio in New York. The abductees who are reporting their experiences are all cases that Budd Hopkins has investigated and written about. Some of the voices you hear narrating belong to; Russ Hudson, Linda Cortile, and Rosemary Asnado. They are all courageous individuals for allowing their experiences to be used in order to help raise public awareness about this admittedly difficult subject.

The truth will out... eventually. We don't much care who believes us or not. We have complied with the dictates of our conscience and reported as truthfully and factually as we can about what is happening to us and to our family members. Some of us have taken serious flack for doing so. I sincerely hope that the viewing of this remarkable little film will at the very least, get people thinking about the abduction phenomenon and how deeply it effects and impacts upon the lives of those most directly involved.

Human beings from all walks of life are being systematically kidnapped and used with complete impunity by a 'non-human' force. As you watch the film, try for just a moment to put yourself in the shoes of the abductees. What would you do? How would you feel? How would you cope?

Food for thought. Better yet, compassion.

*** Kat, congrats on the 'online book'. Well written and no less than I would expect from you in terms of candor and openness of spirit. My warmest regards to you and yours... write me soon.

John Velez
Abductee

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:19:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Gerald O'Connell

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>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 18:45:37 +0100
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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 06:02:48 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 08:49:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>Gerald O'Connell

<LOL> As if the examination of the fossil record
and that of the archeological on earth is anymore honestly
and openly treated than that of UFOs!

Michael A. Cremo and Richard L. Thompson's book, Forbidden
Archeology barely breaks the surface and it's 914 pages.

It is no longer a matter of evidence, nor has it been for quite
some time. It is a pathology among the incredulous who will
protest anything brought to their attention that that challenges
their small world beliefs. On earth, off earth... anywhere.

JCH

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:05:20 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 08:50:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

>1. Evidence from the fossil record?

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Are you saying there isn't any evidence? If so, I recommend that you read some of Hancock's works on this subject.

Also, you must always remember that lack of evidence in paleontology and archeology is meaningless. All that means is that we just haven't found it yet. Or maybe we have and it has not yet been recognized for what it is.

Paleontology is full of cases of misidentified artifacts. When the "antennae" of Anomalocaris were first found they were not recognized as parts of a larger animal, but classified as a type of shrimp. (The name the animal is stuck with as a result means "strange shrimp", when the actual animal looked nothing like a shrimp.) The claws of Therizinosaurus cheloniformis were first believed to be ribs of sea turtles.

I've actually worked in one of the world's great museums, and I know that there are thousands of unidentified fossils and archeological specimens in such a museum. I'm sure there are also many misidentified specimens.

Lack of evidence is not a valid argument.

Really, the only thing wrong with Ed's theory (and so far as I know, Ed is the first to theorize a monotreme species convergently evolved) is that you and some others just don't like it. Well, again, that is not a valid argument. So far we've seen a lot of windage, ridicule, and dismissive outbursts, but not a single bit of good scientific argument with Ed's theory. This is not how science works.

Bob Shell

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:19:41 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 08:55:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:28:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think
>>there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or
>>present, of a technologically advanced but hidden race that
>>shares the planet with us.

>Now, now Jerome,

>You and I know that what you'll find at 'a nearby
>college/university or museum' are mostly minor, rote-learned
>pedants with very little real scientific knowledge and even less
>scientific capability.

Ah, yes, the classic stance of the crank. I have been trying not
to bring the c-word into the discussion, but the above paragraph
- in which all the professionals who actually know what they are
talking about have to be demeaned so that the crank triumphs -
documents crackpot rhetoric in all its glory.

>Like someone said recently (and also much earlier) - '99% of
>everything is crap'.

That "someone" was the late science-fiction writer Theodore
Sturgeon, and what you're quoting is called Sturgeon's Law. In
that 99% we may safely count Gehrman's strange beliefs and your
defense of them.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 08:11:35 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 08:57:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Clark

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:37:05 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Jul 2007 11:32:41 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>There are, however, genuine authorities on archaeology and
>>history. You are not among them.

>>Consequently, you would do well
>>to seek out those who do know what they're talking about, those
>>who have devoted their professional careers to the study of the
>>human past, building upon centuries of discovery by pioneers in
>>the unraveling of humanity's long and fascinating story.

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>>nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think
>>there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or
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>>shares the planet with us.

>>Then you can come back and tell us
>>why them educated fellers are all inquisitors at heart and Ed
>>Gehrman is the heroic victim of their blind refusal to concede
>>his superior wisdom. You can also tell us how Galileo, to whom
>>you secretly compare yourself, must have felt.

>>I have never secretly or openly compared myself to Galileo. But
>>you are correct. Most academics do not accept the idea that
>>ancient monotonans pilot UFO.

I love that "most academics don't accept..." "Most", eh? Let's
go for 'none whatever'. And if you want to dispute that, let's
see contrary evidence in the refereed scientific literature.
Citations? And I don't mean works by fringe figures like Graham
Hancock, who is not a reputable academic.

Jerry Clark

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From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:40:49 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:00:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>These experts are my friends and school classmates and fishing
>buddies and we talk about far out ideas all the time. They agree
>that there isn't any hard accepted evidence of ancient
>civilizations, but there are tantalizing clues, mainly the work
>of Hancock Many stress that so much has been lost to time that
>there's no way to make a real estimate of probability. But if
>you ask them to make a choice between ETH and ancient hominids,
>the hominids win every time. Not a single scientist that I know
>believes that star travel is possible.

Ed:

I find it all terribly amusing that people who are inclined to support the ETH are lecturing other people about what science will and will not accept as a reasonable hypothesis with respect to UFOs.

Having said that, when you make a statement like "Not a single scientist that I know believes that star travel is possible", you just make yourself look foolish. The best spin I can put on this is that you have a very, very limited range of acquaintances in the various relevant scientific fields. Or perhaps you've never met Stan Friedman. He's a scientist (despite what some of his detractors may say from time to time). Or Jim McDonald. He was a scientist. A good one.

Perhaps I just know more scientists than you do, but my friends who are scientists, to a person, don't find the idea of star travel (someday) to be impossible. Not a one. Indeed, a recent poll of Canadians found that an overwhelming majority are convinced that we'll be able to travel to the stars someday, although probably not in our lifetimes. Presumably more than a few of the people surveyed had backgrounds in science.

Of course, a number of our government's, including mine, maintain space programs with the ultimate goal - someday - of getting us out there.

So, while your statement above may make you feel better, I don't see how you can possibly back it up. It is simply empty rhetoric.

>I have never secretly or openly compared myself to Galileo. But
>you are correct. Most academics do not accept the idea that
>ancient monotonans pilot UFO. An even greater number reject ETH
>and are in denial about all UFO matters. So where does that
>leave us?

Now, on the other hand, we have you telling us that more scientists buy into your theory than the prospect of space/star travel someday. Okay. Name some. Cite some peer-reviewed academic papers that support your contention. Find me a Friedman, or McDonald, or even a Hynek, that buys into ancient monotonans. Just one. I think if you can do that you'll find that people will be willing to give you a fair shake. But until you do/can, your proclamations that there is actually more scientific support and merit for your 'theories' than the ETH is meaningless. And I say this as someone who is hardly a died-in-the-wool ETher, and who keeps an open mind about what UFOs may be.

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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No, Gerald, I misread or mis-wrote my notes. Well that's good,
then, all neat and tidy after all.

MS

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:36:51 -0700
Archived: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:03:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
>apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
>diaplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
>purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
>are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
>indeed horse-laughable.

The problem is that some ideas simply get dismissed out of hand,
based only on personal bias, not facts. That's why I like
Stanton's idea of a "gray basket" where non-provable ideas can
be put on the back burner until further evidence perhaps comes
along, instead of just being discarded altogether.

How many times has mainstream science declared something to be
impossible and then later proven wrong? Have we learned nothing
from history?

If ufology is ever going to make more progress, maybe it needs
to start listening more to various possibilities.

Again, just a comment from the "peanut gallery"...

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Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>>Subject: Re: The 1952 Tremonton Utah 'Seagulls' Confirmation?

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>>Another interesting nugget is that the AF Photo Reconnaissance
>>Lab replied to ATIC on Oct 10 1952 that they had "examined in
>>detail" the original and would make a copy as requested "as soon
>>as the immediate need for inspection has passed" (possibly
>>implying that copying was thought to involve risk to the
>>original and that measurements needed to be completed first?).
>>But, says the Lab Chief, "it is doubtful that the duplicate will
>>be of much value for detailed inspection, as explained by the
>>small spot size and the general graininess of the film".

>>In other words the photo lab that made the first generation
>>copy, which then became the master for all other copies on which
>>all the years of subsequent argument have been based, opined
>>right at the start that it was not going to be good enough for
>>others to do the same "detailed examination" that they were then
>>doing on the original. And the original was destroyed.
>>Terrific.

>Destroyed.

>Hmmm....

>Makes me think of the 'missing' (destroyed) White Sands
>cinetheodolite films of objects flying over the test area in
>1950.

>See White Sands Proof at my web site.

It certainly looks suspicious on the face of it. Reading the documents again I can't find anyone who actually says that the film was destroyed, or by whom, but it is sort of implied. In fact I'm not certain now who made the copy and who might have had responsibility for the original.

The letter from AF Directorate of Intelligence in reply to Newhouse's request for the original back, Dec 29 1953

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-398>

appears to say that when the film was originally forwarded to ATIC in 1952 it had been "damaged somewhat by numerous

showings". Showings by whom? Not Newhouse surely, so the AF was presumably responsible. If not ATIC, then people at Hill AFB who first received it from Newhouse and would have been required to send all evidence directly and promptly to ATIC under the standing Air Force regulation. How could this have been allowed to happen in any responsible chain of evidence?

The AF Photo Reconnaissance Lab were the first to study the film on behalf of ATIC. They were asked by ATIC to copy the UFO section and return the severed balance (which PRL's reply states they have done under separate cover to Ruppelt's office). But did they actually copy it? PRL Col Chief Delwin Avery actually says on Oct 11 1952 that the UFO section "will be submitted for copying". This could be interpreted to mean that the copying was to be done by a different office, conceivably even a different organisation.

The next analysis was done by the Naval PIC laboratory. Their report is dated May 4 1953, nearly 7 months later, and under Section 2, Tests and Procedures, we read:

"The film exposed in Utah is in very poor condition; dry, brittle and with a tendency to break. After initial viewing, duplication of the film was performed in order to preserve the film. In the duplication process some color correction was made to permit better viewing of the objects."

This seems to say that the Naval PIC made the copy. So ATIC wrote to the PIC quoting this passage back to them and asking about the status of the original. In March 1954 the Acting Chief of PIC wrote back to ATIC saying "this Center has never had possession of the original film and does not have information concerning its whereabouts."

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-387>

But in the meantime ATIC had already suggested to Newhouse on Jan 27 1953 that he might be satisfied with a new copy (not this time a 1st generation copy of the original of course but a copy of a copy of a...) and made good their undertaking on Feb 23. So that was that, and no further inquiry as to the fate of the original appears in the file.

So it really isn't clear how much if any of the work done on this film has been done on the original, who made the 1st gen copy, or how degraded any of the nth-generation copies in existence might be. According to AF PRL the very first copy they were asked to make, or to organise, would probably not be useful for detailed analysis. According to Naval PIC the original colour balance was even altered. And the section of film shot to finish the roll, which could have been useful to calibrate features of the UFO section, was cut off and sent to Ruppelt. I wonder where that ended up?

Another interesting fact is that according to two ATIC photo specialists in 1956, critiquing the Greene Rouse production, the visible detail of "gulls" would be lost not by overexposure but by under exposure, which would supposedly allow the bright sky background to "wash out" wings etc and leave just white spots. See:

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-403>

They note with approval that Newhouse "admitted underexposing the film". This seems counter to the alternative suggestion of "flaring" halation due to their brightness. It also seems counter to their own claim that seagulls were actually visible on some of the frames that the Green Rouse documentary didn't show. This claim contradicts all previous analysis to date and is clearly either just made up or slanted by ATIC for PR purposes.

Re bird speeds, the Hill AFB, Ogden, Utah winds aloft profile is at:

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-398>

It shows that surface winds were 360 degs and 350 degs in the first 3000 ft AGL, 5-6 knots, falling still up to 10,000 ft AGL and there swinging to westerly, 22 kts.

The US Weather Service Salt Lake City profile is also in the file at:

<http://www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB11-399>

Here the winds were slightly lighter but more westerly, rotating from 330 degs to 270 through surface-10,000AGL with speeds ranging between 3 and 18 kts.

The objects were reportedly heading W, with the one object that separated heading back E. Ogden is about 20 miles S of the sighting location. If the Ogden winds are taken as representative then they would have made a negligible contribution to the airspeed of an E-heading gull and so don't help explain the measured angular rate. The Salt Lake City profile would be more helpful and could maybe add a few knots, but Salt Lake City is about another 20 miles further south.

Martin Shough

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>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Thanks, Steve. I don't believe that I support the notion that
>>all theories are of equal value. I don't remember saying that
>>anywhere.

>I didn't say you did, Ed. It's your defenders who act that way.

Dick,

I don't have any defenders. I can't think of a single person who
buys into my theory 100%. What Steve and Ray and Bob
were defending was my right to an informed opinion. They felt
I should be able present it to the List without being attacked
or made to look ridiculous.

>>>The utter necessity of peer review aside, hypothesis or theory
>>>construction requires building a logically coherent and
>>>empirically grounded explanation for a body of data. not simply
>>>pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

>>My theory is supported by science theory (convergent evolution)
>>and is logically coherent and very simple to understand:
>>Sometime during the last two-hundred million years another
>>species of tool makers evolved and populated the earth in enough
>>numbers to create the technology that is responsible to the UFO
>>seen daily across our planet. We live parallel existences and
>>are at the point of possible convergence. All the above is
>>possible, scientifically, and historically. It is not some
>>"wild-ass notion". It is by far the simplest explanation, and
>>makes sense of all the information that ufology has collected
>>over the years. All one needs to do is substitute ancient
>>monotreme civilization (AMC) for ETH.

>And where do we go to see these people, Ed?

I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world- wide
are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimentional
entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
says FTL travel is not possible. I have ruled out our own
military (except for the TR 3B, the flying triangle) because
the history of UFO goes back thousands of years.

I was left with only one real possibility and that was that
these critters came from our neighborhood. When I looked into it
and began to examine our evolutionary record and the missing

links and the enormous time spans involved, it became clear that the simplest and best explanation for UFO was a parallel, and convergent ancient civilization. There is nothing in any branch of science that prevents or negates these ideas. This theory is not "unscientific".

I'm not asking that the List endorse this theory. What I'm asking is that it be considered along side the ETH. Actually the ancient hominid theory has much more going for it than ETH, once you open your mind to the possibility that it could be true. There's evidence that their interest in us began to increase after our first nuclear tests. Could nuclear fallout have caused the Roswell crash? There is nothing in all UFO literature that prevents a consideration of the Ancient hominid theory. I could ramble on but I think you all get my point.

>>What is testable about ETH?

>In your very next sentence you say that your theory "can be >tested in the same manner as the ETH," so you must know the >answer to your own question. Briefly, whether or not powered >vehicles are entering or leaving the earth's atmosphere could be >tested (monitored).

My point was that any test devised to prove the ETH could be used to test the Ancient Hominid Theory. All we're arguing about is the point of origin of the UFO phenomenon, and not the phenomenon itself. (I know we closely agree on the dynamics of UFO)

>>>Cat tracks or fur on the counter, direct inspection of the >>>appliance mechanism, things like that. ETH can be tested in >>>principle, though not easily or inexpensively. So can one or two >>>of the very few alternative hypotheses. Some of the notions >>>advanced on this list are so improbable as to not merit the >>>slightest bit of attention unless and until the advocators can >>>advance some meaningful supporting evidence.

>>The AMC can be tested in the same manner as the ETH. What is so >>improbable about an ancient civilization?

>How can it be tested? Where do you look? As small as the earth >is, another civilization would be pretty hard to find ... unless >of course you are invoking invisibility.

Whoever or whatever is visiting us are not keeping themselves completely hidden since some attempt at communication is being made through abductions and direct contact.

No, the hominids aren't invisible. But if I'm correct and their civilization is over one-hundred million years older than ours, I suspect that their technology would allow them to live where they wish. I don't pretend to understand them or their intentions and don't have a clue why they seem to want to keep their distance. They could be frightened by us just as we should be frightened by wolves. But the short answer to your question is that while their civilization evolved on earth, earth has had many serious calamities, and may presently only be an outpost. Perhaps they live in mother ships as Stan suggests. If they decided to move off planet or underground, all evidence of their civilization would soon disappear especially if their origin was Antarctica, now covered by miles of snow and ice but one-hundred million years ago it was temperate and lush, the same conditions that encouraged human genesis.

Ed

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>You and I know that what you'll find at 'a nearby
>college/university or museum' are mostly minor, rote-learned
>pedants with very little real scientific knowledge and even less
>scientific capability.

Has anyone had a look at that book titled Forbidden Archaeology?
I haven't, but I think it might be relevant to the 'parallel
evolution' thing, (unless it's all nonsense, of course.)

Eleanor White

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Secrecy News -- 07/23/07

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** MAGGOT THERAPY AND OTHER SPECIAL FORCES MEDICINE

JOINT CHIEFS ISSUE DOCTRINE ON "HOMELAND DEFENSE"

A new publication of the Joint Chiefs of Staff presents U.S. military doctrine on "homeland defense."

"It provides information on command and control, interagency and multinational coordination, and operations required to defeat external threats to, and aggression against, the homeland."

See "Homeland Defense," Joint Publication 3-27, July 12, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3_27.pdf

The document further extends the unfortunate use of the term "homeland" to refer to the United States, a relatively recent coinage that became prevalent in the George W. Bush Administration.

Not only does the word "homeland" have unhappy echoes of the Germanic "Heimat" and the cult of land and soil, it is also a misnomer in a nation of immigrants.

Moreover, "homeland" is defined by the military exclusively in terms of geography: It is "the physical region that includes the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii, United States territories and possessions, and surrounding territorial waters and airspace."

This means that actions to defend the Constitution and the political institutions of American democracy are by definition excluded from "homeland defense."

For the Joint Chiefs, constitutional liberties are subordinate to, and contingent upon, physical security:

"To preserve the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution, the Nation must have a homeland that is secure from threats and violence, especially terrorism." (page I-1).

CLINTON CAMPAIGN URGES PUBLICATION OF ALL AGENCY BUDGETS

Sen. Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign has put forward an agenda to increase transparency in government that includes "publishing budgets for every government agency."

<http://www.hillaryclinton.com/issues/reform/>

This appears to be a roundabout way of endorsing disclosure of intelligence agency budgets, since the budgets of all other agencies are already published.

The Clinton campaign did not immediately respond to a request for comment or elaboration on the proposal.

Intelligence budget secrecy is perhaps the preeminent and most enduring example of overclassification, i.e. classification that is not justified by a valid national security concern.

A proposal to declassify the aggregate figure for the National Intelligence Program, comprised of over a dozen individual agency intelligence budgets, is pending in the Senate version of the FY 2008 Intelligence Authorization Act (S. 1538).

The 9/11 Commission went further and said "the overall amounts of money being appropriated for national intelligence and to its component agencies should no longer be kept secret." (Final Report, p. 416).

The Clinton campaign appears to have adopted this bipartisan Commission recommendation for release of component agency budget information. The Bush Administration opposes any disclosure of any intelligence budget data, even the aggregate figure.

CRS REPORTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service on Middle East-related topics, obtained by Secrecy News without CRS authorization, include the following.

"U.S. Foreign Assistance to the Middle East: Historical Background, Recent Trends, and the FY2008 Request," updated July 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL32260.pdf>

"Libya: Background and U.S. Relations," updated June 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33142.pdf>

"U.S. Foreign Aid to Israel," updated April 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33222.pdf>

"Lebanon," updated July 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33509.pdf>

"The Iran Sanctions Act (ISA)," updated July 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RS20871.pdf>

"Iran's Influence in Iraq," updated July 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RS22323.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

More publicly unreleased reports from the Congressional Research Service on various topics of interest to some include these.

"Journalists' Privilege to Withhold Information in Judicial and Other Proceedings: State Shield Statutes," updated June 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/secrecy/RL32806.pdf>

"Federal Sentencing Guidelines: Background, Legal Analysis, and Policy Options," updated June 30, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/misc/RL32766.pdf>

"Critical Infrastructure: The National Asset Database," updated July 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL33648.pdf>

"Chemical Facility Security: Regulation and Issues for Congress," updated June 21, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL33847.pdf>

"Pipeline Safety and Security: Federal Programs," updated July 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/homesec/RL33347.pdf>

MAGGOT THERAPY AND OTHER SPECIAL FORCES MEDICINE

Under extreme conditions, live maggots may be inserted into a wound to consume damaged or diseased flesh, according to a medical manual for U.S. Army Special Forces.

"Despite the hazards involved, maggot therapy should be considered a viable alternative when, in the absence of antibiotics, a wound becomes severely infected, does not heal, and ordinary debridement [removal of diseased tissue] is impossible," according to the 1982 manual (at page 22-3).

See "U.S. Army Special Forces Medical Handbook," ST 31-91B, 1 March 1982 (407 pages, 16 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/milmed/sfhandbook.pdf>

It turns out that maggot therapy is recognized and regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Sterilized maggot colonies can be ordered, by prescription only, from specialized suppliers.

The Special Forces manual, however, envisions the use of unsterilized maggots for emergency use.

Along with a lot of standard wilderness medicine, the manual also describes various unorthodox, potentially dangerous remedies that may be considered when conventional medical alternatives are unavailable.

For example, the manual suggests that intestinal worms can be combated by eating cigarettes. "The nicotine in the cigarette kills or stuns the worms long enough for them to be passed."

Another option for dealing with intestinal parasites is to swallow kerosene. "Drink 2 tablespoons. Don't drink more." (page 22-2).

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<http://tinyurl.com/yp4bf2>

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Author Says UFO-Air Force Dogfight Ended In Flatwoods
by Mannix Porterfield
The Register-Herald

BECKLEY - Sci-fi buffs flocked to a fantasy film in 1984 bearing a title prediction that 2010 would be the year earthlings make contact with aliens.

Actually, contact has come, and it was less than friendly, says one UFO researcher.

Three decades earlier, in fact, back in 1952, just five years after the famed Roswell, New Mexico incident, the American military engaged a convoy of alien aircraft with orders to destroy them in a pitched air battle right off the Atlantic Coast, says Frank Feschino, author of "The Flatwoods Monster," a phenomenon that rocked a tiny West Virginia town that year.

An illustrator and writer, Feschino has produced a follow-up book, this one titled Shoot Them Down, an effort produced after years of painstaking research of the U.S. Air Force's once-classified files on unidentified flying saucers and digesting countless magazine articles on the matter.

His years of exhaustive study have convinced Feschino that American jet fighters did indeed make contact - at the point of their guns.

Shoot Them Down draws its name from orders Feschino says President Truman gave military commanders while an American public was growing increasingly jittery over coast-to-coast UFO sightings.

Two years earlier, Truman had remarked at a news conference, "I can assure you that flying saucers, given that they exist, are not constructed by any power on earth."

"There are tons of documents right there, intelligence reports, talking about pilots chasing these things, going after them," Feschino said, citing the once-hidden reports on the Air Force's so-called Project Blue Book.

"That's when it hit the fan, and the government stepped up. That is when they had to simmer the whole country down. The whole country was in an uproar. Everybody was panicking. The job of the government is to keep things under control, and they couldn't let the country panic."

UFOs were buzzing the entire country that year, "and a good chunk of them were over military installations, and power plants, like Oak Ridge," the author says.

Feschino pulls his theory largely from the writings of Air Force Capt. Edward Ruppelt, a decorated World War II veteran, recalled to duty when hostilities erupted in Korea.

Roswell might stand out as the mother of all UFO stories, but 1952 was the most prolific year by far for aircraft sightings - by one account, some 30,000 alone in the United States, many of them reported in local newspapers around the country.

Craft ranged from discs to round balls to elongated, cigar-shaped ships, the Port Orange, Fla., resident said.

"Capt. Ruppelt was dropping clues throughout his book," Feschino said. "And that's the premise of my book. During that time of 1952 we had the highest amount of sightings."

In a book he wrote, Ruppelt said "other assorted historians have pointed out that normally the UFOs are peaceful," but he alluded to a chase in which one of two pilots engaging unidentified aircraft perished.

"They just weren't ready to be observed closely," he wrote.

"If the Air Force hadn't slapped down the security lid, these writers might not have reached this conclusion (about peaceful aliens). There have been other and more lurid duels of death. That's what everybody missed."

Feschino flatly says the Air Force took on alien aircraft just off the coast with orders to destroy them in a move to pacify a public growing ever restless over bizarre sightings. In the battle, apparently one craft hobbled back inland, resting on a knoll in a West Virginia community known as Flatwoods. And it was there on Sept. 12 a group of boys, accompanied by some adults, scampered up the hillside and saw a metallic, 12-foot object emitting a sulfuric odor. Locals dubbed it "the Flatwoods Monster."

"I have no idea who they were," Feschino said.

Based on his interviews with some 200 residents of Flatwoods, however, the author believes the aliens remain interested in rural West Virginia.

"There are people in West Virginia who have been seeing UFOs for the past 50 years, and there are key locations where they are being seen - Wheeling, Huntington, and quite a few south of Charleston, around Cabin Creek, even down in the Beckley area," he said.

Feschino is a headliner for a Sept. 7-8 UFO summit in Charleston, organized by promoter Larry Bailey. Joining him will be Freddie May, a witness to the Flatwoods incident, and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman, considered the leading UFO researcher in the world. Friedman has appeared on numerous cable TV shows with his belief that extraterrestrials are frequent flyers to planet Earth.

At the two-day gathering, Feschino plans to sell his new book, featuring a special, limited edition cover for West Virginia consumers.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Conference Brings Out Dedicated UFO Hunters
By Vimal Patel
Denver Post Staff Writer

Chuck Zukowski said he is used to skeptics deriding his belief in UFOs as silly escapism, but that's OK.

"There's more physical evidence that UFOs exist than there's physical evidence that Jesus Christ existed," the Colorado Springs resident and reserve sheriff's deputy said.

Zukowski was one of about 70 people, ranging from college students to retired professionals, who flocked to the Tivoli Student Center at the Auraria Campus on Saturday to talk about evidence of unidentified flying objects and convince skeptics.

No bug-eyed costumes with dangling Slinkys were in sight at the annual Colorado UFO Briefing. It was serious business.

"The evidence is simply overwhelming," said James Carrion, international director of the Mutual UFO Network, a national group that studies sightings.

Carrion used to flip through his mom's National Enquirer magazines when he was 11, sparking his interest in the topic. At that time, the tabloid actually used to hire real investigators to dig for information, he said.

The 38-year-old network is the world's largest UFO investigative group, with 2,500 members and 800 field investigators, Carrion said. Devouring thick books and attending seminars is a requirement to become a certified investigator.

Jefferson County resident Rick Nelson said he once saw three barrel-shaped objects fluttering in the sky over Arvada. One of the shimmering gold and copper things was about one-quarter mile away before it shot to the sky and out of sight, he said.

"Anyone who spends time researching it can't dismiss it," he said.

Colorado has a disproportionately high number of UFO sightings - about 5 to 12 a month out of a national 150, according to the Bellvue-based group.

It's unclear why, said Alejandro Rojas, the group's education director.

"We have a lot of cutting-edge (air) defense going on here," he said, explaining part of the sightings spike.

An annual UFO conference is set for Aug. 10-12 at the Denver Tech Center Marriott, where the negatives of McMinnville, Ore., UFO photos - pictures declared authentic by a group of University of Colorado scientists - will be shown to the public for the first time, Carrion said.

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Is This The Proof That Spirits Do Exist?
By Hazel Courteney

At first, it seemed no more than a curious coincidence. Professor Klaus Heinemann, a researcher for NASA, the U.S. space agency, was studying a collection of photographs his wife had taken at a gathering of spiritual healers when he noticed that many of them featured the same pale but clearly defined circle of light, like a miniature moon, hovering above some of the subjects.

Like most rational people, he assumed that the pictures were faulty. 'I presumed the circles were due to dust particles, flash anomalies, water particles and so on,' says Prof Heinemann.

[Image]

'But I was sufficiently intrigued that I returned to the room in which the pictures were taken, in the hope of finding an explanation - like a mirror in the background. None was forthcoming.'

Nor could he find any faults with his wife's camera. And as a scientist with considerable experience in sophisticated microscope techniques - examining matter down to atomic levels of optical resolution - his methods were nothing if not rigorous.

Still puzzled, Heinemann set out to discover what else might have caused the mysterious circles. He and his wife began taking hundreds of digital photographs at random events to see whether they could recreate the mysterious effect.

The answer was that they could make these shimmering 'orbs' appear again, but only - absurd as it may sound - if they 'asked' the apparitions to make themselves visible to the camera. And they found this method worked particularly well when the couple photographed spiritual gatherings.

What on earth was going on? Again, a maverick technical glitch seemed the obvious answer. Such anomalies happen frequently in digital photography. If you accidentally jog a camera while a picture is being taken, especially in dim light, you can easily get a double image.

But again, Prof Heinemann ruled out a technical fault. 'We were quickly able to eliminate the common problems associated with photography - such as dust particles, water droplets, reflections and a host of other likely causes.'

Yet the orbs still kept appearing. And the more images he took, the more he was able to study the bizarre properties of these shimmering lights.

Heinemann set up dozens of experiments using two cameras on static tripods under controlled conditions. His early experiments found that orbs can move very fast, up to 500mph or more.

Heinemann also found that during his numerous dual camera experiments, when he used twin cameras to capture an object from two different angles, a single orb shape would often appear - but only in one of the two images taken simultaneously.

It was as if the orbs somehow chose which camera to appear on, or whether to appear at all.

Eventually, Heinemann was left with only one conclusion: that he was witnessing some form of paranormal intelligence.

'There is no doubt in my mind that the orbs may well be one of the most significant "outside of this reality" phenomena mankind has ever witnessed,' says Professor Heinemann.

'Until now, there has been a huge amount of anecdotal evidence that the spirit world exists. I believe it's no longer anecdotal. Thanks to digital technology, we can see it for the first time. We are dealing with a non-physical - albeit real - phenomenon.'

The temptation, of course, is to dismiss such claims as bunkum. Indeed, many of Professor Heinemann's colleagues consider his research to be 'utter flaky nonsense'.

And yet a growing number of respectable scientists refuse to write off the possibility that these orbs, which are starting to appear on cameras around the world, just might offer a fascinating glimpse into the unknown.

Earlier this year, the world's first conference on orbs took place in Sedona, Arizona, where several scientists controversially stated that they believed orbs were indeed a genuine paranormal phenomenon.

Their conclusions, if correct, could have huge implications on the way we view the universe and our part in it. The experts say that just because something has not yet been scientifically proven, it doesn't mean that it is not real.

Professor William Tiller, a theoretical physicist who spent 35 years researching consciousness and matter at Stanford University in California, reminded the conference that what we see with our physical eyes comprises less than 10 per cent of the known universe.

This is because human vision operates only within a limited range of the electromagnetic spectrum. For instance, we cannot see radio waves, which carry huge amounts of information, yet we know they exist.

Similarly, Miceal Ledwith, a former professor of Theology, who for ten years was President of Maynooth College at the National University of Ireland, reminded the sceptics that when, in 1861, Dr Ignaz Semmelweis had claimed there might be some unseen link between surgeons who didn't wash their hands and the high rate of infection in childbirth, his mainstream colleagues ridiculed him.

Yet he had found the first evidence of what was later to become known as bacteria.

'Most great discoveries throughout history have been initially ridiculed,' Ledwith told the orbs conference. 'To my mind, there is no doubt that the orb phenomenon is real and deserves to be taken seriously. There are not just a few pictures of orbs, which could easily be faked, but hundreds of thousands from all over the world.'

To date, Ledwith, who was also a member of the International Theological Commission at the Vatican, has a collection of more than 100,000 orb pictures .

'They come in all sizes, ranging from a few inches to several feet across,' he says. 'Sometimes they appear alone, and at other times hundreds of them, in colours ranging from white to blue, green, rose and even gold.'

'Over time, I realised that a flash seemed to be essential to capture them, even in daylight. I believe this is because we can see the orbs only through the process in physics known as fluorescence. The camera flash sparks this fluorescence process, making the orbs visible to the camera.'

Ledwith is still uncertain about what these orbs might actually be, but he has no doubt that they are some sort of paranormal apparition.

'I believe they could be many things. They may turn out to be the spirits of those who have passed on; or, as some spiritual teachers state, they might be spirits waiting to be born into a physical body,' says Ledwith.

'They may also be, or represent, a host of other intelligences - from nature spirits to beings of pure energy that have never been incarnated in a physical form. There are hundreds of different types of orb.'

Many of the scientists at the conference believe the orbs are plasma-like balls of energy - but an energy that can be detected by physical means, and which appears to have some control over its own shape and form.

It's certainly the case that they can often be photographed best at places of psychic significance. 'They definitely seem drawn to spiritualtype gatherings,' says Ledwith.

'We regularly see orbs near healers' hands or heads. Perhaps they assist in the spiritual healing process.'

Take the case of Anna Donaldson, a freelance photographer who was commissioned to take pictures of Keith Watson, a medium who had been drafted in to help solve the disappearance of Sarah Payne, the little girl who was snatched while playing near her grandparents' home in West Sussex seven years ago.

The shoot took place at the exact spot where Sarah was last seen, because the medium had suggested that he 'might pick something up'. Sure enough, when the pictures were developed, a mysterious glowing dot appeared in one of the crucial images.

'I didn't believe in any of this paranormal stuff,' says Anna, 'but I couldn't find any fault with the camera - if there had been, then all the images would have been tainted, not just one of them.'

Still sceptical, Anna had the film and images analysed for technical faults, but again no one could provide a logical answer - until a member of the Psychic Institute suggested that the pictures could indeed be evidence of 'auras'. In this case, Anna was told that the blueish colour of the orb suggested the presence of a very young soul.

Still intrigued, Anna arranged to photograph Watson again - at the exact spot from where another young child had disappeared, this time in Greece. To her astonishment, the photographs again showed the presence of a blue orb.

And when Anna repeated the shoot the next day, in a bid to rule out a trick of the light, she got the same result - only this time it was two orange orbs.

'So what I now had was pictures of orbs from three different cameras, in two different countries, on three different days - there's simply no way that could be a chance occurrence or a technical fault,' says Anna.

'I still don't know what to think about it, but I suppose because a camera can pick up an image at a shutter speed of 1/2,000 of a second, it's possible it can detect things the naked eye cannot see.'

Could it have been the spirits of the lost children?

Terri Caldwell, a healer from Belbroughton, in Worcestershire, is among those who are convinced that orbs are a visible manifestation of human spirits.

'To my mind, the orbs are the spirit world simply going about their business,' she says. 'I believe we are all spirits having a physical experience, and when we die our energy field which carries all the information about us continues on.'

But not everyone is convinced. Gary Schwartz, Professor of Psychiatry at Arizona University, has conducted many experiments into orbs with the help of optical scientist Katherine Creath and remains sceptical.

'We feel that a large majority of so-called orb pictures are too readily attributed to some form of paranormal phenomena when, in fact, stray reflections in uncontrolled environments often produce orb-like images,' he says.

That does not deter those, like Miceal Ledwith, who feel orbs are simply too widespread to be written off as a misunderstanding. 'The orbs are an everyday part of reality, as much as we are,' he maintains. 'Their world may be as real as ours, but exists on higher frequencies.'

'If you change your TV channel, you switch to different frequencies, which contain different information. It's illogical to think that what we cannot see is not real, because the human eye is able to receive only a very narrow part of the light spectrum. Many animals can see in spectrums invisible to us.'

As Professor Heinemann summarised: 'Research into orbs is only in its infancy. But the photographs of these spirit emanations offer evidence - as close to scientific proof as we have ever come - in proving the existence of spiritual reality.'

- Klaus Heinemann's and Miceal Ledwith's book, The Orb Project, will be published by Simon & Schuster in November.

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Universal Mum About Roswell

Universal Orlando and the U.S. Air Force have this in common:
Neither will talk much about Project Roswell.

Universal Orlando's project has nothing to do with the Air
Force's alleged cover up of a UFO crash in New Mexico.

Project Roswell Video F/X appeared on a document Universal
recently filed with the Orange County Comptroller's Office. But
Universal won't say what it means.

Is it a ride? Or something to do with the park's spooky
Halloween Horror Nights, which return in October?

The county document gives no details, except the contractor's
name: Communications Concepts Inc. of Cape Canaveral. The
contractor also is not commenting

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Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

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>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:13:55 -0700
>Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:55:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

<snip>

>"Pelicanists" is an inside joke that nobody understands outside
>the field.

>"Anal Retentives" probably wouldn't go over well in polite
>company.

>How about Spiro Agnew (remember him?) and "Nattering Nabobs of
>Negativism?" (sort of like Stan Friedman's "Noisy Negatativsts")

>I like Robert Anton Wilson's perjoratives for CSICOPism,
>"Irrational Rationalism" and "Fundamentalist Materialism", which
>he used in his book, "The New Inquisition: Irrational
>Rationalism and the Citadel of Science."

<snip>

>I still like "Debunker" however, but maybe to make it more
>specific they would be referred to as "Dogmatic Debunkers", sort
>of the flip side to "Gullible Believers" they like to use
>pejoratively to describe UFO researchers.

How about Automatic-Debunkers?

Or: Debunking Robots?

For example: Mr. xxx, the debunking robot - because his
reactions to UFO materials are automatic and thoughtless, as
well as 'dogmatic', of course.

Or: UFO RoboCops?

For example: Mr. xxx, the UFO RoboCop....

Or: UFO RoboDebunker?

For example: Mr. xxx, the UFO RoboDebunker...

Dave Morton

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Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written by high ranking government and military officials, including three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early 1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic testing.

Bellingham, WA (PRWEB) - Top secret documents alleged to have been written by high ranking government and military officials, including three U.S. presidents, leaked to the public in the early 1980s, have been proven fraudulent by recent forensic linguistic testing. These documents, collectively named The Majestic Documents by researchers, contained references to the alleged crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, NM, in July of 1947. References to extraterrestrial technology and alien bodies appear in several of the documents. Dates of the documents themselves range from 1942 to the early 1990s.

The Majestic Documents were allegedly authored by members of an above top secret task force (MJ-12) begun under the auspices of then President Truman to deal with the crash of an extraterrestrial space craft near Roswell. The cache of documents included memos written by President Truman; Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, who would become the first Director of the CIA; Dr. Vannevar Bush, who chaired the Office of Scientific Research and Development; and General Nathan Twining, who headed the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where the wreckage was taken, and who served as Air Force Chief of Staff (1953-1957) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1957-1961). Aside from President Truman, memos allegedly written by presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy are also among the Majestic Documents.

The documents were tested by Dr. Carol Chaski of Georgetown, DE, who was hired by Dr. Michael Heiser, a biblical scholar with an interest in the UFO phenomenon. Dr. Chaski is a leading expert in the linguistic science of authorship attribution, a discipline that uses computers to extract and define stylistic patterns in a given author's writings - a 'linguistic fingerprint'. Dr. Chaski pioneered her own computational document authentication software program, ALIAS, for such testing, and is currently the president of ALIAS Technology, LLC. Among the stylistic patterns detected by Dr. Chaski's specially-developed computer program are patterns in sentence structure, word order in parts of speech and use of punctuation.

A total of 17 documents were tested, allegedly written by nine different authors. Dr. Heiser typed the prose text of the disputed Majestic Documents and a set of undisputed control documents for each author for Dr. Chaski's testing. Of the 17 documents tested, only one can be scientifically validated as having been written by the author who is named. Dr. Heiser's assessment: "Anyone basing any claims of alien existence or an alien crash at Roswell on these documents would be foolish to do so; they just don't stand up to cutting edge scientific analysis."

A complete copy of the report on the testing procedures and results can be obtained at:

<http://www.mj12documents.com>

Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the college level for more than 12 years, and has had a lifelong interest in UFO, occult and paranormal phenomena. He is the author of The Fa=E7ade - available in a limited edition pre-release at:

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:05:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

>>1. Evidence from the fossil record?

>>2. Evidence from the archaeological record?

>Are you saying there isn't any evidence? If so, I recommend that
>you read some of Hancock's works on this subject.

>Also, you must always remember that lack of evidence in
>paleontology and archeology is meaningless. All that means is
>that we just haven't found it yet. Or maybe we have and it has
>not yet been recognized for what it is.

>Paleontology is full of cases of misidentified artifacts. When
>the "antennae" of Anomalocaris were first found they were not
>recognized as parts of a larger animal, but classified as a type
>of shrimp. (The name the animal is stuck with as a result means
>"strange shrimp", when the actual animal looked nothing like a
>shrimp.) The claws of Therizinosaurus cheloniformis were first
>believed to be ribs of sea turtles.

>snip>

I think deductive logic applies to the UFO situation. If we
apply our human knowledge to the situation, then what do we know
or think we know?

Interstellar travel at the speed of light is impossible.
Deductive logic tells you that they must be coming from closer
to home. Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly
small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been
no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.
Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range
craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or
emergencies.

In space, there's no up or down, left or right so if you're
travelling in a small craft from umpteen light years away, with
no food, water, life support, or emergency procedures, then
Earth is going to be a hard place to find!

I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
and it was put online in 2001 here:

<http://projectprove.com/Arts/BnEv/BnEv.php>

Michael

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>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 06:02:48 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

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>>Gerald O'Connell

><LOL> As if the examination of the fossil record
>and that of the archeological on earth is anymore honestly
>and openly treated than that of UFOs!

>Michael A. Cremo and Richard L. Thompson's book, Forbidden
>Archeology barely breaks the surface and it's 914 pages.

>It is no longer a matter of evidence, nor has it been for quite
>some time. It is a pathology among the incredulous who will
>protest anything brought to their attention that that challenges
>their small world beliefs. On earth, off earth... anywhere.

Well said there Mr. James Horak!

I've been reticent to divulge what I've been told regarding
ancient civilizations but it's high time not to keep silent any
longer.

I grew up amongst academia. Both parents, their colleagues,
neighbors, 5 colleges, 2 ivy league in my home town area. Not
only that but massive high tech plants where the world's top
physicists, computer pros, engineers worked and lived.

I've got academia up the wazzoo over here.

In the late 60's archaeological finds were the subject of many
heated debates. Not because what was found was so unusual it was
a matter_of_where_they_were_found_. Namely Africa and N. And S.
America.

Why? Go back and read about the Leaky family's discoveries in
the Olduvai Gorge. Man rose from Africa and that fact made rich
white people nervous. Especially the right-wing Christian
fundamentalists. Can anyone say 'Scopes Trial'? The discoveries
that invalidated white supremacy, which was still going strong
when I was a lad as people of color were still being lynched and
beaten by police officers no less. If anyone thinks the Leaky
discoveries of proto-humans raised the ire of the supremacists

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who were using religion as justification for the past 1,000 years for murder and looting, just think what the other discoveries that invalidated human supremacy would do.

Yes, and those discoveries came from the mining and petroleum exploratory groups. I have dozens of professionals in those fields alone who've told me straight up what they found off the record as they had to sign non-disclosure agreements. For the past 2-3 years I've been pestering a professor acquaintance from one of the world's largest museums to finally come clean with what he's not only disclosed to me but has shown another acquaintance of ours, a noted scientist, regarding ancient technology and artifacts by the boatload.

I've know professors and the like in every major country terrified to come forward for fear of retribution. Let me be very blunt here, I do not wish to offend but in a nutshell the reason most of this data has not seen the light of day is because it invalidates white supremacy, Christian supremacy, Judaism, Islam and every other mainstream supremacy that our world is built on.

Not all life forms develop the same. Not all advanced life forms use 10% of their minds. Think in terms of where we humans would be had we never engaged in the use of alcohol and narcotics. Where we'd be if we had engaged in nutritional efficiency? Think in terms of a race of the smartest of the smart not encumbered by the same things that make us unmanageable. You don't see rabbits or sharks or whales needing a religious book to teach them how to behave now do you? Why?

Is there evidence and proof of other civilizations both human and non-human having developed on this world? My answer coming straight from the horse's mouth is absolutely. Why isn't this information readily available to the public? Again, the answer is a non scientific and I quote, "Because, how much shit do you want to stir up and still have shit left to stir?" Mark you that quote comes from a leading engineer and authority in human history.

We're in a holding pattern because of secrets and fear of the embarrassing facts about our creation and maintenance. Note how I said maintenance. The vitriolic responses to archaeological discoveries especially made by those under Standard Oil, (oops! did I give something away there?) are due to persons who know the truth and fear their status amongst us humans will dwindle.

I must confess, when as a wee one my parents and the professors who would discuss the alternates to mainstream archaeology and paleontology used to rub me raw. I thought these people were nuts. If I couldn't see it in my hands or examine it with my tools I wasn't buying it. However, when I now look back at what I studied in anthropology 27 years ago and what's been discovered since, I have to admit we didn't have anywhere near the real picture. The real picture would scare the living daylights out of your fellow human being. I'm sort of glad things have been kept under wraps or we'd never get the wife and kids to sleep at night.

In the meantime, we have enough problems with our fellow human beings who can't get along due to differences in religion or skin color or choice of music. We start adding the fact that what they rest their beliefs on may be false and we'd be in for quite a turning of the soil.

Pun intended.

Best,

Greg

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>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I don't have any defenders. I can't think of a single person who
>buys into my theory 100%. What Steve and Ray and Bob
>were defending was my right to an informed opinion. They felt
>I should be able present it to the List without being attacked
>or made to look ridiculous.

Absolutely right. But I disagree with your last point, Ed. These people have not made you look ridiculous. They have made themselves look ridiculous with their unsupported, kneejerk responses to your ideas.

They know there are no stones in the sky, so obviously stones can't fall from the sky.

<snip>

>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world- wide
>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional
>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
>says FTL travel is not possible. I have ruled out our own
>military (except for the TR 3B, the flying triangle) because
>the history of UFO goes back thousands of years.

You are right in that we disagree on some points. I, for one, do not rule out "angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional entities, etc." I think these beings present themselves to humans in the guise du jour, and have appeared as angels and demons in times past because the humans of the day could believe those explanations. Before we got out into our solar system a bit and found out the realities, they passed themselves off as visitors from Mars, Venus, Saturn, or other planets. Now that we know those explanations are bogus, they claim to be from distant stars.

I don't rule out time travelers because time travel may well be possible. I don't think FYL travel is impossible in a non-local universe, but it may be difficult or we may just not be interesting enough to justify it.

Lastly, I don't think an earlier technological civilization on earth would be monotremes. Monotremes are an evolutionary dead end. I think it far more likely that they would be dinosauroids. But that is probably a minor point in the theory. A convergently evolved humanoid could come from almost any vertebrate origin.

What I can't figure out is why your theory, mine, or Sanderson's original should be so damned frightening to some people.

Bob Shell

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 15:09:13 +0100
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 07:46:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 15:47:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Has anyone had a look at that book titled Forbidden Archaeology?
>I haven't, but I think it might be relevant to the 'parallel
>evolution' thing, (unless it's all nonsense, of course.)

Hello Eleanor

Am severely impartial on such subjects and haven't got around to holding the book, but think I've seen extracts from many/most of the articles in it and written about it.

<http://www.mcremo.com/impact.htm>

is one of Michael Cremona's pages of reviews. As he and others hint, archeologists (and egyptologists) tend to be even more resistant to new evidence than general mainstream scientists - and that's saying a lot.

BTW - just found what looks like a useful collection of interesting and quite surprising quotes from authority on the subject of UFOs and various ET hypotheses.

http://netscientia.com/ufo_quotes.html

Cheers

Ray D

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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:05:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

>>1. Evidence from the fossil record?

>>2. Evidence from the archaeological record?

>Are you saying there isn't any evidence?

Yes, I am. There's a stack of evidence for the incompleteness of our current picture, but none for the existence of a completely different picture, one that would support a convergently evolved cryptoterrestrial hypothesis/ancient civilisation hypothesis.

>If so, I recommend that you read some of Hancock's works on >this subject.

Hancock's works, insofar as they are as persuasive, do nothing to support a CTH/ACH.

>Also, you must always remember that lack of evidence in >paleontology and archeology is meaningless. All that means is >that we just haven't found it yet.

So if we look long enough and hard enough we'll find evidence for anything and everything? Is that your point? Later on, you bemoan the lack of 'good scientific argument with Ed's theory'. If your argument is indicative of the logical strength of 'good scientific argument', then I'll stick with idle speculation and crude superstition, thanks.

>Or maybe we have and it has not yet been recognized for what it >is.

>Paleontology is full of cases of misidentified artifacts. When >the "antennae" of Anomalocaris were first found they were not >recognized as parts of a larger animal, but classified as a type >of shrimp. (The name the animal is stuck with as a result means >"strange shrimp", when the actual animal looked nothing like a >shrimp.) The claws of Therizinosaurus cheloniformis were first >believed to be ribs of sea turtles.

>I've actually worked in one of the world's great museums, and I >know that there are thousands of unidentified fossils and >archeological specimens in such a museum. I'm sure there are >also many misidentified specimens.

Of course there is a wealth of palaeontological and archaeological anomalies. Of course the academic establishment is conservative in its interpretation of data. But there is

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still a mountain of serious work to be done before anybody can argue that the anomalous data supports a CTH/ACH or anything similar. So at the moment, as I said, there isn't any evidence.

>Lack of evidence is not a valid argument.

Actually it's an extremely strong argument for the position that there isn't any evidence.

>Really, the only thing wrong with Ed's theory (and so far as I >know, Ed is the first to theorize a monotreme species >convergently evolved) is that you and some others just don't >like it.

I never said I didn't like it. Actually I love it. I also like the work of Ray Bradbury and Kurt Vonnegut. There's always room for another challenging idea. The more the merrier. But a predisposition against the ETH or transdimensional explanations is not the same as an evidence based hypothesis. Ed's position is not an evidence-based hypothesis, it's an interesting what-if - rather like ice nine.

>Well, again, that is not a valid argument. So far we've >seen a lot of windage, ridicule, and dismissive outbursts, but >not a single bit of good scientific argument with Ed's theory. >This is not how science works.

Science is a culture, and it works in many different ways. One of its biggest strengths is that scientists get on and do it rather than try to tell each other how it should work. If a spot of ridicule galvanises you, Ed or a clerk in a patent office into going through a pile of antennae, claws and dusty artefacts, and proving that a race of Devonian platypuses mastered time-travel, gravity, immortality and are currently in our midst, then all our lives will be the richer for it.

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Gerald O'Connell

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:36:02 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 11:06:05 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>Thanks, Steve. I don't believe that I support the notion that
>>>all theories are of equal value. I don't remember saying that
>>>anywhere.

>>I didn't say you did, Ed. It's your defenders who act that way.

>Dick,

>I don't have any defenders. I can't think of a single person who
>buys into my theory 100%. What Steve and Ray and Bob
>were defending was my right to an informed opinion. They felt
>I should be able present it to the List without being attacked
>or made to look ridiculous.

I'd defend your right to an opinion, but there's a heck of a
difference between that and an 'informed opinion'.

Forget Hancock, forget archaeology, forget the fossil record.
You're talking about a unknown civilization, on earth now,
building and operating complex, high-performance aerial craft.
That requires an industry, production facilities, raw materials,
and a whole history of technical and scientific development,
including the equivalent of an industrial revolution. Where's
the evidence?

Underground? No, that's full of deros! The South Pole? No,
that's full of Nazi secret bases!

With ideas like this floating around, do you wonder why pysical
scientists wont touch ufology with a bargepole? The 'giggle
factor'? Right here.

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Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:17:11 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 07:56:07 -0400
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>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 02:17:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 12:13:55 -0700
>>Archived: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:55:32 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

><snip>

>>"Pelicanists" is an inside joke that nobody understands outside
>>the field.

>>"Anal Retentives" probably wouldn't go over well in polite
>>company.

>>How about Spiro Agnew (remember him?) and "Nattering Nabobs of
>>Negativism?" (sort of like Stan Friedman's "Noisy
>>Negatativsts")

>>I like Robert Anton Wilson's perjoratives for CSICOPism,
>>"Irrational Rationalism" and "Fundamentalist Materialism",
>>which he used in his book, "The New Inquisition: Irrational
>>Rationalism and the Citadel of Science."

><snip>

>>I still like "Debunker" however, but maybe to make it more
>>specific they would be referred to as "Dogmatic Debunkers",
>>sort of the flip side to "Gullible Believers" they like to
>>use pejoratively to describe UFO researchers.

>How about Automatic-Debunkers?

>Or: Debunking Robots?

>For example: Mr. xxx, the debunking robot - because his
>reactions to UFO materials are automatic and thoughtless, as
>well as 'dogmatic', of course.

>Or: UFO RoboCops?

>For example: Mr. xxx, the UFO RoboCop....

>Or: UFO RoboDebunker?

>For example: Mr. xxx, the UFO RoboDebunker...

I guess we can come up with all kinds of descriptive names, but that doesn't change his image for the general public and media, so what's the point? I guess some may feel better with a little name calling to help them through the day, but until we can actually confront Schermer on his own turf and beat him to a draw, it's going to be business as usual.

Steve

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 07:58:05 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:36:51 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
>>apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
>>diaplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
>>purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
>>are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
>>indeed horse-laughable.

>The problem is that some ideas simply get dismissed out of hand,
>based only on personal bias, not facts. That's why I like
>Stanton's idea of a "gray basket" where non-provable ideas can
>be put on the back burner until further evidence perhaps comes
>along, instead of just being discarded altogether.

The "problem" is not, in the self-serving definition above, that ideas are rejected "based only on personal bias" (similar charges are routinely hurled against physics professionals by lay physics cranks who think they've disproved Einstein), but that silly ideas, based on personal belief as opposed to a body of compelling evidence, get continually recycled over ufology's history. That's why we get nowhere, and that's why those of us who know something about the requirements of science - not to mention the history of ufology - lose our patience.

As this mind-numbing exchange has staggered onward, I have more and more come to understand that at least some on this list have, at best, a grade-school understanding of how science works (that is, if they don't reject science altogether). They also hold the absurd view that one idea being as good as another, all ideas - however bizarre, however question-begging - deserve respectful consideration, especially if in some way they challenged that most hated of heresies, the ETH, which they can be counted on to drag into every discussion even when it's not at issue. I am pretty certain that by "gray basket," which any thoughtful anomalist has in his intellectual tool kit, Stan Friedman did not mean the ideas of Richard Shaver, M. K. Jessup, and Ed Gehrman, or, for that matter, hollow-earth doctrines (in which a secret advanced race is also thought to be living mostly hidden from our view) that are unmistakably related. Right, Stan?

It's simply, really. Human evolution, archaeology, and ancient history are well-established disciplines, stretching over decades and centuries. These disciplines are well funded, have produced a massive literature, and are taught in schools, colleges, and universities across the world. Research into them continues daily as new discoveries and insights deepen our understanding of how we got to where we are now. The well of richly documented, established data is deep. (None of the above can be said for ufology, obviously.) Meantime, on the fringes

Gehrman conjures up a fantastic claim which contradicts a staggering amount of established knowledge, not to mention what those who possess it would deem common sense. If against all odds he happens to be right, Gehrman is an intellectual hero to rank with history's immortals, for example Galileo, who also had to suffer inquisitors like Dick Hall and me.

So if you think his claims are reasonable, so, we may safely presume, must scholars. In their professional life, after all, they examine and analyze the relevant materials that would demonstrate that Gehrman's theories are not, as surface indications would suggest, stereotypical crank speculation, in this instance rooted in his belief in the alien-autopsy film and in an uncritical reading of true-mystery literature written by non-professionals. After all, his would arguably be the greatest discovery in all of history: that a technologically advanced civilization that has co-existed pretty much unknown to us is responsible for a wide range of heretofore unexplained appearances and phenomena.

If this is true, direct evidence for its presence would be all around us. Archaeologists, historians, and others in relevant disciplines would have written papers in refereed scientific journals examining it and constructing hypotheses around it. So let's see those citations, shall we?

By the way, Graham Hancock, not a reputable academic, does not count. And please don't waste our time by pointing out that archaeological anomalies exist. Anomalies always exist. Nobody says we know everything about the human past. (Beyond that, we don't know everything about, for example, gravity; yet nobody disputes its existence. On the other hand, we haven't heard from Ed Gehrman or his defenders on that subject. Maybe they'll tell us that scientists who work on gravity are close-minded incompetents who don't know anything.) But unless you can prove otherwise - and you can't - it's time to stop insulting your colleagues' intelligence and wasting our time.

If you really think you have a serious claim on their time and attention, it is your obligation not to harangue us growingly impatient ufologists but to take it to the scientific professionals for their assessment. Time, too, to start citing papers in the scientific literature that show the professionals deem the existence of a hidden terrestrial civilization even marginally possible. Time, in other words, to put up or shut up. Why do I expect that you will do neither?

Jerry Clark

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

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Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>Source: The Daily Mail - London, UK

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

>20th July 2007

>Is This The Proof That Spirits Do Exist?
>By Hazel Courteney

"All Orb Photos are Dust"

<http://www.strangehappenings.org/Orb-Photos-Are-Dust.htm>

I found this with Google in about two seconds. The fact that the site in question concerns ghosts and the paranormal, in my mind, makes the condemnation of the 'orb' photos even stronger. These people aren't professional skeptics. They are people desperately trying to document paranormal activity, people who would have been happy to believe in orb photos, if the hadn't proven to be easily duplicable with dust, lint, and pollen.

The other suspect aspect of the story quoted here was the instant jump from 'unexplainable blotches on photos' to the 'spirit world.' The unknown phenomena is instantly known - as evidence of the spiritual.

Orbs visibility amidst groups of psychics and paranormal types is probably explained by the fact that when groups of, ah, normative people get together and take pictures, they don't interpret splotches on their flash photographs as paranormal phenomena.

When all you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail.

Whenever I read an article that has some simple process whereby one can personally document some paranormal or unexplained phenomena, I am instantly attracted, and, upon five minutes research, inevitably disappointed. I'm reminded of Wilhelm Reich's experiment XX,

http://home.netcom.com/~rogermw/Reich/experiment_xx.html

and Kirlian photography:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kirlian_photography)

All expose the adrenaline rush of the almost-scientific discovery, a naive glow which is largely denied us in the modern era. I often envy Archimedes his bathtub, realizing he could calculate the volume of a complex artifact by immersing it in water and measuring the displacement. Imagine living in a world with such low-hanging scientific fruit! Christ, I could have been a genius back then!

String theory? Uh. No, I'm not going to make a contribution there.

The contemporary culture's alienation from science lies in the

fact that lay people seldom are able to make any contribution. Gone are the gentleman amateur scientists of the 19th century. Nowadays, anyone without a Ph.D struggling to discover something is labeled a crackpot. Real science is done with billion dollar DARPA grants by sainted figures in white coats. (In the life sciences I've seen some evidence of interchanges between talented amateurs (animal breeders in the pet trade for example) and 'real' scientists, but I've not heard of anything similar in other venues.)

We're left to dick around with our splotchy photos, and our vials of dirty water.

Oh, and some of us also have our personal experiences of UFOs, and alien abduction. Which are just as studiously ignored by the academy.

One laments the lost teachable moments of Ufology.

Jay O'Connell
<http://jayoconnell.blogspot.com/>

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Friedman Shermer Debate On C2C Tonight

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Subject: Friedman Shermer Debate On C2C Tonight

Michael Shermer and I will be debating Wednesday July 25 on Coast to Coast radio with George Noory... Sort of left over from Larry King.

Stan Friedman

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Weekly World News Folds

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:19:10 -0400
Subject: Weekly World News Folds

Source: Laurel Touby's MediaBistro.Com - New York, NY, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2gcp9q>

Monday, Jul 23

[Links at site]

Weekly World News Killed By Aliens, Zombie Elvis, Declining Circulation

R.I.P. Weekly World News. The imaginative tabloid, which gave the world Bat Boy, Ed Anger and a woman celebrating her 7-year wedding anniversary with a space alien, is no more. They're shuttering the publication in August. No reason was given.

Staff writer Bob Greenberger commented on his blog:

"Friday morning, Jeff Rovin comes in for a meeting and then the staff was to be called in. He's looking harried, not at all relaxed. At 11:30, we're finally shown into an office where we are told the Board of Directors has chosen to close Weekly World News. The reasons given make no sense. We're stunned and shell-shocked. We're to stay on through August 3, finishing the reprint issues and then we're done. A glorious, funny, odd publication, born in 1979, will go out with a whimper and all I can think is that something's going on that they're not telling us because it just doesn't make sense."

The UFO - and Bigfoot - loving tabloid had its share of fans. The Economist ran a loving obituary for late WWN editor Eddie Clontz and the Wall Street Journal even found room to praise the magazine. It was also known as a reliable source of paychecks for science fiction and fantasy writers looking to make a few extra bucks.

Unfortunately, the tabloid's circulation sharply declined over the past five years and there's also speculation that publisher American Media's financial troubles might have something to do with it.

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

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The Dagenham Spacewoman

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Subject: The Dagenham Spacewoman

Source: Jess Beeley's GreetingsEarthlings.Net - Limerick, Ireland

<http://www.greetingsearthlings.net/the-dagenham-spacewoman/>

July 23rd, 2007

The Dagenham Spacewoman

[Image]

Glenda's Spacewoman. From: Evans, p.160. Artist: Glenda herself.
Text: Fustar
Artist: Glenda

Where: Dagenham, London.
When: 1972 (onwards).
Witness: "Glenda".
Introduction

I've just received (via eBay) a copy of Hilary Evans' 1984 volume *Visions, Apparitions, Alien Visitors: A Comparative Study of the Entity Enigma*. Time has not permitted me to do more than dip into it yet - though (at first glance) it looks quite interesting and broad

The most recent reference to Glenda and her visitor I've found is in Evans' own 2005 (*Magonia Supplement*) article "Beyond the UFO Horizon".² Here's what he had to say on that occasion:

"In 1976 a 17-year old girl from Dagenham, near London, England, told investigators of a series of strange experiences culminating in a cigar-shaped UFO which followed her along a city street. She revealed that five years earlier she had come home from school one afternoon, gone upstairs to her room, only to be joined by a spacewoman who walked in through the closed door, sat beside her on her bed and talked with her for an hour or so. Ever since then, the spacewoman had been a sort of companion, counsellor and friend - generally unseen, but always felt."

A further detail or two can be found in *Visions, Apparitions, Alien Visitors*:

"This entity was later to appear intermittently in Glenda's life - sometimes when awake, sometimes in dreams; neither malevolent nor benevolent, though seemingly concerned for Glenda's well-being. An elusive, enigmatic apparition."³

Thoughts

While Glenda's sketch of the entity unambiguously suggests "alien" - her description of its arrival, actions, and (apparent) concerns leads to the kind of "category blurring" so typical of many such experiences. The scenario of a young, (pre)teenage girl being visited by an enigmatic (but comforting)

female figure clearly calls to mind certain famous Marian apparitions, while the notion of an ever-present counsellor/companion can't but make one think of "spirit guides" or "imaginary friends" (like Carl Jung's "Philemon").

The bedroom setting is also, of course, a staple of otherworldly experiences. It is, after all, something of a liminal place - a gateway (of sorts) between the waking and sleeping worlds. Little surprise then that ghostly visitors, religious apparitions, alien abductors, incubi (etc., etc.) all see it as a happy hunting (or haunting) ground.

I see that Evans mentions David Hufford's book *The Terror That Comes in the Night: An Experience-Centered Study of Supernatural Assault Traditions*, a volume I've been meaning to buy/read for some time. I once used to experience some pretty vivid and terrifying sleep paralysis/night terror episodes myself (see comments section here), but got to a stage where I became aware I was actually asleep when they were happening. One practical observation confirmed for me that this was the case: I could "see" everything in the bedroom clearly when thus paralysed. Since I am very short-sighted, this shouldn't have been the case. I've often wondered whether myopic "alien abductees" have re-examined their own experiences in the same way.

None of this is meant to trivialise encounters with "bedroom invaders" of course. While I'm reluctant to view them as literally real, physical experiences, I'm happy to imagine that there very well may be something fundamentally human at play in all of this. What that is exactly, I don't know=85but then this is a realm where very little is exact.

[2 Images]

1. "Glenda" may, of course, be pseudonymous.
2. *Magonia Supplement*, No. 58, 10 August 2005.
3. Evans, Hilary, *Visions, Apparitions, Alien Visitors: A Comparative Study of the Entity Enigma* (London: Book Club Associates, 1984), p.15.
4. Obviously enough, I don't wear glasses or contact lenses in bed!

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

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:40:49 -0300
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>July 24, 2007

>[Links at site]

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>1947. References to extraterrestrial technology and alien bodies
>appear in several of the documents. Dates of the documents
>themselves range from 1942 to the early 1990s.

<snip>

I spoke with Dr. Chaski who obviously had no axe to grind and was friendly. She had an appointment and I will be talking to her again. She was surprised that I had labelled a host of supposed MJ-12 documents as frauds in the afterword to my book TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Hopefully I will find out which documents she reviewed. I have in the past noted some serious errors in Heisler's comments about my review of Nick Redfern's Roswell book.

It wouldn't surprise me if this was brought up in my debate with Michael Shermer on Coast to Coast Radio 11PM - 2AM Pacific time.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:47:13 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:08:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:36:02 +0000
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>or made to look ridiculous.

>>>>The utter necessity of peer review aside, hypothesis or theory
>>>>construction requires building a logically coherent and
>>>>empirically grounded explanation for a body of data. not simply
>>>>pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

>>>>My theory is supported by science theory (convergent evolution)
>>>>and is logically coherent and very simple to understand:
>>>>Sometime during the last two-hundred million years another
>>>>species of tool makers evolved and populated the earth in enough
>>>>numbers to create the technology that is responsible to the UFO
>>>>seen daily across our planet. We live parallel existences and
>>>>are at the point of possible convergence. All the above is
>>>>possible, scientifically, and historically. It is not some
>>>>"wild-ass notion". It is by far the simplest explanation, and
>>>>makes sense of all the information that ufology has collected
>>>>over the years. All one needs to do is substitute ancient
>>>>monotreme civilization (AMC) for ETH.

>>And where do we go to see these people, Ed?

>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world- wide
>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional
>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
>says FTL travel is not possible.

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

What has the speed of light got to do with the ETH? That's like saying that the theory that the west was populated with settlers couldn't happen because wagon trains were too slow. Speed has nothing to do with it. Time is the significant factor here and there are billions of years of time.

Your whole argument falls apart over this one point.

Why after co-existing with us for millions of years are these "critters" so interested in our bowels and sexual reproductive systems? Where is their whole [social, manufacturing, housing, economic based] infrastructure.

There is no such thing as a TR-3b.

Don Ledger

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>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 15:47:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:28:48 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

><snip>

>>You and I know that what you'll find at 'a nearby
>>college/university or museum' are mostly minor, rote-learned
>>pedants with very little real scientific knowledge and even less
>>scientific capability.

>Has anyone had a look at that book titled Forbidden Archaeology?
>I haven't, but I think it might be relevant to the 'parallel
>evolution' thing, (unless it's all nonsense, of course.)

One has nothing to do with the other. It is probably true that there were other civilizations other than the ones we know about and earlier on, but they succumbed to one form of decay or another. The thing is none of them were super civilizations, like us, meaning they made it into space and walked on another of the Solar System's satellites... out-godded god, so to speak.

Don ledger

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Gehrman

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:14:07 -0400
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>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:40:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:37:05 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>><snip>

>>>I encourage you to approach such experts - you'll find some at a
>>>nearby college/university or museum - and ask if they think
>>>there is any compelling evidence for the existence, past or
>>>present, of a technologically advanced but hidden race that
>>>shares the planet with us.

>>These experts are my friends and school classmates and fishing
>>buddies and we talk about far out ideas all the time. They agree
>>that there isn't any hard accepted evidence of ancient
>>civilizations, but there are tantalizing clues, mainly the work
>>of Hancock Many stress that so much has been lost to time that
>>there's no way to make a real estimate of probability. But if
>>you ask them to make a choice between ETH and ancient hominids,
>>the hominids win every time. Not a single scientist that I know
>>believes that star travel is possible.

>Ed:

>I find it all terribly amusing that people who are inclined to
>support the ETH are lecturing other people about what science
>will and will not accept as a reasonable hypothesis with respect
>to UFOs.

>Having said that, when you make a statement like "Not a single
>scientist that I know believes that star travel is possible",
>you just make yourself look foolish. The best spin I can put on
>this is that you have a very, very limited range of
>acquaintances in the various relevant scientific fields.

Paul,

I stand by my statement. Perhaps I do have a limited number of
science friends, but most of them do not believe that UFO exist
and their main reason for this belief is that they hold star
travel to be impossible. Of courses there's always a fair
of kidding and horseplay but when we can discuss the matter in a
serious vein, and I explain my theory, there is always a
preference for it over star visitors.

>Or perhaps you've never met Stan Friedman. He's a scientist
>(despite what some of his detractors may say from time to
>time). Or Jim McDonald. He was a scientist. A good one.

I only met Stan once and I don't consider him a scientist. He has a degree in science but he's a working propagandist pushing the ETH (cosmic cover-up) and not a working scientist. I never met Jim McDonald but I do consider him to be a working scientist and I agree, a very good one. I have examined his archive at Uof A and I don't recall him writing that star travel was possible.

>Perhaps I just know more scientists than you do, but my friends
>who are scientists, to a person, don't find the idea of star
>travel (someday) to be impossible. Not a one.

Maybe I'm missing something but "someday" is not a scientific term. Science says: "True" FTL, in which matter exceeds the speed of light beams in their own local region, is considered to be impossible by the physics community because of the special theory of relativity, which prohibits a particle with subluminal velocity to accelerate to, or exceed, the speed of light in a vacuum (special relativity does not forbid the existence of particles that travel faster than light at all times)...Outside of mainstream physics, others (often without traditional physics training) have speculated on mechanisms that might allow FTL travel to be achieved, often relying on new theories of physics of their own invention, but their ideas have not gained significant acceptance in the physics research community. Fictional depictions of superluminal travel and the mechanisms of achieving it are also a staple of the science fiction genre.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faster-than-light>

>Indeed, a recent
>poll of Canadians found that an overwhelming majority are
>convinced that we'll be able to travel to the stars someday,
>although probably not in our lifetimes. Presumably more than a
>few of the people surveyed had backgrounds in science.

I can't argue with this. I find it interesting since there are no reasons to believe that FTL travel is possible, science backgrounds or not.

It's only the deep, almost religious belief in the inevitable triumph of technology that fuels this optimism. I happen to disagree. There are limits to technology.

>Of course, a number of our government's, including mine,
>maintain space programs with the ultimate goal - someday - of
>getting us out there.

Well there's "out there" and way out there. We'll probably be able to travel in our solar system, but not much farther with manned vehicles.

>>I have never secretly or openly compared myself to Galileo. But
>>you are correct. Most academics do not accept the idea that
>>ancient monotonans pilot UFO. An even greater number reject ETH
>>and are in denial about all UFO matters. So where does that
>>leave us?

>Now, on the other hand, we have you telling us that more
>scientists buy into your theory than the prospect of space/star
>travel someday. Okay. Name some. Cite some peer-reviewed
>academic papers that support your contention. Find me a
>Friedman, or McDonald, or even a Hynek, that buys into ancient
>monotremes.

There are no scientists, except for Bob Shell, who have even studied the idea to any extent and in relation to UFO. I have said that when presented with a choice to explain UFO, my friends have chosen convergently evolved hominoids over travelers from another star system.

>Just one.

Bob Shell doesn't count?

>I think if you can do that you'll find
>that people will be willing to give you a fair shake. But until
>you do/can, your proclamations that there is actually more
>scientific support and merit for your 'theories' than the ETH is

>meaningless.

I never said that. I said that when my friends with science backgrounds were presented with two choices, the ETH was not considered possible or probable.

>And I say this as someone who is hardly a died-in-the-wool ETHER, and who keeps an open mind about what >UFOs may be.

Haven't you stated that there isn't one bit of evidence that the ETH is the solution to UFO? Since that's the case, why is it difficult for you to keep an open mind toward the ancient hominid theory, since there are no scientific reasons to reject it. I don't think it has ever been seriously considered. My function is to stimulate a discussion about these possibilities.

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:32:48 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:16:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds -

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Sent: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 8:02 am
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

>July 24, 2007

>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

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An interesting analysis of the MJ 12 documents. I would be curious to see which particular documents she fingers as being bogus, however their was ONE document that is believed to be real based upon the so called analysis. I know for years Stan Friedman has maintained that much of the Woods Majestic Document collection is bogus or had problems.

I predict with great reliability that various skeptibunkers will hold this so called analysis up as proof that ALL the majestic documents are phony.

The will do this without any examination of the actual program itself, or the reliability of the computer program, or testing it with known real documents to see if it is accurate 95 percent of the time, but because it agrees with their pet theories, it now becomes a fact, never to be doubted.

Cheers,

Robert

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** NEW NAVY POLICY ON BIOLOGICAL SELECT AGENTS
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NEW NAVY POLICY ON BIOLOGICAL SELECT AGENTS

The U.S. Navy has issued its first security policy for protection of "biological select agents and toxins" (BSAT) at Navy facilities, a move that may signify heightened Navy interest in research involving these lethal materials.

Select agents, which are designated by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, are substances that "present a high bioterrorism risk to national security and have the greatest potential for adverse public health impact with mass casualties of humans and/or animals or that pose a severe threat to plant health or to plant products." A few dozen particular biological agents and toxins have been so designated, including ebola and smallpox viruses, botulinum, etc.

There are currently two Navy facilities in the United States that have possession of select agents and toxins, according to the new policy: Naval Surface War Center (NSWC) Dahlgren and the Navy Medical Research Center.

"The Navy may increase the number of facilities in the future, and other Navy facilities may gain access or possession of BSAT due to non-routine events," the document states.

The Navy policy implements a 2004 Department of Defense Directive on protecting biological select agents, and a 2006 instruction from the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

See "Minimum Security Standards for Safeguarding Biological Select Agents and Toxins (BSAT)," Chief of Naval Operations OPNAV Instruction 5530.16, July 20, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/5530_16.pdf

CRS REPORTS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Recently updated reports of the Congressional Research Service on nuclear weapons-related topics include these:

"Nuclear Warheads: The Reliable Replacement Warhead Program and the Life Extension Program," updated July 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33748.pdf>

"Nuclear Weapons: The Reliable Replacement Warhead Program,"
updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32929.pdf>

"Nuclear Weapons: Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty," updated July
12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33548.pdf>

"Nonproliferation and Threat Reduction Assistance: U.S. Programs
in the Former Soviet Union," updated February 23, 2007:

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

"North Korea's Nuclear Weapons Development and Diplomacy,"
updated July 2, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL33590.pdf>

A CAVEAT ON THE SPECIAL FORCES MEDICAL MANUAL

The 1982 U.S. Army medical manual for special forces presented
in the last issue of Secrecy News is dangerously misleading and
it should not be used in practice, one expert in military
medicine warned.

"That manual is a relic of sentimental and historical interest
only, advocating treatments that, if used by today's medics,
would result in disciplinary measures," wrote Dr. Warner
Anderson, a U.S. Army Colonel (ret.) and former associate dean
of the Special Warfare Medical Group.

"The manual you reference is of great historical importance in
illustrating the advances made in SOF medicine in the past 25
years. But it no more reflects current SOF practice than a 25
year-old Merck Manual reflects current Family Practice. In 2007,
it is merely a curiosity."

"Readers who use some of the tips and remedies could potentially
cause harm to themselves or their patients."

"I wish you would inform my fellow Secrecy News readers of these
issues, correcting any false impressions," Dr. Anderson wrote.

A completely revised Special Operations Forces Medical Handbook
was published in 2001. A second edition of that Handbook is now
in preparation, said Gay Thompson, managing editor of the
Handbook.

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:18:53 -0400
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>From: Dave Morton <Marspyrs.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 02:17:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: Michael Shermer On 'Larry King Live On UFOs'

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>Or: UFO RoboDebunker?

It's the "de-" in debunker I don't like. That's what implies UFOs are bunk, and the de-bunker is attempting to strip away the bunk by de-bunking the field with his/her "rational" comments.

I think for the moment I'll stick with:

"On the Larry King show, UFO trasher Michael Shermer..."

It's not perfect but I think it really fits, and does accurately describe what the UFO trashers are trying to do.

Eleanor White

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Well, Ed, that's exactly what I meant by defenders. Please don't
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semantics, logic, etc. in college. Your "theory" is indefensible
anyway. See below.

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>>>>pulling some wild-ass notion out of the sky.

>>>My theory is supported by science theory (convergent evolution)
>>>and is logically coherent and very simple to understand:
>>>Sometime during the last two-hundred million years another
>>>species of tool makers evolved and populated the earth in enough
>>>numbers to create the technology that is responsible to the UFO
>>>seen daily across our planet.

A theory is not supported by other theories, it is supported (or
not) by facts. All sorts of things are internally entirely
logically coherent, and crazy as hell at the same time! All you
have to do is make crazy assumptions and then reason in circles,
as you seem to do.

>>>We live parallel existences and
>>>are at the point of possible convergence. All the above is
>>>possible, scientifically, and historically. It is not some
>>>"wild-ass notion". It is by far the simplest explanation, and
>>>makes sense of all the information that ufology has collected
>>>over the years. All one needs to do is substitute ancient
>>>monotreme civilization (AMC) for ETH.

>>And where do we go to see these people, Ed?

>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world- wide
>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional
>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>not serious possibilities)

No, I don't agree with you. Some of these notions cannot be ruled out, though it seems impossible to test them scientifically. I have always preferred the term "visitors from elsewhere" which leaves the door open for some more exotic origin than inhabitants of a distant planet in 3-D space.

>I have ruled out ETH because science
>says FTL travel is not possible. I have ruled out our own
>military (except for the TR 3B, the flying triangle) because
>the history of UFO goes back thousands of years.

That's hilarious! here you accept science because it (so you say) rules out the ETH, but you discard the large body of earth sciences data that Jerry Clark has mentioned and substitute crankish speculations.

>I was left with only one real possibility and that was that
>these critters came from our neighborhood. When I looked into it
>and began to examine our evolutionary record and the missing
>links and the enormous time spans involved, it became clear that
>the simplest and best explanation for UFO was a parallel, and
>convergent ancient civilization. There is nothing in any branch
>of science that prevents or negates these ideas. This theory is
>not "unscientific".

>I'm not asking that the List endorse this theory. What I'm
>asking is that it be considered along side the ETH. Actually the
>ancient hominid theory has much more going for it than ETH, once
>you open your mind to the possibility that it could be true.
>There's evidence that their interest in us began to increase
>after our first nuclear tests. Could nuclear fallout have caused
>the Roswell crash? There is nothing in all UFO literature that
>prevents a consideration of the Ancient hominid theory. I could
>ramble on but I think you all get my point.

Bottom line: Your so-called "theory" is made of whole cloth and has no empirical grounding whatsoever. It can't be checked. You give us no way to see this alleged "parallel" civilization. There is no historical record of them. Further discussion is pointless unless you come up with some meaningful evidence. Open-ended, ungrounded speculation is not science.

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:21:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>July 24, 2007

>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

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>Dr. Heiser's assessment: "Anyone basing any claims of alien
>existence or an alien crash at Roswell on these documents would
>be foolish to do so; they just don't stand up to cutting edge
>scientific analysis."

Something new, "cutting edge", is always better or more
accurate? Sort of like each new official 'truth' story about
Roswell?

Eleanor White

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington,USA

><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>testing.

No, what has been demonstrated is that most of the documents tested were probably not written by the person whose signature is on the document. This doesn't necessarily demonstrate that the documents are fraudulent, since memos are often prepared by underlings and then signed by their superiors.

>Bellingham, WA (PRWEB) - Top secret documents alleged to have
>been written by high ranking government and military officials,
>including three U.S. presidents, leaked to the public in the
>early 1980s, have been proven fraudulent by recent forensic
>linguistic testing. These documents, collectively named The
>Majestic Documents by researchers, contained references to the
>alleged crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, NM, in July of
>1947. References to extraterrestrial technology and alien bodies
>appear in several of the documents. Dates of the documents
>themselves range from 1942 to the early 1990s.

>The Majestic Documents were allegedly authored by members of an
>above top secret task force (MJ-12) begun under the auspices of
>then President Truman to deal with the crash of an
>extraterrestrial space craft near Roswell. The cache of
>documents included memos written by President Truman; Admiral
>Roscoe Hillenkoetter, who would become the first Director of the
>CIA; Dr. Vannevar Bush, who chaired the Office of Scientific
>Research and Development; and General Nathan Twining, who headed
>the Air Materiel Command at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
>where the wreckage was taken, and who served as Air Force Chief
>of Staff (1953-1957) and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
>(1957-1961). Aside from President Truman, memos allegedly
>written by presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy are also among the
>Majestic Documents.

Neither Eisenhower nor Kennedy wrote their inaugural addresses either and linguistic testing would probably demonstrate this, but that doesn't "prove" that they were "fraudulent." Big difference.

>The documents were tested by Dr. Carol Chaski of Georgetown, DE,
>who was hired by Dr. Michael Heiser, a biblical scholar with an
>interest in the UFO phenomenon. Dr. Chaski is a leading expert
>in the linguistic science of authorship attribution, a
>discipline that uses computers to extract and define stylistic
>patterns in a given author's writings - a 'linguistic
>fingerprint'. Dr. Chaski pioneered her own computational
>document authentication software program, ALIAS, for such
>testing, and is currently the president of ALIAS Technology,

>LLC. Among the stylistic patterns detected by Dr. Chaski's
>specially-developed computer program are patterns in sentence
>structure, word order in parts of speech and use of
>punctuation.

>A total of 17 documents were tested, allegedly written by nine
>different authors. Dr. Heiser typed the prose text of the
>disputed Majestic Documents and a set of undisputed control
>documents for each author for Dr. Chaski's testing. Of the 17
>documents tested, only one can be scientifically validated as
>having been written by the author who is named. Dr. Heiser's
>assessment: "Anyone basing any claims of alien existence or an
>alien crash at Roswell on these documents would be foolish to
>do so; they just don't stand up to cutting edge scientific
>analysis."

It would be more accurate to say that the testing probably
shows (linguistic testing is not 100% perfect) that all but one
document was not written by the signaturees. While Heiser is
correct that this does not support their authenticity, he is
misleading in also suggesting that this analysis somehow
disproves authenticity. The documents could still be authentic
but written by others, then signed by the signaturees being
tested.

This happens all the time in government, business, etc. The guys
at the top rarely write their own stuff. Demonstrating they
didn't write it proves nothing one way or another.

There is also the possibility that some of the "undisputed
control documents for each author" may also not have been
personally written by them for the same reasons, whereas the
disputed document may have been authored by them. One could
still get the same negative testing results because the control
was contaminated. Therefore I would want to know how it was
determined that that the "undisputed controls" were exactly
that. Personal rather than business correspondence might
qualify, particularly if handwritten. Also, I would hope the
linguistic software also tested for internal consistency in the
control documents, i.e., they were all written by the same
person. If the software lacks this internal check, then the
results could very well be bogus.

In contrast, if the linguistic testing demonstrates that they
probably did personally write it, then it would be evidence for
authenticity.

On the other hand, even the seemingly "authenticate" document
could be a slightly rewritten knock-off of a genuine document
that has nothing to do with the UFO subject matter. Thus it
might still pass the linguistic test, yet still be phony.

So again, the testing can be suggestive of authenticity or lack
of authenticity, but can hardly prove either. It bothers me that
Heisner doesn't seem to have considered the various
possibilities here.

>A complete copy of the report on the testing procedures and
>results can be obtained at:

><http://www.mj12documents.com>

For a charge of course! (Usual cheap shot about trying to make
money.) In fairness, it cost Heisner money to have the testing
done, and it is unlikely he will recoup his expenses, much less
make anything off it.

>Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology
>by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and
>Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from
>the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the
>college level for more than 12 years, and has had a lifelong
>interest in UFO, occult and paranormal phenomena. He is the
>author of The Fa=E7ade - available in a limited edition pre-
>release at:

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

Another shameless plea for people to buy his research. We can
therefore dismiss anything Heiser has to say here because he is
obviously only in it for the money, glory, etc., etc. (<=3D=3DHint:

satire)

David Rudiak

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SDI #445 Twenty Questions

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Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 16:05:04 -0500
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:27:48 -0400
Subject: SDI #445 Twenty Questions

SDI #445 Twenty Questions

20 Questions addressed -- tabbed and iterated by Dave Furlotte and David Rudiak, pinstriped and highlighted by Alfred Lehmborg then wrapped and tied by Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Has Linda Moulton Howe provided a compelling report about that other enigma reluctant to go away -- The CropCircle?
2. Has Michael Shermer too salacious a sneer regarding a fascination he shows for a garden-variety butt probe and other invasive devices? Is it proper behavior for a psychologist with an earned Doctorate?
3. Have Carey and Schmitt done their homework and given Roswell a refreshed vitality. Is there independent witness corroboration of same? Is there moaning and gnashing of teeth?
4. Do Carey and Schmitt pose more questions about the Roswell enigma than they answer?
5. How valuable or relevant is a "deathbed confession"?
6. How has the Air Force still won the "disclosure game" at hand?
7. Has Roswell achieved witness saturation? How long will it take cross "t"s and dot "i"s on same?
8. Marion "Mac" Magruder, WWII Marine Fighter Ace, Commander, War Hero... transporter saucer debris: staunchly validated by 4 of 5 sons who indicate that crashes occurred... bodies were found? The bodies were of a type unfamiliar to numerous witnesses? What of the fifth son?
9. Threats of violence? Unlikely suicides? Blackmail? Threatened pensions? Institutional terrorism with regard to nothing 'untoward' occurring at all?
10. Need one look any further than the Ramey Memo? A bona fide smoking gun?
11. Does Wilbert Smith really deserve the _remotest_ character assassination?
12. What provokes a general officer to lose control in anger at a US Senator?
13. What does Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle have in perspective vis a vis this seeming validation of what each of them have been saying for decades?
14. The barely sampled witness pool at Roswell seems to be so huge as to be suggesting its own verity?
15. Can Corso continue to be _completely_ invalidated?
16. Who _was_ the Red-headed captain?

17. Can Glen Dennis ever be exonerated of an ostensible infidelity?
18. Why are base nurse information cards reclassified out of reach, again, after all these years?
19. Was the famous Roswell debris field a 'bait and switch' to cover an even more startling occurrence elsewhere in the desert?
20. Is increasing consciousness with regard to things ufological a desirable thing.

And then 19 minutes remain. Lehmsberg very nearly achieves some kind of gross intelligibility but falls short. It's all about reach exceeding grasp, eh? Something is seen even if it can't be brought back to you... this time. But you'd rather have me reach for it, I suspect, even as it is slippery in the grasp. It will all be clear at the condescence.

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Wednesday, 25 July 2007

[Image at Site]

Mystery UFO Sighting
By Richard Edmondson - Northern News

A mysterious object captured in photos taken near Kaitaia is the subject of an investigation involving an international UFO expert.

New Zealand UFO researchers - UFOCUS NZ - have asked United States UFO specialist Dr Bruce Maccabee to study a series of digital photos snapped at Ahipara on April 28.

UFOCUS NZ coordinator Suzy Hansen says a man noticed a bright mark on photos he had taken of the sea and sky at sunset when he viewed the photos on his computer.

"It does not look like a cloud. It does not fit in with any of the cloud structures around it. It certainly looks like a craft," says Ms Hansen.

Dr Maccabee believes the object is a jet aircraft's vapour trail viewed end on, she says.

But air traffic control records show the nearest plane was 380km away in a different direction when the photos were taken. While the photographer was a person with some standing in the community, UFOCUS couldn't be certain the photos hadn't been manipulated.

"We are still looking with Dr Maccabee at the possibility that it may be a Photoshop hoax. However, looking at the pixilation, we certainly wouldn't think that, but he is the expert not us."

Deciding if the photos are authentic will be a fairly easy matter for the UFO specialist who is an optical physicist in the United States Navy, she says.

"The only problem is the person deleted the photos from the memory card after they downloaded them to their computer. We advise people not to do that, but this person didn't know."

If the photos are genuine, the object may be anything from a piece of space junk to an insect on the camera lens, she says.

An 'amazing silver craft' seen in skies over Tauranga recently turned out to be industrial, metallic paper.

Even if the researchers conclude the object is a craft of unknown origin and technology, they cannot assume it is

extraterrestrial, she says.

"We don't claim it is a craft with little green men on board."

"There is a great deal of secret technology being developed by various countries, especially the United States.

"We are interested to know what the object is, because as responsible citizens we are entitled to know what is in our skies, what it is doing there and where it has come from."

UFOCUS has designed a system for reporting UFO sightings.

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Life In Outer Space And Our Responsibilities

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25 July 2007

Life In Outer Space And Our Responsibilities

Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne

Common Heritage: Humanity's foray into the solar system brings out the ethical issue of what we should do if life is found in outer space. Do we send more probes to further investigate and do we have a responsibility to protect that life and allow it to develop naturally?

If robotic probes definitively find life, should we erect a "do not disturb sign" and refrain from sending further probes? Then again, what if we were to find intelligent life forms closer to the human form and not mere vegetation? Could we exercise control over the welfare of such life and who would claim that control?

Space law is grounded on the principle that outer space is the common heritage of mankind and that no State or individual can therefore claim rights in rem to any portion of outer space. Air law, on the other hand, is firmly entrenched in the principle of sovereignty of States, so that a State may lay claims to rights over the airspace above its territory.

This essentially means that while the implementation of air law is heavily influenced by municipal law, space law is solely grounded on legal principles binding on the community of nations. Principles of public international law therefore play an exclusive part in the application of space law principles.

Extraterrestrial life is life originating outside of the Earth. Its existence remains hypothetical; there is no evidence of extraterrestrial life that has been widely accepted by the scientific community.

Most scientists believe that if extraterrestrial life exists, its emergence occurred independently, in different places in the universe. An alternative hypothesis is panspermia which suggests that life might emerge in one location and then spread between habitable planets.

These two hypotheses are not mutually exclusive. The study and theorization of extraterrestrial life is known as astrobiology, exobiology or xenobiology.

Intelligent life

American geneticist Joshua Lederberg introduced to the world the science of exobiology (or astrobiology) - a branch of biology which deals with the search for extraterrestrial life,

especially intelligent life, outside the solar system.

Although remote astronomical observations of a planet or other celestial body provide information about its physical environment, the determination of the presence of life on these bodies is more difficult.

Exobiological techniques are designed to detect life forms, artefacts produced by intelligent life, waste products of metabolic reactions, remnants of former life, prebiological molecules that may reflect early evolutionary stages or substances such as carbon or combination of Hydrogen and Oxygen forming water that are necessary for the sustenance of life as it is experienced on Earth.

In 1948 the U.S. Air Force commenced maintaining a file of reports relating to extraterrestrial phenomena called Project Blue Book. In July 1952, the U.S. government established a panel of scientists including engineers, meteorologists, physicists and an astronomer to investigate a series of radar detection coincident with visual sightings near the national airport in Washington D.C. The panel was organized by the Central Intelligence Agency, which underscores the thrust of public and government concern and interest at the time.

The concern was based on U.S. military activities and intelligence and that its report was originally classified Secret.

Later declassified, the report revealed that 90 per cent of UFO sightings could be readily identified with astronomical and meteorological phenomena (e.g. bright planets, meteors, auroras, ion clouds) or with aircraft, birds, balloons, searchlights, hot gases, and other phenomena, sometimes complicated by unusual meteorological conditions.

The publicity given to early sightings in the press undoubtedly helped stimulate further sightings not only in the U.S. but also in Western Europe, the Soviet Union, Australia, and elsewhere. A second panel established in February 1966 reached conclusions similar to those of its predecessor.

This left a number of sightings admittedly unexplained, and in the mid-1960s a few scientists and engineers, notably James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona meteorologist, and J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, concluded that a small percentage of the most reliable UFO reports gave definite indications of the presence of extraterrestrial visitors.

Options

This sensational hypothesis, promoted in newspaper and magazine articles, met with prompt resistance from other scientists.

The continuing controversy led in 1968 to the sponsorship by the U.S. Air Force of a study at the University of Colorado under the direction of E.U. Condon, a noted physicist. The Condon Report, "A Scientific Study of UFO's" was reviewed by a special committee of the National Academy of Sciences and released in early 1969.

A total of 37 scientists wrote chapters or parts of chapters for the report, which covered investigations of 59 UFO sightings in detail, analyzed public-opinion polls and reviewed the capabilities of radar and photography. Condon's own "Conclusions and Recommendations" firmly rejected ETH - the extraterrestrial hypothesis - and declared that no further investigation was needed.

This left a wide variety of opinions on UFO's. A large fraction of the U.S. public, and a few scientists and engineers, continued to support ETH.

A middle group of scientists felt that the possibility of extraterrestrial visitation, however slight, justified continued investigation, and still another group favoured continuing investigation on the grounds that UFO reports are useful in sociopsychological studies.

These varying views and attitudes were expressed at a symposium held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science,

in December 1969. Several years later, in 1973, a group of U.S. scientists organized the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Ill., to conduct further work.

SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) is the collective name for a number of organised efforts to detect extra terrestrial life.

A number of efforts with SETI in the project name have been organised, including projects funded by the United States Government. The generic approach of SETI projects is to survey the sky to detect the existence of transmissions from a civilisation on a distant planet, an approach widely endorsed by the scientific community as hard science.

What should we do if we find life in outer space?

What are we entitled to do if we found extra terrestrial life?" Firstly, the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 in Article II provides that outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies is not subject to national appropriation by claim or sovereignty by means of use or occupation, or by any other means.

Furthermore, the Treaty, in Article III requires that States parties to the Treaty shall carry on activities in the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, according to the principles of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international cooperation and understanding. 'Use of force'

There is no known principle or pronouncement of law which mentions "extraterrestrial intelligence". Therefore, no existing norm of international law prohibits social intercourse in outer space between humans and extraterrestrial beings (if such were to exist). The only prohibition which will obtain at international law would be if such intercourse leads to the "non peaceful" use of outer space by States.

It is incontrovertible that the absence of peaceful use of outer space (when states indulge in activities in outer space) would inevitably mean warlike or aggressive use of outer space. Accordingly, such action would perforce form "use of force" by such states on other states or persons affected by these actions.

In a purely forensic sense, the fundamental postulate of space law, which devolves upon States the responsibility to explore and use outer space for peaceful purposes is pivotal to the conjecture of extra terrestrial intelligence.

To start with, there were two United Nations General Assembly resolutions on the subject. Resolution 49/34 of 1994, which inter alia covered international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space, links the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law, including the relevant norms of space law and their important role in international co-operation for the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

The operative criterion for the adoption of the above aims, as used by the Resolution, lies in the endorsement that they should be achieved through international co-operation in the development of the role of law. The Resolution therefore brings to bear the ineluctable and compelling need for the application of existing principles of international law as a means towards this end.

The General Assembly of the United Nations, on February 5, 1996, adopted Resolution 56/27 relating to international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This resolution broadly reaffirmed the principles of Resolution 49/34.

Having considered the Report of UNCOPUOS on the work of its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly endorsed the Committee's recommendation that the Committee should, through its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee, inter alia, consider the use of nuclear power sources in outer space and questions relating to space transportation systems and their implications for future activities in space.

Matters relating to life sciences, space medicine and astronomy were some of the areas that were focused on for further consideration in the Resolution.

Peaceful use

On December 14, 2006, at its 79th Plenary Session, The United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 61/111 on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This Resolution requests inter alia UNCOPUOS to consider, as a matter of priority ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes.

Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty provides in part that State Parties to the Treaty shall bear international responsibility for national activities in outer space, whether such activities are carried out by governmental agencies or non-governmental agencies.

This provision clearly introduces the notion of strict liability erga omnes to the application of the jus cogens principle relating to outer space activities of States and could be considered applicable in instances where States hold out to the international community as providers of technology achieved and used by them in outer space, which is used for purposes of air navigation.

Article VI further requires that the activities of non-governmental entities in outer space shall require authorization and continuing supervision by the appropriate State Party to the Treaty, thus ensuring that the State whose nationality the entity bears would be vicariously answerable for the activities of that organization, thereby imputing liability to the State concerned.

The Moon Agreement of 1979 provides that in the exploration and use of the moon, States Parties shall take measures inter alia to avoid harmfully affecting the environment of the Earth through the introduction of extra terrestrial matter or otherwise. In the field of international space law, two clearly connected terms have been used: liability and responsibility.

Although "responsibility" has not been cohesively interpreted in any legal treaty relating to outer space, "liability" occurs in the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, March 29, 1972 (Liability Convention) and is sufficiently clear therein.

This, however, does not mean that State responsibility is not relevant to the obligations of States law as, in international relations, the invasion of a right or other legal interest of one subject of the law by another inevitably creates legal responsibility.

At present, one can regard responsibility as a general principle of international law, a concomitant of substantive rules and of the supposition that acts and omissions may be categorized as illegal by reference to the rules establishing rights and duties.

Shortly, the law of responsibility is concerned with the incidence and consequence of illegal acts, and particularly the payment of compensation for loss caused. Therefore, as discussed, both treaty law and general principles of international law on the subject of space law make the two elements of liability and responsibility a means to an end - that of awarding compensation to an aggrieved State or other subject under the law.

In view of the many legal issues that may arise, the primary purpose of a regulatory body which sets standards on State liability would be to carefully consider the subtleties of responsibility and liability and explore their consequences on States and others involved as they apply to the overall concept of the status of a State as a user of space technology which may cause harm or injury to the latter.

Finally, we have to be mindful of a few fundamental truths. Firstly, if we come across any form of life in outer space it will be the concern of all humankind. Second, any treatment of

such life, irrespective of the fact that it is found in outer space, should be according to the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter. .

Within these parameters, yes, we could send more probes to investigate further. Yes, we could even put up a "do not disturb sign". But whatever we do, we are bound by the principles of responsibility and international accountability to treat life in outer space with the same dignity accorded to life on Earth.

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 20:08:10 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:39:51 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>Source: The Daily Mail - London, UK

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

>20th July 2007

>Is This The Proof That Spirits Do Exist?
>By Hazel Courteney

>At first, it seemed no more than a curious coincidence.
>Professor Klaus Heinemann, a researcher for NASA, the U.S. space
>agency, was studying a collection of photographs his wife had
>taken at a gathering of spiritual healers when he noticed that
>many of them featured the same pale but clearly defined circle
>of light, like a miniature moon, hovering above some of the
>subjects.

Uh, oh!. The "setup;" a meeting of spiritual healers.
Expect "weird... excrement" to happen!

I bet the camera had a flash!

>Like most rational people, he assumed that the pictures were
>faulty. 'I presumed the circles were due to dust particles,
>flash anomalies, water particles and so on,' says Prof
>Heinemann.

[Image]

>'But I was sufficiently intrigued that I returned to the room in
>which the pictures were taken, in the hope of finding an
>explanation - like a mirror in the background. None was
>forthcoming.'

Wonder if he took any flash photos... after stirring up some
dust.

>Nor could he find any faults with his wife's camera. And as a
>scientist with considerable experience in sophisticated
>microscope techniques - examining matter down to atomic levels
>of optical resolution - his methods were nothing if not
>rigorous.

>Still puzzled, Heinemann set out to discover what else might
>have caused the mysterious circles. He and his wife began taking
>hundreds of digital photographs at random events to see whether
>they could recreate the mysterious effect.

>The answer was that they could make these shimmering 'orbs'
>appear again, but only - absurd as it may sound - if they
>'asked' the apparitions to make themselves visible to the
>camera. And they found this method worked particularly well when
>the couple photographed spiritual gatherings.

Uh, oh. More setup. People tend to stir up dust.

>What on earth was going on? Again, a maverick technical glitch
>seemed the obvious answer. Such anomalies happen frequently in
>digital photography. If you accidentally jog a camera while a

>picture is being taken, especially in dim light, you can easily
>get a double image.

Easily? Only if the jog is fast relative to the shutter time
(notable motion while the shutter is open)

>But again, Prof Heinemann ruled out a technical fault. 'We were
>quickly able to eliminate the common problems associated with
>photography - such as dust particles, water droplets,
>reflections and a host of other likely causes.'

That's funny. After a few experiments I ruled that IN!

>Yet the orbs still kept appearing. And the more images he took,
>the more he was able to study the bizarre properties of these
>shimmering lights.

>Heinemann set up dozens of experiments using two cameras on
>static tripods under controlled conditions. His early
>experiments found that orbs can move very fast, up to 500mph or
>more.

Huh?

>Heinemann also found that during his numerous dual camera
>experiments, when he used twin cameras to capture an object from
>two different angles, a single orb shape would often appear -
>but only in one of the two images taken simultaneously.

Because the source of the orb was very close to one lens and not
to another. This should have given him a clue.

>It was as if the orbs somehow chose which camera to appear on,
>or whether to appear at all.

"Heisenberg Orbs" can't be pinned down by triangulation (hence
"uncertainty")

>Eventually, Heinemann was left with only one conclusion: that he
>was witnessing some form of paranormal intelligence.

>'There is no doubt in my mind that the orbs may well be one of
>the most significant "outside of this reality" phenomena mankind
>has ever witnessed,' says Professor Heinemann.

>'Until now, there has been a huge amount of anecdotal evidence
>that the spirit world exists. I believe it's no longer
>anecdotal. Thanks to digital technology, we can see it for the
>first time. We are dealing with a non-physical - albeit real -
>phenomenon.'

>The temptation, of course, is to dismiss such claims as bunkum.
>Indeed, many of Professor Heinemann's colleagues consider his
>research to be 'utter flaky nonsense'.

Of course, as a scientist he wouldn't visit any UFO-related web
sites that might have tackled this "orb" problem.

>And yet a growing number of respectable scientists refuse to
>write off the possibility that these orbs, which are starting to
>appear on cameras around the world, just might offer a
>fascinating glimpse into the unknown.

>Earlier this year, the world's first conference on orbs took
>place in Sedona, Arizona, where several scientists
>controversially stated that they believed orbs were indeed a
>genuine paranormal phenomenon.

If you can see them without the camera, without the flash,
without a source of illumination... i.e., if they are sources of
light, then OK. But if they only appear in pictures, beware the
"flash orb"

>Their conclusions, if correct, could have huge implications on
>the way we view the universe and our part in it. The experts say
>that just because something has not yet been scientifically
>proven, it doesn't mean that it is not real.

>Professor William Tiller, a theoretical physicist who spent 35
>years researching consciousness and matter at Stanford
>University in California, reminded the conference that what we

>see with our physical eyes comprises less than 10 per cent of
>the known universe.

>This is because human vision operates only within a limited
>range of the electromagnetic spectrum. For instance, we cannot
>see radio waves, which carry huge amounts of information, yet we
>know they exist.

>Similarly, Miceal Ledwith, a former professor of Theology, who
>for ten years was President of Maynooth College at the National
>University of Ireland, reminded the sceptics that when, in 1861,
>Dr Ignaz Semmelweis had claimed there might be some unseen link
>between surgeons who didn't wash their hands and the high rate
>of infection in childbirth, his mainstream colleagues ridiculed
>him.

>Yet he had found the first evidence of what was later to become
>known as bacteria.

>'Most great discoveries throughout history have been initially
>ridiculed,' Ledwith told the orbs conference. 'To my mind, there
>is no doubt that the orb phenomenon is real and deserves to be
>taken seriously. There are not just a few pictures of orbs,
>which could easily be faked, but hundreds of thousands from all
>over the world.'

Gee... I made a bunch myself. And they weren't all round!!

>To date, Ledwith, who was also a member of the International
>Theological Commission at the Vatican, has a collection of more
>than 100,000 orb pictures .

I have one picture that might have 100,000 orbs. I never
counted. They were reflections from a gram or so of spackle dust
blown into the air just before I took the photo.

>'They come in all sizes, ranging from a few inches to several
>feet across,' he says. 'Sometimes they appear alone, and at
>other times hundreds of them, in colours ranging from white to
>blue, green, rose and even gold.

>'Over time, I realised that a flash seemed to be essential to
>capture them, even in daylight. I believe this is because we can
>see the orbs only through the process in physics known as
>fluorescence. The camera flash sparks this fluorescence process,
>making the orbs visible to the camera.'

Could also be simple reflection. But I guess this paragraph
nails them as "flash orbs."

<snip>

>'We regularly see orbs near healers' hands or heads. Perhaps
>they assist in the spiritual healing process.'

>Take the case of Anna Donaldson, a freelance photographer who
>was commissioned to take pictures of Keith Watson, a medium who
>had been drafted in to help solve the disappearance of Sarah
>Payne, the little girl who was snatched while playing near her
>grandparents' home in West Sussex seven years ago.

>The shoot took place at the exact spot where Sarah was last
>seen, because the medium had suggested that he 'might pick
>something up'. Sure enough, when the pictures were developed, a
>mysterious glowing dot appeared in one of the crucial images.

>'I didn't believe in any of this paranormal stuff,' says Anna,
>'but I couldn't find any fault with the camera - if there had
>been, then all the images would have been tainted, not just one
>of them.'

>Still sceptical, Anna had the film and images analysed for
>technical faults, but again no one could provide a logical
>answer - until a member of the Psychic Institute suggested that
>the pictures could indeed be evidence of 'auras'. In this case,
>Anna was told that the blueish colour of the orb suggested the
>presence of a very young soul.

>Still intrigued, Anna arranged to photograph Watson again - at
>the exact spot from where another young child had disappeared,
>this time in Greece. To her astonishment, the photographs again

>showed the presence of a blue orb.

>And when Anna repeated the shoot the next day, in a bid to rule
>out a trick of the light, she got the same result - only this
>time it was two orange orbs.

Often dusty outside.

>'So what I now had was pictures of orbs from three different
>cameras, in two different countries, on three different days -
>there's simply no way that could be a chance occurrence or a
>technical fault,' says Anna.

>'I still don't know what to think about it, but I suppose
>because a camera can pick up an image at a shutter speed of
>1/2,000 of a second, it's possible it can detect things the
>naked eye cannot see.'

<snip>

>But not everyone is convinced. Gary Schwartz, Professor of
>Psychiatry at Arizona University, has conducted many experiments
>into orbs with the help of optical scientist Katherine Creath
>and remains sceptical.

>'We feel that a large majority of so-called orb pictures are too
>readily attributed to some form of paranormal phenomena when, in
>fact, stray reflections in uncontrolled environments often
>produce orb-like images,' he says.

A rare case of agreement with me.

<snip>

>As Professor Heinemann summarised: 'Research into orbs is only
>in its infancy. But the photographs of these spirit emanations
>offer evidence - as close to scientific proof as we have ever
>come - in proving the existence of spiritual reality.'

>- Klaus Heinemann's and Miceal Ledwith's book, The Orb Project,
>will be published by Simon & Schuster in November.

I bet their book won't refer to the following web article:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/orb1.html>

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 19:01:32 -0700
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:42:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>testing.

>The documents were tested by Dr. Carol Chaski of Georgetown, DE,
>who was hired by Dr. Michael Heiser, a biblical scholar with an
>interest in the UFO phenomenon. Dr. Chaski is a leading expert
>in the linguistic science of authorship attribution, a
>discipline that uses computers to extract and define stylistic
>patterns in a given author's writings - a 'linguistic
>fingerprint'. Dr. Chaski pioneered her own computational
>document authentication software program, ALIAS, for such
>testing, and is currently the president of ALIAS Technology,
>LLC. Among the stylistic patterns detected by Dr. Chaski's
>specially-developed computer program are patterns in sentence
>structure, word order in parts of speech and use of
>punctuation.

>A total of 17 documents were tested, allegedly written by nine
>different authors. Dr. Heiser typed the prose text of the
>disputed Majestic Documents and a set of undisputed control
>documents for each author for Dr. Chaski's testing. Of the 17
>documents tested, only one can be scientifically validated as
>having been written by the author who is named. Dr. Heiser's
>assessment: "Anyone basing any claims of alien existence or an
>alien crash at Roswell on these documents would be foolish to
>do so; they just don't stand up to cutting edge scientific
>analysis."

>A complete copy of the report on the testing procedures and
>results can be obtained at:

><http://www.mj12documents.com>

This is also being discussed over on one of the Above Top Secret
forums:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread293259/pg1>

The same points are being made there as I'm making here plus a
few others.

Something written by somebody's secretary and then signed by the
boss would test "fraudulent" even if the document were
completely real.

How reliable is the linguistic testing? Bureaucratic style is
much more constrained and won't be the same as somebody's normal
writing style. Is the testing program capable of discerning
somebody's style in such different situations?

The computer code doing the linguistic analysis is proprietary,
by a for-profit company, and not subject to independent testing.
What assumptions are being made in doing the analysis? Different

linguistic software have different results depending on these underlying assumptions and methods of analysis. Just because a computer spits out a result doesn't necessarily make it reliable. (An example is given how computers also cast very authoritative looking astrological charts.)

Linguistic testing is far from absolute. It can give you some idea whether a document was written personally by somebody, but can't prove one way or another whether it is actually fraudulent, as Heiser seems to be claiming.

Heiser is badly overreaching on his conclusions.

David Rudiak

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article - Shell

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:26:26 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:45:48 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article - Shell

>From: Edward J O'Connell <ejayo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:37:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>"All Orb Photos are Dust"

><http://www.strangehappenings.org/Orb-Photos-Are-Dust.htm>

>I found this with Google in about two seconds. The fact that the
>site in question concerns ghosts and the paranormal, in my mind,
>makes the condemnation of the 'orb' photos even stronger. These
>people aren't professional skeptics. They are people desperately
>trying to document paranormal activity, people who would have
>been happy to believe in orb photos, if the hadn't proven to be
>easily duplicable with dust, lint, and pollen.

>The other suspect aspect of the story quoted here was the
>instant jump from 'unexplainable blotches on photos' to the
>'spirit world.' The unknown phenomena is instantly known - as
>evidence of the spiritual.

Excellent post!

Yes, orbs, rods, and many "UFO" images are nothing more than common optical phenomena. When I was making the rounds of the UFO conferences it always angered me when speakers passed these off as photos of UFOs, orbs, rods, whatever, and angered me even more when their visually illiterate audiences accepted them.

Bob Shell

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:50:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:42:00 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 06:02:48 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 10:53:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>What is so improbable about an ancient civilization?

>>1. Evidence from the fossil record?

>>2. Evidence from the archaeological record?

>>Gerald O'Connell

><LOL> As if the examination of the fossil record
>and that of the archeological on earth is anymore honestly
>and openly treated than that of UFOs!

>Michael A. Cremo and Richard L. Thompson's book, Forbidden
>Archeology barely breaks the surface and it's 914 pages.

>It is no longer a matter of evidence, nor has it been for quite
>some time. It is a pathology among the incredulous who will
>protest anything brought to their attention that that challenges
>their small world beliefs. On earth, off earth... anywhere.

>Well said there Mr. James Horak!

>I've been reticent to divulge what I've been told regarding
>ancient civilizations but it's high time not to keep silent any
>longer.

<snip>

>Is there evidence and proof of other civilizations both human
>and non-human having developed on this world? My answer coming
>straight from the horse's mouth is absolutely. Why isn't this
>information readily available to the public? Again, the answer
>is a non scientific and I quote, "Because, how much shit do you
>want to stir up and still have shit left to stir?" Mark you that
>quote comes from a leading engineer and authority in human
>history.

>We're in a holding pattern because of secrets and fear of the
>embarrassing facts about our creation and maintenance. Note how
>I said maintenance. The vitriolic responses to archaeological
>discoveries especially made by those under Standard Oil, (oops!
>did I give something away there?) are due to persons who know

>the truth and fear their status amongst us humans will dwindle.

<snip>

>In the meantime, we have enough problems with our fellow human
>beings who can't get along due to differences in religion or
>skin color or choice of music. We start adding the fact that
>what they rest their beliefs on may be false and we'd be in for
>quite a turning of the soil.

<snip>

Greg, I am gratified... so much so, I will give you even more to put on your plate regarding knowledge that has been well determined yet suppressed, for support of your thesis.

Monument Building civilizations in the New World began with the Olmec. They designated rank with batan, 13 of them. Their most valued marterial with which to apply to art was jade and their preferred motif was the jaguar. The batans match perfectly with that of the pre-Shang Chinese, all 13 of them, as well as everything else I've said about them. Include that both shared virtually all cultural elements and you have made a determination that pretty well proves out Trans-Oceanic Migration.

Problem is, the Olmec idealized a certain profile, although not one characteristic to them. But one characteristic of a Numidian. In areas of Central America, almost every square mile is graced with a stone head or heads (sometimes hundreds) of a visage with negroid features. Sometimes these heads weigh many tons.

So, you're right, we hear nothing of Trans-Oceanic Migration anymore than the attribution of these heads to the Olmec. Whereas, both support the validity of the other.

I have made it a practice to befriend musueum staff where ever I have lived, sometimes simply travel. Sometimes I get to see what they've been given by locals, but what they can't exhibit for lack of provenance. Sometimes I even have traded them out of the more anomalous.

A few archeological anomalies I've found myself. But with the little I've had my hands on, a strong case for astounding revelations can be made, including your own.

JCH

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:48:58 -0500
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:52:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:55:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>What I can't figure out is why your theory, mine, or Sanderson's
>original should be so damned frightening to some people.

Now, that is funny.

Or at least one hopes that the humor here is intentional.
Otherwise, we will be forced to the conclusion that we are
confronting textbook crank-think: my idea - or somebody else's
that I find congenial - is rejected not because it is fatally
evidence-deficient and/or wildly improbable if not downright
crazy, but because it is so brilliant people shake in their
boots at the very thought of it. I mean, why else could they
possibly reject it?

Congratulations, Bob. You've just made the skeptics' point: that
this is a crackpot position argued with crackpot logic.

Jerry Clark

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A major new report from the Congressional Research Service provides a detailed account of Congress's contempt power, including the use of contempt proceedings to coerce compliance with congressional demands for information or testimony and to punish non-compliance.

"This report examines the source of the contempt power, reviews the historical development of the early case law, outlines the statutory and common law basis for Congress's contempt power, and analyzes the procedures associated with each of the three different types of contempt proceedings. In addition, the report discusses limitations both nonconstitutional and constitutionally based on the power."

The 68-page report also examines the Justice Department position that "Congress cannot, as a matter of statutory or constitutional law, invoke either its inherent contempt authority or the criminal contempt of Congress procedures against an executive branch official acting on instructions by the President to assert executive privilege in response to a congressional subpoena."

See "Congress's Contempt Power: Law, History, Practice, and Procedure," July 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL34097.pdf>

CRS REPORTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

Recently updated reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include these.

"Supreme Court Appointment Process: Roles of the President, Judiciary Committee, and Senate," updated June 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL31989.pdf>

"U.S.-Japan Economic Relations: Significance, Prospects, and Policy Options," updated July 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32649.pdf>

"Navy Littoral Combat Ship (LCS) Program: Oversight Issues and Options for Congress," updated June 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33741.pdf>

"U.S. Army and Marine Corps Equipment Requirements: Background and Issues for Congress," updated June 15, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33757.pdf>

"Pakistan: Significant Recent Events, March 26 - June 21, 2007," July 6, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34075.pdf>

"Ballistic Missile Defense: Historical Overview," updated July 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RS22120.pdf>

COMBATING WAR PROFITEERING

The U.S. Senate is placing increased emphasis on exposing corruption and profiteering in military contracting in Iraq.

Last week, Sen. James Webb (D-VA) introduced a bill with twenty co-sponsors that would establish a Commission on Wartime Contracting to investigate fraud and abuse in government contracts, including intelligence contracts, in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom.

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/sl825.html

"We are outsourcing this war in ways we've never seen," said Sen. Webb. "Defrauding the government of millions of taxpayer dollars should not be considered 'the cost of doing business'."

There are now more contractors (180,000) than military personnel (156, 247) in Iraq, according to a July 18 news release from Sen. Webb. A list of companies contracted in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom does not exist, it said.

Nor has information on how much the government is paying contractors been made available.

<http://webb.senate.gov/newsroom/record.cfm?id=279253&>

The Senate Judiciary Committee recently held a hearing on "war profiteering," the record of which has just been published. See "Combating War Profiteering: Are We Doing Enough to Investigate and Prosecute Contracting Fraud and Abuse in Iraq?," March 20, 2007:

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

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:05:05 -0300
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 13:00:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>to home. Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly
>small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been
>no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.

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>craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or
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>Earth is going to be a hard place to find!

>I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
>and it was put online in 2001 here:

><http://projectprove.com/Arts/BnEv/BnEv.php>

Michael

How many times does it have to be pointed out that, not surprisingly, there are many reports of huge "mother ships". Think Martin Jacek's Yukon case .6-1.2 miles long. Or JAL, twice the size of an aircraft carrier. Think of huge aircraft carriers and small airplanes. The nuclear reactors on the carriers need refueling every 18 years. The planes need fuel after a few hours of flight. The planes have no food or beds. They operate in drastically different environments.. Outer space between stars in low gravity... and in high gravity in an atmosphere where one certainly doesn't want to fly at the speed of light...1/7th of a second to go around the planet. At 99.99% of the speed of light, it only takes 6months pilot time to travel 37 Light years . Lets get real.

Proclamations are the tool of the debunkers.

Stan Friedman

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Trevor Page?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 14:12:37 +0000
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 13:02:47 -0400
Subject: Trevor Page?

Does anybody know what has become of Trevor Page in Canada? Is he, perhaps, ill? It has been well over a year now since he volunteered to edit Wendy Connors' oral history videotapes of me into a DVD, and nothing is happening. My e-mails to him do not bounce back, but they go unanswered.

If the project is not going to proceed, I need to have the videotapes returned.

- Richard Hall

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From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:36:02 EDT
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 13:53:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>to home.

Not necessarily.

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>small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been
>no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.
>Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range
>craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or
>emergencies.

'Deductive Logic' is not a person, so therefore it can't tell us anything.

I also have some issues with your reasoning. You are assuming an organic species, similar to ourselves are the true operatives of the craft.

That's fine, but of course there are choices that would explain a whole lot more of the phenomena.

For example, an extraterrestrial artificial intelligence, i.e. intelligent machines could make the journey to earth using technology similar to our current state of propulsion systems.

A million years to a machine intelligence may mean nothing.

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>Michael

A machine intelligence doesn't require food, water, or supplies.

-Jason Gammon

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Pilot's UFO Report Released After 16 Years

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:01:30 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 13:56:48 -0400
Subject: Pilot's UFO Report Released After 16 Years

Source: The Shanghai Daily - China

<http://tinyurl.com/35lda6>

Tuesday, 24 July, 2007

Pilot's UFO report released after 16 years
By Alice Gu

"It's moving very fast to the northeast, spraying fire-like gas and transforming into two objects, a ball and a cube."

It's not a line from a sci-fi movie, but from a tape recording of a conversation between a ground dispatcher and a passenger plane pilot who allegedly chased an unidentified flying object 16 years ago above Shanghai.

The tape, the only known in-flight voice recording of a UFO sighting in China, was released to the public for the first time during a UFO seminar held on Saturday in Shanghai, Beijing Legal Times reported today.

The recording has been kept by Wu Jialu, former senior engineer with the Shanghai Aircraft Design and Research Institute. He said equipment needed to analyze the report wasn't available until now.

"The 26-minute-long tape recording on March 18, 1991, included the pilot detecting the object, following it and eventually, he watched it disappear," said Wu, now director general with a city's UFO research center.

Wu played the taped conversation to the newspaper. The following is a transcript of the conversation:

Airport dispatcher (A): 3603, what did you see?

3603: I took off, flying about seven sea miles (13 kilometers) at the Course 28 degrees. I found an unidentified flying object right at my front. It was three meters to five meters in length. It's red and it looks like it is spraying fire. It's flying to the northeast. I turned slightly to the north and the object was farther and farther from my plane. It's moving fast and suddenly it turned around.

I flew about 20 sea miles (37 kilometers). It is moving southeast. It's flying lower and lower. I turned a little to the west. It turned around suddenly to the north again. It turned black.

It separated into two, one ball on the upper side and one cube below it. The two objects flew northeast for a while and then they turned to the northwest. They climbed up and disappeared. They came out, and disappeared again.

A: I got it.

A: When did you last see the object?

3603: About 6:26pm at 10 sea miles (18 kilometers) from Wuxi City.

A: Well, what's its location then?

3603: It was right in front of me.

A: 3603, can you estimate its speed?

3603: Its speed, um, the maximum speed... It's difficult to say. It's about 600 kilometers per hour to 700 kilometers per hour. I felt like it's flying at the speed of big planes.

Cui Yilin, a reporter with Shanghai-based Xinmin Evening News, told Beijing Legal Times that he received hundreds of calls from local residents on March 19, 1991, saying they saw a "red fire ball" over Shanghai the previous day.

"There were calls from Wusong, Xinzhuang and Bund areas. But the one that really got my attention was from Hongqiao Airport," Cui said.

Jin Xin, an on-duty dispatcher at the navigation tower of Hongqiao Airport on March 18, 1991, told Cui that he saw the flying object, which was engulfed by red light.

"I immediately asked a pilot that was about to take off to follow the object," Jin told the newspaper.

Jin gave a tape of the recorded conversation with the pilot to Wu after the incident.

Jin said pilot 3603 was Zhu Zhaoyuan, who flew for Jinan Airlines, which has since been taken over by China Eastern Airlines.

"He was piloting a small passenger plane when he chased the object," Jin said. Zhu was middle-aged and an experienced pilot, Jin added.

Zhu could not be reached for comment, said the report.

Liu Yan, a researcher at Purple Mountain Observatory under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, told the newspaper that more than 90 percent of UFO reports were false.

"People are easily misled by the reflection of light emitted by planes and believe they see UFO," said Liu.

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Parallel Planet Earth Being Created

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:17:25 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:27:17 -0400
Subject: Parallel Planet Earth Being Created

Hi Everyone!

Check out this very interesting story on the U.S. Department of Defense latest costly and futile project and, very likely, another waste of taxpayer's money - and a very dangerous one too!

Parallel Planet Earth Being Created

<http://tinyurl.com/yw2oal>

One of man's God giving attributes is free will.

Although man is blamed for everything from wars to the weather, since there are over 6 billion of us with the ability to make choices, I would be surprised if this DOD Earth model can make better predictions than a psychic using only her own Earth-like crystal ball.

Ronald Reagan's decisions during his term as President were bases not solely on the advice he got from government experts or private think tanks, but by psychics and his success as a great and popular leader must be partially credited to them.

I dread to think what the effects would be for the U.S., the world and even this part of the galaxy should future Presidents base their decisions on these DOD psychics instead.

Nick Balaskas

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Camera Captures Unknown Object At 37,000 Feet

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:30:10 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:30:10 -0400
Subject: Camera Captures Unknown Object At 37,000 Feet

Source: The Fayetteville Observer - Fayetteville, North Carolina,USA

<http://www.fayobserver.com/article?id=3D268219>

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

[Image at site]

Camera Captures Unknown Object At 37,000 Feet

By Michael Futch
Staff Writer

David McCune just wants to know what=92s in the digital photograph that he shot while flying at 37,000 feet over the southern region of the country on a hot July afternoon.

He=92s bewildered.

He can=92t help but wonder if it=92s a UFO. No matter how much skepticism he provokes.

Even Peter Davenport, the director of the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington state, has doubts.

=93I actually sent this to the UFO place,=94 McCune said, =93and he thought it was a fly. A fly! But I would like to know what it was from curiosity.=94

McCune, who is 53, owns McCune Technology, a steel fabrication business in the Cumberland County Industrial Center.

Tuesday morning, when a couple of visitors entered the business, McCune quipped, =93This is an alien abduction.=94

And while acknowledging that he enjoys old episodes of =93The Twilight Zone,=94 McCune said he has never been one to dwell on science fiction.

=93There=92s no crazy thought on this,=94 he said, =93because I took an image at 37,000 feet, and the spherical shape I saw in the image was in there.=94

On July 15, McCune was en route to Kansas City, Mo., from Atlanta for the N.C. Commission on Workforce Development. While in the air, he randomly snapped 20-odd images of some cool-looking cumulus cloud formations with a 10 megapixel Canon digital camera.

McCune figures that he may have been flying over Arkansas at the time he clicked the picture that has left him scratching his head.

Later, his son, David McCune Jr., was bringing up the images on a computer for the first time when he noticed that his father had captured something unusual with that \$1,000 camera.

=93I never saw it when I was taking pictures,=94 the elder McCune said. =93I think what it is =97 something that the human eye could not see yet the camera could. It picked it up. So when you start looking at it, we see the shape. My son, who is real skeptical about stuff like this, was real amazed that some of it is in the cloud and some of it is out of the cloud. So it has volume.=94

David McCune Jr., who oversees the company=92s day-to-day operations, said, =93I don=92t know what it is. It=92s something . If it wasn=92t something, it wouldn=92t go behind the cloud.=94

His father estimates that the disc-shaped =97 if very wispy =97 image, which has a dark center point, is maybe 1,000 feet in diameter. McCune=92s company laser cuts steel, so he knows a thing or two about measurements.

McCune has sent the picture to a friend who works for NASA. He hasn=92t heard back, he said.

=93I=92m curious to find out what it is,=94 he said. =93I=92m not saying what it is.=94

But he can=92t help but wonder.

Staff writer Michael Futch can be reached at futchm.nul or 486-3529.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:19:10 EDT
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:31:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:47:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>What has the speed of light got to do with the ETH? That's like
>saying that the theory that the west was populated with settlers
>couldn't happen because wagon trains were too slow. Speed has
>nothing to do with it. Time is the significant factor here and
>there are billions of years of time.

<snip>

Thank you Don Ledger!

I've been saying this for as long as I can remember whenever
someone mentions FTL travel or problems with the ETH because of
the distances twixt stars.

Just because we can't figure it out doesn't mean other life
forms unencumbered by our foibles have not. That's like saying
you can't get from Europe to the Americas because you can't walk
across the ocean and it's too far to swim. Then you invent a
boat. It's too far to row. Then you invent sails. It's too far
to sail we'll run out of food and water. Then you invent ways to
preserve the food and water. Now the trip is easier. Still takes
long but after some time a bright fella invents the airplane and
next thing you know water isn't the problem, distance, and time
aren't the problem.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:20:46 -0500
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:33:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:40:49 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington,USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

>>July 24, 2007

>>[Links at site]

>>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

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>>linguistic testing. These documents, collectively named The
>>Majestic Documents by researchers, contained references to the
>>alleged crash of a flying saucer near Roswell, NM, in July of
>>1947. References to extraterrestrial technology and alien bodies
>>appear in several of the documents. Dates of the documents
>>themselves range from 1942 to the early 1990s.

><snip>

>I spoke with Dr. Chaski who obviously had no axe to grind and
>was friendly. She had an appointment and I will be talking to
>her again. She was surprised that I had labelled a host of
>supposed MJ-12 documents as frauds in the afterword to my book
>TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Hopefully I will find out which documents she
>reviewed. I have in the past noted some serious errors in
>Heisler's comments about my review of Nick Redfern's Roswell
>book.

>It wouldn't surprise me if this was brought up in my debate with
>Michael Shermer on Coast to Coast Radio 11PM - 2AM Pacific time.

Yeah, break his legs... don't forget to show concern for his
leering fascination with anal probes and if that's appropriate
behavior for a working psychologist with an earned doctorate...

But is this the latest change to C2C? They're still takin' about
gettin' to the bottom of ouija boards over there, currently.

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:34:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Robert Gates <rgates8254.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:32:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 8:02 am
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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><snip>

>An interesting analysis of the MJ 12 documents. I would be
>curious to see which particular documents she fingers as being
>bogus, however their was ONE document that is believed to be
>real based upon the so called analysis. I know for years Stan
>Friedman has maintained that much of the Woods Majestic Document
>collection is bogus or had problems.

>I predict with great reliability that various skeptibunkers will
>hold this so called analysis up as proof that ALL the majestic
>documents are phony.

>The will do this without any examination of the actual program
>itself, or the reliability of the computer program, or testing
>it with known real documents to see if it is accurate 95 percent
>of the time, but because it agrees with their pet theories, it
>now becomes a fact, never to be doubted.

Well said Robert!

Yet the real deal is that we can debate all day long about the
number of fake MJ 12 documents it only takes_one_ to be real to
get the ball rolling.

Just_one_.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:55:01 EDT
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:35:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Okay, fair is fair.

This thread has gone into 'Donnybrook Mode' and I've had to go back to the source and must say the following.

Mr. Clark and Mr. Hall aren't vindictive mean men, they're just trying to emphasize the importance of the scientific method. I was that way too for years and was known amongst my news colleagues as an old stick in the mud about it. If I couldn't put it in a test tube I wasn't looking at it.

We need to have our scientific compasses set now and then as this field of research can go way out beyond the fringes of the universe.

However, there's something more.

I'm reminded of Star Trek. The original series and the sojourn of the character Spock. His character came from a race who held logic above all else. Yet this belief had stagnated his people and he found himself at quite the quandary time and again when logic didn't resolve the problem. Characters Capt. Kirk and the other humans knew that science could only go so far. Sometimes imagination and a leap of faith based only on our gut feelings, hunches, could take us a step further in the right direction or wrong. If we humans relied only on our five senses we'd never have come out of the trees.

Science isn't resolving the UFO issue. Either because we don't have enough of it or our science isn't real deal science. You can science something to death and still not get a resolution.

Anyone whose ever worked around die-hard scientists know how frustrating they can be as they'll sit and test and discuss how to build a better dam while just outside the window the dam has burst and the cattle and Ma are being washed away.

UFOs and the phenomena involved call for us to keep a level head sure but not stop because science as we know it is unable to resolve. Life doesn't wait for science. You have to go with what you have. Sure there are some theories and ideas regarding UFOs are beyond what most can tolerate but often the truth to a mystery is far more intolerable or it would have easily been detected. We can't resolve what we don't have the courage to confront. It doesn't get more complicated than that.

Our five sense aren't the only perceptions we have. We're far more perceptive than we give ourselves credit for.

So in all fairness if someone's theory or idea is beyond what one can tolerate don't berate the person, just nod your head and keep keeping on.

Science doesn't have to have a Mr. Angry Face to it.

Best,

Greg

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UFO Sightings Bring UK Town To A Standstill

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul> <sergejsh@yahoo.com>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:59:16 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:37:47 -0400
Subject: UFO Sightings Bring UK Town To A Standstill

Source: The Daily Mail - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/278qjs>

July 25, 2007

UFO Sightings Bring Town To A Standstill

A crowd of 100 stunned stargazers brought a town centre to a standstill when five mysterious UFOs were spotted hovering in the sky.

Drinkers spilled out of pubs, motorists stopped to gawp and camera phones were aimed upwards as the five orbs, in a seeming formation, hovered above Stratford-Upon-Avon for half an hour.

The unidentified flying objects lit up the otherwise clear night sky above Shakespeare's birthplace in Warwickshire on Saturday (July 21).

UFO footage - on website

Google map - <http://tinyurl.com/22tokd>

Although Air Traffic Control reported no unusual activity, some witnesses were convinced they were witnessing an extra-terrestrial spectacle.

The strange episode started just after 10.30pm, when the lights were seen hovering slowly over the town before three of them formed a triangular shape with one positioned just to the right.

A few minutes later a fifth came into view travelling towards the others at breakneck speed before slowing down and stopping a short distance away.

Sceptics dismissed the UFOs as nothing more than hot air balloons, fireworks or even lanterns which had broken loose from a local rugby club.

Others, however, claimed the speed and agility of the objects was unlike any known aircraft and said the odd movement, lack of noise and the length of time in the air discounted any man-made explanation.

Tom Hawkes, who captured these amazing images, spotted the lights during his girlfriend Kate Lyall's birthday at the One Elm pub.

He and the 15 other revellers were in the bar when they spotted some commotion outside.

Tom, 30, said: "We walked outside and there was at that time a growing crowd of about 60 people looking up at something in the sky.

"I saw this light appear, then three others. They came over our heads in formation but then manouvered into different positions.

"Three had formed a triangular shape and one was to the right. Then another one came hurtling towards the rest at what looked like a very fast speed. But as it neared them it suddenly slowed and stopped altogether.

"By this time more people had poured out onto the street. Two pubs had emptied, some people had come out of their houses and drivers slowed their cars.

"The objects were there for about half an hour. It was very eerie because they didn't make any sound and they stayed still before moving slowly beyond the horizon. There were no stars in the sky, just them.

"It was the most extraordinary thing I've ever seen and the way in which everyone gathered in the street to watch them reminded me of a scene from Independence Day."

The extraordinary scenes were also witnessed by some of the staff of the One Elm pub.

Chef Kern Griffiths, 26, said: "I saw five lights, we all thought they were hot air balloons at first because the glowing spheres looked like a burst of flames. But I couldn't see any outline of the balloon itself and they were travelling far too fast.

"Suddenly someone shouted 'look' and there were these bright dots fizzing across the sky.

"It was weird, the way they moved did look alien. Some people reckon they're fireworks but they were lit up in the sky for far too long, the local rugby club say they were lanterns that blew loose over the weekend but these objects were far too fast and too high up.

"They were unlike any aircraft I've seen. It's a mystery."

Hillary Potter from The British Earth Aerial Mystery Society (BEAMS) said they were being inundated with similar calls from across the country but said it was rare for such phenomena to be witnessed by so many people.

She said: "Such incidents have been on the increase recently. There are reports at the moment coming in from all over the country.

"We've had many reports of people seeing quite large unidentified objects in the skies. It's not going away, it seems these incidents are becoming more bold.

"People don't know what to do when they witness such sights and that's what we're here for. We take the reports very seriously."

A Mod Spokesman said: "The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of UFOs or flying saucer matters or to the question of the existence of extra terrestrial life forms, about which we remain totally open minded.

"I should add that to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. The MoD examines any reports of unidentified flying objects it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance.

"Namely whether there is any evidence that the UK air space might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised foreign military activity.

"Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us.

"We believe that rational explanations such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose but it's not the function of the MoD to provide this kind of aerial identification service."

Frankie Spray, from Wellesbourne Airfield, just outside Stratford, added: "The lights were nothing to do with us. None of our aircraft fly at night at this time of year.

"It's very bizarre but I've got no explanation as to what the lights were."

Birmingham Air Space which covers the skies over the town said they had not heard of any unusual activity showing up on the radar.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 10:18:24 -0700
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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:47:13 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:36:02 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world-wide
>>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional
>>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>>not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
>>says FTL travel is not possible.

>What has the speed of light got to do with the ETH? That's like
>saying that the theory that the west was populated with settlers
>couldn't happen because wagon trains were too slow. Speed has
>nothing to do with it. Time is the significant factor here and
>there are billions of years of time.
>Your whole argument falls apart over this one point.

Don,

I disagree. Speed is the main factor. God may have all the time
she needs but our lifetimes are very limited. Why shouldn't we
assume the same for our visitors? I think we'll find that travel
in the universe is severely limited by the distances involved
and light speed will be necessary for travel within a realistic
timeframe. Also the energy requirements for FTL are prohibitive.
The laws of physics indicate that getting even a small amount of
matter to light speed will require all the energy in the
universe. That's too high a price to pay just to give a few
rectal exams to dangerous animals on a distant and inhospitable
planet.

>Why after co-existing with us for millions of years are these
>"critters" so interested in our bowels and sexual reproductive
>systems? Where is their whole [social, manufacturing, housing,
>economic based] infrastructure.

I don't know why they are interested in us. I think they have
always interacted with humans in some way. I mostly agree with
Fort: "we are being farmed!"

Since I think the ancient hominid civilization is at least one
hundred million years old, they've had time to live wherever

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they wish, maybe Mars or the back side of the moon or under the oceans or underground or in super mother ships. I don't know about their infrastructure, but if they employ nanotechnology, then it could be very self-sufficient. We're not far from that goal ourselves. Their population could be quite small (less than a million) and easily hidden. It may be in decline. I just don't have answers for these questions.

>There is no such thing as a TR-3b.

Maybe so but the craft know as the TR-3b looks like the triangle shaped craft seen over Phoenix which I believe was human constructed.

<http://www.rense.com/general5/trb.htm>

Ed

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Re: Friedman Shermer Debate On C2C Tonight -

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 20:31:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman Shermer Debate On C2C Tonight -

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 11:48:05 -0300
>Subject: Friedman Shermer Debate On C2C Tonight

>Michael Shermer and I will be debating Wednesday July 25 on
>Coast to Coast radio with George Noory... Sort of left over from
>Larry King.

Mea culpa. Somebody wrote and noted the debate wasn't on the C
to C list. I checked again. They goofed they meant Wednesday,
August 1 not July 25.

Very sorry. Now I have to notify many people.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 13:39:58 -0400
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 20:35:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:48:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Now, that is funny.

>Or at least one hopes that the humor here is intentional.
>Otherwise, we will be forced to the conclusion that we are
>confronting textbook crank-think: my idea - or somebody else's
>that I find congenial - is rejected not because it is fatally
>evidence-deficient and/or wildly improbable if not downright
>crazy, but because it is so brilliant people shake in their
>boots at the very thought of it. I mean, why else could they
>possibly reject it?

>Congratulations, Bob. You've just made the skeptics' point: that
>this is a crackpot position argued with crackpot logic.

Hardly, Jerry. You've simply proved my point far more amply than
I could have hoped.

Bob Shell

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 10:43:22 -0700
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 20:39:14 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:26:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>>From: Edward J O'Connell <ejayo.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:37:13 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>>"All Orb Photos are Dust"

>><http://www.strangehappenings.org/Orb-Photos-Are-Dust.htm>

>>I found this with Google in about two seconds. The fact that the
>>site in question concerns ghosts and the paranormal, in my mind,
>>makes the condemnation of the 'orb' photos even stronger. These
>>people aren't professional skeptics. They are people Desperately
>>trying to document paranormal activity, people who would have
>>been happy to believe in orb photos, if the hadn't proven to be
>>easily duplicable with dust, lint, and pollen.

>>The other suspect aspect of the story quoted here was the
>>instant jump from 'unexplainable blotches on photos' to the
>>'spirit world.' The unknown phenomena is instantly known - as
>>evidence of the spiritual.

>Excellent post!

>Yes, orbs, rods, and many "UFO" images are nothing more than
>common optical phenomena. When I was making the rounds of the
>UFO conferences it always angered me when speakers passed these
>off as photos of UFOs, orbs, rods, whatever, and angered me even
>more when their visually illiterate audiences accepted them.

Bob, you are obviously yet another so-called 'expert' trying to
argue from authority and resistant to novel ideas.

Orbs as manifestations of the spirit world is every bit as
viable a theory as "dust, lint, and pollen." Who's to say that
orbs aren't ghosts showing up on film? Maybe they are evidence
of Ed's elusive monotreme civilization responsible for the UFO
phenomenon. They are so advanced they can take on a purely
ethereal form and remain hidden from us, but can also become
physical so they can fly around in their saucers and show up in
alien autopsy films when they crash.

No wonder we can never get anywhere, with the stodgy and
prejudice old guard constantly trying dictate what the young
creative minds in the field should believe.

David 'just twitting your position a little bit' Rudiak

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:31:52 +0000
Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 20:40:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Hall

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 10:19:44 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:40:49 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:37:05 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 09:52:50 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>Ed:

>>I find it all terribly amusing that people who are inclined to
>>support the ETH are lecturing other people about what science
>>will and will not accept as a reasonable hypothesis with respect
>>to UFOs.

>>Having said that, when you make a statement like "Not a single
>>scientist that I know believes that star travel is possible",
>>you just make yourself look foolish. The best spin I can put on
>>this is that you have a very, very limited range of
>>acquaintances in the various relevant scientific fields.

>Paul,

>I stand by my statement. Perhaps I do have a limited number of
>science friends, but most of them do not believe that UFO exist
>and their main reason for this belief is that they hold star
>travel to be impossible. Of courses there's always a fair
>of kidding and horseplay but when we can discuss the matter in a
>serious vein, and I explain my theory, there is always a
>preference for it over star visitors.

>>Or perhaps you've never met Stan Friedman. He's a scientist
>>(despite what some of his detractors may say from time to
>>time). Or Jim McDonald. He was a scientist. A good one.

>I only met Stan once and I don't consider him a scientist.
>He has a degree in science but he's a working propagandist
>pushing the ETH (cosmic cover-up) and not a working scientist.
>I never met Jim McDonald but I do consider him to be a
>working scientist and I agree, a very good one. I have
>examined his archive at Uof A and I don't recall him writing
>that star travel was possible.

<snip>

Indeed the late Jim McDonald did not say that star travel was possible. After examining the UFO data he instead said that it was probable. More than once he said that the ETH was the most likely hypothesis to prove true. You couldn't have studied the McDonald archives very much or you would know this.

- Dick

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 20:41:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington,USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

>>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

>>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>>testing.

Stop Press: Pope proved Catholic!

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John Rimmer
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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
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>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:05:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I think deductive logic applies to the UFO situation. If we apply our
>>human knowledge to the situation, then what do we know or think we
>>know?

>>Interstellar travel at the speed of light is impossible.

>>Deductive logic tells you that they must be coming from closer to home.
>>Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly small craft, and
>>there were reports of bodies. There have been no reports of any food,
>>water, or life support systems.

>>Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range craft.
>>There were no provisions for long term travel or emergencies.

>>In space, there's no up or down, left or right so if you're travelling
>>in a small craft from umpteen light years away, with no food, water,
>>life support, or emergency procedures, then Earth is going to be a hard
>>place to find!

>>I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
>>and it was put online in 2001 here:

>><http://projectprove.com/Arts/BnEv/BnEv.php>

>Michael

>How many times does it have to be pointed out that, not
>surprisingly, there are many reports of huge "mother ships".

>Think Martin Jacek's Yukon case .6-1.2 miles long. Or JAL, twice
>the size of an aircraft carrier. Think of huge aircraft carriers
>and small airplanes. The nuclear reactors on the carriers need
>refueling every 18 years. The planes need fuel after a few hours
>of flight. The planes have no food or beds. They operate in
>drastically different environments.. Outer space between stars
>in low gravity... and in high gravity in an atmosphere where one
>certainly doesn't want to fly at the speed of light...1/7th of a
>second to go around the planet. At 99.99% of the speed of light,
>it only takes 6months pilot time to travel 37 Light years . Lets
>get real.

>Proclamations are the tool of the debunkers.

Stan, et al:

It is worth mentioning the five (?), triangular-shaped, craft which passed over the Phoenix area on the evening of March 13, 1997. A ground crewman on duty that night reported that the lead pilot of the flight of two F-15's that first intercepted one of the objects described, upon landing back at Luke AFB, that the object had filled his canopy and windscreen...from his "9 o'clock" position, to his "3 o'clock" position. Very large. All witnesses estimate that the object(s) they observed that night were "immense," and subsequent investigation indicates that the objects probably were between one and two (statute) miles in width.

In 1995, a former seminary student published a written report about his alleged abduction circa 1971 while he was a student in New Hampshire. He reports that he was taken aboard a relatively small disc, which ascended (??) to a larger craft, where the student alleges to have witnessed a myriad of similar disc-shaped craft, all parked in rows and columns in an immensely large bay. The witness seemed credible, judging from the manner in which he composed the report.

With regard to a source of energy, one possibility that seems to have been overlooked in the UFO community is the "free" hydrogen, which populates "empty" interstellar space. There appears to be approximately one atom of monatomic hydrogen per cubic meter in "empty" space. Moreover, given that hydrogen is slightly magnetic, it is not too difficult to imagine how significant quantities of it might be collected.

If we combine this fact with the reports being put forth by the physicists at Black Light Power, Inc., (www.blacklightpower.com) in Princeton, NJ, that there is a third, and much lower, energy state for hydrogen than the two currently recognized by our physics, then we have a plausible mechanism for technology-based craft to course through space over long periods of time.

If tritium, deuterium, or helium-3 are present in interstellar space, which probably is the case, the argument becomes even more powerful, I believe.

By the way, the claims being put forward by the folks at Black Light Power are quite interesting, and they appear to be backed up by a number of interesting technical papers. If their assertion that there is a lower energy state for hydrogen; that approximately three orders of magnitude more energy is released when that level is achieved than is the case with the energy levels we observe on Earth; and that the hydrogen at this lower state serves as a catalyst to promote the same reaction, it could explain other phenomena that apparently may occur, but which we do not fully understand, yet. I refer to "cold" fusion; spontaneous human combustion; and existence of "dark" matter. I would be happy to elaborate further, if anyone is interested.

Peter
NUFORC

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I have now read both this strange and very misleading press release and thanks to Ryan Wood the actual long Heisler report and talked to Dr. Chaski. She was friendly and helpful. I think her techniques make sense. Here are some facts:

1. The technique she used was the least expensive and time consuming and least accurate of the 3 she has available to her.
2. Only 17 documents were examined. Her whole quite interesting technique is based on computer crunching of typed text... not on internal facts, handwriting etc.
3. The 4 Documents I say are genuine in the 2nd edition of TOP SECRET/MAJIC(2005) are the Eisenhower Briefing Document, The Cutler Twining Memo, the SOM.101, and the Truman Forrestal Memo.

The first three were not even tested (no author signature). I have said that the TFM was almost certainly prepared by Van Bush or Forrestal based on such things as the 2 typewriters used, the period after the date, and my conversations with someone who worked for Truman the entire time he was in the White House. So I would have expected that it would not show up as having been written by Truman. I believe that the rest of the so called MJ-12 documents are phony as I noted in my book... except for the Bowen memo which is historical.

I have never said that because the documents are genuine, Roswell was real. I started the work on Roswell in the 1970s. EBD was received in December 1984. Roswell being real meant that there was a chance that the EBD was real, despite UFO-Debunker Menzel being listed as an MJ-12 member. My Shocking discovery of his many very high security intelligence activities opened the door.

Dr. Heisler has been grinding a strong anti-alien axe for religious reasons. He mentions my work, but not the 2nd edition of TSM and omits reference to more of my papers as well. He makes no direct mention of the EBD, CT, SOM 1.01 not having been tested despite their being the crux of the matter. As Dr. Chasti is well aware, putting out disinformation to try to negate the effects of real information is a standard technique...

In short his PR effort is massively deceptive, a very biased and self-serving fund-raising effort for his anti-alien religious agenda. Pity.

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No Proof Of Fakery In Top Secret UFO Documents

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No Proof of Fakery in Leaked Top Secret Majestic Documents

Press Release

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No Proof of Fakery in Leaked "Top Secret" Government UFO Documents

Broomfield, CO July 25, 2007 - A determined effort to muddy the waters with claims of "fraud" concerning the extensive Top Secret Majestic, or MJ-12, documents that have leaked from multiple sources in recent years has failed several tests of credibility.

Recently minted Bible professor Michael S. Heiser has issued press notices about his claims in association with a report he is selling on the Internet with promotion for sales of his novel concluding that UFOs are a plot by Satan to take over the earth in the "the fa=E7ade" of an Air Force colonel running Area 51.

Heiser recently paid thousands of dollars to a document examiner, Dr. Carol Chaski to look at only 11 pages (about 5,000 words) of the 3,500 pages of MJ-12 documents leaked to researchers since 1984. Despite the examiner's conclusion that at least one of the 11 pages was in fact written by the author claimed, Heiser has issued sweeping conclusions that all the MJ-12 documents are fraudulent.

Heiser's allegations have drawn attention to the Internet marketing campaign for his novel, published to little response in 2004 but now advertised again on the Internet next to his claims of MJ-12 fraud.

The novel's hero is a Bible student (as was Heiser) who claims the Bible describes a "Divine Council" of gods responsible for creation (as Heiser's own dissertation alleges). A secret-agent Vatican priest pretends to be part of the plot until Satan crushes him, and in the end, of course, the Bible student gets the beautiful young woman scientist.

"The real facade may be that any responsible scholar would make such sweeping claims on the basis of such limited and conflicting evidence," said businessman and prominent UFO researcher Ryan Wood. "The least that any intellectually honest person can do is to look at the weight of extensive research that Heiser neglects to mention and keep an open mind."

Ryan Wood along with distinguished aerospace physicist Dr. Robert Wood and nuclear physicist Stanton Friedman have published in-depth research on the so-called MJ-12, or Majestic, documents, some of which have been found in the archives of the National Archives and Records Administration.

Heiser, who claims to be among the "top 100 UFO experts," recently hired Dr. Carol Chaski, a forensic linguistic researcher, who ran the pages through a computer program to see if their language is like that of other documents purportedly from the same or similar authors. She concluded that 10 of the

11 pages were questionable.

"A logical flaw is obvious to anyone who has worked in government or the military," said Wood. "General officers and senior public officials do not write 90 percent of the official documents they sign. Government documents are frequently written by subordinates for commanders, or by committees and secretaries. Expecting linguistic authorship to match across such documents is unlikely from the start."

"The notion that forensic linguistics, a very new science is the silver bullet that dethrones the validity of the entire majestic document collection, or the Roswell Crash reality is a gross misstatement." said Ryan S. Wood document researcher.

Questioned Document Authenticaion

The field of document authentication is very old and focuses on many vectors of authenticity, namely forensics (ink, paper), chronology (out of time/place), chiography (handwriting), typography, provenance, content and anachronisms. The results advertised by Heiser stem from what document examiners consider among the least accurate of their analysis techniques. "The notion that forensic linguistics, a very new science with just one peer reviewed journal and a handful of experts is the silver bullet that dethrones the validity of the entire majestic document collection is a gross misstatement." said Ryan Wood, document researcher.

Complicating the matter, Heiser has released only his brief summary of Dr. Chaski's research. While making scientific claims, he has not revealed the alleged scientific details of what was examined, including the "control documents" she may have used for comparison. So as the saying goes "garbage in garbage out" applies. The bottom line is the tool of forensic linguistics is just one of several state-of-the-art question document examination techniques.

"Far beyond Heiser's approach, we have originals of some of the MJ-12 documents," said the Wood's. "And careful forensic examination of these rare documents has stood the test of authenticity. At a minimum, there is no complete consensus yet from the so-called experts, and it is disingenuous for Heiser, whose previous UFO publishing is confined to his novel, to claim otherwise."

On the other hand, of the nearly 3,500 pages of other leaked Majestic documents that Heiser ignores -- meticulous research for the past decade has cross-verified content with known military activities at a level of detail that is hard to write off as fakery. Corroborating such documents are the direct testimony by astronauts like Gordon Cooper, retired Air Force generals like Arthur Exon and others who have put their direct testimony in the record concerning the reality of non-human craft observed near Earth.

"One problem is that the campaign of ridicule, plus imaginative novels combining UFOs with personal theology, is that it keeps sensible people from exploring the real weight of evidence for themselves. We have gone to considerable effort to put most of the important leaked documents at www.majesticdocuments.com," said Wood.

"To date," Wood emphasized, "no credible evidence has tarnished the authenticity of the 'Special Operations Manual: Extraterrestrial Entities Technology Recovery and Disposal' of April 1954; the 'Eisenhower Briefing Document' of November 1952; the 'White Hot Report' of September 1947; or the 'Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit' Counter Intelligence Report of July 22, 1947.

In a rare failure of security, the U.S. Army revealed in reply to a Freedom of Information Act request that the Counter Intelligence Corps did indeed have an "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit" during the period of the now-leaked Majestic documents.

Without explaining why "interplanetary phenomena" would be of interest to the Army's security branch, the Army simply said the files had been passed to the Air Force's own Office of Special Investigations who have likewise never explained their counter-intelligence interest.

The questioned documents are extensively discussed in Stanton Friedman's landmark book "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" and in Ryan Wood's recent book "MAJIC EYES ONLY," which has received endorsements from astronauts, scientists, retired Air Force officers and others.

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Sci-Fi Documentary on Majestic Documents Suggests Document Authenticity

For people looking for more discussion about the majestic documents in the context of UFOs, Government cover-up and conspiracy in a scientific and factual way, we recommend purchasing The Secret. It discusses the authenticity of the majestic documents in detail.

Italian Catholic Monsignor Balducci

"There is more evidence for the existence of UFOs then for Jesus Christ." Is Psychological Warfare An Explanation For These Leaked Top Secret UFO Documents?

In detailed paper examining the possibility to fakery, psychological warfare and geo-political espionage, Ryan Wood examines the evidence provided by the Majestic Documents. The conclusion is there is very little evidence of deception. Read paper

New Book Examines
UFO Crash Retrieval Cases

MAJIC EYES ONLY is the most authoritative and comprehensive chronicle ever published on the subject of worldwide UFO crashes and subsequent military retrievals from 1897 to the present. The author guides the reader through 74 UFO crash incidents supported by compelling evidence in the form of official documents, eyewitnesses and in some cases physical evidence.

Since 1984, multiple sources have leaked, revealed or discovered some 3,500 pages of UFO documents, hundreds classified Top Secret and linked to Majestic-12. These MJ-12 documents, coupled with the Leonard Stringfield data and strong investigations by other case experts, provide a powerful core of UFO crash incidents.

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>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 19:01:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

>>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>>testing.

>>The documents were tested by Dr. Carol Chaski of Georgetown, DE,
>>who was hired by Dr. Michael Heiser, a biblical scholar with an
>>interest in the UFO phenomenon. Dr. Chaski is a leading expert
>>in the linguistic science of authorship attribution, a
>>discipline that uses computers to extract and define stylistic
>>patterns in a given author's writings - a 'linguistic
>>fingerprint'. Dr. Chaski pioneered her own computational
>>document authentication software program, ALIAS, for such
>>testing, and is currently the president of ALIAS Technology,
>>LLC. Among the stylistic patterns detected by Dr. Chaski's
>>specially-developed computer program are patterns in sentence
>>structure, word order in parts of speech and use of
>>punctuation.

>>A total of 17 documents were tested, allegedly written by nine
>>different authors. Dr. Heiser typed the prose text of the
>>disputed Majestic Documents and a set of undisputed control
>>documents for each author for Dr. Chaski's testing. Of the 17
>>documents tested, only one can be scientifically validated as
>>having been written by the author who is named. Dr. Heiser's
>>assessment: "Anyone basing any claims of alien existence or an
>>alien crash at Roswell on these documents would be foolish to
>>do so; they just don't stand up to cutting edge scientific
>>analysis."

>>A complete copy of the report on the testing procedures and
>>results can be obtained at:

>><http://www.mj12documents.com>

>This is also being discussed over on one of the Above Top Secret
>forums:

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread293259/pg1>

>The same points are being made there as I'm making here plus a
>few others.

>Something written by somebody's secretary and then signed by the
>boss would test "fraudulent" even if the document were
>completely real.

>How reliable is the linguistic testing? Bureaucratic style is
>much more constrained and won't be the same as somebody's normal
>writing style. Is the testing program capable of discerning

>somebody's style in such different situations?

>The computer code doing the linguistic analysis is proprietary,
>by a for-profit company, and not subject to independent testing.
>What assumptions are being made in doing the analysis? Different
>linguistic software have different results depending on these
>underlying assumptions and methods of analysis. Just because a
>computer spits out a result doesn't necessarily make it
>reliable. (An example is given how computers also cast very
>authoritative looking astrological charts.)

>Linguistic testing is far from absolute. It can give you some
>idea whether a document was written personally by somebody,
>but can't prove one way or another whether it is actually
>fraudulent, as Heiser seems to be claiming.

>Heiser is badly overreaching on his conclusions.

Hi, David, Listfolk,

You are correct that the proprietary linguistic analysis software cannot prove they are frauds, for some of the reasons you cite above.

However, I think the MJ-12 papers, regardless of origin and or author(s) are in fact fake, despite un-told hours of analysis by the Woods, Friedman, and others.

I think the whole fictional, original scenario began with Richard C. Doty initially, and that he intended at first to do a fictional ufo/alien scenario, but that when that failed, some of the documentation I suspect he may have fabricated as supporting faux government papers began at some point to take on a life of its' own. When Bill Moore, and others, like Tim Good and Jaime Shandera became involved, or were involved by others and gradually inculcated and persuaded the papers might be real, or a clever "emulation" of real Majic-type group doing a double psyop by producing docs that lean toward incredulity as seen by most, to cover the "real" operation (a possibility, of a real covert ufo analysis group, that I do not dismiss or necessarily discount), the story grew legs and now, after 20+ years of "development" (by several people faking similar or newer/related "MJ-12" papers to bolster their take on the story, etc.), we have a fully developed hoax that continues to fool some people even today.

I think Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood have thoroughly research- ed these angles, and will have more to say and present at the August MUFON conference in Colorado. Hopefully, an online version of their presentation / article will be available soon after the conference.

The real question in my mind, even if, alternatively, the MJ-12 original papers were created by some element of the USG military/intelligence complex, for psyop and/or security testing of their own personnel to see if they might talk out of turn prior to being exposed to genuine classified papers and ops they might be being vetted for, is was or is there some actual, ongoing, coherent group funded by elements of the USG, even if black/covert, that may still be actually involved in ufo/uap monitoring, surveillance (of both "ufos" and ufo researchers, groups, or "abductees", in some cases, as Nick Redfern documented to some extent in his book "On the Trail of the Saucer Spies/UFOs and Governmen Surveillance").

That, to me, is the most interesting unresolved question, on the human side of the equation, that persists.

Steve

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From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 21:11:54 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:03:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:05:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I think deductive logic applies to the UFO situation. If we
>>apply our human knowledge to the situation, then what do we know
>>or think we know?

>>Interstellar travel at the speed of light is impossible.

>>Deductive logic tells you that they must be coming from closer
>>to home. Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly
>>small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been
>>no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.

>>Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range
>>craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or
>>emergencies.

>>In space, there's no up or down, left or right so if you're
>>travelling in a small craft from umpteen light years away, with
>>no food, water, life support, or emergency procedures, then
>>Earth is going to be a hard place to find!

>>I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
>>and it was put online in 2001 here:

>><http://projectprove.com/Arts/BnEv/BnEv.php>

>Michael

>How many times does it have to be pointed out that, not
>surprisingly, there are many reports of huge "mother ships".
>Think Martin Jacek's Yukon case .6-1.2 miles long. Or JAL, twice
>the size of an aircraft carrier. Think of huge aircraft carriers
>and small airplanes. The nuclear reactors on the carriers need
>refueling every 18 years. The planes need fuel after a few hours
>of flight. The planes have no food or beds. They operate in
>drastically different environments.. Outer space between stars
>in low gravity... and in high gravity in an atmosphere where one
>certainly doesn't want to fly at the speed of light...1/7th of a
>second to go around the planet. At 99.99% of the speed of light,
>it only takes 6months pilot time to travel 37 Light years . Lets
>get real.

>Proclamations are the tool of the debunkers.

Mr Friedman,

I find this to be a surprising reply from you. You freely admit

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that you've never seen a UFO and yet you tell this group of second hand reports of 'huge motherships'! If they're huge, then they should be observable by anyone with access to a telescope or binoculars. So, where are they?

You base your reasoning on theory which isn't provable. Interstellar travel, interdimensional travel and yet you reject the idea that these things may be Earth based.

I didn't proclaim anything. Ed put forward his idea, Bob Shell put forward his agreement and I agree with them.

It's you that has proclaimed us wrong, not the other way about.

Until you can demonstrate otherwise, then what you have is theory, which is as good (or bad) as anyone elses.

Michael

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Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:07:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:36:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:23:03 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>Take the Roswell crash as an example. It was a fairly
>>small craft, and there were reports of bodies. There have been
>>no reports of any food, water, or life support systems.
>>Deductive logic tells us that it has to have been a short range
>>craft. There were no provisions for long term travel or
>>emergencies.

>'Deductive Logic' is not a person, so therefore it can't tell us
>anything.

>I also have some issues with your reasoning. You are assuming an
>organic species, similar to ourselves are the true operatives of
>the craft.

>That's fine, but of course there are choices that would explain
>a whole lot more of the phenomena.

>For example, an extraterrestrial artificial intelligence, i.e.
>intelligent machines could make the journey to earth using
>technology similar to our current state of propulsion systems.

>A million years to a machine intelligence may mean nothing.

>>In space, there's no up or down, left or right so if you're
>>travelling in a small craft from umpteen light years away, with
>>no food, water, life support, or emergency procedures, then
>>Earth is going to be a hard place to find!

>>I agree with the Earth theory. I called it 'Binary Evolution'
>>and it was put online in 2001 here:

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>A machine intelligence doesn't require food, water, or supplies.

Hello Jason,

It's only a theory, based on what I experience here on Earth.
It's not right or wrong, it's only a logical viewpoint based on
our current knowledge. Interstellar travel and travelling near
to the speed of light may work in theory, but they've never been
tested. Earth is the only frame of reference that any of us
have.

A machine intelligence is a flight of fancy. If you buy a car,
it has to go in for a service every 20,000 miles!

So, these things are coming here from at least 7 light years away in tiny craft and aren't stopping for refreshments along the way!!

A machine or biological entity wouldn't even find planet Earth from one light year away. There's no up or down, left or right in space so they have to use our frames of reference.

That gives them a human dimension.

Michael

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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:55:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Sometimes imagination and a leap of faith based only on our gut
>feelings, hunches, could take us a step further in the right
>direction or wrong. If we humans relied only on our five senses
>we'd never have come out of the trees.

<snip>

"For all time, science has depended not just on journeyman
scientists, but also visionaries who explore wild new ideas and
think outside the box. But because of the nature of the
University system, and its funding in the last quarter century,
virtually all these visionaries have been pushed to the outside
and receive little funding. What's left are a group of sheep who
are herded by a few leaders"

-- Lee Smolin in The Trouble With Physics

Cheers

Ray D

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Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:55:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Science isn't resolving the UFO issue. Either because we don't
>have enough of it or our science isn't real deal science. You
>can science something to death and still not get a resolution.

Greg, believe me, ufology's problem is not an excess of
science. Not even remotely. Put "pseudo" in front of "science,"
however, and you've pinpointed the principal cause of ufology's
continuing marginalization and growing irrelevance.

Jerry Clark

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 20:08:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>Gee... I made a bunch myself. And they weren't all round!!

<snip>

>I have one picture that might have 100,000 orbs. I never
>counted. They wre reflections from a gram or so of spackle dust
>blown into the air just before I took the photo.

What do you think of the moving orb video taken by a fellow in Colorado a few years back outside his home, which floated past the house, bobbing up and down maybe a couple of inches as it moved past? I can't remember his name, but his orb video, as well as some photos of bright streaks inside his house was on one of the educational channels in the late 90s.

What do you think of orb photos which include bright, sharply defined streaks between a point in the photo and in an upward direction, outdoors? Some of them, instead of a straight streak, show an ascending spiral pattern.

Eleanor White

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:26:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

<snip>

>Yes, orbs, rods, and many "UFO" images are nothing more than
>common optical phenomena.

What about the obvious, undulating, almost transparent
"wings" projecting from the sides of the rods, which reflect
sunlight in a way that appears to be natural for the scene?

They don't look like any kind of "common optical phenomena"
to me. Not at all.

Eleanor White

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>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 14:32:48 -0400
>Archived: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:16:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds -

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 8:02 am
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington,USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

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>An interesting analysis of the MJ 12 documents. I would be
>curious to see which particular documents she fingers as being
>bogus, however their was ONE document that is believed to be
>real based upon the so called analysis. I know for years Stan
>Friedman has maintained that much of the Woods Majestic Document
>collection is bogus or had problems.

>I predict with great reliability that various skeptibunkers will
>hold this so called analysis up as proof that ALL the majestic
>documents are phony.

>The will do this without any examination of the actual program
>itself, or the reliability of the computer program, or testing
>it with known real documents to see if it is accurate 95 percent
>of the time, but because it agrees with their pet theories, it
>now becomes a fact, never to be doubted.

And this 'proof' of phoniness held up by skeptibunkers will
probably be done by Pelicanistic, dogmatic, automatic, auto-
trashing, noisy, RoboDebunkers in a knee-jerk reaction.

Having a so-called 'scientific' analysis done by a Phd in what
would superficially appear to be a 'mainstream' way is the
Imprimatur of legitimacy, to some quadrants, and needs no
further explanation.

I hold no grudge against Dr. Carol Chaski, although you would
think she'd take greater care in planning and executing this
document evaluation, rather than have her name associated with
an analysis of only 11 documents, and a small number of
controls. If it had been me, I would have refused to do it with
such a small sample, even if the client couldn't afford to pay
for the work involved with a larger sample.

Michael Heiser is another story.

Let slip the robots of debunkery.

Dave Morton

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UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System

From: Katharina Wilsonn <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:51:27 -0500
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:15:30 -0400
Subject: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System

Hello List,

I'm not sure if this has ever been posted to this list, but I thought these videos might be of interest to some.

They were taken in southern Bellevue, WA.

Thanks to Bob Reid in Florida for the lead.

<http://tinyurl.com/2g62u2>

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 23:20:46 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:16:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:42:00 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I've been reticent to divulge what I've been told regarding
>ancient civilizations but it's high time not to keep silent any
>longer.

So what have you been told, exactly?

<Snip>

>Yes, and those discoveries came from the mining and petroleum
>exploratory groups.

<Snip>

>The vitriolic responses to archaeological
>discoveries especially made by those under Standard Oil, (oops!
>did I give something away there?)

<snip>

>The real picture would scare the living
>daylights out of your fellow human being.

Standard Oil was a prime mover in the coup that put the Shah in power in Iran in the 1950s, and it was a prime loser in the coup that later removed him. Basically, Standard Oil was synonymous with 'American interests' in Iran, and remains (through its successors/subsidiaries) so. If Standard Oil had 'the picture', then presumably Iran must have 'the picture' now, acquired by similar means. So how come the Iranians aren't leaking 'the picture' in order to systematically undermine the culture and mores of 'the Great Satan'?

If fear as to the fate of Islam in the face of such revelations is your reply, then try this for size: the Soviet Union should have had similar access to this revelation during a period when its atheistic/materialist ethos would have had no qualms about the philosophical/spiritual implications, and during which it knew it was losing the cold war. What better way to deal a crippling counter-blow to America and the forces of capitalism than to release this data, through respectable academic channels, and undermine the entire intellectual edifice of non-Marxist culture?

There are many other arguments taking the same form and carrying equal force. But the fact of the matter is, of course, that nothing has happened and we all remain in the dark. That being so, the whole idea fails to stack up.

Is there anything solid (by that, I mean telling us what the revelation amounts to, rather than merely how shattered we'd all be if we ever found out what it was) you can tell us that might make it all seem coherent, plausible or real?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 19:27:46 -0300
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:19:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:55:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 11:00:12 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world-wide
>>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional
>>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>>not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
>>says FTL travel is not possible. I have ruled out our own
>>military (except for the TR 3B, the flying triangle) because
>>the history of UFO goes back thousands of years.

>You are right in that we disagree on some points. I, for one, do not
>rule out "angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimensional entities,
>etc." I think these beings present themselves to humans in the guise
>du jour, and have appeared as angels and demons in times past
>because the humans of the day could believe those explanations.
>Before we got out into our solar system a bit and found out the
>realities, they passed themselves off as visitors from Mars, Venus,
>Saturn, or other planets. Now that we know those explanations are
>bogus, they claim to be from distant stars.

>I don't rule out time travelers because time travel may well be
>possible. I don't think FYL travel is impossible in a non-local
>universe, but it may be difficult or we may just not be
>interesting enough to justify it.

>Lastly, I don't think an earlier technological civilization on
>earth would be monotremes. Monotremes are an evolutionary dead
>end. I think it far more likely that they would be dinosauroids.
>But that is probably a minor point in the theory. A convergently
>evolved humanoid could come from almost any vertebrate origin.

>What I can't figure out is why your theory, mine, or Sanderson's
>original should be so damned frightening to some people.

I donno Bob. I'm not frightened by it. The whole thing sounds a
little absurd and ego-centric to me.

Why should what either of you are proposing be frightening? More
like second grade science fiction and boring. But you can
suggest that myself and others are "frightened" if it makes you
more comfortable as part of you argument.

Where do these "others" live and manufacture, anyway?

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I'm thinking of filing a missing persons report for this absent civilization. But if anything the theory seems to have some entertainment value on this List.

Don Ledger

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:20:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

<snip>

>>Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology
>>by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and
>>Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from
>>the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the
>>college level for more than 12 years, and has had a lifelong
>>interest in UFO, occult and paranormal phenomena. He is the
>>author of The Fa=E7ade - available in a limited edition pre-
>>release at:>

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

>Another shameless plea for people to buy his research. We can
>therefore dismiss anything Heiser has to say here because he is
>obviously only in it for the money, glory, etc., etc. (=<3D=3Dhint:
>satire)

He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
Has anyone heard of him before this?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:27:41 -0700
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:24:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 07:36:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 14:06:22 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>What people like Jerry Clark and me are jaded about is the
>>>apparent complete ignorance of scientific method constantly
>>>diplayed by numerous people on this list, chief among them the
>>>purveyors of the ludicrous notion that all ideas or hypotheses
>>>are equally valid and deserving of equal consideration. It is
>>>indeed horse-laughable.

>>The problem is that some ideas simply get dismissed out of hand,
>>based only on personal bias, not facts. That's why I like
>>Stanton's idea of a "gray basket" where non-provable ideas can
>>be put on the back burner until further evidence perhaps comes
>>along, instead of just being discarded altogether.

>The "problem" is not, in the self-serving definition above, that
>ideas are rejected "based only on personal bias" (similar
>charges are routinely hurled against physics professionals by
>lay physics cranks who think they've disproved Einstein), but
>that silly ideas, based on personal belief as opposed to a body
>of compelling evidence, get continually recycled over ufology's
>history. That's why we get nowhere, and that's why those of us
>who know something about the requirements of science - not to
>mention the history of ufology - lose our patience.

Jerry,

As I've stated, there is nothing unscientific about the Ancient
hominid civilization hypothesis. I'm also sure I know "something
about the requirements of science - not to mention the history
of ufology". And I think I even know much more about evolution
than you, otherwise you'd realize, just as Bob has insisted, that
an ancient civilization is entirely possible.

>As this mind-numbing exchange has staggered onward, I have more
>and more come to understand that at least some on this list
>have, at best, a grade-school understanding of how science works
>(that is, if they don't reject science altogether). They also
>hold the absurd view that one idea being as good as another, all
>ideas - however bizarre, however question-begging - deserve
>respectful consideration, especially if in some way they
>challenged that most hated of heresies, the ETH, which they can
>be counted on to drag into every discussion even when it's not
>at issue.

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This is an insulting, uncalled for rant. There's no evidence that these descriptions apply to the folks who have entered this discussion supporting my right to have an opinion. They certainly don't apply to me. If you think they do, then give some specific examples.

>I am pretty certain that by "gray basket," which any
>thoughtful anomalist has in his intellectual tool kit, Stan
>Friedman did not mean the ideas of Richard Shaver, M. K. Jessup,
>and Ed Gehrman,

I admire Jessup, for other reasons that have nothing to do with this discussion, but I do not champion his causes and Shaver is interesting but I'm not really that familiar with his work. I'm an opponent of Stan's ETH.

>or, for that matter, hollow-earth doctrines (in
>which a secret advanced race is also thought to be living mostly
>hidden from our view) that are unmistakably related. Right,
>Stan?

That has nothing to do with my hypothesis.

>It's simply, really. Human evolution, archaeology, and ancient
>history are well-established disciplines, stretching over
>decades and centuries.

I'm well aware of that. Nothing that I've conjectured comes in conflict with their methods or most findings.

>These disciplines are well funded, have
>produced a massive literature, and are taught in schools,
>colleges, and universities across the world. Research into them
>continues daily as new discoveries and insights deepen our
>understanding of how we got to where we are now. The well of
>richly documented, established data is deep.

Yes I'm very familiar with it. So what? Do you think you have some understanding of this trove that Bob and I don't?

>(None of the above
>can be said for ufology, obviously.) Meantime, on the fringes
>Gehrman conjures up a fantastic claim which contradicts a
>staggering amount of established knowledge,

How about some citations, some refutation of my claim? I see this as just another insulting rant without content.

>not to mention what
>those who possess it would deem common sense. If against all
>odds he happens to be right, Gehrman is an intellectual hero to
>rank with history's immortals, for example Galileo, who also had
>to suffer inquisitors like Dick Hall and me.

Another rant. Those who know me realize just how crazy these characterizations are. The study of UFO, as far as I'm concerned, is self defense. I'm not trying to be a hero nor do I deserve to be.

>So if you think his claims are reasonable,

Why wouldn't you think so? Jerry hasn't presented any evidence that I'm wrong, just a few gratuitous insults.

>so, we may safely
>presume, must scholars. In their professional life, after all,
>they examine and analyze the relevant materials that would
>demonstrate that Gehrman's theories are not, as surface
>indications would suggest, stereotypical crank speculation, in
>this instance rooted in his belief in the alien-autopsy film

Yes I admit this is true. The idea of a monotreme came from my belief that the AA is real footage of a creature of unknown origin being dissected. I decided to see if I could match the physical characteristics of the creature with a known type of mammal or reptile, or dinosaur. It amazed me that all the physical characteristics of the AA creature matched the physical characteristics of the monotremes, an egg laying mammal. But what really amazed me, and made me decide to publish this information was my finding that the monotremes had electronic sensors imbedded under their skin surfaces that allow them to

see, with out sight. This corresponded with the six fingered panels and the raised finger pads and the rumors that the pilots were actually connected to the ship in some way.

>in an uncritical reading of true-mystery literature written by
>non-professionals. After all, his would arguably be the greatest
>discovery in all of history: that a technologically advanced
>civilization that has co-existed pretty much unknown to us is
>responsible for a wide range of heretofore unexplained
>appearances and phenomena.

Yes folks, that's what happened! This is the way it is.

>If this is true, direct evidence for its presence would be all
>around us.

This is Jerry blowing smoke.

>Archaeologists, historians, and others in relevant
>disciplines would have written papers in refereed scientific
>journals examining it and constructing hypotheses around it. So
>let's see those citations, shall we?

You know as well as I do that there's controversy surrounding these subjects, but if there had been citations, I would have given them.

>By the way, Graham Hancock, not a reputable academic, does not
>count.

So your saying this makes it so? When did you become a member of competence committee.

>And please don't waste our time by pointing out that
>archaeological anomalies exist. Anomalies always exist. Nobody
>says we know everything about the human past. (Beyond that, we
>don't know everything about, for example, gravity; yet nobody
>disputes its existence. On the other hand, we haven't heard from
>Ed Gehrman or his defenders on that subject. Maybe they'll tell
>us that scientists who work on gravity are close-minded
>incompetents who don't know anything.)

Boring and not a very realistic picture of me or my "defenders".

>But unless you can prove otherwise - and you can't - it's time
>to stop insulting your >colleagues' intelligence and wasting our
time.

Since when did you become gatekeeper?

>If you really think you have a serious claim on their time and
>attention, it is your obligation not to harangue us growingly
>impatient ufologists but to take it to the scientific
>professionals for their assessment.

Just like you've done for the ETH?

>Time, too, to start citing
>papers in the scientific literature that show the professionals
>deem the existence of a hidden terrestrial civilization even
>marginally possible.

I don't think there has been this type of discussion. All I know is that the evolutionary mechanism, convergent evolution, is solid and there was more than enough time for this civilization to have existed, and if it were one hundred million years old, there wouldn't be a trace of it now.

Since I think the ETH is an impossible scenario, I don't see why there should be any objections to the ancient hominid theory. It seems is stronger, scientifically and the AA connection is certainly interesting.

>Time, in other words, to put up or shut up.

>Why do I expect that you will do neither?

I have nothing else to add. If you think you can find some proof that my theory is invalid, present it. Those on the List who think my theory has merit can contact me off list but there's not much more to add. It's really a matter of weighing my

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contentions against the merits of the ETH, a theory we all need to reconsider if we really want to understand our collective predicament.

Ed

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 21:02:02 EDT
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:26:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Okay, one more time!

Gonna have to get prosaic on myself.

If we're going to banter about regarding ETH and CTH let's just ask the questions based on only our five senses.

How many UFO reports pertain to just the object or objects in our sky?

How many UFO reports pertain to objects that then appear on the ground or go into and out of the ground?

How many UFO reports pertain to objects that go in and out of our bodies of water?

Finally, how many UFO reports are there from eye witnesses in outer space to have seen similar UFOs we have eyewitness accounts within our environment has there been?

My money is riding on the within our own atmosphere. Then water, then ground. Outer space last because so few humans have actually been in outer space and only a handful have made such claims of observation.

So if we are going to dismiss everyone's theories and ideas and imaginations and only deal with what our own two eyes have witnessed then the ETH is nowhere near in the running for possibilities. Matter of fact it's the least probable if we just use our own two eyes. Sure there are documents and hearsay but how many people have seen these things in outer space?

So there you have it. The UFO situation is a WOE factor meaning within our environment. Terrestrial origins are all we'll be allowed to discuss from now on according to the present arguments and such. Nothing else will be entertained. No assumptions, no imaginary hypotheses, just what a fellas own two peepers can log.

Best,

Greg

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Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: **Gordon German** <Gordon.German.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:29:03 -0400
Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

[Non-Subscriber Post]

Dear Errol,

I am not a subscriber to your List, but a colleague of mine pointed me to the current thread "Why the cover-up" and in particular, the post by Michael Stimson on his 'binary evolution' idea. I was wondering if you would pass the following comments on to him (either privately or on your list) as I would be interested in his response.

A little logical thinking will illuminate at least two gaping holes in this idea, that would need to be rectified before it could possibly be taken seriously.

1. Firstly regarding the supposed tie-in between Prof Russell's 'scientific' sauropod and Stimson's underground dinosaurs. The bipedal human evolved from the requirements of a tree-dwelling animal that needed to adapt to the wide open spaces of the African savannah. Prof Russel's imaginary creature was based on applying similar evolutionary pressures. However, there is no such environment underground. A dinosaur that retreated underground to live in tunnels and caves would almost certainly not evolve to appear anything like a human. More likely it would resemble a mole/snake/insect.

2. Regarding the sudden 'intrusion' of the 1945 atomic explosions into the underground creatures' world. These tests were above-ground. The only effect below ground would have been the blast shockwave - no radiation fallout would have been apparent. And the blast shockwave would pale into insignificance in comparison to natural shockwave sources such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, which are orders of magnitude greater than the total yield of the 1945 atomic tests. So what would have made those tests significant to beings living underground who had no knowledge of human civilisation??

Regards,

Dr Gordon German

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 19:09:15 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:31:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 15:02:26 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington,USA
>><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>
>>July 24, 2007

>>[Links at site]

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<snip>

>In short his PR effort is massively deceptive, a very biased and
>self-serving fund-raising effort for his anti-alien religious
>agenda. Pity.

<snip>

And I thought so. Once I registered and read the reduced "first
chapter", I realized the whole thing was just one more bad
attempt at marketing another sorry and sordid story -- not
real reference writ - even more holey than holy.

Why can't more authors be like Katharina and Karla?

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>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 11:40:16 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 19:01:32 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>The real question in my mind, even if, alternatively, the MJ-12
>original papers were created by some element of the USG
>military/intelligence complex, for psyop and/or security testing
>of their own personnel to see if they might talk out of turn
>prior to being exposed to genuine classified papers and ops they
>might be being vetted for, is was or is there some actual,
>ongoing, coherent group funded by elements of the USG, even if
>black/covert, that may still be actually involved in ufo/uap
>monitoring, surveillance (of both "ufos" and ufo researchers,
>groups, or "abductees", in some cases, as Nick Redfern
>documented to some extent in his book On the Trail of the
>Saucer Spies/UFOs and Government Surveillance).

>That, to me, is the most interesting unresolved question, on the
>human side of the equation, that persists.

Steve,

I really wish you and others would stop lumping all the MJ-12 papers together. They came from different places to different people at different times. I agree a whole bunch (Tim Cooper received) are fraudulent. They have nothing to do with the EBD, the TF, The Cutler Twining Memo or SOM 1.01. I think these are genuine for reasons spelled out in Detail in the 2nd Edition of TOP SECRET/MAJIC. Have you read it?

I know of a rich diamond minewhere the yield is 3.5 carats per thousand tons of ore. If you have trouble with the Documents I cite, than please put the criticism on the table instead of crying fraud because there are so many fraudulent ones. I, too, am looking forward to Brad's MUFON paper. Heisler has not made his case as I have noted.

Stan Friedman

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>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 08:48:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Or at least one hopes that the humor here is intentional.
>>Otherwise, we will be forced to the conclusion that we are
>>confronting textbook crank-think: my idea - or somebody else's
>>that I find congenial - is rejected not because it is fatally
>>evidence-deficient and/or wildly improbable if not downright
>>crazy, but because it is so brilliant people shake in their
>>boots at the very thought of it. I mean, why else could they
>>possibly reject it?

>>Congratulations, Bob. You've just made the skeptics' point: that
>>this is a crackpot position argued with crackpot logic.

>Hardly, Jerry. You've simply proved my point far more amply than
>I could have hoped.

Nice try, guy, but I'm afraid that if the best you can manage is
an echo, the point stands. Moreover, if you believe you have
telepathic powers which enable you to read other people's
deepest thoughts and fears, I guess I am the one who is
delegated to pass on the disappointing news: the static on your
mental radio is deafening.

Not shaking in my boots from the glaring light of Shell/Gehrman
brilliance,

Jerry Clark

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Thu 26 Jul 2007

They're Out There...
Alice Wyllie

It was 60 years ago this month that a mysterious aircraft crash outside the small town of Roswell in New Mexico set conspiracy theorists' tongues wagging. It's fair to say that they haven't stopped since.

In July 1947, materials were recovered from Roswell by the US military that, to this day, the US government insist were the remains of a top-secret research balloon. However, UFO enthusiasts are convinced that what was recovered was in fact an alien spacecraft, and that the government tried to cover up the incident.

Roswell has since become synonymous with all things UFO-related, and is a cult tourist destination, with thousands fans descending upon the town this month for the anniversary celebrations.

That Roswell might have anything at all in common with Bonnybridge, a small town in Scotland's central belt, seems unlikely. However, while the former is famous for its otherworldly visitors, Bonnybridge can boast of being the world's No1 hotspot for UFO sightings.

Part of the "Falkirk Triangle", whose other two points are formed by Stirling and Fife, Bonnybridge averages 300 sightings a year and more than one in three residents claims to have seen something unexpected in the night skies there.

Local believer Craig Malcolm, 37, says he has seen around 180 UFOs over the past 15 years, and has 18 hours of video footage that he believes proves there is something going on in the skies above the Falkirk area.

"I first saw a UFO in 1991, right above my house. It was a disc-shaped object hovering silently and it hung around for a good five minutes," he says. "Since then I've seen triangles, tubes, spheres, cigar-shaped objects, lights and colours. A couple of years ago I was in the car with my dad and we both saw a cigar-shaped object hovering nearby. Suddenly, two balls of light came from it and moved towards us. I just thought, 'I'm out of here!'"

Malcolm says he has sent his images and footage to the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute in the US to be analysed and that they confirmed that about 90 per cent of the objects he had captured on camera were UFOs. "I was a bit sceptical before I saw all this, but now I believe there's

something going on."

He's not the only one convinced: UFO enthusiasts from across the globe continue to flock to the Bonnybridge area, desperate for a close encounter of their own.

Thinking that a first-hand account of my own abduction by aliens would be the scoop of the year, I bravely headed in the direction of the Falkirk Triangle to take up position in an optimum touchdown spot.

Quiet and a little dour, Bonnybridge could really be any faded small town in Scotland, with little shops lining the high street, and a hinterland of sprawling housing estates. There's nothing to suggest that this place is in any way out of the ordinary... until I meet local councillor Billy Buchanan.

After the first reported sighting in 1992, when a businessman saw a sparkling, star-shaped object hovering above the road, Buchanan called a public meeting to discuss strange goings-on in the night sky. Since then, he has become an enthusiastic and well-known spokesperson for the issue, with some residents suggesting that he is exaggerating the incidents to gain publicity for the town. For nearly ten years Buchanan has tried to twin Bonnybridge with Roswell, making contact with Roswell's mayor, although Buchanan is, as yet, no further forward with the suggested partnership.

While Roswell has built an industry on alien-branded tourist tat, the residents of Bonnybridge don't seem quite so willing to embrace and cash in on their home town's unearthly reputation.

"I've been approached by merchandisers on countless occasions, trying to sell T-shirts and stuff like that, but every time I tell them no. I don't want all of this to be exploited," says Buchanan.

So what about the fact that there have been separate proposals from Dutch and American companies for a multi-million pound UFO theme park in the Bonnybridge area?

"I think that would be fantastic, and I'm still hoping it might go ahead," Buchanan says.

Claiming to have spotted UFOs on a number of occasions, he has relentlessly campaigned for a formal investigation into the unexplained happenings at Bonnybridge, approaching both John Major and Tony Blair to demand an investigation. He has logged every sighting and compiled every UFO photo ever taken. (Incidentally, he informs me, he also owns the world's largest collection of locks of hair.)

But has he ever seen an alien lifeform?

"I've seen loads of stuff, and I've got the photos and [video] footage to prove it. I've been ridiculed for it, my family's been ridiculed, but the evidence is there."

Keen to get started, we head to the best spot for saucer-spotting in Bonnybridge, a place believers call "the landing strip". Standing on this elevated area of barren land overlooking the town, Buchanan points towards Grangemouth, where he claims he once saw a blue cylinder moving through the sky from this very spot.

Maybe it was only because of the grey clouds in the sky, but the closest we can see to a UFO is a leaf being buffeted over our heads by the blustery winds.

However, Buchanan reassures me that not only is there definitely something extraterrestrial going on around Bonnybridge, but that there are also people who don't want us to know about it.

"My phone has been tapped in the past," he says calmly. "I don't know who is trying to listen to me, but I do know that the government isn't telling us everything. They couldn't remain completely silent on the subject, though, so a while ago they released a statement saying, 'There is nothing happening in Bonnybridge that is a threat to national security.' Now what does that tell you? That there's something going on, but the government is not prepared to tell us."

Exactly what he thinks might be "going on" is unclear, but evidence for UFOs is slowly mounting. One day in 1994, three cleaners on their way to work said they saw five UFOs, and when they got to work they found that some of their colleagues had also seen flashing lights and orange orbs glowing in the sky that same morning. In 2004, a number of locals claimed that a cigar-shaped flying craft had landed on a nearby golf course, and other reported sightings range from star-shaped objects to balls of light.

Nick Pope, who ran the government's UFO project at the Ministry of Defence between 1991 and 1994, when the Bonnybridge sightings began, believes there is some substance to these claims.

"During my time at the MoD we did receive reports about sightings in the Bonnybridge area. I was sceptical at first, and of course the vast majority could quickly be discounted as weather balloons, satellites, that sort of thing, but there were a small number of credible cases, where witnesses were police officers or pilots for example, or where movement was captured on radar," he says.

But of all the fascinating places on the planet that alien visitors might choose to explore, why Bonnybridge?

"When people ask me that, I ask them, 'Why Bethlehem?'" says Buchanan. It's not the most logical counter-argument, but I let it go. "UFOs tend to be drawn to more remote areas, and areas that have air bases, and there's plenty of those in Scotland. There's no explanation, but Bonnybridge is a very historical place. Some people believe that the real Stone of Destiny is buried here, and it's been suggested that aliens are guarding it. That's just one of the many theories."

Ron Halliday, the Stirling university-based author of *UFO Scotland: Beyond the Falkirk Triangle*, has his own theory, which is just as bizarre. "I believe Bonnybridge is some kind of window into another dimension, into the future or another world. That would explain the fact that many people have seen things very briefly that have then disappeared inexplicably," he says.

For every believer, there are plenty more sceptics. Dr David Clarke, a British UFO sceptic and author of *Phantoms of the Sky*, *UFOs: A Modern Myth?* and *The UFOs that Never Were*, says: "What tends to happen is that after an initial 'sighting' people want to believe that what they are seeing is something more interesting than a plane or a cloud, but more often than not that's exactly what they are seeing. Aircraft, clouds, balloons, lanterns, that's what people tend to be spotting. They're just responding to a craze."

Another rather catty theory, offered by the astronomer Patrick Moore, is that the sightings probably occur more often when residents are staggering out of the local pubs. Well, as cynical as it sounds, it would certainly explain periods of "missing" time that cannot be accounted for, seeing stars or lights, and waking up with a mysterious headache in the morning...

Local Alien Reaction

Ian Mathieson, 67 and Jim Paul, 71, left, both retired

"A couple of years ago, we were leaving the bowling club at about 11pm when we both saw what looked like orange balls of light moving very quickly across the sky. They were low-flying and silent, and they shot across the sky so quickly that we couldn't take it in. We just looked at each other in amazement. Of course no-one believed us, but we hadn't been drinking."

Akbar Ali, 36, Owner of Omar Stores In Bonnybridge

"I've been in Bonnybridge for ten years, and I've never seen a thing. I often come to work very early in the morning or leave very late at night, but never anything. It's probably a load of nonsense, but we do get some tourists coming through occasionally and asking about it. It's put Bonnybridge on the map, and wherever I go, when I mention Bonnybridge, people say, 'Oh aye, aliens!' I find it quite funny, it's made the town famous."

Gary Tattersall, 17, shop assistant at Switchzone Computing in Bonnybridge

"I've thought that I've seen something a couple of times, but to be honest it was nothing. I think that there's a tendency to convince yourself that you've seen something because so many others claim they have. We all find it a bit funny here actually, and we tend to have a bit of a joke about it after a few drinks. I'm not sure that many people around here take it seriously, though."

Jeannette Ferraioli, 50, cafe owner

"A few years ago I saw a little line of bright lights in the sky. It was like nothing I had ever seen before. I watched them for a while then went indoors to get my husband, but when we came back out they were gone. I was a sceptic until that point, but now I definitely believe that there's something going on. I'm not sure what it is, but there's just so much evidence, so many people have seen things."

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>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:31:52 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Indeed the late Jim McDonald did not say that star travel was
>possible. After examining the UFO data he instead said that it
>was probable. More than once he said that the ETH was the most
>likely hypothesis to prove true. You couldn't have studied the
>McDonald archives very much or you would know this.

Dick,

Is there some reason you didn't include the quotes?

I said I didn't remember seeing any reference to ETH. I wasn't
looking for this at the time.

Do you doubt I was there? I don't think he really considered
ancient hominids. Convergent evolution wasn't understood then.

Please supply the quotes if you have them.

Ed

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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 19:36:02 +0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

><snip>

>>>I know you and I agree on one important fact. Humans world-wide
>>>are being visited, on a daily basis, by UFO and their occupants.
>>>These visitations can only be the result of a very short list of
>>>causes: our own military, folks from other star systems (ETH),
>>>or folks from our own solar system. (I'm ruling out other causes
>>>such as angels, daemons, time travelers, interdimentional
>>>entities, etc, because I assume you agree with me that these are
>>>not serious possibilities) I have ruled out ETH because science
>>>says FTL travel is not possible.

>>What has the speed of light got to do with the ETH? That's like
>>saying that the theory that the west was populated with settlers
>>couldn't happen because wagon trains were too slow. Speed has
>>nothing to do with it. Time is the significant factor here and
>>there are billions of years of time.
>>Your whole argument falls apart over this one point.

>Don,

>I disagree. Speed is the main factor. God may have all the time
>she needs but our lifetimes are very limited.

I think it's your imagination that is limited, Ed. One person's
or entity's lifetime has nothing to do with it. You are asuming
point to point contact. They are there we are here and they
somehow made a beeline for us because they, you and Shirmer have
this fixation on anal probes. So does my proctologist but no one
is taking him to task for it.

That aside, my view of what life that evolved in our galaxy
never mind the universe did so billions of years ago and spread
out through space. They didn't know anything about our little
planet and likely stumbled across it while scanning from some
light years away while passing through. This could have been
several millions of years ago or maybe a few hundred thousand
year. We should stick out like a sore thumb with the equipment
some of the dozens of species who have had space technology for

millions of years would have.

Think about this Ed; if you have conquered space what else have you got to do but explore? We have naturalists on this planet who will happily spend their whole lives in pursuit of one type of butterfly. I'd bet the same applies for some superexploration teams that live and die in space having never seen their home planet which perhaps has long since ceased to exist.

>Why shouldn't we
>assume the same for our visitors? I think we'll find that travel
>in the universe is severely limited by the distances involved
>and light speed will be necessary for travel within a realistic
>timeframe. Also the energy requirements for FTL are prohibitive.
>The laws of physics indicate that getting even a small amount of
>matter to light speed will require all the energy in the
>universe.

The universe is 14.7 billion years old, that's plenty of time for many super civilizations to have come and even gone. What you seem not to understand is that we can get to sublight speeds and even though the rule still applies it's the species outside the craft that have to put up with the tremendous problems of time-NOT the travellers.

Do you seriously think that some species [and I mean hundreds or thousands of different types of species] that's had technology for millions of years can't get by a little thing like the speed of light.

>That's too high a price to pay just to give a few rectal exams

Answered above.

>to dangerous animals on a distant and inhospitable planet.

There's nothing inhospitable about Earth unless you are a species that breaths Sulphuric acid. And we would be no more dangerous than other species that have just recently lumbered into space. That's old sci-fi crap-the notion that other intelligent species evolved without killing one another. Dolphins are looked upon as a benign mammal but they still eat other species to survive as do whales and and everything else on this planet.

>>Why after co-existing with us for millions of years are these
>>"critters" so interested in our bowels and sexual reproductive
>>systems? Where is their whole [social, manufacturing, housing,
>>economic based] infrastructure.

>I don't know why they are interested in us. I think they have
>always interacted with humans in some way. I mostly agree with
>Fort: "we are being farmed!"

I don't. man's need-usually for some religious reason, to whip himself, atone for being alive-and enjoying it. I think "they" came, they saw and hung around to see how we are making out, watching us evolve like they watched thousands of other species evolve. Some species made it into space, some didn't. Doesn't matter, they would still be worth studying.

>Since I think the ancient hominid civilization is at least one
>hundred million years old, they've had time to live wherever
>they wish, maybe Mars or the back side of the moon or under the
>oceans or underground or in super mother ships.

I'll give you some ETI doing this save the underground bases theory. The oceans may be just a safe haven between operations or observations. But cripes these are one generous species who just got the hell out of the way so we could have all of the good real estate.

>I don't know
>about their infrastructure, but if they employ nanotechnology,
>then it could be very self-sufficient. We're not far from that
>goal ourselves. Their population could be quite small (less than
>a million) and easily hidden. It may be in decline. I just don't
>have answers for these questions.

If you don't have answers then how can you be so positive that they exist. Are you taking it on faith?

>>There is no such thing as a TR-3b.

>Maybe so but the craft know as the TR-3b looks like the triangle
>shaped craft seen over Phoenix which I believe was human
>constructed.

250,000 atmospheres, eh? That's 8 million 250,000 pounds per square inc. First show me a pump capable of producing that doesn't weigh in at 3-4 or 5 hundred tons and then the material capable of containing that pressure. Ticking timebombs.

The writer of that article throws a lot of numbers around, technical terms, words [naturally plasma makes an appearance] that don't make sense. And the craft even rotates! Why? Aerodynamics is out the window at this point-why would the thing have to spin like a frisbee? So the writer could sound important?

It's great to have faith in your country's technology Ed, but you don't have anything like what's been showing up and does what they do. Using that tired old saw about top secret military aircraft is just pronouncement without one iota [or aircraft] of proof to back it up. Remember, people have been using that same top secret technology ploy to explain away UFOs since 1947 but none of it has even shown up.

Don

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>25 July 2007

>Life In Outer Space And Our Responsibilities

>Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne

>Common Heritage: Humanitys foray into the solar system brings
>out the ethical issue of what we should do if life is found in
>outer space. Do we send more probes to further investigate and
>do we have a responsibility to protect that life and allow it to
>develop naturally?

<snip>

>In 1948 the U.S. Air Force commenced maintaining a file of
>reports relating to extraterrestrial phenomena called Project
>Blue Book. In July 1952, the U.S. government established a panel
>of scientists including engineers, meteorologists, physicists
>and an astronomer to investigate a series of radar detection
>coincident with visual sightings near the national airport in
>Washington D.C. The panel was organized by the Central
>Intelligence Agency, which underscores the thrust of public and
>government concern and interest at the time.

>The concern was based on U.S. military activities and
>intelligence and that its report was originally classified
>Secret.

>Later declassified, the report revealed that 90 per cent of UFO
>sightings could be readily identified with astronomical and
>meteorological phenomena (e.g. bright planets, meteors, auroras,
>ion clouds) or with aircraft, birds, balloons, searchlights, hot
>gases,

Yes, hot air emanating from Capitol Hill and various government
agencies.

>and other phenomena, sometimes complicated by unusual
>meteorological conditions.

Temperatures inversions causing radar 'angels'.

>The publicity given to early sightings in the press undoubtedly
>helped stimulate further sightings not only in the U.S. but also
>in Western Europe, the Soviet Union, Australia, and elsewhere. A
>second panel established in February 1966 reached conclusions
>similar to those of its predecessor.

>This left a number of sightings admittedly unexplained, and in
>the mid-1960s a few scientists and engineers, notably James E.
>McDonald, a University of Arizona meteorologist, and J. Allen
>Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, concluded that a
>small percentage of the most reliable UFO reports gave definite
>indications of the presence of extraterrestrial visitors.

>Options

>This sensational hypothesis, promoted in newspaper and magazine
>articles, met with prompt resistance from other scientists.

>The continuing controversy led in 1968 to the sponsorship by the
>U.S. Air Force of a study at the University of Colorado under
>the direction of E.U. Condon, a noted physicist. The Condon
>Report, "A Scientific Study of UFOs" was reviewed by a special
>committee of the National Academy of Sciences and released in
>early 1969.

>A total of 37 scientists wrote chapters or parts of chapters for
>the report, which covered investigations of 59 UFO sightings in
>detail, analyzed public-opinion polls and reviewed the
>capabilities of radar and photography. Condon's own "Conclusions
>and Recommendations" firmly rejected ETH - the extraterrestrial
>hypothesis - and declared that no further investigation was
>needed.

>This left a wide variety of opinions on UFOs. A large fraction
>of the U.S. public, and a few scientists and engineers,
>continued to support ETH.

>A middle group of scientists felt that the possibility of
>extraterrestrial visitation, however slight, justified continued
>investigation, and still another group favoured continuing
>investigation on the grounds that UFO reports are useful in
>sociopsychological studies.

>These varying views and attitudes were expressed at a symposium
>held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science,
>in December 1969. Several years later, in 1973, a group of U.S.
>scientists organized the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield,
>Ill., to conduct further work.

Organized by none other than Dr. Hynek.

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>I don't rule out time travelers because time travel may well be
>possible. I don't think FYL travel is impossible in a non-local
>universe, but it may be difficult or we may just not be
>interesting enough to justify it.

>Lastly, I don't think an earlier technological civilization on
>earth would be monotremes. Monotremes are an evolutionary dead
>end. I think it far more likely that they would be dinosauroids.
>But that is probably a minor point in the theory. A convergently
>evolved humanoid could come from almost any vertebrate origin.

>What I can't figure out is why your theory, mine, or Sanderson's
>original should be so damned frightening to some people.

I donno Bob. I'm not frightened by it. The whole thing sounds a
little absurd and ego-centric to me.

Why should what either of you are proposing be frightening. More
like second grade science fiction and boring. But you can
suggest that myself and others are "frightened" if it makes you
more comfortable as part of you argument.

Where do these "others" live and manufacture, anyway?

I'm thinking of filing a missing persons report for this absent
civilization. But if anything the theory seems to have some
entertainment value on this List.

Don Ledger

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Star Travel [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 12:49:04 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:14:49 -0400
Subject: Star Travel [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jul 2007 09:40:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jul 2007 16:37:05 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>Not a single scientist that I know believes that star
>>travel is possible.

>I find it all terribly amusing that people who are inclined to
>support the ETH are lecturing other people about what science
>will and will not accept as a reasonable hypothesis with respect
>to UFOs.

>Having said that, when you make a statement like "Not a single
>scientist that I know believes that star travel is possible",
>you just make yourself look foolish.

<snip>

Setting aside theories about wormholes or FTL travel, there's
plenty of published material available that shows scientists are
giving serious thought to an "Interstellar Precursor Mission"
and do believe that in the longer term, star travel will be
possible:

<http://tinyurl.com/24rkqn> [.pdf]

<http://www.grc.nasa.gov/WWW/bpp/>

<http://tinyurl.com/2b85mm>

Per Ardua ad Astra.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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There Are Always Anomalies

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:09:57 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:17:32 -0400
Subject: There Are Always Anomalies

In recent posts, while discussing theories and the 'as-practiced-today' scientific method, the comment has been made that "there are always anomalies."

That phrase hinted, at least as I read the posts, that because there are always anomalies, they kind of don't need to be taken seriously in "science" or attempts to create a theories. (Apologies if I've been taking that phrase the wrong way.)

I'd like to comment that as I see it, anomalies, meaning those that have been solidly witnessed, must be taken into account in creating theories or testing theories. I can't see any possible honest, logical reason for ever ignoring relevant, solidly witnessed anomalies.

And this is why I declare, from time to time, that the "scientific method" as practiced today, is seriously flawed.

Anomalies generally can't be re-created, but that should never be justification for ignoring them.

Eleanor White

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:30:17 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:19:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

<snip>

>>>Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology
>>>by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and
>>>Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from
>>>the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the
>>>college level for more than 12 years, and has had a lifelong
>>>interest in UFO, occult and paranormal phenomena. He is the
>>>author of The Fa=E7ade.

>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>Has anyone heard of him before this?

No, I haven't. (I almost said, "Of course not.") On the other
hand, being "one of the 100 most influential people in ufology"
and three bucks will get you a loaf of bread just about
anywhere.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:51:51 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:21:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 16:27:41 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>As I've stated, there is nothing unscientific about the Ancient
>hominid civilization hypothesis. I'm also sure I know "something
>about the requirements of science - not to mention the history
>of ufology". And I think I even know much more about evolution
>than you, otherwise you'd realize, just as Bob has insisted, that
>an ancient civilization is entirely possible.

<snip>

I'm snipping the rest of Gehrman's tirade. Those who feel they
need to know the details are invited to go back to his original
post.

What we have is a transparent effort to avoid meeting my
challenge to provide citations in the refereed scientific
literature that back his fantastical - dare we say crank? -
speculations. Apparently, if he insists they're "scientific,"
it's insulting for others to ask him to provide actual evidence
from the scientific literature - in other words, refereed papers
by actual scientists working in the appropriate disciplines and
thinking along Gehrman lines. In reality, Gehrman's quarrel is
with scientists, not ufologists, and he should take it where it
belongs, where we may safely predict it will get much shorter
shrift than it's received on Updates.

Until he provides those citations - and while he's at it, by the
way, let's have some citations of his hero Graham Hancock from
the mainstream scientific literature, to prove that Hancock is
indeed a respected and reputable figure in those circles
(Gehrman implies that only I, a non-scientist, think otherwise)
- further comment serves no purpose.

As Don Ledger astutely remarks, we're dealing with something
that feels like science fiction for second-graders.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:08:51 EDT
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:23:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 23:20:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:42:00 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>Is there anything solid (by that, I mean telling us what the
>revelation amounts to, rather than merely how shattered we'd all
>be if we ever found out what it was) you can tell us that might
>make it all seem coherent, plausible or real?

You hit my main point regarding foreign powers. I had made the assumption that they too knew what was going on and since they claim to despise us Americans they're sure to know one of the most volatile subjects is UFOs. Why not spill the beans? Iran could come out today and say anything about UFOs and do us damage. Cuba, N. Korea, Russia even Libya could too.

So why not?

It bothered me for years. didn't make sense. I knew it wasn't because there's nothing there. UFOs are the only things that aren't suppose to exist but are seen by thousands daily worldwide. Had to be another reason why they kept mum. Had to be because the truth undermines even these foreign country's agendas a point Mr. Friedman makes at the end of his lectures regarding nationalism. Yet I'm afraid to add that the truth of the matter so undermines the controlling engines of our sociological structure to such a degree that the disclosure would destroy the very fabric even our enemies need to maintain power. It does.

So I for one don't want to see chaos on a global scale.

I will give you just this. Atomic weapons aren't our visitors or better yet our neighbors' biggest concern. It's one but worse is believe it or not radio and television transmissions. Notice how that SETI group is looking for radio transmissions and can't find any? Because no one in their right mind would let everyone in the Universe know where they are. We just blab all our business all over the galaxy by now. At least 100 light years worth of our unmentionables from here to the fictional Delta Quadrant in Star Trek.

Say you were a wandering galactic colony hiding out from your enemies and you end up on a planet where the residents start showing videos of you flying around and broadcasting them to every part of creation?

If your enemies were 10 or 20 light years away, detected signals and saw your saucer on the 6 O'clock news, they'd know not only where you were but what you were doing.

Maybe company is on the way to settle some scores.

Pardon the divergence, fact of the matter is the truth is a part of what we are and where we're going but our mental state as a species due to our mythologies and psychoses and bigotries would make this revelation a disaster to pursue. Perhaps in 100 years at the minimum. Right now to a population that still believes in superstitions, no way.

Okay, I was going to sign off right there but felt another analogy might be offered. Let's say everyone on Earth who believes in vampires, a surprising number mind you, believe in vampires that look like the classic Bela Lugosi Dracula. Now they're scared silly of this image. Let's say an alien culture or even earthly or within our solar system became presented and their idea of dress and mannerisms resembled the vampire motif? You'd have panic in the streets. Although they wouldn't be real vampires, their appearance would be such that those with these irrational fears would become unmanageable.

Now imagine ten times as worse. They don't mean any harm but one culture's idea of snazzy attire may be another culture's idea of their worse nightmare. Have you seen the latest fashions from Milan? Ewww!

Look at our religious statues. If you just met the human race and saw some of our paintings and statues you'd think we were bloodthirsty cannibals.

If I may quote the bard,

"There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

--From Hamlet (I, v, 166-167)

Best,

Greg

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 16:33:05 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:24:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>>testing.

>No, what has been demonstrated is that most of the documents
>tested were probably not written by the person whose signature
>is on the document. This doesn't necessarily demonstrate that
>the documents are fraudulent, since memos are often prepared by
>underlings and then signed by their superiors.

As well as comparing each sample to a genuine control it would
be interesting to compare all the documents to one another.

MS

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 08:36:30 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:26:14 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:16:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>What do you think of the moving orb video taken by a fellow in
>Colorado a few years back outside his home, which floated past
>the house, bobbing up and down maybe a couple of inches as it
>moved past? I can't remember his name, but his orb video, as
>well as some photos of bright streaks inside his house was on
>one of the educational channels in the late 90s.

I had a copy of that one sent to me some time ago now; at least
in this case, it certainly did not look or behave like dust or
moisture! There is also a video from the same person, of a
similar clearly defined orb moving around inside the house...

Paul

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution - Stimson

From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:05:57 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 08:59:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution - Stimson

>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>Dear Errol,

>I am not a subscriber to your List, but a colleague of mine
>pointed me to the current thread 'Why the cover-up' and in
>particular, the post by Michael Stimson on his 'binary
>evolution' idea. I was wondering if you would pass the following
>comments on to him (either privately or on your list) as I would
>be interested in his response.

>A little logical thinking will illuminate at least two gaping
>holes in this idea, that would need to be rectified before it
>could possibly be taken seriously.

>1. Firstly regarding the supposed tie-in between Prof Russell's
>'scientific' sauropod and Stimson's underground dinosaurs. The
>bipedal human evolved from the requirements of a tree-dwelling
>animal that needed to adapt to the wide open spaces of the
>African savannah. Prof Russel's imaginary creature was based on
>applying similar evolutionary pressures. However, there is no
>such environment underground. A dinosaur that retreated
>underground to live in tunnels and caves would almost certainly
>not evolve to appear anything like a human. More likely it would
>resemble a mole/snake/insect.

>2. Regarding the sudden 'intrusion' of the 1945 atomic
>explosions into the underground creatures' world. These tests
>were above-ground. The only effect below ground would have been
>the blast shockwave - no radiation fallout would have been
>apparent. And the blast shockwave would pale into insignificance
>in comparison to natural shockwave sources such as volcanic
>eruptions and earthquakes, which are orders of magnitude greater
>than the total yield of the 1945 atomic tests. So what would
>have made those tests significant to beings living underground
>who had no knowledge of human civilisation??

>Regards,

>Dr Gordon German

<snip>

I find it surprising that an Australian doctor who isn't a
subscriber to this List has found it necessary to mount such a
robust rebuttal of this theory. Why has this Earthbound theory
attracted his attention?

I'm only a guy in Edinburgh. I know no more, nor no less about
UFOs than anyone on this list.

I'm happy to debate the issue with Dr. German, but I can see it
developing into lines of evolution, religion, and theology which
will probably annoy a lot of people on the list.

I'm happy to discuss this with him privately, but if EBK gives me the nod, than I'll do it publicly on this List.

[If Dr. German subscribes --ebk]

Michael

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Costa Rican Captures Amazing UFO Images

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:42:30 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:02:13 -0400
Subject: Costa Rican Captures Amazing UFO Images

Costa Rican Man Captures Amazing Images Of UFO

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

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:04:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>such environment underground. A dinosaur that retreated
>underground to live in tunnels and caves would almost certainly
>not evolve to appear anything like a human. More likely it would
>resemble a mole/snake/insect.

I hope this comment will not will not associate me with the
'hidden terrestrial race' idea, but I don't know that it has
been established that the "bipedal human evolved from the
requirements of a tree-dwelling animal that needed to adapt to
the wide open spaces of the African savannah". There are a
variety of well-established animals in the savannah that show no
hint of evolving toward bipedalism over the timescale in which
human ancestors did so. If there is selection pressure for
bipedalism in the savannah, why are we the only example of it?

Mike

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:25:03 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:06:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>The "problem" is not, in the self-serving definition above, that
>ideas are rejected "based only on personal bias" (similar
>charges are routinely hurled against physics professionals by
>lay physics cranks who think they've disproved Einstein), but
>that silly ideas, based on personal belief as opposed to a body
>of compelling evidence, get continually recycled over ufology's
>history. That's why we get nowhere, and that's why those of us
>who know something about the requirements of science - not to
>mention the history of ufology - lose our patience.

>As this mind-numbing exchange has staggered onward, I have more
>and more come to understand that at least some on this list
>have, at best, a grade-school understanding of how science works
>(that is, if they don't reject science altogether).

Referring to some ideas as "silly" with no evidence for that
position, is bias. Scientists used to consider meteorites a
"silly" idea...! All I was doing was saying that Ed and Bob et
al have a right to their theories and views, without being
labelled as cranks or whatever, and that dismissing things out
of hand too hastily is foolish, IMO.

And yes, I also do know something about the requirements of
science; if you knew me at all, you would know that. I started
the Canadian Crop Circle Research Network way back in 1995; it
is still the only organization of its kind here and one of the
few that has made scientific analysis of plants and soil a
priority (and yes, by various mainstream scientists who are
involved now, not just Levengood, via BLT). I also have doubts
though that science alone can explain everything in life or
nature. Most scientists still reject the possibility of psychic
phenomena, yet I am sure they exist. Why? Because I've
experienced some of them. I've had detailed dreams before of
things that happened later, classic premonitions. Sometimes
pertaining to my research, sometimes just mundane things. Yet I
have no idea how that can happen, I just know it can and does.
Yet mainstream science ignores things like this because it can't
explain them yet. So, I am open-minded to various ideas.

>If you really think you have a serious claim on their time and
>attention, it is your obligation not to harangue us growingly
>impatient ufologists but to take it to the scientific
>professionals for their assessment. Time, too, to start citing
>papers in the scientific literature that show the professionals
>deem the existence of a hidden terrestrial civilization even
>marginally possible. Time, in other words, to put up or shut up.
>Why do I expect that you will do neither?

Who's haranguing you? I was only expressing an opinion, the same
as Ed or Bob, etc. But because I am not actively involved in
ufology the way I used to be (but still interested), you see
that as an intrusion?

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

On a related note to this, I had also simply made it known that there were several other good eyewitness accounts on the record re the 'drones' yet no one here seemed willing to admit that or that they should be talked to, as in any other UFO case. Instead, it was just the same kind of dismissal based on only part of the available evidence, the photos. Another "silly" idea that they could possibly be real? My point was that those ufologists should do their own investigation of the case before pronouncing judgement.

Paul

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Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 18:59:29 +0100
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Keeping us Pelicanists amused, anyway.

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:08:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>>>Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology
>>>by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and
>>>Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from
>>>the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the
>>>college level for more than 12 years, and has had a lifelong
>>>interest in UFO, occult and paranormal phenomena. He is the
>>>author of The Fa=E7ade - available in a limited edition pre-
>>>release at:>

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

>>>Another shameless plea for people to buy his research. We can
>>>therefore dismiss anything Heiser has to say here because he is
>>>obviously only in it for the money, glory, etc., etc. (<=3D=3Dhint:
>>>satire)

>>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

Heiser was at Steve Bassett's X-Conference at Gaithersburg in
2005, Bruce.

Jim

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Things That Make You Cringe

From: Keith Chester <projectbluebook.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:11:15 -0400
Subject: Things That Make You Cringe

Hello List,

Several years ago, while conducting my Foo Fighter research, I was in communication with the Air Force Materiel Command Historical Office. My contact was Mrs. Jean August, who has since retired. I also had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Robert Young, a civilian historian at the National Air Intelligence Center (NAIC). In 2000, he told me a very disturbing account.

Mr. Young is still at Wright Patterson, but organizational changes now places him at the National Air and Space Intelligence Command, if I understand it correctly. I recently placed a telephone call to Mr. Young to ensure I remembered our previous telephone conversation correctly. Mr Young was told me the following story:

It occurred sometime during 1969. An officer was playing golf at Wright-Patterson when he noticed a piece of paper pressed against a chain link fence backed up to a portion of the golf course. Walking over, he grabbed the paper and examined it. To his surprise, the paper was from a blueprint of a rare version of a Me-262. I could not comprehend such a thing. Mr. Young said that huge amounts of paper records were dumped and buried on-site, so when a bulldozer was excavating an area for construction, it had inadvertently hit the dump. Subsequently, some of the documents scattered in the wind, and the officer who was playing golf found the document pressed against the fence. "But why?" I asked. Young said it wasn't part of the "Russian Mission." We were in the beginning of the Cold War. He said at the time, Intelligence personnel at Wright - Patterson were only interested in the current mission, not in history. They needed space. That meant filing cabinet space for current records. The officers in charge made decisions to clean house. Young said, even at that time, historians at the facility were probably having a heart attack. I asked if he thought the documents were microfilmed. He said it was possible some were, but he doubted it.

I think many on this List are well aware of the authorized destruction of documents. I have personally seen documents marked for destruction, but somehow survived their death. Those of us in search of Project Sign's "Estimate of the Situation" still hold onto hope that a few copies survived their death warrant. I'm optimistic that a couple copies found their escape. Maybe one is in a retired intelligence officer's personal files, kept as a souvenir, now awaiting destruction by a future family member who sees the family member's filing cabinet full of papers nothing but clutter and garbage. We have all heard about UFO collections meeting this fate.

It's my suspicion that much of the wartime enemy documentation was destroyed around 1948 onwards, after a thorough assessment was conducted of the material.

I feel that we will find the famous Project Sign "Estimate of the Situation" right along side the documentation missing from Roswell. Many of you may disagree, but that's fine. There is, however, hope. I find no reason for us to discontinue our

search. In reference to key UFO records, that's exactly what the Air Force wants to happen.

Happy Hunting!

Keith Chester

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'Isaac' Calls In To St. Louis NPR Crypto Show

From: **Bob Soetebier** <xx.nul>
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Subject: 'Isaac' Calls In To St. Louis NPR Crypto Show

Just sent the following to Linda Moulton Howe. Figured you all might also find it of interest.

- Bob

Linda,

On Thursday, July 19, 2007, NPR radio affiliate KWMU broadcast a "St. Louis on the Air" show on Cryptography. The sole featured guest (interviewed by radio host Don Marsh, former TV news anchor for the St. Louis ABC affiliate station) for the entire hour was Elonka Dunin. As noted on the KWMU website, she is a Cryptographer; Game Developer for Simutronics Corp. and author of *The Mammoth Book of Secret Codes And Cryptograms*, and was also featured (on Tuesday, July 24, 2007, in St. Louis) on the PBS "NOVA scienceNOW" segment on deciphering the CIA's Langley headquarters Kryptos sculpture.

Here's the URL for the show's info, which includes clickable links for downloadable podcast (both MP3 and Windows Media files) for that specific show. It's a very interesting show, well worth listening to in its entirety:

<http://www.kwmu.org/Programs/Slota/archivedetail.php?showid=2700>

'Isaac' is the very first call-in to the show. (Since it is a local show, one might assume that 'Isaac' is a resident of the St. Louis Metro area.) At about 29min./45sec. into the show, Marsh notes that Isaac has been waiting a long time and that he'll be first up. At about 30min./45sec. Marsh takes Isaac's call. Isaac immediately notes that he and Elonka have met before at the "2600 meetup", and proceeds to ask about how long it took for the first three of the four Kryptos codes to be broken.

Doing a Google search on the term "2600 meetup" referenced, yields this URL which is related to computer-code 'Hackers and Phreaks':

<http://2600.meetup.com>

Here's the URL for Elonka Dunin's website:

www.elonka.com

Interestingly, she has a link there for an "announcement" which notes: "The Cyrillic Projector Code - Cracked!" When you go to that link you'll find both a pictures and the code. (If I'm not mistaken, there has been speculation that the 'symbols' or 'writing' on the 'drones' is similar to Cyrillic.) Here's that specific link on Elonka's web site:

<http://www.elonka.com/kryptos/CyrillicProjectorAnnouncement.html>

The Elonka-'Isaac' connection may very well just be an interesting coincidence. Sure found it an intriguing possibility, though.

Just in case, here's the fall-back URL for access to both the

current and online archived downloadable WAMU radio shows:

<http://www.kwmu.org/Programs/Slota/index.php>

Bicycle Bob Soetebier
St. Louis County, Missouri

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Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

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Subject: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

Source: The Ottawa Herald - Ottawa, Kansas, USA

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

Homewood man reports incident similar to motorist's sighting near Ottawa

By Cleon Rickel
Herald Senior Writer

An Ottawa pilot thinks he has an explanation for a hovering disk seen near Ottawa north of I-35 Sunday afternoon. However, an 18-year-old Homewood man said he also saw exactly the same disk in the same location -- but a year before.

The Overland Park man was driving south on I-35 about five to 10 miles northeast of Ottawa early Sunday afternoon when he saw a white-silver spherical object, which he described as a quarter at arm's length.

The quarter-like object tilted until it was on edge and then vanished, he said.

The Ottawa pilot has suggested one explanation for the sighting. Three pilots who use Ottawa Municipal Airport have older or home-built small airplanes with unpainted aluminum fuselages and who often fly on nice weekends, he said.

Such highly-reflective airplanes could be seen as a bright light in the sky that suddenly vanishes, depending on the sunlight, a viewer's perspective and the type of turn an airplane makes, he said.

However, the Homewood man said he doubts the airplane theory. The man, who like the Overland Park man asked to remain unidentified but said his name and phone number could be provided to investigators, said he plans to join the U.S. Air Force and enjoys watching the sky. He said he is familiar with airplanes.

"This wasn't an airplane," he said.

The Homewood man said he saw a silvery object in July 2006 while he was southbound along I-35, in almost the same spot. The details of the two sightings are similar but the Homewood man described the object as more oval and it vanished almost immediately after he spotted it. He told a passenger in his car but she didn't see it because it vanished so quickly.

He said he didn't mention it until he saw a newspaper account of the sighting this weekend by the Overland Park man.

Franklin County Sheriff Craig Davis said it's rare for his department to receive individual unidentified flying object reports and when his office receives such reports, they come in

clusters and can be explained by meteors, the northern lights or other prosaic phenomena.

A Kansas investigator for MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, a national group that collects and investigates UFO sightings and activities, said it's rare for his group to receive reports about UFOs seen during daylight hours.

The Homewood man also said he's had another experience earlier this month. Shortly after 2 a.m. July 5 at his home, he was in his backyard looking at the stars with a family member and the family dog.

He said he was watching a pinpoint of light slowly crossing the sky high overhead. He said he was sure the object was a satellite.

However, the spot of light stopped, stayed stationary and then suddenly ripped across the sky in another direction at what appeared to be a high rate of speed, he said.

About a week later in his backyard, he said saw a pinpoint of light behaving in the same manner.

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

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Can You Time Travel?

The joys, terrors and true possibilities of navigating the Fourth Dimension, with quantum physicist Michio Kaku and astrophysicist Charles Liu.

Video at site...

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<http://tinyurl.com/2g9alx>

Wednesday, July 25, 2007 @ 07:00

Meath Hill Had A Crop Circle; Area Residents Recall Strange Sight

Sean Chase
Local News

David Croft believes something unusual happened one night on top of Meath Hill.

He's just not sure if it was an unidentified flying object that burned a crop circle into a farmer's field or something else.

"There were a lot of questions about it," says the retired AECL employee reflecting on that day back in the mid-1970's when he stopped at the side of Highway 17 to see the odd phenomenon. "I never saw anything like that before in my lifetime."

Stepping out of his 1972 Plymouth Fury, he walked over and saw a 14-foot scorched ring in the near distance. There were three men digging at the site. They wouldn't tell Mr. Croft what they were doing. The ground in the middle of the ring had been flattened. He noticed boulders resting to the sides of the circle.

With the 60th anniversary of an alleged 1947 UFO crash at Roswell, New Mexico being observed this month, several area residents have found themselves recalling similarly strange happenings here.

"I said to myself 'this must have been a small flying saucer'," Mr. Croft says, looking at a black and white photo he took of the circle.

Pembroke resident Isabel Hudson may have been one of the few to see the thing that landed on Meath Hill.

Sitting on the front porch of her Cecilia Street home, she looked up into the night sky and saw a shimmering, reddish ball of light. The light gradually descended in a southwesterly direction.

"It was something coming down," said Ms. Hudson, noting that the light vibrated unlike any aircraft she had ever seen before. "There were things going on that just didn't look right."

The morning after sighting the UFO, Ms. Hudson went down to the Meath Hill crop circle where a large crowd of sightseers had gathered. The area was cordoned off with mine tape. She recalls the farmer who owned the property saying "Somebody's playing a dirty trick on me."

Mr. Croft adds that at the time, a federal Agriculture Department official released a statement saying the circle was a result of a fungus growth that was destroying the field's grass.

One theory to explain crop circles is that pranksters have used state-of-the-art equipment to create them. However, Mr. Croft believes the circle couldn't have been fabricated, as he noticed the fence bordering the field was intact and there were no tire tracks leading to the site. Ms. Hudson has no doubt that a flying object caused the circle.

"I still think it was something that came down from the sky," she said.

This wasn't the first crop circle in the area. Three rings appeared in a farmer's field in Pontiac County in 1969. The circles showed up after several people in Chapeau reported sightings of a UFO.

UFO sightings are on the rise this year in Ontario, according to HBCC UFO Research, a non-profit organization based in British Columbia that tracks UFO phenomena across Canada. The organization reports there have been 106 sightings in the province so far in 2007. People are claiming to have seen triangles, disks and formations of light. According to the organization's website, the last sighting of a UFO in the Ottawa Valley was near Renfrew in April.

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Source: Steve Colgan's Worlds Of Possibility Blog - UK

<http://worldsofpossibility.blogspot.com/2007/07/fermi-paradox.html>

Wednesday, 25 July 2007

The Fermi Paradox

[image]

You can't read any serious book on xenoscience without coming across the Fermi Paradox and the Drake Equation. They may sound like Robert Ludlum thrillers but they're actually a brace of thought experiments that, in different ways, pose questions about the likelihood of life in the universe. In this post, I'll explain the Fermi Paradox. Drake can wait until later.

While having lunch with some colleagues back in 1950, physicist Enrico Fermi posed this question (although maybe not in these exact words): "Given the extreme age of the universe and the vast numbers of stars, it seems almost inevitable that the universe should be brimming with life. And, by the law of averages, in an almost infinite universe of life, there must be extraterrestrial civilisations that are technologically on a par with, or in advance of, our own. They've had more than enough time to litter the galaxy with their presence. So where is everybody?"

=46rom that conversation we got the Fermi paradox, which continues to taunt us nearly 60 years later. It is the apparent contradiction between high estimates of the probability of the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations and the lack of evidence for, or contact with, such civilizations. To put some numbers to this, there is estimated to be 250 billion (250,000,000,000,000) stars in our own galaxy, the Milky Way, and 70 sextillion (70,000,000,000,000,000,000,000) stars in the visible universe (source: Dr Simon Driver, Australian National University). Oh, and in case all of those zeros are hard to relate to, one sextillion seconds equates to around 300 billion years =85 and to put that into perspective, the Earth is only 4-5 billion years old and the universe itself is only 13-odd billion years old. That's a lot of stars.

[image]

So, if only a tiny number of stars had planets around them, and intelligent life only occurred on a tiny, tiny proportion of those planets (or other environments), there should still be a huge number of civilizations in our galaxy alone. So you can see why Fermi's Paradox bugs the hell out of the astrobiologists. They're aiming their radio telescopes and satellites at stars likely to have 'Earth-like' planets and hoping to hear a transmission from our alien brethren. But ET ain't on the phone. A number of possibilities for this silence have been put forward, all of which have generated thousands of academic

papers, books and studies. I've tried to group them here under four easy to grasp categories:

Firstly, there is the faintly uncomfortable idea that we are the first life form in the universe to achieve a sufficiently advanced technology that allows us to attempt contact with other worlds. This is sometimes called the Rare Earth Hypothesis; the idea that we are a cosmic rarity.

Secondly, it could be that there are advanced civilisations out there but their technology does not resemble ours in any way; therefore they may not recognise our signals as signals and we don't recognise theirs. I personally favour this idea as I am of the xenoscientific view rather than the astrobiological view.

Thirdly, it may be that intelligent aliens have anticipated the sorts of activities we're currently involved in (radio signals, unmanned probes etc.) and choose to ignore it or hide themselves from detection (I call this the Peek-a-boo Principle). The more pessimistic philosophers among us, however, came up with the far more sexy-sounding Doomsday Argument; that technological civilizations usually or invariably destroy themselves before or shortly after developing radio or space flight technology.

Lastly, there is the simple and unfortunate fact that the universe is very, very large and, therefore, civilisations may just be too far away from each other to communicate. We've been chucking signals out into space for just a hundred-odd years and there's only so far they can have travelled even at the speed of light (186,000 miles per second). Who knows =85 far out in the depths of deepest space our signals and theirs may be crossing even now, but we won't hear them for another hundred years.

(For a more detailed look at the many theories I've tried to simplify, check out the links at the bottom of this post.)

It's extraordinary that one fairly innocuous lunchtime comment could generate so much thought. But as astronomer and science writer Seth Shostak says:

'The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably strong argument. You can quibble about the speed of alien spacecraft, and whether they can move at 1% of the speed of light or 10% of the speed of light. It doesn't matter. You can argue about how long it would take for a new star colony to spawn colonies of its own. It still doesn't matter. Any halfway reasonable assumption about how fast colonization could take place still ends up with time scales that are profoundly shorter than the age of the Galaxy. It's like having a heated discussion about whether Spanish ships of the 16th century could heave along at two knots or twenty. Either way they could speedily colonize the Americas.'

I just hope that if aliens are looking for us, they're not using the plaque devised by Frank Drake (of the Drake Equation) and Carl Sagan and attached to the Pioneer 10 and 11 probes (see illustration at top of post). The plaque depicts a solar system with a sun and nine planets. As you know, we've added several bodies to our solar system since then ...

Perhaps they are looking for us and they've got lost?

If you'd like to know more, check these links:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fermi_Paradox
<http://www.fermisparadox.com/>
http://www.space.com/searchforlife/shostak_paradox_011024.html
http://www.space.com/searchforlife/shostak_fermi2_011108.html
<http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/space/07/22/stars.survey/>

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>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 12:55:01 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Science isn't resolving the UFO issue. Either because we don't
>>have enough of it or our science isn't real deal science. You
>>can science something to death and still not get a resolution.

>Greg, believe me, ufology's problem is not an excess of
>science. Not even remotely. Put "pseudo" in front of "science,"
>however, and you've pinpointed the principal cause of ufology's
>continuing marginalization and growing irrelevance.

>Jerry Clark

I wholeheartedly agree with Jerry Clark and Dick Hall and their posts on this otherwise tiresome thread. They have been the voices of reason and science. Their opponents have cleverly obfuscated the issue making it one of protesting their right' to 'voice their opinion', as if it's merely a free speech issue. Of course they have the freedom of speech to say practically anything they want, including that all elephants are pink and that monotremes lurk in closets just out of sight.

But they do not also get the right to call their opinions "scientific" just on their say-so, without a shred of evidence, without any coherent theoretical development, without any respectable scientific literature on their monotreme theory, and act like they should be immune from scientific criticism or criticism of its unscientific or pseudoscientific nature or its foundation on the so-called Alien Autopsy film widely regarded as fraudulent. They do not get a free pass to call it "science."

That is the real issue. They want to declare their 'opinion' that this hidden ancient monotreme civilization is to be considered to be scientifically valid, as equally valid as the ETH, and they won't stand for any criticism pointing out that it is scientific rubbish. Whereas the ETH has a body of scientific literature, mainly from hostile SETI scientists, and the MonoTreme Hypothesis (MTH) has nothing, no scientific literature at all. Yet proponents demand equal time, equal consideration, and treatment as equally valid.

UFO study has not been 'scienced to death', there has been no excess of scientific study. As I have pointed out many times before the UFO phenomenon has had barely 6 months of full-scale scientific study in the past 60 years. Typically scientific problems have at least a hundred or so James McDonald-caliber scientists devoting 24/7 to the problem, living breathing and dreaming it, whether it be cetology, astrophysics, seismology or immunology.

With UFOs it has been almost zero such scientific effort. The

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Condon Project was comprised almost entirely of part-timers, most of whom were not McDonald caliber, spending less than two years on it. Being generous call that effective full-time equivalents of 100 scientists working full-time less than 3 months on UFOs.

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>>Another shameless plea for people to buy his research. We can
>>therefore dismiss anything Heiser has to say here because he is
>>obviously only in it for the money, glory, etc., etc. (<=Hint:
>>satire)

>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>Has anyone heard of him before this?

Certainly not, Dr. Maccabee. And since you and I are the two most influential people in UFology, if we haven't heard of him, as we say down here in the American south, "he ain't worth spit."

Bob

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:54:42 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:21:17 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:24:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>>Yes, orbs, rods, and many "UFO" images are nothing more than
>>common optical phenomena.

>What about the obvious, undulating, almost transparent
>"wings" projecting from the sides of the rods, which reflect
>sunlight in a way that appears to be natural for the scene?

>They don't look like any kind of "common optical phenomena"
>to me. Not at all.

Eleanor,

With all respect, you are not a technical expert in optics or video. Rods are nothing but flying insects that are elongated by the image latency effect of electronic image sensors.

The "wings" are, in fact, wings. The sinusoidal form they take along the Rod is simply the wing beating. The reflected sunlight is, in fact, reflected sunlight.

Show any of the video of the 'rods' to any technical expert at any of the companies that make video cameras and they will instantly tell you what you are seeing, and roll on the floor laughing if you tell them about 'rods'.

There's a very good reason that no one started seeing Rods until people started using video cameras. The effect is an artifact of electronic imaging and does not show up on film.

Someone who wanted to prove this could go to one of the places where people are shooting video of Rods with a video camera and quality 16 mm film camera and shoot side by side examples. The video would show Rods, the film would show bugs.

Bob Shell

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Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and its Safety
Implications at O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006

Case 18

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March 9, 2007

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National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena

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1.0 Executive Summary

This report presents the results of an investigation into an interesting incident at O'Hare International Airport (ORD) on November 7, 2006 at about 1615 hrs (4:15 pm) CST that had definite safety implications. A number of highly reliable airline employees and others reported seeing a round, revolving, gray, metallic appearing object [hereafter called an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon (UAP)] hovering approximately above United Airline's Gate C17 in Concourse C at an altitude less than 1,900 feet above ground level (AGL) and departing sometime between 4:18 and 4:33 pm. Since two United taxi mechanics reported seeing the object sometime after 4:00 pm the object could have been present for at least eighteen minutes or more.

The following subjects are discussed here: Description of eye witness accounts, overview of O'Hare International Airport and its aviation operations, visibility from the control tower, weather conditions, the reported hole in the cloud allegedly caused by the UAP, radar technical considerations and possible primary contacts, safety implications of the incident, and a summary.

Appendices also present a discussion of hoax data, press coverage of the event, reports of UAP made by other alleged witnesses in the area on that day, a description of typical cockpit duties during an approach, landing, and taxi to gate and

other relevant documents.

Based on eye witness testimony the UAP would have ranged in size from about twenty-two to eighty eight feet diameter. It accelerated at a steeply inclined angle through the 1,900 ft cloud base leaving a round hole approximately its own size that lasted for as long as fourteen minutes. This is suggestive of a super heated object or otherwise radiated (microwave?) heat energy on the order of 9.4 kJ/m³. According to the FAA nothing was detected by radar at this location or time of day or seen by air traffic controllers from the main tower. An examination of primary radar data supplied by the FAA confirmed the first claim. Nevertheless, an FAA inbound ground controller remarked about the "UFO" (UAP) at about 3:58:09 pm, long before the object had departed. No reference to a UAP IS made by any inbound or outbound flight crew other than two United maintenance taxi mechanics moving an empty airplane to the maintenance hanger on the north side of the airport. Of course this does not mean that there was no object present but only that these flight crew did not discuss it over the radio.

Our analyses suggest that a potentially significant air safety problem existed at O'Hare International Airport on the afternoon of November 7, 2006. Anytime an airborne object can hover for several minutes over a busy airport but not be registered on radar or seen visually from the control tower, constitutes a potential threat to flight safety. The identity of the UAP remains unknown. An official government inquiry should be carried out to evaluate whether or not current sensing technologies are adequate to insure against a future incident such as this.

More in .pdf file at:

http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR10_Case_18.pdf

[Thanks to Don Ledger for the lead]

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SECRECY NEWS
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** 9/11 BILL REQUIRES INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE
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9/11 BILL REQUIRES INTELLIGENCE BUDGET DISCLOSURE
For the first time since it began debating the issue more than three decades ago, Congress is now poised to adopt legislation that will require - not merely recommend - public disclosure of the total national intelligence budget.

"Not later than 30 days after the end of each fiscal year beginning with fiscal year 2007, the Director of National Intelligence shall disclose to the public the aggregate amount of funds appropriated by Congress for the National Intelligence Program for such fiscal year," states the House-Senate conference agreement on H.R. 1 (section 601), the massive bill to implement recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

Excerpts from the conference report concerning intelligence budget disclosure, declassification and related issues are posted here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hrl-intel.html

The conference bill has already been approved in the Senate and is expected to win final approval in the House as early as today.

If enacted into law, it would lead to the first authorized disclosure of current U.S. intelligence spending since the aggregate budgets were disclosed in 1997 (\$26.6 billion) and 1998 (\$26.7 billion) in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Federation of American Scientists. (Those figures included spending on "national" as well as "tactical" intelligence.)

The Bush White House has expressed opposition to intelligence budget disclosure but is not expected to veto the entire 9/11 bill on that basis.

"The Administration strongly opposes the requirement in the bill to publicly disclose sensitive information about the intelligence budget," according to a February 28 statement of administration policy.

"Disclosure, including disclosure to the Nation's enemies and adversaries in a time of war, of the amounts requested by the President and provided by the Congress for the conduct of the Nation's intelligence activities would provide no meaningful information to the general American public, but would provide significant intelligence to America's adversaries and could cause damage to the national security interests of the United States."

Hardly anyone agrees with that assessment.

The bipartisan 9/11 Commission came to almost the opposite conclusion: "The top-line figure by itself provides little insight into U.S. intelligence sources and methods.... But when even aggregate categorical numbers remain hidden, it is hard to judge priorities and foster accountability." (Final Report, p. 416)

In a compromise with Administration opponents, the House-Senate conference agreed that, beginning in 2009, the President could waive the disclosure requirement by submitting a statement to Congress that budget disclosure in that particular year could damage national security. The legislation does not allow for a waiver in 2007 or 2008.

The conference legislation also includes provisions to strengthen the Public Interest Declassification Board, and to require declassification of the executive summary of a CIA Inspector General report on events leading up to 9/11.

CRS REPORTS ON VARIOUS TOPICS

Recent reports of the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"U.N. Convention Against Torture (CAT): Overview and Application to Interrogation Techniques," updated January 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL32438.pdf>

"Zimbabwe: Current Issues," updated June 21, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32723.pdf>

"Haiti: Developments and U.S. Policy Since 1991 and Current Congressional Concerns," updated June 21, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL32294.pdf>

"Japan's Currency Intervention: Policy Issues," updated July 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33178.pdf>

"Kosovo and U.S. Policy: Background and Current Issues," updated July 3, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL31053.pdf>

"Kosovo's Future Status and U.S. Policy," updated July 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RS21721.pdf>

"Federal Crime Control: Background, Legislation, and Issues," updated June 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32824.pdf>

"Sea-Based Ballistic Missile Defense - Background and Issues for Congress," updated June 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/weapons/RL33745.pdf>

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:01:29 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 20:56:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:05:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
>>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>Dear Errol,

>>I am not a subscriber to your List, but a colleague of mine
>>pointed me to the current thread "Why the cover-up' and in
>>particular, the post by Michael Stimson on his 'binary
>>evolution' idea. I was wondering if you would pass the following
>>comments on to him (either privately or on your list) as I would
>>be interested in his response.

<snip>

>I find it surprising that an Australian doctor who isn't a
>subscriber to this List has found it necessary to mount such a
>robust rebuttal of this theory. Why has this Earthbound theory
>attracted his attention?

Another question, Sir. Why the furtive glance implied by your
question when it may be he is interested in your thinking on
his thinking in the aggregate, which is to say, how do you
propose to plug the holes in which he alludes? Forgetting that
it is here where the aforementioned furtive glance may be
explained, why are you made seemingly and abruptly so restive by
an attention you so obviously crave?

>I'm only a guy in Edinburgh. I know no more, nor no less about
>UFOs than anyone on this list.

Wow. I'm glad I wasn't drinking something expensive. As it was
I'll have to wring-out my keyboard and Windex the CRT. I'll bet
you're known locally for your abject humility and utter lack of
hubris, too...

Or maybe you figure you're an aristocrat visiting Ufological
Bedlam on a distracted whim, and as yet reluctant to start
really whacking the inmates of same with your thumb-sized
stick. Pausing briefly to insure I spelled that correctly...

But by all means - whack away. Consider, though, some of the
inmates have sticks bigger than a thumb, are edged weapons
masters, or carry high caliber projectile weapons with rounds
exploding in proximity, eh?

Me? A dilettante with ka-bob skewers!

>I'm happy to debate the issue with Dr. German, but I can see it
>developing into lines of evolution, religion, and theology which
>will probably annoy a lot of people on the list.

Oh - don't worry about our feelings. Just get on with the task of pointing out to the clueless where wrong turns are taken, mistakes in logic and reasoning are made, and evidence is discovered regarding the results of ufological cousins interbreeding. I'm certain your approach will be unique and like nothing I've ever seen before, Mr. Stimson.

>I'm happy to discuss this with him privately, but if EBK gives >me the nod, than I'll do it publicly on this List.

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Costa Rican Video Captures Alleged UFO

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:23:10 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 20:59:01 -0400
Subject: Costa Rican Video Captures Alleged UFO

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 27, 2007

Source: Telenoticias de Costa Rica

<http://www.teletica.com/archivo/tn7/nac/2007/07/25/22193.htm>

Date: July 26, 2007

Costa Rica: Amateur Video Captures Alleged UFO
by Luis Diego Quir=F3s

Scientist neither confirm nor deny that the images appearing in an amateur video are those of an extraterrestrial spacecraft.

As he does on a daily basis, Angel Brenes leaves his home for his job at the Tres Rios Electric Substation. But this June 24th would be different -- that evening he was able to record a video of the two tallest electric towers, using his cellphone.

Although Angel says that the light moved in a way that he cannot explain, he did feel that it was an unidentified flying saucer (UFO).

However, Oscar Sierra, an expert in the UFO subject, believes that the video needs further study, although it presents characteristics that would make it real.

Jose Alberto Villalobos, a physicist, has a different opinion. He believes that it is a UFO because it is unidentified, but he cannot say that it is an extraterrestrial craft.

The amateur video is similar to a photo taken in France several years ago. In a similar fashion, an artisan from Aguas Zarcas managed to record one in 2006 over the Arenal Volcano.

Despite the fact that there is no officially acknowledged proof, UFO experts believe that hundreds of extraterrestrials visit our world every day.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:24:09 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:00:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 19:52:50 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 17:31:52 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Indeed the late Jim McDonald did not say that star travel was
>>possible. After examining the UFO data he instead said that it
>>was probable. More than once he said that the ETH was the most
>>likely hypothesis to prove true. You couldn't have studied the
>>McDonald archives very much or you would know this.

>Dick,

>Is there some reason you didn't include the quotes?

>I said I didn't remember seeing any reference to ETH. I wasn't
>looking for this at the time.

>Do you doubt I was there? I don't think he really considered
>ancient hominids. Convergent evolution wasn't understood then.

>Please supply the quotes if you have them.

Ed,

See "The Collected Writings of Dr. James E. McDonald," Fund for UFO Research. See copies of his talk summaries hundreds of copies of which were circulated, and a complete set of which are in the U of A Archives. As I also told you off-line, Jim made his position very clear to me and said repeatedly in his talks that the ETH was the hypothesis most likely to prove true. Anyone who knew him or paid attention at all would know this.

You resist this obvious fact, and then try to suggest that he would have accepted convergent evolution had it been brought to his attention. Baloney! If he paid attention to it at all, he would have taken it to his colleagues in the relevant fields and found no support for it whatsoever.

- Dick

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Re: There Are Always Anomalies

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Subject: Re: There Are Always Anomalies

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:09:57 -0400
>Subject: There Are Always Anomalies

>In recent posts, while discussing theories and the 'as-practiced-
>today' scientific method, the comment has been made that "there
>are always anomalies."

>That phrase hinted, at least as I read the posts, that because
>there are always anomalies, they kind of don't need to be taken
>seriously in "science" or attempts to create a theories.
>(Apologies if I've been taking that phrase the wrong way.)

Eleanor,

The person who said that most recently on this List was Jerry
Clark, who takes anomalies very seriously and has written
extensively about them and their possible significance.

>I'd like to comment that as I see it, anomalies, meaning those
>that have been solidly witnessed, must be taken into account
>in creating theories or testing theories. I can't see any
>possible honest, logical reason for ever ignoring relevant,
>solidly witnessed anomalies.

>And this is why I declare, from time to time, that the
>"scientific method" as practiced today, is seriously
>flawed.

It's the people who mis-apply the method that are badly flawed,
not the method itself. Maybe that's what you mean by "as
practiced today." Yes, it often gets misused...but it is by far
the best method of seeking out the truth. There is really no
meaningful substitute for it unless you start buying into
mysticism or some form of revelation.

- Dick

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:04:48 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The Fermi Paradox
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:15:00 -0400

>Source: Steve Colgan's Worlds Of Possibility Blog - UK

><http://worldsofpossibility.blogspot.com/2007/07/fermi-paradox.html>

>Wednesday, 25 July 2007

>The Fermi Paradox

>You can't read any serious book on xenoscience without coming
>across the Fermi Paradox and the Drake Equation. They may sound
>like Robert Ludlum thrillers but they're actually a brace of
>thought experiments that, in different ways, pose questions
>about the likelihood of life in the universe. In this post, I'll
>explain the Fermi Paradox. Drake can wait until later.

<snip>

>'The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably strong argument. You can
>quibble about the speed of alien spacecraft, and whether they
>can move at 1% of the speed of light or 10% of the speed of
>light. It doesn't matter. You can argue about how long it would
>take for a new star colony to spawn colonies of its own. It
>still doesn't matter. Any halfway reasonable assumption about
>how fast colonization could take place still ends up with time
>scales that are profoundly shorter than the age of the Galaxy.
>It's like having a heated discussion about whether Spanish ships
>of the 16th century could heave along at two knots or twenty.
>Either way they could speedily colonize the Americas.'

<snip>

The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably blind and highly over-rated
off-the-wall proclamation. Clearly it is based on the
demonstrably false assumption that there is no evidence of alien
visitation. In fact there is a huge body of data strongly
suggestive of alien visitation. Where are they? Right under our
noses. The Fermi's of the workld badly need to study that data
very carefully.

- Dick

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More Cringe Tales

From: Keith Chester <projectbluebook.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:00:02 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:05:55 -0400
Subject: More Cringe Tales

Hello List,

On July 26th I was at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) in College Park having lunch with John Taylor. For those of you who have never heard of John, he is the resident expert on the CIA records at the facility. He's well-known and respected for his many years of service, his deep knowledge of the CIA files at NARA, and the history of the CIA in general. We discussed my frustration over not being able to locate some Army G-2 records I've been hunting for years. Running down the list of record groups to check, what finding aid to study, and what agency to send a FOIA request, he paused, looked at me for a moment and then proceeded to tell and told me a troubling story.

To best of his memory, it occurred back in the early to mid 1980s, an archivist working for NARA was temporarily assigned to the CIA building to assist the resident archivist with OSS (Office of Strategic Services) records. The plan: organize the records before sending them to NARA, their final resting place. Talking with the CIA archivist(s), the NARA archivist learned that someone at the CIA overlooking the project had recently discarded a huge lot of OSS records. Whoever it was that authorized this deemed the records of "no historical value." Now are you ready for this? *Two thousand *linear feet of documents were discarded. To put that in perspective, the boxes used to store records at NARA can hold hold anywhere up to 1,500 pages. Place the boxes side by side for two thousand feet, well, you get my point. What's even more horrific is that the CIA archivist(s) further told the NARA archivist there were many records of value in the discarded lot that should have been kept.

I must say, though I'm fairly thick-skinned from hearing stories like these over the years, it was depressing hearing John tell that tale, and even more painful to watch him because even after all these years, I could see his deep frustration. John felt a little better when he told me at least NARA still has 8,000 linear feet of OSS records. But Damn! Did I really need to hear about another loss, especially after listening to Robert Young at Wright-Patterson tell me the golf course story yesterday, the one I relayed to UFO Updates list members in my last e-mail: Things That Make You Cringe!

What fool at the CIA decided to make a judgment call without consulting NARA? What fool could have known the full breadth and diversity of those records? And what fool could have possibly understood their value to future generations of researchers and historians?

We'll never know.

Keith

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 15:00:50 +0000
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:06:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 18:59:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 19:27:46 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I'm thinking of filing a missing persons report for this absent
>>civilization. But if anything the theory seems to have some
>>entertainment value on this List.

>Keeping us Pelicanists amused, anyway.

We're just returning the favor, John.

- Dick

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:05:39 -0500
Archived: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:08:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>kDate: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:25:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Referring to some ideas as "silly" with no evidence for that
>position, is bias. Scientists used to consider meteorites a
>"silly" idea...! All I was doing was saying that Ed and Bob et
>al have a right to their theories and views, without being
>labelled as cranks or whatever, and that dismissing things out
>of hand too hastily is foolish, IMO.

Yes, to anyone possessed of any scientific sophistication (or
common sense for that matter) Gehrmanism is indeed silly. It's
also silly to draw meteorites into the discussion. The evidence
for meteorites was substantial, and eventually scientists of
another era, when much less was known about the subject (or
about any subject), were forced to acknowledge their reality.
Something of the same will happen with the UFO phenomenon,
though rejection of UFOs-as-anomalies by scientists even now is
hardly universal.

What the defenders of Gehrmanism consistently fail to
acknowledge is that within their disciplines scientists are
far more likely to be right than wrong. Challenges from outside
(as opposed to inside) the disciplines - which is what
Gehrmanism and other esoteric approaches are about - virtually
never succeed. If mainstream archaeological, paleontological,
anthropological, and historical understanding were being
challenged by Gehrmanist archaeologists, paleontologists,
anthropologists, and historians, then we'd have something beyond
what we have now: a grotesque and tedious exchange on Updates
which to the unsympathetic observer will amount to no more than
documentation of ufology's hopeless mopey. (Actually, it looks
that way to this sympathetic observer, too, sad to say.)

Let's be clear here: In science's modern, professionalized
history, revolutionary would-be scientific claims advanced by
untrained, uncredentialed lay theorists are all but certain to
be wrong, and often crankishly so. (For a relevant instance, see
the history of physics cranks.) That isn't because individual
scientists have godlike powers; it's because science as a
process has many tested mechanisms, not to mention bodies of
established knowledge and the appropriate
investigative/analytical resources, in place to weigh and
examine competing claims. While not perfect (no perfection
exists in this imperfect world), the process works astonishingly
well, as the modern world of high technology and advanced
knowledge richly attests.

Science advances because, unlike so much of ufology, it is self-
correcting. It discards ideas and hypotheses when evidence fails
to support them. For many in ufology, on the other hand, the
absence of evidence amounts to proof that the evidence exists

but is hidden; those who express the heretical view that non-evidence is more likely to mean that evidence does not exist are called inquisitors and sternly lectured.

In spite of repeated challenges to provide instances, no support for Gehrmanism among scientists can be demonstrated. Unless you think one idea is as good as another (just about the only possible reading of your and others' posts), Gehrmanism is vacuous and time-wasting, and serves only as evidence of the continuing appeal of crank doctrines to many.

>Most scientists still reject the possibility of psychic
>phenomena, yet I am sure they exist. Why? Because I've
>experienced some of them. I've had detailed dreams before of
>things that happened later, classic premonitions. Sometimes
>pertaining to my research, sometimes just mundane things. Yet I
>have no idea how that can happen, I just know it can and does.
>Yet mainstream science ignores things like this because it can't
>explain them yet. So, I am open-minded to various ideas.

Science does not "ignore things like this." Even scientists who do not embrace paranormal explanations deem the phenomena involved worthy of scrutiny. I take it that you've never heard of the discipline of anomalistic psychology.

The Parapsychological Association has maintained an affiliation with the AAAS since (if memory serves) the 1970s. From the early 1880s on, scientific research into psi has continued through good times and bad, with sometimes ingeniously inventive methods and intriguing results. Though the subject remains controversial and disputed, it is one amenable to scientific inquiry and has produced a respectable professional literature.

Of what the scientist/science writer Henry H. Bauer calls the Big Three - the areas of anomalistics making the most substantial and potentially significant claims - parapsychology/psychical research is the oldest and best established. (The other two are cryptozoology and ufology.) One might also mention mainstream research into near-death experiences, which are discussed in the mainstream scientific literature and taken seriously as genuine anomalies of consciousness.

Jerry Clark

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NARCAP's O'Hare Report Summary & Conclusion

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 08:11:57 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 08:11:57 -0400
Subject: NARCAP's O'Hare Report Summary & Conclusion

Source: National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous
Phenomena - Herndon, Virginia, USA

<http://www.NARCAP.org>

07-27-07

Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and its Safety
Implications at O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006

Case 18

By Richard F. Haines, Ph.D. Senior Editor Chief Scientist

with

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March 9, 2007

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5.4 Summary and Conclusion

On November 7, 2006 multiple witnesses reported sighting a cryptic object or phenomenon over Chicago O'Hare International Airport. The object or phenomenon presented itself as an apparently solid yet featureless oblate spheroid which hovered at a fixed altitude and attitude for a period of minutes before suddenly ascending nearly vertically into and through the solid cloud layer. The passage of the object through the clouds apparently caused the creation of a sharp edged circular hole somewhat larger in diameter than the object itself. We review the literature and find that the Chicago incident appears to be the latest example in a series of rare, but not unprecedented incidents stretching back to at least 1947. Because of the similarity of the phenomena in the reports, we seek a common physical explanation for the HIC.

We consider the possibility that the HIC was produced by a naturally occurring precipitation process, but reject that hypothesis because neither freezing conditions, raindrops, nor falling ice crystals were present at the time and location in question. We postulate that sudden in situ evaporation of the water droplets constituting the cloud represents the least extraordinary physical process capable of explaining the observations. We estimate the minimum volumetric energy density required to cause such in situ evaporation as approximately 9.4 kJ/m³, in the form of heat. We consider the remote possibility that a blunt body moving at high subsonic velocities through the air may dissipate sufficient amounts of aerodynamic energy through viscous friction to cause this amount of heating, but

find that the likely heat production rate is too low. We postulate that the instantaneous nature of the HIC formation, the circular shape, and its sharp edges all point to the direct emission of, for example, electromagnetic radiation from the surface of the oblate spheroid as the proximate cause of the HIC. We cannot identify the object or phenomenon lying inside the oblate spheroid surface, but two conclusions seem inescapable: 1) the object or phenomenon observed would have to have been something objectively and externally real to create the HIC effect; and, 2) the HIC phenomenon associated with this object cannot be explained by either conventional weather phenomena or conventional aerospace craft, whether acknowledged or unacknowledged.

More in .pdf file at:

http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR10_Case_18.pdf

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:25:48 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 10:53:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:25:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>The "problem" is not, in the self-serving definition above, that
>>ideas are rejected "based only on personal bias" (similar
>>charges are routinely hurled against physics professionals by
>>lay physics cranks who think they've disproved Einstein), but
>>that silly ideas, based on personal belief as opposed to a body
>>of compelling evidence, get continually recycled over ufology's
>>history. That's why we get nowhere, and that's why those of us
>>who know something about the requirements of science - not to
>>mention the history of ufology - lose our patience.

>Referring to some ideas as "silly" with no evidence for that
>position, is bias. Scientists used to consider meteorites a
>"silly" idea...!

Is this actually proven? This cliché gets repeated so often,
without citation, that I suspect it might be a version on urban
legend. Even if it did happen as claimed, surely there must be
some other example of scientific myopia that people could quote,
just for the sake of variety?

>All I was doing was saying that Ed and Bob et
>al have a right to their theories and views, without being
>labelled as cranks or whatever, and that dismissing things out
>of hand too hastily is foolish, IMO.

As I have said before, anyone has a right to express any theory
they like, no matter how barmy and half-baked. Others however
have a right to dismiss it, not 'out-of-hand', but with the
evidence of accumulated scientific knowledge. So far the only
'evidence' offered seems to be 'I think UFOs are real craft, but
I don't like the idea of the ETH, so I'll have to imagine
something else'.

>And yes, I also do know something about the requirements of
>science;

Well then you'll know that these ideas are entertaining
imagination-based speculation, not scientific theory. But keep
going at it, because it's certainly giving us Pelicanists a
chuckle!

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 10:54:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>Source: The Ottawa Herald - Ottawa, Kansas, USA

>Wednesday, July 25, 2007

>Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>Homewood man reports incident similar to motorist's sighting
>near Ottawa

>By Cleon Rickel
>Herald Senior Writer

>An Ottawa pilot thinks he has an explanation for a hovering disk
>seen near Ottawa north of I-35 Sunday afternoon. However, an 18-
>year-old Homewood man said he also saw exactly the same disk in
>the same location - but a year before.

If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
explanation for a UFO sighting?

John Rimmer
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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution - Ledger

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 12:51:44 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 10:56:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution - Ledger

>>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
>>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>I am not a subscriber to your List, but a colleague of mine
>>pointed me to the current thread "Why the cover-up' and in
>>particular, the post by Michael Stimson on his 'binary
>>evolution' idea. I was wondering if you would pass the following
>>comments on to him (either privately or on your list) as I would
>>be interested in his response.

>>A little logical thinking will illuminate at least two gaping
>>holes in this idea, that would need to be rectified before it
>>could possibly be taken seriously.

>>1. Firstly regarding the supposed tie-in between Prof Russell's
>>'scientific' sauropod and Stimson's underground dinosaurs. The
>>bipedal human evolved from the requirements of a tree-dwelling
>>animal that needed to adapt to the wide open spaces of the
>>African savannah. Prof Russel's imaginary creature was based on
>>applying similar evolutionary pressures. However, there is no
>>such environment underground. A dinosaur that retreated
>>underground to live in tunnels and caves would almost certainly
>>not evolve to appear anything like a human. More likely it would
>>resemble a mole/snake/insect.

>>2. Regarding the sudden 'intrusion' of the 1945 atomic
>>explosions into the underground creatures' world. These tests
>>were above-ground. The only effect below ground would have been
>>the blast shockwave - no radiation fallout would have been
>>apparent. And the blast shockwave would pale into insignificance
>>in comparison to natural shockwave sources such as volcanic
>>eruptions and earthquakes, which are orders of magnitude greater
>>than the total yield of the 1945 atomic tests. So what would
>>have made those tests significant to beings living underground
>>who had no knowledge of human civilisation??

>>I find it surprising that an Australian doctor who isn't a
>>subscriber to this List has found it necessary to mount such a
>>robust rebuttal of this theory. Why has this Earthbound theory
>>attracted his attention?

>>I'm only a guy in Edinburgh. I know no more, nor no less about
>>UFOs than anyone on this list.

>>I'm happy to debate the issue with Dr. German, but I can see it
>>developing into lines of evolution, religion, and theology which
>>will probably annoy a lot of people on the List.

Particularly religion and theology or intelligent design
theories.

Don

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:05:35 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:02:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:25:03 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>If you really think you have a serious claim on their time and
>>attention, it is your obligation not to harangue us growingly
>>impatient ufologists but to take it to the scientific
>>professionals for their assessment. Time, too, to start citing
>>papers in the scientific literature that show the professionals
>>deem the existence of a hidden terrestrial civilization even
>>marginally possible. Time, in other words, to put up or shut up.
>>Why do I expect that you will do neither?

>Who's haranguing you? I was only expressing an opinion, the same
>as Ed or Bob, etc. But because I am not actively involved in
>ufology the way I used to be (but still interested), you see
>that as an intrusion?

>On a related note to this, I had also simply made it known that
>there were several other good eyewitness accounts on the record
>re the 'drones' yet no one here seemed willing to admit that or
>that they should be talked to, as in any other UFO case.

>Instead, it was just the same kind of dismissal based on only
>part of the available evidence, the photos. Another "silly" idea
>that they could possibly be real? My point was that those
>ufologists should do their own investigation of the case before
>pronouncing judgement.

I reject any earth-built theory re. the 'drones' because they
have no visible means of support or propulsion. That left some
other- worldly construction whose builders had a propensity for
advertising on the craft's structure. Why? These aren't
airliners after all.

It seems that there are those out there who get a thrill out of
perpetuating hoaxes and photoshopping one up like the 'drones'
is much easier to do then stomping around a field with a board a
rope and a 100 foot tape measure.

Don Ledger

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:11:38 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:04:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

<snip>

>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>Has anyone heard of him before this?

Hell, I'm on that list, which should give you a rough idea of
any real import it might have.

Don Ledger

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Fred Merritt?

From: Keith Chester <projectbluebook.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 12:13:22 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:09:11 -0400
Subject: Fred Merritt?

Hello List,

Does anyone have the telephone number or address of Fred Merritt, ex-CUFOS affiliate?

Thank you,

Keith Chester

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 18:17:06 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:13:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>

>July 24, 2007

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>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds

>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>testing.

I've come late to this thread, so apologise if this question has
already been addressed, but what status does the technique of
using forensic linguistics to determine authorship have with the
law enforcement community and with those in other parts of the
criminal justice system?

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Jason Gamon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:37:42 EDT
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:15:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 21:47:24 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I wholeheartedly agree with Jerry Clark and Dick Hall and their
>posts on this otherwise tiresome thread. They have been the
>voices of reason and science. Their opponents have cleverly
>obfuscated the issue making it one of protesting their right'
>to 'voice their opinion', as if it's merely a free speech issue.
>Of course they have the freedom of speech to say practically
>anything they want, including that all elephants are pink and
>that monotremes lurk in closets just out of sight.

>But they do not also get the right to call their opinions
>"scientific" just on their say-so, without a shred of evidence,
>without any coherent theoretical development, without any
>respectable scientific literature on their monotreme theory, and
>_act_like_ they should be immune from scientific criticism or
>criticism of its unscientific or pseudoscientific nature or its
>foundation on the so-called Alien Autopsy film widely regarded
>as fraudulent. They do not get a free pass to call it "science."

>That is the real issue. They want to declare their 'opinion'
>that this hidden ancient monotreme civilization is to be
>considered to be scientifically valid, as equally valid as the
>ETH, and they won't stand for any criticism pointing out that it
>is scientific rubbish. Whereas the ETH has a body of scientific
>literature, mainly from hostile SETI scientists, and the
>MonoTreme Hypothesis (MTH) has nothing, no scientific literature
>at all. Yet proponents demand equal time, equal consideration,
>and treatment as equally valid.

>UFO study has not been 'scienced to death', there has been no
>excess of scientific study. As I have pointed out many times
>before the UFO phenomenon has had barely 6 months of full-scale
>scientific study in the past 60 years. Typically scientific
>problems have at least a hundred or so James McDonald-caliber
>scientists devoting 24/7 to the problem, living breathing and
>dreaming it, whether it be cetology, astrophysics, seismology or
>immunology.

>With UFOs it has been almost zero such scientific effort. The
>Condon Project was comprised almost entirely of part-timers,
>most of whom were not McDonald caliber, spending less than two
>years on it. Being generous call that effective full-time
>equivalents of 100 scientists working full-time less than 3
>months on UFOs.

Excellent post Brad. I couldn't agree more. We can't throw baby,
science, out with the bath water just because we are currently
unsatisfied with the ignoring of the phenomena by the
mainstream.

Hopefully this debate will cause people to think twice before
posting, or at least word their thoughts carefully.

The ETH has not been proved, but it is a strong candidate
because it is based on logic. There are a few other 'strong'

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theories out there, however, CTH, or the various clever names it is known by, is currently not among them.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:58:32 -0300
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Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

>Heiser was at Steve Bassett's X-Conference at Gaithersburg in
>2005, Bruce.

Jim

He also spoke in Roswell at the civic Center but I didn't get a chance to hear him... and has been on Coast to Coast which because of the hour I don't listen to except when I am on such as during the debate with UFO-denier, Michael Shermer, Wednesday night August 1. Is that show rebroadcast at a better hour??

Stan Friedman

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:32:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 01:44:27 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 10:18:24 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>What has the speed of light got to do with the ETH? That's like
>>>saying that the theory that the west was populated with settlers
>>>couldn't happen because wagon trains were too slow. Speed has
>>>nothing to do with it. Time is the significant factor here and
>>>there are billions of years of time.
>>>Your whole argument falls apart over this one point.

>>Don,

>>I disagree. Speed is the main factor. God may have all the time
>>she needs but our lifetimes are very limited.

>I think it's your imagination that is limited, Ed. One person's
>or entity's lifetime has nothing to do with it. You are assuming
>point to point contact. They are there we are here and they
>somehow made a beeline for us because they, you and Shirmer have
>this fixation on anal probes. So does my proctologist but no one
>is taking him to task for it.

>That aside, my view of what life that evolved in our galaxy
>never mind the universe did so billions of years ago and spread
>out through space. They didn't know anything about our little
>planet and likely stumbled across it while scanning from some
>light years away while passing through. This could have been
>several millions of years ago or maybe a few hundred thousand
>year. We should stick out like a sore thumb with the equipment
>some of the dozens of species who have had space technology for
>millions of years would have.

>Think about this Ed; if you have conquered space what else have
>you got to do but explore? We have naturalists on this planet
>who will happily spend their whole lives in pursuit of one type
>of butterfly. I'd bet the same applies for some superexploration
>teams that live and die in space having never seen their home
>planet which perhaps has long since ceased to exist.

Hi Don,

The above is simply speculation on your part. I do not believe,
nor is there any evidence, that humans or any other life form,
have or will ever freely explore the universe and fly from star
to star. I think you and others who have faith in the ETH have
invented a nice bedtime story. But science says it won't fly.
The speed and energy requirements are the main stumbling blocks,
but desire is also necessary. An underlying assumption to such
futuristic thinking is that human population will continue to
grow and that there will be new technology fueled by this
growth. That's not necessarily a correct assumption. It might
happen, but there could be much to interrupt our progress.

If you submitted the above narrative to a panel of scientists, would they agree? I don't mind if you believe this; I did for many years. But don't treat me like the community idiot because I've lost faith; I don't believe this dogma any longer. Can't you understand that? It happened in a rush of insight. I had just viewed the Alien Autopsy footage several times and was focusing on the brain removal when it really hit me. This is a flesh and blood creature! Whisky-Tango-Foxtrot!!

Once you've had a life changing experience, your life changes. I began to question all that I had thought about and learned during my previous quest to understand UFO.

>>Why shouldn't we
>>assume the same for our visitors? I think we'll find that travel
>>in the universe is severely limited by the distances involved
>>and light speed will be necessary for travel within a realistic
>>timeframe. Also the energy requirements for FTL are prohibitive.
>>The laws of physics indicate that getting even a small amount of
>>matter to light speed will require all the energy in the
>>universe.

>The universe is 14.7 billion years old, that's plenty of time for
>many super civilizations to have come and even gone.

The earth is five billion years old and life has been here for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

>What you seem not to understand is that we can get to sublight
>speeds and even though the rule still applies it's the species
>outside the craft that have to put up with the tremendous
>problems of time-NOT the travelers.

There's not a reason to believe that we can even reach sublight speeds or that we would be motivated to spend the time and effort to do so. But why not be specific? Give a realistic example of how all this might work.

>Do you seriously think that some species [and I mean hundreds or
>thousands of different types of species] that's had technology
>for millions of years can't get by a little thing like the speed
>of light.

First of all there is not a grain of evidence that any species can survive their own technology for more than a few hundred years. We've been successful for a little over one hundred years and it's a toss up whether we'll make it for another hundred. I'm not saying we won't, but it's far from a done deal.

>>That's too high a price to pay just to give a few rectal exams

>Answered above.

No it wasn't.

>>to dangerous animals on a distant and inhospitable planet.

>There's nothing inhospitable about Earth unless you are a
>species that breaths Sulphuric acid.

Microbes, snakes, tigers, red ants, and humans. We are very dangerous and armed and are not about to let anyone mess with us too long: "there is some shit I will not eat" (ee cummings)

>And we would be no more
>dangerous than other species that have just recently lumbered
>into space.

Evidence please. Who else do you know lumbering out there.

>That's old sci-fi crap-the notion that other
>intelligent species evolved without killing one another.
>Dolphins are looked upon as a benign mammal but they still eat
>other species to survive as do whales and and everything else on
>this planet.

I don't recall saying anything about this. Do you have me confused with another Ed.

>>>Why after co-existing with us for millions of years are these
>>>"critters" so interested in our bowels and sexual reproductive
>>>systems? Where is their whole [social, manufacturing, housing,
>>>economic based] infrastructure.

>>I don't know why they are interested in us. I think they have
>>always interacted with humans in some way. I mostly agree with
>>Fort: "we are being farmed!"

>I don't. man's need-usually for some religious reason, to whip
>himself, atone for being alive-and enjoying it. I think "they"
>came, they saw and hung around to see how we are making out,
>watching us evolve like they watched thousands of other species
>evolve. Some species made it into space, some didn't. Doesn't
>matter, they would still be worth studying.

I think this is dreamland. And you think I'm unscientific. You
might be correct, and you have every right to your opinion and
faith, but where is your evidence for this belief. Why do you
believe this?

>>Since I think the ancient hominid civilization is at least one
>>hundred million years old, they've had time to live wherever
>>they wish, maybe Mars or the back side of the moon or under the
>>oceans or underground or in super mother ships.

>I'll give you some ETI doing this save the underground bases
>theory. The oceans may be just a safe haven between operations
>or observations. But cripes these are one generous species who
>just got the hell out of the way so we could have all of the
>good real estate.

They may have learned something during the last one hundred
million years and decided it was safer somewhere else and to
rent it to us for a yet-to-be-determined fee.

>>I don't know
>>about their infrastructure, but if they employ nanotechnology,
>>then it could be very self-sufficient. We're not far from that
>>goal ourselves. Their population could be quite small (less than
>>a million) and easily hidden. It may be in decline. I just don't
>>have answers for these questions.

>If you don't have answers then how can you be so positive that
>they exist. Are you taking it on faith?

I have a belief in my own theories but I'm not 100% sure. I'm
just proposing a hypothesis that UFO are piloted by creatures
from an ancient civilization and that the evolutionary mechanism
was convergent evolution.

I pointed out that there was plenty of time for this to happen
and evidence would not be apparent or obvious.

I'm not making a declaration although I would bet on it if I had
the chance. But I don't have any way to know the above answers,
any more than you have sure proof that your speculations are
correct regarding the ETH.

You have an hypothesis and I have one too. But I haven't implied
that yours is something from grade school musings, or that those
who support your faith are nitwits or numbskulls. I know you're
all fine chaps, with hearts of gold, so let's cut the insults
and patronizing attitudes. The ETH is a theory; the ancient
hominid civilization is a theory. Your righteousness is showing.

>>>There is no such thing as a TR-3b.

>>Maybe so but the craft know as the TR-3b looks like the triangle
>>shaped craft seen over Phoenix which I believe was human
>>constructed.

>250,000 atmospheres, eh? That's 8 million 250,000 pounds per
>square inc. First show me a pump capable of producing that
>doesn't weigh in at 3-4 or 5 hundred tons and then the material
>capable of containing that pressure. Ticking timebombs.

>The writer of that article throws a lot of numbers around,
>technical terms, words [naturally plasma makes an appearance]
>that don't make sense. And the craft even rotates! Why?

>Aerodynamics is out the window at this point-why would the thing
>have to spin like a frisbee? So the writer could sound
>important?

I agree that there are problems with this article, but Ed Fouche wrote about the TR-3b before Phoenix and then this very similar machine appeared to many. Whatever was seen that night, and I believe the descriptions and artists rendition, I don't think it was from another planet. My paranoia jumps into high gear whenever these triangle sighting occur. I was involved in the northern California sighting about two years ago. It seemed staged and meant to draw attention to itself.

>It's great to have faith in your country's technology Ed, but
>you don't have anything like what's been showing up and does
>what they do. Using that tired old saw about top secret military
>aircraft is just pronouncement without one iota [or aircraft] of
>proof to back it up. Remember, people have been using that same
>top secret technology ploy to explain away UFOs since 1947 but
>none of it has even shown up.

I have zero faith in any technology. It's a tool and tools break and malfunction. But I fear the TR3b is a red herring intended to somehow misdirect our investigations.

Ed

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 15:46:48 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:06:58 -0400
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>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 13:33:22 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

><snip>

>>>>Recently named one of the 100 most influential people in ufology
>>>>by FATE Magazine, Michael S. Heiser, Ph.D. earned an M.A. and
>>>>Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an M.A. from
>>>>the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Heiser has taught at the

<snip>

>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

>Heiser was at Steve Bassett's X-Conference at Gaithersburg in
>2005, Bruce.

Aha! I guess that makes him influential.

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:02:00 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:08:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
>>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

><snip>

>I hope this comment will not will not associate me with the
>'hidden terrestrial race' idea, but I don't know that it has
>been established that the "bipedal human evolved from the
>requirements of a tree-dwelling animal that needed to adapt to
>the wide open spaces of the African savannah". There are a
>variety of well-established animals in the savannah that show no
>hint of evolving toward bipedalism over the timescale in which
>human ancestors did so. If there is selection pressure for
>bipedalism in the savannah, why are we the only example of it?

This may be a 'What came first; chicken or egg' situation but
the reason why our ancestors became bipedal is because their
bodies evolved differently to other primates. Walking upright
simply became a more comfortable means of getting about.

Whether this happened because of a change in their behaviour
which necessitated an evolutionary shift or whether the change
occurred and the behaviour adapted, I couldn't say.

You can find a more detailed explanation here but, unless its of
personal interest, you'll need to set aside the ID element of
it:

"If upright walking is so energetically favorable, why do apes
still 'knuckle-walk'?"

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

Stuart

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:32:25 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:09:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:08:51 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>So I for one don't want to see chaos on a global scale.

I don't either, but given the large percentage of the population quite ready to believe ETs are responsible for UFOs, there would be no chaos, I predict, among ordinary people.

There would be lots of chaos among the world's power brokers, who largely operate covertly, but I don't care. They commit many crimes and deserve comeuppance! Richly!

Eleanor White

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:11:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 21:47:24 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I wholeheartedly agree with Jerry Clark and Dick Hall and their
>posts on this otherwise tiresome thread.

Hi Brad,

And I can see by this comment that you plan to continue in that
same rut.

>They have been the
>voices of reason and science.

Please. This really is getting tiresome. When did the ETH become
reasonable or scientific?

>Their opponents have cleverly
>obfuscated the issue making it one of protesting their right'
>to 'voice their opinion', as if it's merely a free speech issue.

It is a free speech issue; how can it be anything else?

>Of course they have the freedom of speech to say practically
>anything they want,

They get to say anything they want but we get to call them
fools. Not only call them fools but every time they raise a
point we ignore them but pretend to answer.

>But they do not also get the right to call their opinions
>"scientific" just on their say-so, without a shred of evidence,
>without any coherent theoretical development, without any
>respectable scientific literature on their monotreme theory,

We had a hypothesis. It's rooted in a scientific fact known as
convergent evolution. We show there was plenty of time for this
process to work. We explain very carefully how it could work and
that nothing we've theorized violates any known scientific fact.
In other words, there's nothing in science which pokes holes in
our theory. Of course there's nothing in the literature because
this is an entirely new idea. Why is this so difficult to
understand?

>_act_like_ they should be immune from scientific criticism or

Bring on the criticism, scientific or otherwise.

>criticism of its unscientific or pseudoscientific nature or its
>foundation on the so-called Alien Autopsy film widely regarded
>as fraudulent. They do not get a free pass to call it "science."

No one is asking for one. I regard the AA as evidence; you
can do as you please.

>That is the real issue. They want to declare their 'opinion'

Hypothesis!

>that this hidden ancient monotreme civilization is to be

No! Ancient Hominid Civilization. I think there is evidence for a monotreme genesis, but I agree with Bob that a dinosaur or other reptile is certainly a possibility or even another mammal. However they started, they we tool users first and then became tool makers and that's the niche that formed all hominids. It's the tool making that forms our general appearance and not the actual environment in which organisms find themselves.

>considered to be scientifically valid, as equally valid as the
>ETH,

Not at all! The ETH doesn't have a single scientific validation.

>and they won't stand for any criticism pointing out that it
>is scientific rubbish. Whereas the ETH has a body of scientific
>literature, mainly from hostile SETI scientists,

What BS. I mean where is the criticism. Their only criticism is that it hasn't been validated by some authority, as if ETH had.

>and the
>MonoTreme Hypothesis (MTH) has nothing, no scientific literature
>at all. Yet proponents demand equal time, equal consideration,
>and treatment as equally valid.

The Ancient Hominid Civilization has never had a chance to be discussed until now, on this List. Hopefully there will be many more discussions, tiresome or not.

Ed

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Re: 'Orb' Research Article

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 17:04:16 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:12:51 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

>From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:54:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Orb' Research Article

<snip>

>With all respect, you are not a technical expert in optics or
>video. Rods are nothing but flying insects that are elongated by
>the image latency effect of electronic image sensors.

I know what image latency looks like. I'm not an expert. But the
footage I saw looked nothing like image latency. The entire
rod's wing moved, both leading and trailing edge. There was no
fading out of a streaky 'tail.'

If someone can, could footage of bugs be posted where the result
looks like sinusoidal extended wings? Or have experts already
done this to show the world that rods are actually ordinary
bugs?

<snip>

>Someone who wanted to prove this could go to one of the places
>where people are shooting video of Rods with a video camera and
>quality 16 mm film camera and shoot side by side examples. The
>video would show Rods, the film would show bugs.

A demo with a film camera and camcorder side by side would be
welcome, as it would settle the question once and for all. I've
had occasional bugs on sunny days flit past my camcorder, and
they sure didn't look anything like the rod footage I've seen.

Eleanor White

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Re: NARCAP Report On O'Hare Incident Released

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 17:10:27 EDT
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:14:19 -0400
Subject: Re: NARCAP Report On O'Hare Incident Released

>Report of an Unidentified Aerial Phenomenon and its Safety
>Implications at O'Hare International Airport on November 7, 2006

>Case 18

>By Richard F. Haines, Ph.D. Senior Editor Chief Scientist

>with

>K. Efishoff, D. Ledger, L. Lemke, S. Maranto, W. Puckett, T.
>Roe, M. Shough, R. Uriarte

>March 9, 2007

><http://www.NARCAP.org>

>National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomenal

<snip>

>More in .pdf file at:

>http://www.narcap.org/reports/TR10_Case_18.pdf

Dang! This report was written to within an inch of its life!

No stone unturned detective work!

However, as thorough as it is it still leaves many questions unanswered. With the obvious hundreds of witnesses where are the pics? If no one had the wherewith all to whip out a camera, and I'll have to assume a good portion of the passengers were tourists, then why not?

Hats off to the NARCAP team and those who were brave enough to contribute to the report. Again it seems like the biggest threat from UFOs is from ourselves.

Best,

Greg

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From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
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Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 09:01:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 17:05:57 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>>From: Gordon German <Gordon.German.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 09:06:54 +0800
>>>Subject: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>>[Non-Subscriber Post]

>>>Dear Errol,

>>>I am not a subscriber to your List, but a colleague of mine
>>>pointed me to the current thread "Why the cover-up' and in
>>>particular, the post by Michael Stimson on his 'binary
>>>evolution' idea. I was wondering if you would pass the following
>>>comments on to him (either privately or on your list) as I would
>>>be interested in his response.

><snip>

>>I find it surprising that an Australian doctor who isn't a
>>subscriber to this List has found it necessary to mount such a
>>robust rebuttal of this theory. Why has this Earthbound theory
>>attracted his attention?

<snip>

If I or anyone knew the answer to UFOs, then the mytery would be
solved and a lot of careers and speaking engagements would go
down the tubes along with this list.

I try to apply critical thinking and deductive logic to find my
answer to UFOs and maybe this is the key. Everyone has their own
idea of what a UFO is.

A small craft doesn't travel interstellar distances to crash
land on a planet that it can't even see to begin with. It would
have hit Mars or the Moon before it got here!

There are many ideas and theories as to what UFOs are and where
they come from and I have two other equally valid ideas as to
what they are.

But at no point, do I claim them to be definitive.

At the moment, my theories are as valid as anyone elses.

Michael

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:18:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>>'The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably strong argument. You can
>>quibble about the speed of alien spacecraft, and whether they
>>can move at 1% of the speed of light or 10% of the speed of
>>light. It doesn't matter. You can argue about how long it would
>>take for a new star colony to spawn colonies of its own. It
>>still doesn't matter. Any halfway reasonable assumption about
>>how fast colonization could take place still ends up with time
>>scales that are profoundly shorter than the age of the Galaxy.
>>It's like having a heated discussion about whether Spanish ships
>>of the 16th century could heave along at two knots or twenty.
>>Either way they could speedily colonize the Americas.'

><snip>

>The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably blind and highly over-rated
>off-the-wall proclamation. Clearly it is based on the
>demonstrably false assumption that there is no evidence of alien
>visitation. In fact there is a huge body of data strongly
>suggestive of alien visitation. Where are they? Right under our
>noses. The Fermi's of the world badly need to study that data
>very carefully.

Unfortunately Dick, this will not serve to dismiss the Fermi
Paradox. You say it is demonstrably false that there is no
evidence of alien visitation. I will not press you to deliver
that demonstration, but rather ask, why is the subject at all
controversial? Why is the existence of extraterrestrial beings
not completely obvious? I do *not* find them right under my
nose.

If you consider the Fermi Paradox trivial and/or resolved, I
would be interested in hearing your arguments to that effect. I
do not dispute the evidence for anomalous/non-human aerial
phenomena, but I believe Fermi's question is well-posed
nevertheless.

Mike

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Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Rimmer

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 09:29:48 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:19:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up? - Rimmer

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 15:00:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 18:59:29 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 19:27:46 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>I'm thinking of filing a missing persons report for this absent
>>>civilization. But if anything the theory seems to have some
>>>entertainment value on this List.

>>Keeping us Pelicanists amused, anyway.

>We're just returning the favor, John.

On this one at least, Dick, we're on the same side!

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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15 UFOs Reported In Park County In Nine Years

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:23:45 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:23:45 -0400
Subject: 15 UFOs Reported In Park County In Nine Years

Source: The Fairplay Flume - Bailey, Colorado, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2d9z9j>

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15 UFOs Reported In Park County In Nine Years

Mike Potter - Staff Writer

Ever see something in the night sky you couldn't explain?

Do you wonder if anything intelligent occupying the spaces between stars has tried to reach out and touch Earth?

You're not alone.

The Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network, just one of the many UFO research organizations involved in the Second Annual Colorado UFO Briefing held July 21, showed that there have been 15 UFO sightings reported to the organization from Park County in the last nine years.

That isn't a lot, but Alejandro Rojas, creator of the UFO Think Tank and an investigator for MUFON, said there have probably been more UFOs seen in the county, but most people don't know who to report them to.

When something is reported, it typically isn't to law enforcement authorities.

Park County Undersheriff Monte Gore said he has never heard of anyone calling the Park County Sheriff's Office to report a UFO.

Colorado State Patrol Trooper Marc Ziolkowski said roughly the same thing, although at one time he was considering conjuring up a UFO for an April Fool's prank.

Rojas said that most of the reports of UFOs from the last nine years happened in Bailey and Fairplay.

He expects the number of reports to increase as more people become aware of organizations such as MUFON.

"There are more reports coming in," he said. "Is this a result of more sightings - or just more people being aware of us - we are not sure."

Hartsel Investigation

Last May, Rojas led an investigation in Hartsel about glowing lights that people reported seeing in the sky.

"We call it 'Little Buddy,'" said South Park Mercantile store owner Susan Jones, a witness to the light.

"It generally hangs to the right of Pikes Peak and flashes gold, green and blue," she said.

But, she said, it's camera shy.

Whenever someone sets up a camera to take a picture or tries to look at it through a telescope, it takes off.

"You can see it take off," Jones said.

She doesn't pretend to know what it is, though. She has no explanations. But many Hartsel residents have seen it.

"I'm not a UFO nut," she said.

But she doesn't deny there might be intelligent life outside our planet. "I'm not so egotistical to believe that we are the only intelligent beings in this universe," she said.

Jones also won't say that it's an alien spaceship making those lights - just something in the sky that is unexplained.

At first, Jones thought it might be a plane, or a star, or possible something military. She doesn't believe that any longer, though.

Although she isn't quick to offer some other-worldly explanation, she said others in the community have offered up extraterrestrial explanations.

Rojas said he spoke to six witnesses in Hartsel who had seen similar things floating near Pike's Peak.

Neither he nor any of his investigators saw the "Little Buddy" from Hartsel, but he's convinced people are seeing something.

One witness he interviewed had been seeing it for 18 years, he said.

But when people see things they can't explain, isn't there something more plausible than alien invaders?

That is the question that has been on the mind of UFO skeptic and amateur paranormal researcher William Kelly.

"People see things they can't explain; I don't deny that," he said.

He can't deny the existence of aliens, either, or if they've visited Earth. Just that it can't be proven.

"I'm the agnostic-alien guy," Kelly said.

He was at the 2nd Annual Colorado UFO Briefing at the Auraria campus in Denver on July 21, a public event where research groups report their findings.

It was sponsored by seven separate UFO research and investigation organizations throughout the state, including Metropolitan State College of Denver's CryptoScience Society.

Kelly said he went just to hear what people had to say - not necessarily to refute anyone's theories.

"People have a right to believe what they believe," he said.

Rojas served as the emcee of the briefing and gave a talk on credible witnesses he interviewed.

He said the event went as smoothly as planned, drawing about 60 people.

Afterward, he was thanked by many people who hadn't realized that organizations like UFO Think Tank even existed.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 10:50:06 -0500
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:25:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:25:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 10:25:03 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 24 Jul 2007 09:36:51 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Referring to some ideas as "silly" with no evidence for that
>>position, is bias. Scientists used to consider meteorites a
>>"silly" idea...!

>Is this actually proven? This cliché gets repeated so often,
>without citation, that I suspect it might be a version on urban
>legend. Even if it did happen as claimed, surely there must be
>some other example of scientific myopia that people could quote,
>just for the sake of variety?

A good account of the controversy can be found in John G.
Burke's excellent Cosmic Debris: Meteorites in History
(University of California Press, 1986), specifically in the
second chapter.

It should be stressed that the fall of stones from the sky was
generally not disputed by those who went into the field to
investigate and collect testimony from witnesses. What was at
issue was the origin of the stones: were they cosmic or
terrestrial? In the latter instance, theorists suggested that
winds had carried stones from the ground and dropped them
elsewhere, or that volcanoes had hurled them into the air, to
have them drop at some distant location. And, yes, some others -
the desk-bound Menzels of their day - held that the stones had
been on the ground all along when lightning struck them. This,
however, was not a universal opinion.

Nonetheless, scientists did conduct investigations, even if
hampered by the limited knowledge of their time (especially some
very naive notions about gravity which obstructed a grasp of the
astrophysics of meteorites), and debated the significance of the
stones and the reports as they gathered data. When 3000
meteoritic stones fell on l'Aigle, France, on April 26, 1803,
the issue was effectively settled.

The point, it seems to me, is that the science of the 18th
Century possessed far less knowledge than the science of our
time, and it was groping and stumbling its way toward an
understanding of nature. What matters is that, if it did not
immediately recognize the significance of meteorites, it did
consider them worthy of investigation - it recognized, in other
words, a question that required an answer - and in due course
the truth came to the fore. This episode does not discredit
science's approach to anomalous phenomena and testimony, surely,

but rather validates its self-correcting mechanisms.

>>All I was doing was saying that Ed and Bob et
>>al have a right to their theories and views, without being
>>labelled as cranks or whatever, and that dismissing things out
>>of hand too hastily is foolish, IMO.

>So far the only
>'evidence' offered seems to be 'I think UFOs are real craft, but
>I don't like the idea of the ETH, so I'll have to imagine
>something else'.

Exactly, John. I've long suspected that for many of the mystery-
mongers in our midst, the ETH long ago lost its novelty, and
novelty is probably what attracted them to ufology in the first
place. Ever since, they've sought to satisfy their appetites
with more exotic fare, however dubiously nutritional.

Meantime, they can be counted to drag the ETH whipping horse
into any argument, even when (as is typically the case) it is
beside the point and nobody else has brought it up.

>But keep going at it, because it's certainly giving us Pelicanists a
>chuckle!

Us non-pelicanists, too.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:27:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:11:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
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>Hell, I'm on that list, which should give you a rough idea of
>any real import it might have.

Is there anyone from the UK, Europe or Australasia on the list?

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 12:25:38 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:29:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:58:32 -0300
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Hi Stan,

Coast to Coast is available by subscription and the MP3s are
downloaded to your computer over the Internet the next day,
giving most of us an opportunity to listen. The problem becomes
the volume of audio files and the time needed to listen, if
they're all of interest.

Steve

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 09:45:53 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:40:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 12:51:44 -0300
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

<snip>

>Particularly religion and theology or intelligent design
>theories.

Hello Don,

I'm in favor of not restricting the subject matter so tightly,
since the larger context can be very elucidating.

1. Should a 'pure' ufologist who researches UFO cases of only the past century complain about others on the List reporting similar research delving further back? If one does delve back further, one notices that the sightings apparently continue far into the past, albeit at a vastly reduced rate the past several millennia from what has occurred since 1947. One has to wear blinders to not notice that UFO sightings of the Middle Ages merge, farther back yet, into the sky chariots of the Bible, the vimanas of India, and the god-goddess mythology of the Greeks, Egyptians, etc. Thus, religion then comes into play right away. We do have books on this, and their authors or readers might have valuable things to say on this List.

2. When looking into the alien-abduction phenomenon, one notices the evidence suggesting that some of the "greys" have been hybridizing with us, perhaps with the aid of genetic manipulation. From the alien point of view they must have good reason for this, in which case it could be considered an instance of "intelligent design." So the curious mind can hardly help but wonder if certain aliens visiting here tens of thousands of years ago might not have implemented some "intelligent design" upon us. The ancient animal-human chimeras may represent real alien genetic manipulation of earthly creatures.

3. From the abduction phenomenon one learns that aliens can "appear" within a bedroom, etc., or can "beam" themselves or their victims to or from their vehicle. We have come to expect that what advanced aliens could do should seem like magic to us, at least we allow this when it comes to UFO maneuverability. And from the mythological/religious literature it seems that angels can similarly "appear." Certainly one can hardly overlook the obvious connections, and not see the likelihood of a direct connection between religions' angels and some of today's aliens.

So I see the subjects of religion, theology and intelligent design as being inseparable from the ufology of aliens' vehicles, whenever one wants to place the UFO subject into a meaningful context.

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Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 09:56:24 -0700
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:42:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:58:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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If I'm not mistaken, they make them available to listen to on
the Coast-to-Coast website. It used to be for free, but now one
must register and pay, etc.

Heiser's bio is available, by the way, at:

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

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 18:42:39 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:45:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>An Ottawa pilot thinks he has an explanation for a hovering disk
>>seen near Ottawa north of I-35 Sunday afternoon. However, an 18-
>>year-old Homewood man said he also saw exactly the same disk in
>>the same location - but a year before.

>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
>Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
>explanation for a UFO sighting?

This story is no more than a few whisps of anonymous anecdote
about which there is nothing worthwhile to be said. But your
generalised point is interesting:

'Pelicanists' (if I may use a term that you embrace with good
humour) like to argue rationally that the appeal to 'expert
witnesses' or 'qualified observers' is one that has no weight;
but when a pilot "thinks he has an explanation" I sense rather
less sceptical pursing of lips and a readiness - even an
eagerness - to accept him as 'an experienced pilot' who surely
ought to know what he's talking about, even if what is being
talked about is unattributed rumour. This is something I've
observed (inexpertly) many times.

Martin Shough

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Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:52:16 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:52:16 -0400
Subject: Unconfirmed UFO Sightings More Common

Source: The Explorer - Tucson, Arizona, USA

<http://www.explorernews.com/article/show/19227>

June 27, 2007

The Unexplained

Unconfirmed UFO Sightings More Common Here Than You Might Think
Eric Beidel

One year ago this month, the 50-year-old heard the wind blowing garbage around the trailer park along the Rillito River.

Joaquin Elias went outside to watch the storm and saw something else - a black box that looked like a giant refrigerator rising above the river.

He went back to his Airstream trailer, grabbed his binoculars and stepped back outside. The object had risen higher into the sky.

"It was spinning fast," Elias recalled.

He got his video camera.

"I could not believe what I was seeing. It left me in a frozen state."

He thought it might be a big balloon, like the ones that hover over car dealerships. But this object moved against the 40 mph wind in a microburst storm.

And it changed shapes.

What first looked like a box now appeared to be cone-shaped.

"I sent my video in and now they're investigating it," Elias said.

The investigating party is the Colorado-based Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON. Its state director, George Parks, lives in Oro Valley.

His organization can explain away 97 percent of reported sightings, Parks said.

"People think they see a UFO but it's just a bunch of balloons tied together or a black garbage bag," the 72-year-old said. "When you tell people it's not a UFO, they aren't disappointed. They're relieved they at least got an answer."

The Southwest, with its open spaces and out-there mentality, has always been a hotbed for UFO stories.

There's Roswell - actually Corona - N.M., where military

personnel first said a crashed "flying saucer" had been recovered and later said the debris came from a weather balloon. UFO enthusiasts call it a cover-up, while others criticize believers for concocting wild tales.

And there's the "Phoenix Lights" episode in which several witnesses saw a series of stationary lights over Phoenix in 1997. The U.S. Air Force explained it away as flares dropped by a jet during training, but others claimed the lights came from an other-worldly aircraft.

In the Northwest, people have reported sightings in Picture Rocks, Marana and Catalina. People continue to report sightings on UFO-related Web sites.

In the Foothills last October, a retired police officer filed a report with a UFO research group. The man, his wife and daughter all said they saw a large object with multi-colored lights flying above Interstate 10. A neighbor said at a softball game that night, spectators saw all kinds of weird lights in the sky.

The retired officer's report, like most filed by Arizona residents, remains unconfirmed.

"See, that's the difference," Elias said. "There's a lot of people that talk but have no evidence. I got footage of mine."

In 1999, a Tucson Electric employee reported on the Web that he saw four gray, metallic spheres flying together, occasionally breaking out in a fiery glow over "northern Tucson."

Lots of people have reported these multi-object formations flying above Tucson.

One visitor to MUFON's Web site suggested that these people saw nothing other than Thunderbirds practicing before a show at Davis-Monthon Air Base.

One man from northern Marana swears he saw a "flying saucer" floating between Marana and the Tucson Mountains. He posted his sighting on ET Reality News.

So did another man, who said he had "been stewing over this ever since" he saw a solid black object with no lights below the tree line in Avra Valley.

Most people who report sightings choose to remain anonymous.

"The people have spent too much time in the sun and it has fried their brains. Now they are seeing little green men," wrote Irwin, who posted to a message board to answer the question why so many UFO sightings occur in Arizona.

Actually, they're little gray men, or Nordics with blond hair, or Reptilians, according to MUFON's Parks.

James McGaha, an amateur astronomer and founder of Tucson Skeptics Inc., gets disgusted when he has to talk about UFOs.

"It's a silly space-age myth," he said. "The idea that alien spacecrafts are flying around in our atmosphere is ridiculous. Human beings have a propensity for believing in things there is no evidence for."

Parks holds monthly MUFON meetings at Pima County's Wilmot Library. What began as small, informal discussions among enthusiasts now attract almost 100 people a month.

Even McGaha once made a tense appearance that ended with him challenging Parks to provide solid evidence that aircrafts from outer space have visited Earth. Parks told McGaha to prove they haven't.

"I like to be skeptical," Parks said. "You got to have a little skepticism, but I always tell people to listen and have an open mind."

Parks himself claims to have seen UFOs his entire life.

"Boy, I could tell you stories," he said, a crucifix dangling from his neck.

And he did, but mostly other people's stories.

Like the local couple that reported an alleged abduction - except that word, abduction, is no longer used. Contact is the preferred term.

On two nights, the husband reached for his wife who wasn't there. The wife woke up in bed the following mornings, recalling that someone was touching her around her belly button.

The couple told their story once but not again.

"That's what's sad," Parks said. "People tell their story and it's over. They won't follow-up so we can find more out."

An Oro Valley woman founded the Web-based Alien Alley Art Gallery to showcase works from people around the country that claim to have had sightings or contact with aliens.

Parks feels like he was born into his role, facilitating discussions and investigations into UFO sightings.

"I've always been interested in the sky," he said. "I always slept outside as a kid and saw strange things in the sky."

Maybe you will too, Parks said.

Even his answering machine says as much.

"Keeping looking up, because you never know what you're going to see."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 11:40:56 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:53:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 18:17:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>Source: PR Web - Ferndale, Washington, USA
>><http://tinyurl.com/25bc3p>
>>July 24, 2007

>>[Links at site]

>>Leaked 'Top Secret' Government UFO Documents Proven Frauds
>>Long thought to be the 'smoking gun' of UFO and conspiracy
>>theorists - top secret documents alleged to have been written
>>by high ranking government and military officials, including
>>three U.S. presidents, and leaked to the public in the early
>>1980s, have now been proven fraudulent by forensic linguistic
>>testing.

>I've come late to this thread, so apologise if this question has
>already been addressed, but what status does the technique of
>using forensic linguistics to determine authorship have with the
>law enforcement community and with those in other parts of the
>criminal justice system?

Given your experience, I'm not sure how droll your intent, but I
have not seen your question asked previously on this thread.

I would like to respond. But I can only speak from three decades
of experience and training in criminal justice. And I still do
not consider myself to be an expert.

In short, _credible_ witness testimony is ideal. All other
evidence can at best only support _credible_ witness testimony.
This is so in societies granting innocence until proven guilty,
whether one uses preponderance of evidence or the beyond
reasonable doubt standard.

However, when the witness is found to be less than credible, or
when the _credible_ witness is unavailable, unable, deceased (as
in the case of the MJ12 document authors), or unwilling to be
compelled to give testimony, corroboration from other _more_
credible sources, witnesses or static evidence, is often used.

Using forensic linguistics in a legal case would be satisfactory
only after an exhaustive level of research. In other words, a
committee of investigators would have to use all their
abilities, including peer review. They would have to play the
"what if" game ad nauseum. Only then could they submit their
findings to their supervisors' higher standards. After that
review was satisfactory, the evidence could be submitted to the
judge who is the only one with authority to convict or let go.

Using a legal standard of evidence with the MJ12 documents would
not support one credentialed researcher making a judgment on
his/her own.

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 16:56:17 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:55:15 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>In fact there is a huge body of data strongly suggestive of alien
>visitation. Where are they? Right under our noses. The Fermi's of
>the world badly need to study that data very carefully.

This is why I urge again (having recently done so in response to a post by Brad Sparks) that the very best cases need to be agreed upon by the UFO researcher community, and summarized as a single sheet handout for use every time the topic comes up, by people calling into talk shows, by researchers being asked to participate in documentaries - the summarized best needs to become the default response at every opportunity.

Post it on the web for all to see and print off.

That simple move could start the field on it's way to the next credibility plateau and is definitely worth the small amount of time and money to do so.

Eleanor White

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 17:42:49 -0700
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:06:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:05:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I reject any earth-built theory re. the 'drones' because they
>have no visible means of support or propulsion. That left some
>other- worldly construction whose builders had a propensity for
>advertizing on the craft's structure. Why? These aren't
>airliners after all.

>It seems that there are those out there who get a thrill out of
>perpetuating hoaxes and photoshopping one up like the 'drones'
>is much easier to do then stomping around a field with a board a
>rope and a 100 foot tape measure.

My point (again) was that some on the List seemed to reject the
'drone' reports because they seemed too 'weird' and because the
photos were assumed to all be hoaxes, the several other
eyewitness accounts were ignored.

Something as unconventional as the 'drones' should be treated
with cautious skepticism of course, but when you have possible
additional eyewitness accounts going back at least to the 80s,
they must be taken into account as well.

So far, the only researcher who has tried to do that is Linda
Howe, as far as I can tell.

Have any other ufologists bothered to do this and actually talk
to any of these people, before making hasty conclusions?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 21:50:23 -0300
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:09:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Ed,

It is truly amazing; you rant on about the laws of physics and how much energy to get things close to the speed of light. We physicists do it all the time. They call them accelerators.

There have literally been thousands of scientific papers about interstellar travel and a number of bibliographies.

Try doing a Web search.

You have referred to none, not even the excellent one by Putoff, Maccabee, Haisch and Deardorf.

What was seen over Phoenix was very much larger than any TRB type thing.

In short you simply don't know what you are talking about.

Stan Friedman

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:24:09 -0300
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:11:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>Source: The Ottawa Herald - Ottawa, Kansas, USA

>>Wednesday, July 25, 2007

>>Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>Homewood man reports incident similar to motorist's sighting
>>near Ottawa

>>By Cleon Rickel
>>Herald Senior Writer

>>An Ottawa pilot thinks he has an explanation for a hovering disk
>>seen near Ottawa north of I-35 Sunday afternoon. However, an 18-
>>year-old Homewood man said he also saw exactly the same disk in
>>the same location - but a year before.

>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
>Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
>explanation for a UFO sighting?

Hi John,

Refreshing to see that first line in print, and of course it's true:) But a pilot not privy to the actual sighting might be as prone to think the mundane as an explanation.

Don

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Re: US NRC Advocates Search For 'Weird Life'

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 21:27:55 -0700
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:03:12 -0400
Subject: Re: US NRC Advocates Search For 'Weird Life'

>Source: Kansas City infoZine - Kansas, USA

><http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/23988/>

>Tuesday, July 17, 2007

>Life Elsewhere In Solar System Could Be Different From Life As
>We Know It

>Science & TechnologyThe search for life elsewhere in the solar
>system and beyond should include efforts to detect what
>scientists sometimes refer to as "weird" life - that is, life
>with an alternative biochemistry to that of life on Earth - says
>a new report from the National Research Council.

<snip>

This is exactly the kind of broad-based approach that is needed. Another example of bias in current mainstream science is that extraterrestrial life is too often assumed to be based on the same biochemistry as Earth life. Of course, if it exists, it may well be in many cases, but there are other possibilities as well.

But even with the more limited idea that all life would require water, or 'life as we know it', it is interesting to note that there is now growing evidence for current liquid water on Mars (occasionally coming to the surface in the gullies, as announced a few months ago and possible transient ice-water ponding as talked about at the Seventh International Conference on Mars which just ended a few days ago), the water geysers on Enceladus, the probable subsurface ocean on Europa, new evidence for a possible subsurface water-ammonia ocean on Titan, possible water inside the asteroid Ceres and most recently (last week), the new evidence for possible water-ammonia geysers on Pluto's moon Charon (of all places!).

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 21:51:30 -0700
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:05:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:25:48 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Is this actually proven? This cliché gets repeated so often,
>without citation, that I suspect it might be a version on urban
>legend. Even if it did happen as claimed, surely there must be
>some other example of scientific myopia that people could quote,
>just for the sake of variety?

There are many examples where science arrogantly deemed some ideas to be impossible, then later proven wrong. Some scientists even initially dismissed the 'sprites' as being due to pilots' imaginations, but now they have been well documented. I will look up more info re the meteorites, but I remember seeing direct quotes about that before. Modern science is a tool, but it is not the end-all and be-all and is not infallible.

>As I have said before, anyone has a right to express any theory
>they like, no matter how barmy and half-baked. Others however
>have a right to dismiss it, not 'out-of-hand', but with the
>evidence of accumulated scientific knowledge. So far the only
>'evidence' offered seems to be 'I think UFOs are real craft, but
>I don't like the idea of the ETH, so I'll have to imagine
>something else'.

>Well then you'll know that these ideas are entertaining
>imagination-based speculation, not scientific theory. But keep
>going at it, because it's certainly giving us Pelicanists a
>chuckle!

That's my point. You guys are assuming that certain ideas are 'laughable' but that is your opinion, it is not based on evidence. Can you prove that some of these ideas are impossible? No, you can't. I agree that some theories floating around are very "out there" but to summarily dismiss any new thinking that is out of line with your own reasoning is just wrong.

Just as with crop circles, I think that there may be multiple explanations for UFOs. There isn't one theory that nicely explains all of the observations made throughout history. I agree that the ETH is a leading contender for some reports, such as Roswell for example, but there are other kinds of sightings that don't seem to fit in that little box. For ufologists to assume that there must be just one explanation for the whole phenomenon is also wrong.

Paul Scott Anderson

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Do UFOs Really Exist?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:10:07 -0400
Subject: Do UFOs Really Exist?

Source: The Scotsman - Edinburgh, Scotland

<http://news.scotsman.com/uk.cfm?id=1181152007>

Sun 29 Jul 2007

[Images at site]

Do UFOs Really Exist?

Marc Horne
mhorne.nul

IT'S the weird and wonderful place where the men in grey suits from Whitehall meet the little green men from Mars.

The Ministry of Defence has for the first time opened its real-life 'X Files', detailing how its experts have examined photographs of UFOs hovering over the UK.

While the images range from the baffling to the risible, there is no doubting the seriousness that officials reserve for the issue of extraterrestrial life.

Correspondence between the MoD and members of the public who report sightings of strange objects reveals that Whitehall mandarins remain "totally open-minded" about the existence of UFOs.

The letters - obtained by Scotland on Sunday through the Freedom of Information Act - confirm that the MoD has a procedure of scrambling fighter planes to confront any unidentified craft or object that enters UK airspace.

However, there are hints that at least some strange objects seen in the sky are of a distinctly terrestrial provenance.

In one letter, officials admit that military helicopters carry out low-flying combat training missions across Britain, and apologise for any alarm they may have caused.

The MoD has confirmed it receives more than 100 reports of UFO sightings every year, many of which come from Scotland.

Last year alone, the Ministry was sent five sets of photographs and videos purporting to show UFO activity.

One was sent by a concerned resident who last March reported seeing silent superfast "triangular craft" and other strange objects in the skies above the south of England.

He enclosed a picture that appears to show a ball of light moving at speed across the sky with an illuminated trail in its wake.

A lengthy official response from the MoD's Directorate of Air Staff is at pains to reassure the individual.

It states: "We remain totally open-minded, but to date we know of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

"The MoD examines any reports of unidentified flying objects it receives, solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely whether there is any evidence that the UK's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity."

The letter claims the Ministry could not justify spending public money on being an "aerial identification service", but stresses that every precaution is taken to protect the integrity of UK airspace.

It adds: "I should inform you that low-flying training takes place throughout the UK.

"In the event of conflict, helicopters are vulnerable to ground fire, and one of the vital skills that must be acquired by pilots is flying as closely as possible to the nap of the earth so that the aircraft is shielded and camouflaged by the features of the terrain.

"This type of training is spread as thinly as possible throughout the UK, so as not to concentrate activity over one area. I am sorry if this training has caused disturbance to you."

The MoD also received a succession of images of objects in the sky above Portsmouth harbour last July.

And in one decidedly eccentric letter last May, a concerned citizen warns the MoD that she and her husband are being menaced by invisible craft, the grey alien inhabitants of which have already abducted her in the past to "extract her DNA".

To support her case, she enclosed a photograph of an all-too-visible object (possibly a Frisbee or a satellite dish) "hovering" over a church.

In an impeccably polite response, MoD officials come to the sober conclusion that: "With regard to your particular observations, we are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the UK's airspace has been breached by unauthorised aircraft."

In another response to an individual who claimed to have provided film evidence of UFO activity over the Clyde in Glasgow last year, an official states frankly: "I have viewed your video and I am content that it contains nothing of defence concern."

The MoD confirmed that in 2006 it received more than 100 reports of UFO sightings, including 12 from Scotland.

The previous year around 150 sightings were reported, with again a dozen coming from north of the Border. These included six reported sightings on the same day (September 14, 2005) in Fife and Perthshire of "bright white lights" in the sky.

The unidentified objects were sighted in Lochgelly, Glenrothes, Crieff, Letham, Blairgowrie and Kinross.

Nick Pope, who headed the MoD's UFO Project between 1991 and 1994, confirmed that reported sightings were taken extremely seriously.

"The MoD wants to know everything flying in the UK's air-defence range and investigate all sightings," he said.

Pope revealed that 95% of UFO reports turned out to either have obvious explanations or to be so vague that any investigation was impossible.

"The remaining 5% of cases were pretty interesting and remained unexplained even after a very thorough explanation. It doesn't prove that these objects were extraterrestrial, but you can't rule any option out."

The former MoD investigator even claimed that officials tried to

copy the advanced technology of unidentified vehicles.

"A number of reports were of silent triangular aircraft travelling at considerable speed," he said. "These and some other reports suggested some sort of propulsion system we would be extremely interested in.

"A lot of the serious UFO investigation was aimed at trying to ascertain things such as the aerodynamics of some of the UFOs, the avionics and the propulsion systems.

"We wanted to know if there was anything that we might learn from, regardless of what the source of these UFOs is."

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:12:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time
>for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should
>we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

I hesitate to fuel the fires of dispute here, but this breaking story might be of interest to some on the List. It bears on the question of how well we do, or do not, understand our own terrestrial past

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/1768109.stm

It's a claim of a dramatic discovery of a giant underwater city off the coast of India, believed to have been flooded at the end of the last ice age, 5000 years before the oldest known remains on land. Graham Hancock is quoted, but it appears that this is the work of Indian marine archaeologists from their National Institute of Ocean Technology. As somebody else is quoted as cautioning, the dating needs careful verification and could be premature. And it certainly doesn't imply that the city builders were more than stonemasons. But it's very interesting.

Martin Shough

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 10:54:02 EDT
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:08:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Again, the ETH is only a valid hypothesis if one has the mindset that we mere humans know everything there is about the planet Earth, physics and a dozen or more physical sciences.

Of course some UFOs have_to_be_extraterrestrial say the experts because we know for a fact everything about the Earth. We've mapped all the surface and subsurface, the oceans and beneath.

Well if we knew everything about Earth we wouldn't be looking for oil, diamonds, gold, platinum, uranium, Osama Bin Laden, Amelia Earhart, Egyptian tombs, and the new well on grandpa's farm.

Of course we know everything that's ever been everywhere on Earth because we're superior geniuses who can fly to the Moon but still can't figure out how to use the new television remote control.

I'd hate to see Ufology turn into another stronghold of the anal retentive of science and philosophy.

We have the technology to see miles beneath the surface of our planet. We're using said technology to examine Mars.

Where are the images? We taxpayers paid for them. Why can't we see them?

Money.

Recently an entire massive underground ocean was discovered in Asia. Since we know so much about Earth to the point our notable scholars round these parts can declare with certainty that no other civilizations hominid or other could have existed, how come they didn't tell us of this big ass ocean that's been just sitting there?

As I stated in another post, since there are no UFO witnesses who've been_in_outer space then the UFO phenom by default, not speculation, is terrestrial in origin unless physical proof deems otherwise.

I know it goes against the grain of the upper stuffed crust but by your own rules do you condemn thee.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

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Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 17:03:34 +0200
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Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:58:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 18:41:02 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in
>>>ufology.

>>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

>>Heiser was at Steve Bassett's X-Conference at Gaithersburg in
>>2005, Bruce.

>He also spoke in Roswell at the civic Center but I didn't get a
>chance to hear him... and has been on Coast to Coast which
>because of the hour I don't listen to except when I am on such
>as during the debate with UFO-denier, Michael Shermer, Wednesday
>night August 1. Is that show rebroadcast at a better hour??

Stan,

I listened to Michael Heiser at the Art center in Roswell, and I
confirm that he mentioned Roswell, at the end.

He concluded something like this - from my notes: "The alien
explanation, for UFOs and Roswell, is weakened".

The next day, I had a brief talk with him and I made the comment
that, although his talk was interesting - and, yes, it was - he
had no right to say that. The ET hypothesis and the Roswell case
rest on many testimonies, independant from the MJ-12 documents.
They would not be "weakened" even if all the MJ-12 documents
were proven false, which is not the case. He listened
courteously but did not look impressed. And, yes, I don't think
that he is one of the 100 most influential people in ufology,
either.

Gildas Bourdais

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Source: The Flintshire Standard - Mold, Flintshire, Wales

<http://www.flintshirestandard.co.uk/eveningleadernews?articleid=3065718>

27 July 2007

Huge Reader Debate Over Strange Lights In The Sky

By Petra Barnby

The sighting of strange lights above Wrexham has sparked a massive debate as to whether the UFO claims are genuine or an elaborate hoax.

Possible explanations are being put forward to identify the flying objects.

Residents in Borrass Park reported sightings of seven red lights in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Lynn Jones, 32, recorded one of the lights, which is now on the Leader website.

Residents from Borrass, Gwersyllt, Caergwrle and Acton said they also saw the lights and cannot explain them.

Readers have posted comments suggesting the shape was a cigarette end or a street light. One person believes the video was staged with a lazer pen on a black carpet.

Another Borrass resident said they could remember a series of UFO sightings over Borrass Airfield 20 years ago, mentioning they had seen green lights similar to the ones in the video over the by-pass a year ago.

A worker from Acton, who posted a comment on our website, said:
"I am a patrol and response officer for the wrexham area and saw these lights while I was attending an alarm call at Acton school.

"These, to my belief, are unexplained. There is no way this was a hoax, as I would not have seen them from Acton area if they were.

"In addition, they were very high up in the air and there's no way anyone can control anything from that distance.

"There were several 'floating' in the sky in a pack, at first I thought they were helicopters or similar, however there was no sound what so ever! Very strange and I would identify these as an unidentified flying objects. (Not saying they were aliens but definitely unexplainable)"

Another visitor to our site also mentioned a sighting had been made in Stratford Upon Avon earlier on the same day.

Russell Callaghan, editor of UFO DATA Magazine, said: "They are probably paper lanterns or homemade air balloons. There is no control over their flight and they are quite dangerous.

"The speed could be explained by them blowing on the wind.

"They are often tied together in groups, which explains them moving around each other and travelling at the same speed.

"The orange glow gives it away. There are reports week in week out somewhere in the country.

"On the video we see one out of focus blob of light 'orange' and like the web comments suggest it could be street light orange or cigarette, personally I'll stand by my original suggestion this was a paper flying lantern.

"There are many strange events on record associated with the UFO subject and many that warrant serious research, unfortunately this is not one of those.

"UFO DATA Magazine would never condone the use of these lanterns as they pose a serious fire threat to the general public and suggest they should not be on sale anywhere."

To watch the video of the UFO sighting and to have your say on what you think it is click here:

<http://www.eveningleader.co.uk/speakout?articleid=3061741>

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:11:28 +0000
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:18:30 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>>'The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably strong argument. You can
>>>quibble about the speed of alien spacecraft, and whether they
>>>can move at 1% of the speed of light or 10% of the speed of
>>>light. It doesn't matter. You can argue about how long it would
>>>take for a new star colony to spawn colonies of its own. It
>>>still doesn't matter. Any halfway reasonable assumption about
>>>how fast colonization could take place still ends up with time
>>>scales that are profoundly shorter than the age of the Galaxy.
>>>It's like having a heated discussion about whether Spanish ships
>>>of the 16th century could heave along at two knots or twenty.
>>>Either way they could speedily colonize the Americas.'

>>The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably blind and highly over-rated
>>off-the-wall proclamation. Clearly it is based on the
>>demonstrably false assumption that there is no evidence of alien
>>visitation. In fact there is a huge body of data strongly
>>suggestive of alien visitation. Where are they? Right under our
>>noses. The Fermi's of the workld badly need to study that data
>>very carefully.

>Unfortunately Dick, this will not serve to dismiss the Fermi
>Paradox. You say it is demonstrably false that there is no
>evidence of alien visitation. I will not press you to deliver
>that demonstration, but rather ask, why is the subject at all
>controversial? Why is the existence of extraterrestrial beings
>not completely obvious? I do *not* find them right under my
>nose.

>If you consider the Fermi Paradox trivial and/or resolved, I
>>would be interested in hearing your arguments to that effect. I
>do not dispute the evidence for anomalous/non-human aerial
>phenomena, but I believe Fermi's question is well-posed
>nevertheless.

>Mike

Mike,

I don't follow your logic at all. In shorthand, the Fermi
Paradox is a proclamation by an uninformed scientist who, I feel
quite cetrtain, never investigated a single hardcore,
unexplained craft-like object UFO case. So when he asks where
are they, I say look right under your nose.

In The UFO Evidence, Vol. II, and lots of other places I have
fully documented the strong patterns of credibly reported craft-
like objects (geometrical configuration, portholes, beings,
etc., etc.) These strong reports are readily available to anyone

who makes even a half-hearted effort to find them. So when someone like Fermi argues from theory to say there are no visitors, I (as an empiricist) say look at the evidence.

If you haven't looked at this evidence, I suggest that you do so. As I said, there is lots of evidence strongly suggestive of alien visitation. I didn't say proof, though it is tantamount to that.

- Dick

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 11:24:45 EDT
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:21:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 17:42:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:05:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>I reject any earth-built theory re. the 'drones' because they
>>have no visible means of support or propulsion. That left some
>>other- worldly construction whose builders had a propensity for
>>advertizing on the craft's structure. Why? These aren't
>>airliners after all.

>>It seems that there are those out there who get a thrill out of
>>perpetuating hoaxes and photoshopping one up like the 'drones'
>>is much easier to do then stomping around a field with a board a
>>rope and a 100 foot tape measure.

>My point (again) was that some on the List seemed to reject the
>'drone' reports because they seemed too 'weird' and because the
>photos were assumed to all be hoaxes, the several other
>eyewitness accounts were ignored.

>Something as unconventional as the 'drones' should be treated
>with cautious skepticism of course, but when you have possible
>additional eyewitness accounts going back at least to the 80s,
>they must be taken into account as well.

>So far, the only researcher who has tried to do that is Linda
>Howe, as far as I can tell.

>Have any other ufologists bothered to do this and actually talk
>to any of these people, before making hasty conclusions?

>Paul Scott Anderson
>web.mac.com/paulscottanderson

Hi Paul!

When the story on the drones first broke I too found the subject
very interesting.

I sent the pics published to experts in photoshop and other
special effects software and techniques. The majority felt the
photos were not kosher. That didn't however dismiss the
possibility. When in doubt ask a scientist says I.

I did and was surprised to find there is real science behind the
probability of such devices. Long standing science behind it and
I posted those links on this list.

However, the problem I have with the drones story is its taken
leaps so far from the stable it's gotten uninteresting.

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

Ms. Howe is a delight. No doubt about that. A real pro, but this story first has to establish that there are really drones. So far we have questionable pics, and some eyewitness testimony.

Not long after the story broke the subject of extraterrestrials and back engineered ET technology, yadda, yadda, yadda.

For cryin' out loud, let the data reveal it. Let's wait 'til more study on the photos and more solid, physical proof is gathered before these leaps in speculation occur. They muddy the waters and that's the reason the drone story has that 'you might get cooties if you touch it' thing.

One sane step at a time when it comes to the fantastic.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 09:52:05 -0600
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:23:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 21:02:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

<snip>

>This may be a 'What came first; chicken or egg' situation but
>the reason why our ancestors became bipedal is because their
>bodies evolved differently to other primates. Walking upright
>simply became a more comfortable means of getting about.

>Whether this happened because of a change in their behaviour
>which necessitated an evolutionary shift or whether the change
>occurred and the behaviour adapted, I couldn't say.

>You can find a more detailed explanation here but, unless its of
>personal interest, you'll need to set aside the ID element of
>it:

>"If upright walking is so energetically favorable, why do apes
>still 'knuckle-walk'?"

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

Thanks for the link Stuart. While not a creationist sympathizer, I found this article profoundly circular and unpersuasive. It ultimately reaches the vacuous conclusion that bipedalism is not suited for say, chimpanzees, because their bodies are adapted primarily for quadrupedal knuckle-walking. Well, thanks professor, that clears it up!

The question is why did our common ancestor diverge into bipedal and non-bipedal forms? If the wide-open savannah confers some advantage to bipedal animals, or conversely, selects against quadrupeds, one might well wonder why we do not see additional bipedal forms in that environment.

I do not question that some selection mechanism led to our bipedal form, but simply attributing it to 'adaptation to the savannah' is not convincing at all.

Mike

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 12:01:37 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:25:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Michael Stimson <Michael001.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 04:07:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>If I or anyone knew the answer to UFOs, then the mytery would be
>solved and a lot of careers and speaking engagements would go
>down the tubes along with this list.

I suggest that this List would become quite busy, in that case.

>I try to apply critical thinking and deductive logic to find my
>answer to UFOs and maybe this is the key. Everyone has their own
>idea of what a UFO is.

>A small craft doesn't travel interstellar distances to crash
>land on a planet that it can't even see to begin with. It would
>have hit Mars or the Moon before it got here!

Some of our own Mars probes come to mind but, anyway...

You seem to have your own idea of the breadth of interplanetary space, at any rate. What makes you think that Earth is difficult to spot, or that either Mars or our own moon would pose an obstacle to any craft attempting to reach us?

And there have been many reports of apparent objects far larger than anything known to be of human origin. Some of those reports describe smaller objects appearing to join with or break away from these 'motherships'.

Brian

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

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Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 19:52:36 +0300
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:29:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 16:56:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>>In fact there is a huge body of data strongly suggestive of alien
>>visitation. Where are they? Right under our noses. The Fermi's of
>>the world badly need to study that data very carefully.

>This is why I urge again (having recently done so in response to
>a post by Brad Sparks) that the very best cases need to be
>agreed upon by the UFO researcher community, and summarized as a
>single sheet handout for use every time the topic comes up, by
>people calling into talk shows, by researchers being asked to
>participate in documentaries - the summarized best needs to
>become the default response at every opportunity.

>Post it on the web for all to see and print off.

>That simple move could start the field on it's way to the next
>credibility plateau and is definitely worth the small amount of
>time and money to do so.

A good candidate would be the "UFO Briefing Document - The best
available evidence" (1995), endorsed by CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON
(I located an online copy via the Internet WayBack Machine).

A more elaborate list of cases would be James McDonald's
presentation in July-1968 (who also debunks the usual
misinformation: why don't pilots or astronomers see UFOs? Why no
multiple witness sightings? etc). I include links to those and
other similar free online resources at

<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/summary.html>

But in my experience with the Internet and having run A/B-type
testing and visitor behaviour (click tracking) analysis on
various pages, if you want such material to be viewed by the
general public, it needs to be audio-visual. Few people actually
read anymore, they have very short attention span and need
constant visual and audio titillation to keep their attention.

Videos can be uploaded to Youtube and hosted for free. Interest
is high, SciFi's UFO At WTC promotional video-clip has had
over 3 million views. These services offer huge potential via
centralised medium. Depending on the options Google/Youtube
offer on their services - pay-per-view or ads - the producer can
make an income e.g. sell the Faded Discs archive online, via
them.

Dimitris Hatzopoulos

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 18:04:31 +0100
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:31:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough
>>time
>>for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should
>>we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

>I hesitate to fuel the fires of dispute here, but this breaking
>story might be of interest to some on the List. It bears on the
>question of how well we do, or do not, understand our own
>terrestrial past

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/1768109.stm

Apologies to the List.

I foolishly forwarded this link on trust without checking the date. It's been pointed out to me that it's old news from 2002. If nothing has been heard of this drowned city since then perhaps the sonar survey turned out to be a false alarm.

MS

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>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 21:50:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>It is truly amazing; you rant on about the laws of physics and
>how much energy to get things close to the speed of light. We
>physicists do it all the time. They call them accelerators.

Stan,

I don't rant. I have read many discussions regarding the possibility of the speed of light and sublight speeds. I haven't found anything convincing that proves it's possible. Yes there are scientists who believe it may be possible, far into the future, but they have yet to convince the majority of their peers. Here's a good discussion:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstellar_travel

>There have literally been thousands of scientific papers about
>interstellar travel and a number of bibliographies.

Yes but they are all hypothetical and do not constitute evidence, only informed opinion. There certainly isn't any agreement

>Try doing a Web search.

As if I hadn't! I didn't find a smoking gun. Why don't you try and then direct me to what you think is relevant.

Give it your best shot.

>You have referred to none, not even the excellent one by Putoff,
>Maccabee, Haisch and Deardorf.

I read it but it didn't convince me. Why do you think it would?

>What was seen over Phoenix was very much larger than any TRB
>type thing.

Not necessarily. The size issue was confused. All I was referring to was the shape and the similarity between the TR-3b and the USA Today illustration that appeared the following morning.

>In short you simply don't know what you are talking about.

Have you read Little Green Men by Christopher Buckley? You should, then you would get a clearer picture of the way you're regarded by the establishment. You are one of the novel's main characters.

I've admired you for many years but your close-minded attitude is harmful to your image.

Ed

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

>>Hell, I'm on that list, which should give you a rough idea of
>>any real import it might have.

>Is there anyone from the UK, Europe or Australasia on the list?

Nick Pope is on it and I'm pretty sure Bill Chalker but check
here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2005/may/m16-005.shtml>

and here:

Source: Fate Magazine's 2005 UFO Special

http://www.fatemag.com/2005_UFOSpecial_Top100.html

Don

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 12:51:44 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

><snip>

>>Particularly religion and theology or intelligent design
>>theories.

>Hello Don,

>I'm in favor of not restricting the subject matter so tightly,
>since the larger context can be very elucidating.

>1. Should a 'pure' ufologist who researches UFO cases of only
>the past century complain about others on the List reporting
>similar research delving further back? If one does delve back
>further, one notices that the sightings apparently continue far
>into the past, albeit at a vastly reduced rate the past several
>millennia from what has occurred since 1947. One has to wear
>blinders to not notice that UFO sightings of the Middle Ages
>merge, farther back yet, into the sky chariots of the Bible, the
>vimanas of India, and the god-goddess mythology of the Greeks,
>Egyptians, etc. Thus, religion then comes into play right away.
>We do have books on this, and their authors or readers might
>have valuable things to say on this List.

>2. When looking into the alien-abduction phenomenon, one notices
>the evidence suggesting that some of the "greys" have been
>hybridizing with us, perhaps with the aid of genetic
>manipulation. From the alien point of view they must have good
>reason for this, in which case it could be considered an
>instance of "intelligent design." So the curious mind can hardly
>help but wonder if certain aliens visiting here tens of
>thousands of years ago might not have implemented some
>"intelligent design" upon us. The ancient animal-human chimeras
>may represent real alien genetic manipulation of earthly
>creatures.

>3. From the abduction phenomenon one learns that aliens can
>"appear" within a bedroom, etc., or can "beam" themselves or
>their victims to or from their vehicle. We have come to expect
>that what advanced aliens could do should seem like magic to us,
>at least we allow this when it comes to UFO maneuverability. And
>from the mythological/religious literature it seems that angels
>can similarly "appear." Certainly one can hardly overlook the
>obvious connections, and not see the likelihood of a direct
>connection between religions' angels and some of today's aliens.

>So I see the subjects of religion, theology and intelligent
>design as being inseparable from the ufology of aliens'
>vehicles, whenever one wants to place the UFO subject into a
>meaningful context.

Hi Jim,

Without getting into a long reply right now-time is premium at the moment - you are making my point for me.

To my mind, religion, theology or intelligent design are the result of some intervention some thousands or tens of thousands of years ago-maybe even longer. Our ancestors had no choice back then, having no other frames of reference but to revere the actions and technology of perhaps some ET appearances and blend that into their own superstitious relief patterns.

It's no secret that I have no truck with religion and its ramblings.

Man's unfortunate talent and penchant for reverence and to revere has gotten us into war, inquisition and the loss of human life while insuring riches and power for the few.

Must go.

Don Ledger

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Cylinder UFO Footage?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:40:44 EDT
Archived: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 23:54:02 -0400
Subject: Cylinder UFO Footage?

Can anyone point me to some analysis of this footage showing
UFOs from the cockpits of then Soviet fighters?

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=Spi7mDhhBV4>

http://youtube.com/watch?v=Fyjl_Lp2Xb4

Thanks,

Greg

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 16:28:57 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:56:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>When did the ETH become reasonable or scientific?

Yoo-hoo! There are those of us around who have looked our planet and the universe over for a few decades, and feel that what is not reasonable is the theory that the existence of ETs is impossible, or even improbable.

Nature's way appears to be pro-life to many of us.

Eleanor White

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Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:57:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:05:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>I reject any earth-built theory re. the 'drones' because they
>have no visible means of support or propulsion.

There are 40-50 people I'm aware of who regularly get dosed with
sometimes powerful remote physical manipulation, and sometimes
levitation. We all live on Earth. Clearly _someone_ here has
the technology.

Eleanor White

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:14:27 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:59:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 18:42:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
>>Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
>>explanation for a UFO sighting?

>This story is no more than a few whisps of anonymous anecdote
>about which there is nothing worthwhile to be said. But your
>generalised point is interesting:

>'Pelicanists' (if I may use a term that you embrace with good
>humour) like to argue rationally that the appeal to 'expert
>witnesses' or 'qualified observers' is one that has no weight;
>but when a pilot "thinks he has an explanation" I sense rather
>less sceptical pursing of lips and a readiness - even an
>eagerness - to accept him as 'an experienced pilot' who surely
>ought to know what he's talking about, even if what is being
>talked about is unattributed rumour.

Well then you sense more than I do.

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:24:09 -0300
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

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>>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
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>>explanation for a UFO sighting?

>Refreshing to see that first line in print, and of course it's
>>true:) But a pilot not privy to the actual sighting might be as
>prone to think the mundane as an explanation.>

So that's a 'no' then?

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The Core Case [was The Fermi Paradox]

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:03:32 -0400
Subject: The Core Case [was The Fermi Paradox]

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 16:56:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

><snip>

>>In fact there is a huge body of data strongly suggestive of alien
>>visitation. Where are they? Right under our noses. The Fermi's of
>>the world badly need to study that data very carefully.

>This is why I urge again (having recently done so in response to
>a post by Brad Sparks) that the very best cases need to be
>agreed upon by the UFO researcher community, and summarized as a
>single sheet handout for use every time the topic comes up, by
>people calling into talk shows, by researchers being asked to
>participate in documentaries - the summarized best needs to
>become the default response at every opportunity.

>Post it on the web for all to see and print off.

>That simple move could start the field on it's way to the next
>credibility plateau and is definitely worth the small amount of
>time and money to do so.

Eleanor's suggestion is a simple one, but it hits the nail
squarely on the head. What she is talking about here is
professionalising the PR so that it manifests as a single,
credible, coherent, straightforward, easily understood message
that hits home again and again.

Part of the problem has been that the better the research, the
worse the encapsulation and presentation. It's nobody's fault,
but it's what often happens when experts who are deeply involved
with the minutiae of their field naively hope that 'the facts
will speak for themselves.' In a perfect world that would be so,
but we face conditions where media manipulation of public
opinion is the rule and factual accuracy is the exception. The
only effective way to counter this is to use the presentational
tricks and techniques of media manipulation in the service of
the facts.

From my own professional experience I have learned that
journalists are almost invariably lazy creatures (case in point:
how many journalists are going to wade through the entirety of
the NARCAP O'Hare report, follow up references, check sources,
do some independent investigation, and then write a balanced
piece appraising the validity of the case?) who cannot resist
the lure of ready-made copy. Provide them with the right
material and they will run it verbatim - over and over. This is
why governments and big corporations are able to influence
opinion so easily: they invest heavily in expertise directed
towards making life easy for the media by providing pre-digested
opinion that serves their own ends.

OK, so what to do?

If a figure (or group of figures who can work together without lapsing into mutual abuse) sufficiently well-respected in the research community were to take it upon themselves to poll the community and pull together a 'core case', that would take care of the content. At that stage I would be more than happy to volunteer my own time and expertise in crafting its presentation. Assistance from anybody with copywriting experience would be more than welcome, as would help from any TV personalities with a background in PR...

This idea won't, in itself, win the game, but it could go a long way towards creating a level playing field for those who are constantly struggling to get a fair shake from a generally unsympathetic and factually ignorant media.

Any takers?

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 19:59:42 -0700
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:05:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:05:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Yes, to anyone possessed of any scientific sophistication (or
>common sense for that matter) Gehrmanism is indeed silly. It's
>also silly to draw meteorites into the discussion. The evidence
>for meteorites was substantial, and eventually scientists of
>another era, when much less was known about the subject (or
>about any subject), were forced to acknowledge their reality.
>Something of the same will happen with the UFO phenomenon,
>though rejection of UFOs-as-anomalies by scientists even now is
>hardly universal.

You missed my point, again. The idea of 'stones falling from the sky' was ridiculed. Not that they existed so much as the theory that they came from space:

<http://www.meteorlab.com/METEORLAB2001dev/metics.htm>

Quotes:

"Many early cultures recognized certain stones as having fallen from the sky whether as a result of an oral history of the fall or as an attempt to reconcile the unusual nature of a rock of pure metal. But to the scientists of the Renaissance and later periods, stones falling from the heavens were considered superstition at best, heresy at worst."

"The 1790s and early 1800s experienced an unusual number of witnessed meteorite falls. In 1794 Ernst Friedrich Chladni (klad' nee), considered the father of meteoritics, published a book in which he concluded that stone and iron masses did fall out of the sky and were associated with high speed fireballs. Because of the hundreds of eyewitness reports that were coming in, many scientists were beginning to accept these conclusions. In his book, however, Chladni took the next great leap and concluded these objects could only come from space. For this he was immediately ridiculed, then ignored."

"Two very skeptical professors came out to look into the matter, fully prepared to dispel the story of stones falling from the sky. The two professors conducted a lengthy investigation. They knew these stones were different from any they had ever seen and they witnessed local townspeople extracting them from holes in yards and nearby fields. Finally, the two wise professors from Yale concluded the stones must have fallen from the sky."

"Eventually the story found its way to the White House in Washington, D.C. President Thomas Jefferson was a scientist as well as statesman. When he heard this peculiar story he declared it could not be true, but his advisors insisted that the stones were observed falling from the sky and that two Yale professors investigating the incident vouched for its truth."

The point is that certain ideas that science initially laughed at turned out to be true _when the evidence became available_. But instead of admitting that evidence for some other "silly"

Re: Why The Cover-Up?

ideas may still be forthcoming in the future, you just dismiss them because you don't have that evidence yet. Of course, many theories turn out to be wrong, but some don't. Sometimes they can even change the course of science forever.

>Science does not "ignore things like this." Even scientists who
>do not embrace paranormal explanations deem the phenomena
>involved worthy of scrutiny. I take it that you've never heard
>of the discipline of anomalistic psychology.

Some scientists consider it worthy of study, more than they used to, but many still do not. The same for the NDEs, etc.

Paul Scott Anderson

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1947 USA National Security Act

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:13:46 EDT
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Subject: 1947 USA National Security Act

I've had to go back and take a look at the establishment of the
National Security Act of 1947
Pub. L. No. 235, 80 Cong., 61 Stat. 496.

Something about this act and it's amendment in 1949 doesn't ring
true to me. I know we won the Cold War but at what cost?

It's establishment just months after the Roswell incident and
the fate of James Forrestal the first Secretary of Defense has
always and continues to bug me. It just smells like UFO cover up
smothered in onions.

I'm aware many UFO researchers have examined the relationship
and I'd like to know of any books, vids, papers on the subject
you would recommend.

Best,

Greg

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time
>>for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should
>>we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

>I hesitate to fuel the fires of dispute here, but this breaking
>story might be of interest to some on the List. It bears on the
>question of how well we do, or do not, understand our own
>terrestrial past

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/1768109.stm

>It's a claim of a dramatic discovery of a giant underwater city
>off the coast of India, believed to have been flooded at the end
>of the last ice age, 5000 years before the oldest known remains
>on land. Graham Hancock is quoted, but it appears that this is
>the work of Indian marine archaeologists from their National
>Institute of Ocean Technology. As somebody else is quoted as
>cautioning, the dating needs careful verification and could be
>premature. And it certainly doesn't imply that the city builders
>were more than stonemasons. But it's very interesting.

Martin Shough you rock!

As long as I can remember the history books have had to be
rewritten again and again. May I add this tidbit of massive
water accumulation hundreds of miles beneath the surface of the
planet:

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/02/070227-ocean-asia.html>

It's been called an ocean but not really an ocean. Truth be told
it's discovery of water amongst rock this deep is highly
unusual. It goes to show that something of this magnitude went
undiscovered and now many sciences have to be upgraded. Of
course this would have been considered impossible and nutsy by
the conventionals - sounds like an evil superhero team.

In regard to the underwater remains off India's coast I can tell
you that's just the tip of the iceberg. No pun intended. I'm
hoping I can get several top scientists to finally come forward
with what they've been hiding. It's a shame they're hushed
because they need the money. Science going to the boards
because of a fear of losing a pension.

If I could just tell you all what pals in the Navy have told me.
Yet that data would mean that history as we know it would
invalidate the beliefs we hold in place to hold us in place
would fall off.

Best ,

Greg

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>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:25:48 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Is this actually proven? This cliché gets repeated so often,
>>without citation, that I suspect it might be a version on urban
>>legend. Even if it did happen as claimed, surely there must be
>>some other example of scientific myopia that people could quote,
>>just for the sake of variety?

>There are many examples where science arrogantly deemed some
>ideas to be impossible, then later proven wrong. Some scientists
>even initially dismissed the 'sprites' as being due to pilots'
>imagination, but now they have been well documented. I will
>look up more info re the meteorites, but I remember seeing
>direct quotes about that before. Modern science is a tool, but
>it is not the end-all and be-all and is not infallible.

It would be a good thing if you could come up with a few more
examples, as the meteorites story gets trotted out so often
that it's almost becoming counterproductive, rather like the
'more things in heaven and earth' quote that's almost a signal
that the writer is scraping the bottom of the barrel for an
argument!

>>As I have said before, anyone has a right to express any theory
>>they like, no matter how barmy and half-baked. Others however
>>have a right to dismiss it, not 'out-of-hand', but with the
>>evidence of accumulated scientific knowledge. So far the only
>>'evidence' offered seems to be 'I think UFOs are real craft, but
>>I don't like the idea of the ETH, so I'll have to imagine
>>something else'.

>>Well then you'll know that these ideas are entertaining
>>imagination-based speculation, not scientific theory. But keep
>>going at it, because it's certainly giving us Pelicanists a
>>chuckle!

>That's my point. You guys are assuming that certain ideas are
>'laughable' but that is your opinion, it is not based on
>evidence. Can you prove that some of these ideas are impossible?
>No, you can't. I agree that some theories floating around are
>very "out there" but to summarily dismiss any new thinking that
>is out of line with your own reasoning is just wrong.

I think there is enough evidence to disprove the 'convergent
evolution' theory. If a species, human, quasi-human or
reptilian, has developed on Earth to the point where it is able
to construct and operate high-performance flying craft, it must
have left a great deal of physical evidence around. I'm not just
talking about ambiguous archaeology such as Hancock and Roberts
discuss, but actually existing technology. Where is it? We've
all got Google Earth on our computers, just direct me to the

site of the flying disc factory!

>Just as with crop circles, I think that there may be multiple
>explanations for UFOs. There isn't one theory that nicely
>explains all of the observations made throughout history. I
>agree that the ETH is a leading contender for some reports, such
>as Roswell for example, but there are other kinds of sightings
>that don't seem to fit in that little box. For ufologists to
>assume that there must be just one explanation for the whole
>phenomenon is also wrong.

I absolutely agree that there are multiple explanations for
UFOs, but the only people who seem to insist on one overarching
explanation are the hard-line sc[k]eptics.

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 10:54:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Again, the ETH is only a valid hypothesis if one has the mindset
>that we mere humans know everything there is about the planet
>Earth, physics and a dozen or more physical sciences.

>Of course some UFOs have_to_be_extraterrestrial say the experts
>because we know for a fact everything about the Earth. We've
>mapped all the surface and subsurface, the oceans and beneath.

And so on and so on.... Those who need to know may go to the
original post. Meanwhile:

Greg, let's have some names, please, so that we know whom you're
addressing and what arguments -- held by specific ufologists
whose writings and other pronouncements you can cite and quote -
- you're refuting.

Otherwise, we'll be forced to conclude that all you're doing is
beating a straw man to death.

Jerry Clark

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The ETH [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:49:28 EDT
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:34:33 -0400
Subject: The ETH [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 10:54:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Again, the ETH is only a valid hypothesis if one has the mindset
>that we mere humans know everything there is about the planet
>Earth, physics and a dozen or more physical sciences.

<snip>

Greg, you are not getting it. There is no proof that the UFO
Phenomena is in fact Extraterrestrial. Instead, the ETH
represents an example of Intelligent Speculation.

The notion that an advanced race not only coexists with us
undetected here on the planet, but actually evolved here, makes
absolutely no sense.

Such a belief is not only an example of Unintelligent
Speculation, but also of the wild, tabloid variety.

Please don't get mad when nobody takes this 'hypothesis'
seriously.

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 10:53:34 -0500
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:36:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:11:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>I don't follow your logic at all. In shorthand, the Fermi
>Paradox is a proclamation by an uninformed scientist who, I feel
>quite cetrtain, never investigated a single hardcore,
>unexplained craft-like object UFO case. So when he asks where
>are they, I say look right under your nose.

That's essentially it then, eh? Fermi satisfies his own logic in
antithesis, right? "If they were 'there' they'd be 'here' and
we'd know it... we do know it (based on six categories,
minimum, of quality evidence satisfying everything else sans
same)... ergo. Freakin' ergo! And right under the nose,
too. Dead-lock nut appropriately torqued, IMO, Sir.

Sword salute.

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:04:15 EDT
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:37:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 18:04:31 +0100
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>I hesitate to fuel the fires of dispute here, but this breaking
>>story might be of interest to some on the List. It bears on the
>>question of how well we do, or do not, understand our own
>>terrestrial past

>>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/1768109.stm

>Apologies to the List.

>I foolishly forwarded this link on trust without checking the
>date. It's been pointed out to me that it's old news from 2002.
>If nothing has been heard of this drowned city since then perhaps
>the sonar survey turned out to be a false alarm.

Not at all Martin! You still rock!

The story is still fresh and full of controversy. I hadn't
looked at it in a long while but was reminded by your post. So
far as I recall it was locked up in political fighting and who
owned what artifacts.

Similar to what happens to several offshore archaeological
discoveries. They startle at first, get press, then the treasure
hunters roll in and everyone gets territorial. I believe the
latest is that bricks and wood and pottery were discovered that
reportedly dated back to 9,000 years plus.

I'll dig some data up.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 10:08:34 -0600
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 12:29:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time
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>It's a claim of a dramatic discovery of a giant underwater city
>off the coast of India, believed to have been flooded at the end
>of the last ice age, 5000 years before the oldest known remains
>on land. Graham Hancock is quoted, but it appears that this is
>the work of Indian marine archaeologists from their National
>Institute of Ocean Technology. As somebody else is quoted as
>cautioning, the dating needs careful verification and could be
>premature. And it certainly doesn't imply that the city builders
>were more than stonemasons. But it's very interesting.

As you might expect, this Gulf of Khambhat underwater city claim
has been mired in controversy from the outset. The
'conservative' school leans toward this being a natural geologic
formation (along the lines of the 'Bimini Roads'), with the
associated artifacts (e.g., pottery shards) being natural
concretions of alluvial deposits. To make matters worse, it has
become a political issue of Hindu nationalism, which does not
bode well for any objective investigation.

A comparably ancient (if less extensive) city that is less
controversial is Catal Hoyuk in Turkey. Some interesting items
recovered there (mirrors, fabrics), but nothing 'anomalous' per
se.

Mike

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What's Inside The Earth?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:11:07 EDT
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:41:57 -0400
Subject: What's Inside The Earth?

Well since we've been debating about terrestrial origins of some UFO reports I've been wondering if anyone has been keeping up on the brilliant research done on geoneutrinos done by the Japanese KamLAND?

It was announced in 2005 and the technological breakthrough is nothing short of astounding to say the least. Gives us the ability to look at what's really inside the Earth like never before.

It stunned me that we were still riding off of data proposed by Sir Isaac Newton regarding the inner Earth. Basically up til recently we really didn't know what was below our feet. It's an embarrassment to say the least.

In an article from Berkley Lab Review written by Lynn Yarris entitled "Journey to the Center of the Earth, 2005", Yarris gives us some details on the breakthrough.

<http://www.lbl.gov/Publications/Currents/Archive/Aug-19-2005.html>

This is what I love about Ufology. You have to do some science to get somewhere. Science_is_fun! This breakthrough had me wiggling my toes! I get to study physics again! If you all don't get a big kick out of what this discovery is doing I don't know what will.

Got so busy over the years didn't follow up but will see if anything shook from this tree.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 17:42:15 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:44:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:14:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 18:42:39 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
>>>Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
>>>explanation for a UFO sighting?

>>This story is no more than a few whisps of anonymous anecdote
>>about which there is nothing worthwhile to be said. But your
>>generalised point is interesting:

>>'Pelicanists' (if I may use a term that you embrace with good
>>humour) like to argue rationally that the appeal to 'expert
>>witnesses' or 'qualified observers' is one that has no weight;
>>but when a pilot "thinks he has an explanation" I sense rather
>>less sceptical pursing of lips and a readiness - even an
>>eagerness - to accept him as 'an experienced pilot' who surely
>>ought to know what he's talking about, even if what is being
>>talked about is unattributed rumour.

>Well then you sense more than I do.

Yes I believe this is true.

Martin Shough

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:58 -0500
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:46:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 19:59:42 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 10:05:39 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>Yes, to anyone possessed of any scientific sophistication (or
>>common sense for that matter) Gehrmanism is indeed silly. It's
>>also silly to draw meteorites into the discussion. The evidence
>>for meteorites was substantial, and eventually scientists of
>another era, when much less was known about the subject (or
>>about any subject), were forced to acknowledge their reality.
>>Something of the same will happen with the UFO phenomenon,
>>though rejection of UFOs-as-anomalies by scientists even now is
>>hardly universal.

>You missed my point, again. The idea of 'stones falling from the
>sky' was ridiculed. Not that they existed so much as the theory
>that they came from space:

Did you even read what I wrote? You're simply repeating to me
what I already outlined, namely that _while skeptical of cosmic
origin_ - a point I made very clear, and related the basis of
such doubt - scientists did investigate meteorite reports.

Investigators generally acknowledged that the stones plummeted
to the earth - not the simplistic formulation you originally
stated (no stones in sky; therefore, no stones falling from sky)
- but only later came to recognize their extraterrestrial
origin. This is a very standard scientific pattern. A natural
phenomenon is recognized; it is investigated; hypotheses about
its causes are formulated; eventually, after sufficient
investigation (and sometimes through fortuitous circumstance),
the cause is established.

Let me stress the point you fail to grasp:

Generally, the scientists involved in meteoritic inquiry
acknowledged the existence of evidence of falling stones; it was
the interpretation of that evidence - as is typically the case
in scientific controversy - that caused the dispute and passing
confusion.

On the other hand, with Gehrmanism the evidence is as puny as
the claims it makes are enormous. If Gehrman ever gets around to
presenting his case to an actual scientific community (as
opposed to flailing away here at a forum for UFO buffs), I hope
he is forthright enough to mention that it all starts with the
alien-autopsy film.

It's revealing, too, that in defense of Gehrmanism you're forced
to go back to a scientific (mis)understanding that took place
more than two centuries ago. It's hard not to see here an
implicitly acknowledgment that since Gehrman's crank notions are
not arguable in themselves, you have to grope for something

else, in this case a distant episode in the history of a science very different from its modern equivalent, and to insist - however unpersuasively - that somehow it's equivalent.

Meantime, my challenge to provide a single instance of Gehrmanist doctrine or argument in the relevant scientific literature continues to go unanswered. (No, the occasional archaeological anomaly doesn't count; there are always anomalies in science, and they only very, very rarely lead to monumental scientific revolutions which overthrow a wide range of existing knowledge.) Why, many Updaters surely wonder, are you wasting time with us? If Gehrmanism amounts to a breakthrough that should put its founder in the company of Galileo and Darwin, why aren't you guys preparing papers for the professional literature of science, and making room on your shelves for the Nobel Prizes that will surely follow publication and replication?

Or do we know the answer to that already?

One more point: I find it amusing that Gehrman and his defenders continually attack us critics for our alleged close-mindedness (the implicit charge being, of course, that no other possible reason could generate such skepticism), while Gehrman himself never misses a chance to express contempt for all alternative UFO hypotheses. (See, for the most recent example, his amazingly mule-headed response to Stan Friedman.) Shouldn't criticisms of dogmatic belief be directed to their real source: Ed Gehrman?

Or is Gehrmanist apologetics simply too intellectually incoherent for that kind of rhetorical consistency?

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:51:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 01:44:27 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jul 2007 10:18:24 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>Think about this Ed; if you have conquered space what else have
>>you got to do but explore? We have naturalists on this planet
>>who will happily spend their whole lives in pursuit of one type
>>of butterfly. I'd bet the same applies for some superexploration
>>teams that live and die in space having never seen their home
>>planet which perhaps has long since ceased to exist.

>The above is simply speculation on your part. I do not believe,
>nor is there any evidence, that humans or any other life form,
>have or will ever freely explore the universe and fly from star
>to star.

But you are postulating that our Earth brethern have done just that.
I am going no further with this sillyness, Ed because whatever
argument you use can be turned back against your own theory. For
every sentence you use montremes in i can say but there is no
evidence of that, that it is speculation on your part. Your
theory is faith based, without a shred of evidence to support it
and which you will support to the end evan as you have supported
the validity of the AA despite being told by the very creator of
same that it is a hoax.

I think you and others who have faith in the ETH have
>invented a nice bedtime story. But science says it won't fly.

Science doesn't say any such thing. You are saying that and your
credibility is quite low.

>The speed and energy requirements are the main stumbling blocks,
>but desire is also necessary. An underlying assumption to such
>futuristic thinking is that human population will continue to
>grow and that there will be new technology fueled by this
>growth. That's not necessarily a correct assumption. It might
>happen, but there could be much to interrupt our progress.

>If you submitted the above narrative to a panel of scientists,
>would they agree? I don't mind if you believe this; I did for
>many years. But don't treat me like the community idiot because
>I've lost faith;

Oh, I don't think you have lost faith, your egocentric view of
the Earth as the only bastion of life in a universe is strongly

linked to an older faith based idea, religion.

>I don't believe this dogma any longer. Can't
>you understand that? It happened in a rush of insight. I had
>just viewed the Alien Autopsy footage several times and was
>focusing on the brain removal when it really hit me. This is a
>flesh and blood creature! Whisky-Tango-Foxtrot!!

So you watched a hoaxed film of a plastic dummy having its sheep
brain removed and now you are convinced of your theory.
You can't even come to grips with the faked AA film and you are
trying to convince me and others that we are way off base in the
possibility of the ETH?

>
>Once you've had a life changing experience, your life changes. I
>began to question all that I had thought about and learned
>during my previous quest to understand UFO.

>
>
>>>Why shouldn't we
>>>assume the same for our visitors? I think we'll find that travel
>>>in the universe is severely limited by the distances involved
>>>and light speed will be necessary for travel within a realistic
>>>timeframe. Also the energy requirements for FTL are prohibitive.
>>>The laws of physics indicate that getting even a small amount of
>>>matter to light speed will require all the energy in the
>>>universe.

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>
>>The universe is 14.7 billion years old, that's plenty of time for
>>many super civilizations to have come and even gone.

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>
>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time
>for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should
>we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

Frankly, yes I do. We are the only ones there is proof of. There
have definitely been different civilizations that rose and fell
over the last 10,000 years and I suspect 2 or 3 times that length
of time if not more, but they were still human civilizations.

>>What you seem not to understand is that we can get to sublight
>>speeds and even though the rule still applies it's the species
>>outside the craft that have to put up with the tremendous
>>problems of time-NOT the travelers.

>There's not a reason to believe that we can even reach sublight
>speeds or that we would be motivated to spend the time and
>effort to do so. But why not be specific? Give a realistic
>example of how all this might work.

It's called constant acceleration, Ed. Look it up. Stan Friedman
worked on nuclear technology rockets [back in the late 60s early
70s] which I believe he said were 10,000 times more powerful
than the Saturn rocket. Put that technology into space and then
power up at the rate of one constant G of acceleration and you
will eventually get to close to the speed of light.

>>Do you seriously think that some species [and I mean hundreds or
>>thousands of different types of species] that's had technology
>>for millions of years can't get by a little thing like the speed
>>of light.

>First of all there is not a grain of evidence

You use that unsupportable line over and over Ed. There is not a
grain of evidence to validate the AA film either but you embrace
it wholeheartedly in your headlong rush to incredibility. that
any species

>can survive their own technology for more than a few hundred
>years. We've been successful for a little over one hundred years
>and it's a toss up whether we'll make it for another hundred.

Yeah that's just more second rate sci-fi nonsense. It's a
plotline used over and over, Ed, like the Earthlings are too
dangerous to let into space nonsense.

>I'm not saying we won't, but it's far from a done deal.

Time will tell.

>>>That's too high a price to pay just to give a few rectal exams

>>Answered above.

>No it wasn't.

Read it again and you will see how it probably worked, not the silly one little craft theory flying from one planet 50 light years away to check up on us.

>>>to dangerous animals on a distant and inhospitable planet.

>>There's nothing inhospitable about Earth unless you are a species that breaths Sulphuric acid.

>Microbes, snakes, tigers, red ants, and humans. We are very dangerous and armed and are not about to let anyone mess with us >too long: "there is some shit I will not eat" (ee cummings)

A technology that has spread through the cosmos is not going to have trouble with our little pop-guns and don't seem to.

>>And we would be no more dangerous than other species that have just recently lumbered into space.

>Evidence please. Who else do you know lumbering out there.

>>That's old sci-fi crap-the notion that other intelligent species evolved without killing one another. >>Dolphins are looked upon as a benign mammal but they still eat >>other species to survive as do whales and and everything else on >>this planet.

>I don't recall saying anything about this. Do you have me confused with another Ed.

It's not all about you, Ed.

>>>>Why after co-existing with us for millions of years are these >>>>"critters" so interested in our bowels and sexual reproductive >>>>systems? Where is their whole [social, manufacturing, housing, >>>>economic based] infrastructure.

>>>I don't know why they are interested in us. I think they have >>>always interacted with humans in some way. I mostly agree with >>>Fort: "we are being farmed!"

>>I don't. man's need-usually for some religious reason, to whip >>himself, atone for being alive-and enjoying it. I think "they" >>came, they saw and hung around to see how we are making out, >>watching us evolve like they watched thousands of other species >>evolve. Some species made it into space, some didn't. Doesn't >>matter, they would still be worth studying.

>I think this is dreamland. And you think I'm unscientific.

Oh I know you are unscientific.

>You might be correct, and you have every right to your opinion and >faith,

Uh-uh, not faith with me. That's a slippery slope like religion. One shred of evidence to deny the numbers and the probability of other life and intelligent life in our galaxy and the universe beyond and I'm out of there. I don't hang onto anything on faith. I don't revere.

>but where is your evidence for this belief. Why do you >believe this?

Believe what, probabilities? The odds? I don't believe it, I don't have a ETH bible, I just can't help thinking that the odds are in the favor of other life in the universe

>>>Since I think the ancient hominid civilization is at least one >>>hundred million years old, they've had time to live wherever

>>>they wish, maybe Mars or the back side of the moon or under the
>>>oceans or underground or in super mother ships.

Yeah, why? I asked this before but you just said, I don't know why they do this, they just do. They still like to stick probs up anuses after watching us grow over the last 3-10 million years but you don't know why. Some lkind of character flaw with our Earth grown brothers?

>>>I'll give you some ETI doing this save the underground bases
>>>theory. The oceans may be just a safe haven between operations
>>>or observations. But cripes these are one generous species who
>>>just got the hell out of the way so we could have all of the
>>>good real estate.

>They may have learned something during the last one hundred
>million years and decided it was safer somewhere else and to
>rent it to us for a yet-to-be-determined fee.

That's pretty weak, Ed.

>>>I don't know
>>>about their infrastructure, but if they employ nanotechnology,
>>>then it could be very self-sufficient. We're not far from that
>>>goal ourselves. Their population could be quite small (less than
>>>a million) and easily hidden. It may be in decline. I just don't
>>>have answers for these questions.

>>If you don't have answers then how can you be so positive that
>>they exist. Are you taking it on faith?

>I have a belief in my own theories but I'm not 100% sure. I'm
>just proposing a hypothesis that UFO are piloted by creatures
>from an ancient civilization and that the evolutionary mechanism
>was convergent evolution.

>I pointed out that there was plenty of time for this to happen
>and evidence would not be apparent or obvious.

>I'm not making a declaration although I would bet on it if I had
>the chance. But I don't have any way to know the above answers,
>any more than you have sure proof that your speculations are
>correct regarding the ETH.

>You have an hypothesis and I have one too. But I haven't implied
>that yours is something from grade school musings, or that those
>who support your faith are nitwits or numbskulls. I know you're
>all fine chaps, with hearts of gold, so let's cut the insults
>and patronizing attitudes. The ETH is a theory; the ancient
>hominid civilization is a theory. Your righteousness is showing.

>>>>There is no such thing as a TR-3b.

>>>>Maybe so but the craft know as the TR-3b looks like the triangle
>>>>shaped craft seen over Phoenix which I believe was human
>>>>constructed.

>>250,000 atmospheres, eh? That's 8 million 250,000 pounds per
>>square inc. First show me a pump capable of producing that
>>doesn't weigh in at 3-4 or 5 hundred tons and then the material
>>capable of containing that pressure. Ticking timebombs.

>>The writer of that article throws a lot of numbers around,
>>technical terms, words [naturally plasma makes an appearance]
>>that don't make sense. And the craft even rotates! Why?
>>Aerodynamics is out the window at this point-why would the thing
>>have to spin like a frisbee? So the writer could sound
>>important?

>I agree that there are problems with this article, but Ed Fouche
>wrote about the TR-3b before Phoenix and then this very similar
>machine appeared to many.

Ed Fouche made up the TR-3b nonsense. There is no existing line of technology to support it. And despite the fact that there are dozens of triangular-shaped aircraft in the world today none of them is in the one or two mile wide catagory of the Pheonix claims. You seem pretty ignorant of the descriptions of what went on at around 8pm that evening and even more so about aviation technology. And supporting the TR-3b nonsense also shows your ignorance of the air regs governing the airspace and

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the air traffic control system over and surrounding Phoenix [Sky Harbor] as well which apparently, you think, can be violated at will by the US Air Force regardless of how many flights are placed in harms way.

>Whatever was seen that night, and I
>believe the descriptions and artists rendition, I don't think it
>was from another planet. My paranoia jumps into high gear
>whenever these triangle sighting occur. I was involved in the
>northern California sighting about two years ago. It seemed
>staged and meant to draw attention to itself.

By whom, your reptilian, bipedal creatures from Earth's past?

>>It's great to have faith in your country's technology Ed, but
>>you don't have anything like what's been showing up and does
>>what they do. Using that tired old saw about top secret military
>>aircraft is just pronouncement without one iota [or aircraft] of
>>proof to back it up. Remember, people have been using that same
>>top secret technology ploy to explain away UFOs since 1947 but
>>none of it has even shown up.

>I have zero faith in any technology.

Yeah remember that the next time you go to the hospital.

>It's a tool and tools break
>and malfunction. But I fear the TR3b is a red herring intended
>to somehow misdirect our investigations.

There's your flawed belief system kicking in again Ed. Ed Fouche said there was a TR-3b and you swallowed it hook, line and sinker... just like the AA hoax. You use it like it's fact.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:05:23 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:55:02 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>>The Fermi Paradox is a remarkably blind and highly over-rated
>>off-the-wall proclamation. Clearly it is based on the
>>demonstrably false assumption that there is no evidence of alien
>>visitation. In fact there is a huge body of data strongly
>>suggestive of alien visitation. Where are they? Right under our
>>noses. The Fermi's of the workld badly need to study that data
>>very carefully.

>Unfortunately Dick, this will not serve to dismiss the Fermi
>Paradox. You say it is demonstrably false that there is no
>evidence of alien visitation. I will not press you to deliver
>that demonstration, but rather ask, why is the subject at all
>controversial? Why is the existence of extraterrestrial beings
>not completely obvious? I do *not* find them right under my
>nose.

>If you consider the Fermi Paradox trivial and/or resolved, I
>>would be interested in hearing your arguments to that effect. I
>do not dispute the evidence for anomalous/non-human aerial
>phenomena, but I believe Fermi's question is well-posed
>nevertheless.

The reasoning behind the Fermi Paradox provide support for the
ETH explanation for 'flying saucers/UFOs/TRUFOS' or AFC (Alien
Flying Craft). This was pointed out in the paper published a
year and a half ago in the Journal of the British Interplanetary
Society. Unfortunately it doesn't turn up in a Google search for
Fermi Paradox because that phrase is not in the title:
Inflation Theory Implications for Extraterrestrial Visitation.

This can be found at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/JBISpaper/JBISpaper.pdf>.

The point of the paper is that modern theoretical thinking about
the probabilities of life in the universe (besides here) and the
likelihood of being able to travel vast distances in space by
manipulating space itself actually makes the paradox stronger...
assuming one rejects all UFO evidence for the ETV
- exstraterrestrial visitation - by creatures representing ILE
-Intelligence Life Elsewhere.

Of course, there is no paradox for those who accept the UFO
evidence as proof of the the ETV/ETH hypothesis.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:59:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:17:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 22:24:09 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 16:28:22 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

><snip>

>>>If a pilot sees a UFO, his word is generally taken as gospel.
>>>Does the same apply if an experienced pilot offers a mundane
>>>explanation for a UFO sighting?

>>Refreshing to see that first line in print, and of course it's
>>>true:) But a pilot not privy to the actual sighting might be as
>>prone to think the mundane as an explanation.>

>So that's a 'no' then?

To be serious...

My argument would be that a pilot on the scene is better able to sift the stone grindings out of the flour because he or she has a pretty good idea of what's flying, how it flies, what the technology is for more exotic aircraft and what our engineering is capable of.

If the pilot is not on the scene but makes a pronouncement which doesn't fit the parameters of the event then he or she should not offer up the mundane which does not fit.

Any pilot I've interviewed or I just happened to be a friend of, have made the same observation about their own personal sighting; an up close and personal event. It deeply disturbed them with reactions far beyond what one would expect from just some mundane episode.

The reactions ranged from being nauseated - sick-fear as one put it - dread, to bothered about it for a few days to haven't stopped thinking about it at least once daily for the last twenty five years.

Each of these are solid looking craft quite close to their own, not lights or space junk re-entry or meteors.

One RCAF pilot could provide me with greater detail about his encounter than he could about the birth of his daughter 10 years later.

Ray Bowyers feeling about being happy to get back on the ground reaction to the Channel Islands sighting is about right in the

middle.

Don

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>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:49:28 EDT
>Subject: Re: The ETH [was: Why The Cover-Up?]

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 10:54:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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Get mad?

No Jason, you're the one not 'getting it'. Somehow you've
equated some assumption on your part with some declaration
perceived about others.

Advanced races have coexisted with one another on many occasions
on this planet. Normally the less advanced is diminished or
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We humans aren't all on the same page regarding genetics and
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others. Sometimes it's cultural based on simple survival
decisions or better yet nutrition.

ETH is just that, an hypothesis. It's not the law. Intelligent
Speculation? Where'd you get that term? Sounds like something
some headshrinker came up with.

In order to speculate one needs intelligence in the first place.

So if no one takes you 'seriously' it's due to your own accord
or lack thereof.

Greg

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:00:40 -0700
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:18:53 -0400
Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
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Jason,

What are your specific objections? Do you understand and/or have a problem with convergent evolution? Are the time spans a problem? Do you understand my argument that tool making is a niche and has led to our general appearance or after successful tool making experience, these hominids could have vacated earth because it was undergoing vast change? Please help me understand why you can't make "sense" of this hypothesis. I want you to try and poke holes in my theory; insults don't count.

>Such a belief is not only an example of Unintelligent
>Speculation, but also of the wild, tabloid variety.

But to call it "unintelligent" without a crumb of evidence as to why you feel this way, is a great example of unintelligent criticism.

Ed

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 12:31:51 -0700
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:04:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:56:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>Did you even read what I wrote? You're simply repeating to me
>what I already outlined, namely that _while skeptical of cosmic
>origin_ - a point I made very clear, and related the basis of
>such doubt - scientists did investigate meteorite reports.

>Investigators generally acknowledged that the stones plummeted
>to the earth - not the simplistic formulation you originally
>stated (no stones in sky; therefore, no stones falling from sky)
>- but only later came to recognize their extraterrestrial
>origin. This is a very standard scientific pattern. A natural
>phenomenon is recognized; it is investigated; hypotheses about
>its causes are formulated; eventually, after sufficient
>investigation (and sometimes through fortuitous circumstance),
>the cause is established.

Yes, there were various theories at the time of course. But the theory that these stones came from outer space was dismissed at first; read the quotes again I posted before:

"In his book, however, Chladni took the next great leap and concluded these objects could only come from space. For this he was immediately ridiculed, then ignored."

"Eventually the story found its way to the White House in Washington, D.C. President Thomas Jefferson was a scientist as well as statesman. When he heard this peculiar story he declared it could not be true..."

That's my point; that a particular theory was ridiculed by some at first, then later shown to be true. It's as simple as that. Those scientists at the time were at least willing to admit later that was indeed the explanation because evidence was found to support it. If similar evidence was to be confirmed supporting a terrestrial explanation for some UFO reports, would you be willing to acknowledge you were wrong? I'm not proclaiming that some of these other theories must be true and the ETH isn't, I'm just open-minded to various ideas. And yes, that includes other terrestrial beings, perhaps even inter-dimensional. More and more scientists now support the possibility of multiple dimensions, universes or time travel. For those ideas to be labelled as impossible by debunkers and apparently even some ufologists, is unfortunate.

Paul Scott Anderson

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Re: The Core Case

From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 19:37:03 +0000
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:06:54 -0400
Subject: Re: The Core Case

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 02:28:49 +0100
>Subject: The Core Case [was The Fermi Paradox]

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 16:56:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>>In fact there is a huge body of data strongly suggestive of alien
>>>visitation. Where are they? Right under our noses. The Fermi's of
>>>the world badly need to study that data very carefully.

>>This is why I urge again (having recently done so in response to
>>a post by Brad Sparks) that the very best cases need to be
>>agreed upon by the UFO researcher community, and summarized as a
>>single sheet handout for use every time the topic comes up, by
>>people calling into talk shows, by researchers being asked to
>>participate in documentaries - the summarized best needs to
>>become the default response at every opportunity.

>>Post it on the web for all to see and print off.

>>That simple move could start the field on it's way to the next
>>credibility plateau and is definitely worth the small amount of
>>time and money to do so.

>Eleanor's suggestion is a simple one, but it hits the nail
>squarably on the head. What she is talking about here is
>professionalising the PR so that it manifests as a single,
>credible, coherent, straightforward, easily understood message
>that hits home again and again.

>Part of the problem has been that the better the research, the
>worse the encapsulation and presentation. It's nobody's fault,
>but it's what often happens when experts who are deeply involved
>with the minutiae of their field naively hope that 'the facts
>will speak for themselves.' In a perfect world that would be so,
>but we face conditions where media manipulation of public
>opinion is the rule and factual accuracy is the exception. The
>only effective way to counter this is to use the presentational
>tricks and techniques of media manipulation in the service of
>the facts.

<snip>

>OK, so what to do?

>If a figure (or group of figures who can work together without
>lapsing into mutual abuse) sufficiently well-respected in the
>research community were to take it upon themselves to poll the
>community and pull together a 'core case', that would take care
>of the content. At that stage I would be more than happy to

>volunteer my own time and expertise in crafting its
>presentation. Assistance from anybody with copywriting
>experience would be more than welcome, as would help from any TV
>personalities with a background in PR...

>This idea won't, in itself, win the game, but it could go a long
>way towards creating a level playing field for those who are
>constantly struggling to get a fair shake from a generally
>unsympathetic and factually ignorant media.

>Any takers?

>Gerald O'Connell

Gerald,

The problem is to get the people that matter and who could bring
about change to read the evidence or a summary of it. My effort
at presenting the Core Case can be read on my web site:

www.hallrichard.com

on the UFO Page, The Science Of UFOs: Facts vs. Stereotypes.

It is reasonably concise for such a complicated subject, and
could be read as an Executive Summary of my much longer work
providing more details and documentation than anyone ever wants
to know, The UFO Evidence, Vol. II.

- Dick Hall

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New Version Of On-Line Book

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:40:24 -0500
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:10:33 -0400
Subject: New Version Of On-Line Book

Hello:

I wanted to let you know that I published a read-only version of my new book on-line at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2655xk>

and lowered the Acrobat version to make it more accessible to people who don't have the latest version of Adobe's Acrobat reader.

Let me know what you think when you have had a chance to read it. Many thanks!

Sincerely,

Katharina

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I hope that the resolution of the "ETV/ETH hypothesis" doesn't
rely on the second question being answered in the affirmative.

If that's the case, we may be in trouble as we argue about the
meaning of 'intelligence'... <g>

Steve

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I don't think Homoerectus and Neanderthal had the capabilities
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>or lack thereof.

I 'seriously' think you should read up a bit more on
anthropological discoveries, let alone the history of mankind
before making 'Gehrmanesque'-proclamations.

Re: The ETH

- Jason Gammon

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UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:06:13 -0500
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:17:54 -0400
Subject: UFOs Recorded By Thermal Imaging Camera System?

>Hello List,

>I'm not sure if this has ever been posted to this List, but I
>thought these videos might be of interest to some.

>They were taken in southern Bellevue, WA.

>Thanks to Bob Reid in Florida for the lead.

><http://tinyurl.com/2g62u2>

>Katharina Wilson
><http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

Hello Again:

Is it me, or does anyone else think it's strange that there
hasn't been one comment about the research this man has done?

The Why The Cover-up? posts do not seem to be about the cover-up
any longer... just a couple of observations.

Katharina

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Re: 1947 USA National Security Act

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 13:22:28 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:20:29 -0400
Subject: Re: 1947 USA National Security Act

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:13:46 EDT
>Subject: 1947 USA National Security Act

>I've had to go back and take a look at the establishment of the
>National Security Act of 1947
>Pub. L. No. 235, 80 Cong., 61 Stat. 496.

>Something about this act and it's amendment in 1949 doesn't ring
>>true to me. I know we won the Cold War but at what cost?

>It's establishment just months after the Roswell incident and
>the fate of James Forrestal the first Secretary of Defense has
>always and continues to bug me. It just smells like UFO cover up
>smothered in onions.

>I'm aware many UFO researchers have examined the relationship
>and I'd like to know of any books, vids, papers on the subject
>you would recommend.

Start a little earlier. Visit, The Papers of Colonel House, advisor to FDR. Then, in the, Messages and Papers of the Presidents, under, FDR, Truman, Eisenhower, and Kennedy. References to Forrestal and to immediate staff of the Joint Chief of Staff with respect to setting up NATO should be paid very close attention.

At the time the journalists Walter Duranty and Maurice Hindus wrote the two most authoritative books on the USSR, several interesting developments with regard to secret protocols had been mentioned by them with respect to the USSR and the US. There is no question these later became formative within the Alliance regarding Eyes Only communications on matters of cooperation. This area would be, in all likelihood, where mutual protocols concerning classified UFO documents would be 'treated'.

In this I mean, an area where NATO member nations and the USSR observed special understandings.

Two things brought about the Cold War officially. One, the Soviet side, the harboring of what the Soviets considered the most sought after war fugitive significant to their intelligence, by the US military, Rheinhardt Galen. Two, on the American side, our own Red Scare. Some forget who Joseph McCarthy's "fair haired little boy" was in that debacle. None other than Richard Nixon.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon, operating through NATO had its own secret alliances, many with the USSR. You may find that the disposition of what lies in Lake Toplitz shares a file with a recovered UFO that had fallen into the hands of the Gestapo. Presumably it was hidden along with the many truckloads of war spoils hidden in that lake during the period of endless truck convoys between there and Germany, the months before The Fall of Berlin.

It remains undetermined how and when this Austrian lake's treasures will be recovered. The iron chests that sport its shore lines are visible from any boats above. One suggestion, the only viable one ever offered, on why the lake is closely guarded by 7 nations but not exploited, is that in salvage operations any design to hide that UFO would prove 'unworkable'.

Now let's hear the unhealthy skeptics bellow.

But you asked, Greg. I'm merely suggesting to you why NATO nations and the USSR might find common ground secretly while a Cold War is raging for the public's benefit.

JCH

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Re: The ETH

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:41:28 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:21:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The ETH

>From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:48:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: The ETH

>We humans aren't all on the same page regarding genetics and
>intelligence.

Good point. Two-edged, but good.

>Some of us are smarter, faster, spell better than
>others. Sometimes it's cultural based on simple survival
>decisions or better yet nutrition.

Misses the point entirely. Our individual attributes are pretty much irrelevant. Man is a social animal that functions in hierarchical groups: a big, dangerous, smart monkey that turns out to be no more highly evolved than anything else on the planet when he goes on a solo run. Look for the attributes and dynamics of the group (Over a billion strong in one recorded instance! What a swarm!) if you are in search of explanatory factors.

A key characteristic of the species is that the more 'successful' the group, the more prone it is to collective conceit.

This conceit clouds much discussion of the ETH, leading some to reject the hypothesis on grounds as speciously anthropocentric as 'no government/diplomatic contact, therefore no aliens'; while luring adherents into even more speciously anthropocentric arguments such as those suggesting that we are so inherently special that we must constitute a fascinating field of study for advanced visitors (if it turns out that we are so fascinating, then rest assured that our alien visitors are at their equivalent of second grade level, poking their fishnets into the school pond, and delighting in the repetitive thrill of bewildering the newts...).

My point? It's this: whether conducting scientific study and debate, or indulging in idle speculation, a lot more sophistication and an even greater degree of humility is called for if we are not to make asses of ourselves.

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:49:33 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:23:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:02:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 17:14:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 13:11:38 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:20:49 -0700
>>>>Subject: Re: Leaked 'Top Secret' UFO Documents Frauds

>>>><snip>

>>>>He claims to be one of the 100 most influential people in ufology.
>>>>Has anyone heard of him before this?

>>>Hell, I'm on that list, which should give you a rough idea of
>>>any real import it might have.

>>Is there anyone from the UK, Europe or Australasia on the list?

>Nick Pope is on it and I'm pretty sure Bill Chalker but check
>here:

<snip>

Nick Pope, hmmm, wouldn't be a show without Punch, but glad to see Nick Redfern (or is he an honorary American now, like Jacques Vallee?) and Jenny Randles in there. Four out of a hundred, oh, well it's a start.

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:51:25 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:25:27 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 18:04:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

<snip>

>>http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/south_asia/1768109.stm

>Apologies to the List.

>I foolishly forwarded this link on trust without checking the
>date. It's been pointed out to me that it's old news from 2002.
>If nothing has been heard of this drowned city since then perhaps
>the sonar survey turned out to be a false alarm.

That's OK, it just means the Earth's 5 billion and five years
old now!

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: Why The Cover-Up?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 21:54:17 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:26:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 11:06:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>If I could just tell you all what pals in the Navy have told me.
>Yet that data would mean that history as we know it would
>invalidate the beliefs we hold in place to hold us in place
>would fall off.

You can tell me Greg, I'm an atheist with no other belief
systems holding me in place, and only gravity holding me down.
I've forgotten all of the History I learned, so nothing to lose
there. If the Navy can handle the truth, then I know I can.

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:54:38 -0600
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:29:07 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 15:11:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>>From: Richard Hall <hallrichard99.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 14:43:49 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

<snip>

>>If you consider the Fermi Paradox trivial and/or resolved, I
>>would be interested in hearing your arguments to that effect. I
>>do not dispute the evidence for anomalous/non-human aerial
>>phenomena, but I believe Fermi's question is well-posed
>>nevertheless.

>I don't follow your logic at all. In shorthand, the Fermi
>Paradox is a proclamation by an uninformed scientist who, I feel
>quite cetrtain, never investigated a single hardcore,
>unexplained craft-like object UFO case. So when he asks where
>are they, I say look right under your nose.

>In The UFO Evidence, Vol. II, and lots of other places I have
>fully documented the strong patterns of credibly reported craft-
>like objects (geometrical configuration, portholes, beings,
>etc., etc.) These strong reports are readily available to anyone
>who makes even a half-hearted effort to find them. So when
>someone like Fermi argues from theory to say there are no
>visitors, I (as an empiricist) say look at the evidence.

>If you haven't looked at this evidence, I suggest that you do
>so. As I said, there is lots of evidence strongly suggestive of
>alien visitation. I didn't say proof, though it is tantamount to
>that.

Dick,

You have simply reiterated your previous comment, without
addressing my question or noting my acknowledgement of the body
of UFO evidence.

Even if the majority of genuine 'unknowns' in the UFO record are
in fact ETs, Fermi's question remains troublesome. Fermi did
not claim there are no ETs, nor did he claim we have not been
visited by them. The broader subtlety of the paradox goes beyond
the simple issue of whether ETs exist. The issue is, under very
reasonable assumptions, we should be swimming in ETs. The most
plausible scenarios are that they are ubiquitous, or that they
are non-existent.

It is rather like throwing a burning match into a pile of dried

brush. If you go away and come back a year later, you will be confident that the situation has resolved itself one way or the other: either the entire pile was consumed, or the fire was extinguished. There is no tenable 'in-between' scenario (e.g., isolated flames still present along with unburned brush).

But our current situation vis-a-vis ETs seems very much in this 'in-between' category: very selective and limited (if any) visitations, few (or no) unambiguous artifacts, passive signals, or direct communications. It is clearly *not* the case that ETs are common and ubiquitous. I do not dispute your documented evidence for them, I dispute that they are right under our noses, and I dispute that Fermi's observation was 'remarkably blind', 'over-rated', 'off-the-wall', or 'uninformed'.

You might consider perusing the available commentary on the Fermi Paradox and efforts to resolve it. I think you'll find that the issue is by no means settled, irrespective of whether ETs have visited or how solid your evidence may be to that effect.

Mike

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Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 22:00:36 +0100
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:31:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:10:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 22:17:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Pilot Offers Earthly Explanation For UFO Sighting

<snip>

>To be serious...

>My argument would be that a pilot on the scene is better able
>to sift the stone grindings out of the flour because he or she
>has a pretty good idea of what's flying, how it flies, what the
>technology is for more exotic aircraft and what our engineering
>is capable of.

>If the pilot is not on the scene but makes a pronouncement which
>doesn't fit the parameters of the event then he or she should
>not offer up the mundane which does not fit.

I would tend to agree with you, but you could argue that a
pilot, the famous 'trained observer', would even at a distance
be in a better position to offer an explanation even at a
distance, because of his presumed greater knowledge and
experience of aerial phenomena.

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 15:11:33 -0700
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:34:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:26:33 -0300
>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 11:23:47 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Why The Cover-Up?

>>The above is simply speculation on your part. I do not believe,
>>nor is there any evidence, that humans or any other life form,
>>have or will ever freely explore the universe and fly from star
>>to star.

>But you are postulating that our Earth brethern have done just that.
>I am going no further with this sillyness, Ed because whatever
>argument you use can be turned back against your own theory.

Don,

I do not theorize that the ancient hominids travel from star to star. I don't think they can or that star travel is possible at all. But travel through the solar system is achievable and something we should work toward accomplishing. At this point in their evolution the hominids should have control of the solar system. I think they can travel long distances at great speed, but not to other stars.

>For
>every sentence you use montremes in i can say but there is no
>evidence of that, that it is speculation on your part. Your
>theory is faith based, without a shred of evidence to support it .

I agree with all the traditional findings of ufologists. We are being visited. But by whom?

>and which you will support to the end evan as you have supported
>the validity of the AA despite being told by the very creator of
>same that it is a hoax.

He never told me it was a hoax. He announced that they had done a restoration. Except for Rays change of story, there isn't any evidence that the AA is a hoax. Ray could not explain or show how the restoration was accomplished.

>I think you and others who have faith in the ETH have
>>invented a nice bedtime story. But science says it won't fly.

>Science doesn't say any such thing. You are saying that and your
>credibility is quite low.

Maybe you can point out where science contradicts my statement?

>>The speed and energy requirements are the main stumbling blocks,
>>but desire is also necessary. An underlying assumption to such
>>futuristic thinking is that human population will continue to
>>grow and that there will be new technology fueled by this
>>growth. That's not necessarily a correct assumption. It might

>>happen, but there could be much to interrupt our progress.

>>If you submitted the above narrative to a panel of scientists,
>>would they agree? I don't mind if you believe this; I did for
>>many years. But don't treat me like the community idiot because

>Oh, I don't think you have lost faith, your egocentric view of
>the Earth as the only bastion of life in a universe is strongly
>linked to an older faith based idea, religion.

The universes is teeming with life; but it's isolated and
doesn't travel from star to star. Life is the end result of
matter (mother).

>>I don't believe this dogma any longer. Can't
>>you understand that? It happened in a rush of insight. I had
>>just viewed the Alien Autopsy footage several times and was
>>focusing on the brain removal when it really hit me. This is a
>>flesh and blood creature! Whisky-Tango-Foxtrot!!

>So you watched a hoaxed film of a plastic dummy having its sheep
>brain removed and now you are convinced of your theory.
>You can't even come to grips with the faked AA film and you are
>trying convince me and others that we are way off base in the
>possibility of the ETH?

That's correct. But the dummy wasn't plastic and the brain's
weren't from sheep. This is a real creature.

>>The earth is five billion years old and life has been here
>>for four and a half billion years. That's more than enough time
>>for many civilizations to have come and gone, too. Why should
>>we be the only one? Do you think humans are special?

>Frankly, yes I do.

Science says nothing is special. Nothing is special! And we
aren't either. The proof that we are here is also proof that
one, or maybe many, hominid cultures could exist and still do.

>We are the only ones there is proof of. There
>have definitely been different civilizations that rose and fell
>over the last 10,000 years and I suspect 2 or 3 times that length
>of time if not more, but they were still human civilizations.

Yes that's true. And the same dynamics will be found in the
ancient hominids.

>>There's not a reason to believe that we can even reach sublight
>>speeds or that we would be motivated to spend the time and
>>effort to do so. But why not be specific? Give a realistic
>>example of how all this might work.

>It's called constant acceleration, Ed. Look it up. Stan Friedman
>worked on nuclear technology rockets [back in the late 60s early
>70s] which I believe he said were 10,000 times more powerful
>than the Saturn rocket. Put that technology into space and then
>power up at the rate of one constant G of acceleration and you
>will eventually get to close to the speed of light.

Show me the evidence. As speed increases, so does mass and slow
acceleration won't change a thing except increase the time
factor. All the options are discussed below. Where's the
unanimity among scientists?

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Interstellar_travel

>>>Do you seriously think that some species [and I mean hundreds or
>>>thousands of different types of species] that's had technology
>>>for millions of years can't get by a little thing like the speed
>>>of light.

>>First of all there is not a grain of evidence

>You use that unsupportable line over and over Ed. There is not a
>grain of evidence to validate the AA film either but you embrace
>it wholeheartedly in your headlong rush to incredibility. that
>any species

There is evidence that the AA is real and not one iota of
evidence that it is a fake. It's one of those things where

everyone assumes that there is evidence but it's just not there. The litmus demanded by the UFO community has been that the film, with an image, be tested. I have no problem with this and have tried to talk Ray into complying but he resists.

<snip>

>Ed Fouche made up the TR-3b nonsense. There is no existing line
>of technology to support it. And despite the fact that there are
>dozens of triangular-shaped aircraft in the world today none of
>them is in the one or two mile wide category of the Phoenix
>claims. You seem pretty ignorant of the descriptions of what
>went on at around 8pm that evening and even more so about
>aviation technology. And supporting the TR-3b nonsense also
>shows your ignorance of the air regs governing the airspace and
>the air traffic control system over and surrounding Phoenix [Sky
>Harbor] as well which apparently, you think, can be violated at
>will by the US Air Force regardless of how many flights are
>placed in harms way.

Our secret government does exactly what it wishes or wants and doesn't give a flying foxglove what you and anyone else thinks or has planned. Safety is not a major concern. Do you want some examples?

>>Whatever was seen that night, and I
>>believe the descriptions and artists rendition, I don't think it
>>was from another planet. My paranoia jumps into high gear
>>whenever these triangle sightings occur. I was involved in the
>>northern California sighting about two years ago. It seemed
>>staged and meant to draw attention to itself.

>By whom, your reptilian, bipedal creatures from Earth's past?

Of course not. Our secret government. All I know is that what I saw seemed staged with elements of out of this world. We didn't see the craft because it was slightly foggy, but I did see the lights and the triangle craft was seen in San Francisco, south of us about 120 miles about an hour later, and then again as it traveled across the San Joaquin valley toward Las Vegas where it was seen again, all in one night. These were not star-vessel speeds. You believe what you want but I have to pass on this. I think the triangle is secret government disinformation.

>>I have zero faith in any technology.

>Yeah remember that the next time you go to the hospital.

I try to stay away from hospitals. I worked in several, remember. That's why I know the Doctors in the footage aren't fakes.

>>It's a tool and tools break
>>and malfunction. But I fear the TR3b is a red herring intended
>>to somehow misdirect our investigations.

>There's your flawed belief system kicking in again Ed. Ed Fouche
>said there was a TR-3b and you swallowed it hook, line and
>sinkers... just like the AA hoax. You use it like it's fact.

I haven't bought it as fact, but use the information to try and figure out the situation we're in.

Ed Fouche is who he says he is. He wrote a book based on information from friends, factual information, but had to publish as fiction so the book would clear. He says the TR3-b is a fact. I have no reason to doubt him. Do you?

Ed

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 17:33:08 -0600
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:38:21 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:05:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jul 2007 23:21:26 -0600
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>The reasoning behind the Fermi Paradox provide support for the
>ETH explanation for 'flying saucers/UFOs/TRUFOS' or AFC (Alien
>Flying Craft). This was pointed out in the paper published a
>year and a half ago in the Journal of the British Interplanetary
>Society. Unfortunately it doesn't turn up in a Google search for
>Fermi Paradox because that phrase is not in the title:
>Inflation Theory Implications for Extraterrestrial Visitation.

>This can be found at:

><http://brumac.8k.com/JBISpaper/JBISpaper.pdf>.

Thanks for the link Bruce. A well-written and informative paper,
with cogent arguments for the plausibility of both the existence
and visitation of ETs.

>The point of the paper is that modern theoretical thinking about
>the probabilities of life in the universe (besides here) and the
>likelihood of being able to travel vast distances in space by
>manipulating space itself actually makes the paradox stronger...
>assuming one rejects all UFO evidence for the ETV
>- extraterrestrial visitation - by creatures representing ILE
>-Intelligence Life Elsewhere.

>Of course, there is no paradox for those who accept the UFO
>evidence as proof of the the ETV/ETH hypothesis.

See my earlier reply to Dick Hall regarding the latter point.
Proof of ETV, or at least ETV as experienced by humans thus far,
does not resolve the paradox in its broader sense (which
becomes, Where is Everybody Hiding?).

Mike

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Re: The Fermi Paradox

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 05:03:22 -0300
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:40:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jul 2007 14:05:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>The reasoning behind the Fermi Paradox provide support for the
>ETH explanation for 'flying saucers/UFOs/TRUFOS' or AFC (Alien
>Flying Craft).

Indeed. Enrico Fermi in fact believed in the existence of
extraterrestrial civilizations.

The following document describes the genesis of the "Fermi Paradox",
as told by the others present at the event:

<http://www.osti.gov/accomplishments/pdf/DE00785733/05.pdf>

It's a paradox that arose as soon as cosmology allowed for more
precise estimations for the age and size of the Universe. And
the now accepted omnipresence of extrasolar planets only
reinforces it.

<snip>

>Of course, there is no paradox for those who accept the UFO
>evidence as proof of the the ETV/ETH hypothesis.

I think only in part. If one can actually ask "where are they?",
then the paradox is still there. Their presence should be
obvious, but we can manage to explain not only most phenomena on
Earth, but on space as well without resorting to any assumptions
about intelligent alien interference.

And that includes astronomical events millions and billions of
years away.

The paradox does not prove we are alone, but it's no stupid
question either.

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Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

From: **Bob Shell** <bob.nul>
Date: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 08:56:10 -0400
Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:41:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jul 2007 11:21:01 -0600
>Subject: Re: Binary/Convergent Evolution

>I hope this comment will not will not associate me with the
>'hidden terrestrial race' idea, but I don't know that it has
>been established that the "bipedal human evolved from the
>requirements of a tree-dwelling animal that needed to adapt to
>the wide open spaces of the African savannah". There are a
>variety of well-established animals in the savannah that show no
>hint of evolving toward bipedalism over the timescale in which
>human ancestors did so. If there is selection pressure for
>bipedalism in the savannah, why are we the only example of it?

This is a very good point.

Probably bipedalism already existed before our ancestors came out of the trees (if they ever were there). The advantage of bipedalism is that it frees the hands and arms to do other things than provide locomotion. On a tree dweller, it increases versatility, but the majority of tree dwellers are still quadrupeds. So it does not appear that there is strong environmental pressure to evolve bipedalism in tree dwellers. This big chunk of human evolution, the change to bipedalism and the forces that drove it, is very murky.

Dinosaurs may have had a "leg up" in evolution because the theropods were bipedal from the beginning. Their hands and arms were free for grasping and manipulating food, and for climbing if they were arboreal (although no definitively arboreal dinosaur has been found). I personally think that the key to all of this is the combination of bipedal stance, well-developed arms and hands, and stereoscopic vision. Toward the end of their existence, some dinosaurs had all three, and it is no surprise that they had the largest proportional brains of all dinosaurs. If their evolution had not been cut short by the mass extinction at the end of the Cretaceous, they would almost certainly have continued to evolve larger and larger brains, better hand coordination and better stereoscopic vision. Proper balance for a really big brain would necessitate a more erect stance, and that would lead to the tail diminishing in size or vanishing altogether.

You end up with Russell's Dinosauroid.

We really still don't know what killed off the dinosaurs, and until we do we can't really understand why some things lived through that extinction. Birds, fish, crocodilians, lizards, insects, small mammals, crustaceans, spiders, and many other groups of animals survived. I think the real question is not why did certain animals die out, but rather why did so many survive. This is the main weakness in the asteroid impact theory. If birds, which we now know are dinosaurs, survived, why not some other lines of dinosaurs? Why not dinosauroid evolution?

Bob Shell

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 31 Jul 2007 09:44:51 -0400
Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>From: Dimitris Hatzopoulos <dhatz-ufo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jul 2007 19:52:36 +0300
>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jul 2007 16:56:17 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Fermi Paradox

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>>This is why I urge again (having recently done so in response to
>>a post by Brad Sparks) that the very best cases need to be
>>agreed upon by the UFO researcher community, and summarized as a
>>single sheet handout for use every time the topic comes up, by
>>people calling into talk shows, by researchers being asked to
>>participate in documentaries - the summarized best needs to
>>become the default response at every opportunity.

>>Post it on the web for all to see and print off.

>>That simple move could start the field on it's way to the next
>>credibility plateau and is definitely worth the small amount of
>>time and money to do so.

>A good candidate would be the "UFO Briefing Document - The best
>available evidence" (1995), endorsed by CUFOS, FUFOR and MUFON
>(I located an online copy via the Internet WayBack Machine).

>A more elaborate list of cases would be James McDonald's
>presentation in July-1968 (who also debunks the usual
>misinformation: why don't pilots or astronomers see UFOs? Why no
>multiple witness sightings? etc). I include links to those and
>other similar free online resources at

<http://www.hyper.net/ufo/summary.html>

>But in my experience with the Internet and having run A/B-type
>testing and visitor behaviour (click tracking) analysis on
>various pages, if you want such material to be viewed by the
>general public, it needs to be audio-visual.

There is a serious confusion of goals here, without picking on anyone in particular here. You are referring to UFO cases chosen for reasons of publicity and political impact, such as possible Congressional hearings, and using them for public advocacy. This is fine but it is not the same thing as choosing the best scientific cases to impress the scientific community. It is my contention that the best scientific cases will in the long run have the greatest public and political impact, and not the UFO cases chosen for publicity and sensational public impact.

There is a huge difference. The publicity oriented cases tend to be very controversial and often have huge holes or weaknesses in them. Don't we have thousands of excellent UFO cases already, and aren't there many without gaping holes or defects? Why then do we perversely choose the cases that are going to cause the most problems and allow the debunkers as well as legitimate

skeptics wide opportunities to shoot them down? It almost makes me think that UFO researchers really don't believe they have "thousands" of excellent UFO cases and so they have to desperately cling to controversial and sensational pet cases -- because they have nothing else to offer. More on this below.

McDonald's catalog was designed to impress political types at a Congressional symposium, not impress a scientific audience. McDonald was trying to puncture popular misconceptions and fallacies about UFO phenomena, not present a list of best evidence cases.

The FUFOR Best Available Evidence was also chosen to impress the politically influential and emphasized high-publicity cases such as Socorro and Rendlesham, which would not persuade scientists and as we can see have not made any inroads into convincing the scientific community to launch a true scientific investigation.

What I am mainly talking about is the pressing need for best scientific UFO evidence to be carefully selected and presented to the scientific community.

This has not been done before. It requires that the number one collection of best UFO evidence, the Air Force files, be thoroughly combed for this scientific evidence. I am doing just that with the invaluable help of a number of dedicated colleagues, but it will take a long time (we have about 56,000+ pages online at the BlueBookArchive.com which is about half way, but just being online doesn't mean they have been thoroughly analyzed yet).

It is sad that many NICAP members spent years fighting for the release of the AF files, then when the AF files were finally released it was too late, those fighting for release were gone or had lost interest, or could not recruit assistants to tackle such a huge project. To this day no one really knows what is in all the AF files, publicly available for over 30 years now, as I can show by the startling cases that I have found so far. Breezy books skimming over a few sensational cases doesn't cut it. Cutting corners by jumping to the 500+ Unidentified cases and ignoring the probably 5,000 other unexplained cases won't cut it either.

A major drawback to some websites and case collections is the commingling of disreputable cases and personalities with legitimate UFO cases and researchers. This is an increasing problem as apparently the US Air Force continues to propagate disinformation to discredit the UFO field, by promoting questionable organizations and claims that mix the legitimate with the fraudulent. Whenever someone tries to point out these discrediting associations the AF stooges and their unwitting followers gang up on them.

Another problem is the dogmatic insistence of UFO advocates that the entire UFO problem must be solved all at once, or else none at all. But this is not how science works. As much as some just hate hearing this, science is fundamentally "reductionistic," a fancy word meaning the "reduction" of a problem to its simpler parts (not necessarily smaller parts, by the way, but simpler aspects which could very well be physically larger).

UFO researchers sink their case by demanding that scientists solve all of the UFO phenomenon all at the same time, including the toughest cases right at the beginning, such as abductions and CE III's, etc. This kitchen-sink approach is never going to impress physicists at the American Physical Society or astronomers at the American Astronomical Society. Don't come back at me saying this has never worked, it will never work, etc. It has never been tried before so you can't say that.

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