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UPC Guest Speaker Tells Tales Of The Third Kind
By Gene Ramsey

Three Unidentified Flying Objects carrying three human-like bodies were recovered in New Mexico in 1950, according to a UFO researcher who spoke to New Mexico State University students in the Corbett Center Auditorium Wednesday night.

Sponsored by the Union Program Council, Robert Hastings gave a presentation entitled, "UFOs: The Secret Story," in which Hastings used documents obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests and interviews with former Air Force, CIA and FBI personnel as evidence the UFOs and bodies were recovered. Hastings said UFO sightings began to occur in Los Alamos after initial testing of the atomic bomb.

Hastings also said he was personally involved in a UFO sighting in 1967 and believes they are extraterrestrial objects.

"I was present at the Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana air traffic control tower when five unidentified aerial targets, as they are called, suddenly began to be tracked on multiple radar scopes," Hastings said.

Corina Ramirez, a biology major, said "yes" when asked whether UFOs and aliens exist.

"Robert Hastings presented reliable information about UFO sightings," Ramirez said. "Now I am more convinced about extraterrestrial existence than before."

However, Heather Anderson, an education major, said she was on the border line of believing the information presented by Hastings.

The first massive waves of UFO sightings began in 1947 in every state except Georgia and West Virginia, according to Hastings. Most documented sightings have occurred in the air space above nuclear weapons facilities and power plants.

There is a UFO-nuclear weapons connection, Hastings said.

Hastings displayed one document that described UFOs as "round shaped objects or phenomena moving at a fast velocity and emitting a brilliant white or reflective light."

Government documents also show the sightings in New Mexico were

reported to former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. Hastings wants more documents held by the U.S. government to be released to the American public.

"I do believe the public is entitled to facts," Hastings said.

Hastings also said the government does not want to inform and has misinformed Americans on this issue for fear of creating a panic like the one caused by the 1938 "War of the Worlds" broadcast.

Hastings referred to the Orson Welles play in which a radio broadcast of ballroom music was interrupted by reports of UFO sightings and attacks. In reaction to the play, some people went to church, packed their belongings and sought safety. According to Hastings, the U.S. government sighted the reaction to the play as reason to withhold information from its citizens.

Hastings also said a producer in Spain broadcasted a play similar to that of Wells to coincide with the 1996 release of "Independence Day" and caused hysteria. Americans will be less hysterical on the arrival of extraterrestrials if the government releases such information, Hastings said.

Martin Rivero, a criminal justice major, said if the government is hiding information on this topic, they should release it and make it public.

Hastings said the government acknowledged the existence of Area 51 in 1996.

No one has all the answers concerning UFOs, Hastings said. However, he assured listeners what they heard Wednesday night is more valid than what the government has told them.

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Aliens Home In On City?

By Matthew Martin

It was a conference experience that was out of this world.

Rotorua's Convention Centre was abuzz this weekend with talk of aliens and alternate dimensions.

The 2007 UFOCUS New Zealand Future Perspectives conference covered everything from mind control technology to abduction experiences and alien implants.

About 250 delegates heard speakers from the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

One of nine guest speakers was senior air traffic controller from Hamilton International Airport Graeme Opie.

Mr Opie has had an interest in UFO phenomenon since the early 1970s when he heard of mysterious lights seen by colleagues at Wellington Airport.

In 1995 he had his own spectacular UFO sighting. It was from the Hamilton International Airport control tower.

"I just happened to be looking in the right place at the right time when I saw it. I have only seen one but I know controllers and pilots who have also seen them. That's when it really fired up my interest."

Rotorua and the Central North Island's volcanic plateau is a known hot spot for UFO activity. Mr Opie says many sightings in New Zealand are around known fault lines. The Bay of Plenty is no exception.

Mr Opie is now head researcher and sighting report investigator for UFOCUS New Zealand, an organisation set up in 2000 to investigate suspected UFO sightings in New Zealand.

"Since the UFOCUS website (www.ufocusnz.org.nz) has been operating many people have been able to come forward with news of their sightings and not feel like they will be ridiculed," he told the Daily Post.

With 39 years' experience as an air traffic controller and a pilot Mr Opie has a good idea of what should and shouldn't be in the sky.

He says he is still not 100 per cent positive about the

existence of alien life forms.

"Even now I'm a wee bit of a sceptic - it's good to be a sceptic, it gives you an open mind. I'll only be 100 per cent when somebody comes down and shows me through one of these things and I knew that they weren't from earth.

"We would be pretty arrogant if we said we were the only species in the universe."

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40 Years On And Still No Answers

Shag Harbour gearing up for UFO anniversary
By Kelly Shiers Staff Reporter

One night four decades ago, Laurie Wickens followed a familiar winding coastal road that leads to Shag Harbour in Shelburne County and landed in the middle of one of the world's best-known UFO cases.

He was just a couple of weeks shy of his 18th birthday back then, a young man from nearby Bear Point who had quit school the year before to fish, sometimes helping his father and, other times, taking to the waters in his uncle's boat.

Now, 57, with that career mostly behind him, he recalls the drive with friends on a cold and clear autumn night as if it happened yesterday.

"What was happening, it's still vivid in my mind," he said recently, as Shag Harbour prepared to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its very own close encounter.

On Oct. 4, 1967, Mr. Wickens and his friends thought the flashing row of orange-yellow lights in the sky must be a plane, even though they'd never seen anything quite like it before.

"One light would come on, then two, then three, then four, then they'd all go out for a second, then they'd repeat," he said.

"It seemed to be going along with us for, I don't know, three or four minutes, while we were driving up to Middle Shag Harbour. . . . As we started to make the corner, the lights, instead of flying level, they started flying maybe a 45-degree angle down towards the water. We (were) at the bottom of the hill, and we only lost sight of it for a few seconds and when we made the top of the hill, the light was in the water."

Mr. Wickens rushed to the nearest payphone a couple of kilometres down the road.

He'd just seen a plane crash into the water, he told the skeptical officer on the other end of the line at the Barrington Passage RCMP detachment.

"And the first thing the cop said was, 'What have you been drinking?'"

By all accounts, his was the first call to police that night but not the last.

"The people who saw it coming down all thought an aircraft was crashing and that=92s what they reported," said Don Ledger, co-author of Dark Object: The World=92s Only Government-Documented UFO Crash, a book

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Hi, Gerald,

>Neologisms are not confined to new words, but can also involve
>new usages. I would suggest that there are at least three
>obvious instances of significant semantic shift attributable to
>ufology: 'Abductee' and 'Alien' have both entered common
>parlance with particular connotations attributable to ufology,
>whereas they were previously fringe words with a fairly precise
>legalistic meaning; 'Saucer' is of course long embedded in
>common parlance, but since 1947 has gradually built up a second
>meaning - thus, by 1970, Jefferson Airplane were able to release
>a song titled 'Have You Seen The Saucers?' without fear that
>they would be misinterpreted as attempting to draw attention to
>psychedelic crockery.

Well, this is all true, of course, but really, it's addressing a separate issue from the one I was discussing.

Elsewhere, you ask about the frequency of "humanoid" in popular discourse. I can attest that it was being used in American newspapers from the 1920s onwards. It is not, in other words, a ufology-generated word or concept.

But in the context you raise above, you might have added "close encounter."

Jerry Clark

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Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 10:10:56 +0100
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:38:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 23:50:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 18:31:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>><snip>

>>I may be wrong but I don't believe the term "humanoid" existed
>>in 1947. Wasn't it a ufologists' word coined in the late '50s,
>>early '60s?

>The online etymology dictionary gives the first appearance of
>the word as being in 1918.

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

>Whether the word was in common usage in 1947 is another matter
>altogether. My feeling is that it probably wasn't, but I suspect
>that somebody well-versed in the history of pulp science fiction
>would be best situated to answer that question.

I think you have it right, Gerald. My impression that it was a
ufological neologism came from my memory of Charles Bowen's
introduction to FSRs 1966 special issue The Humanoids. Having now
dug it out to look, that memory turns out to have been slightly
inaccurate. Bowen gives "humanoid" as an invented term, not in
the dictionary, but more apt to his purpose than anthropological
terms like "hominid" or "hominoid". Evidently he isn't saying it
was a ufological invention, but he appears to be saying that it
was a ufological re-coining. So now I wonder when it was first
used in this way?

Interestingly I've been told off-List by the science fiction
author Damien Broderick that Jack Williamson's sci fi novel The
Humanoids originated in a short story "With Folded Hands..."
published in ASTOUNDING STORIES in 1947. The "Humanoids" were
robot helpers who remove all risk from human life. An initially
benign Utopia turns into horrific tyranny when stultified and
repressed humans attempt to rebel - the Humanoids operate on
their brains, removing not only the desire to rebel but also the
memory of ever having done so.

Damien points out that "With Folded Hands..." appeared in the
July 1947 issue (and continued as "...And Searching Mind" in
March, April and May 1948); further, that it would have been on
sale a month or more earlier than that cover date; and that
"ASTOUNDING was exactly the prime reading material of a lot of
those technical/military guys."

Martin Shough

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Claude Mauge <claudemaug.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 08:41:03 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:39:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 23:52:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:27:41 +0100
>>Subject: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>Is ufology either a "pseudo-science" or "anti-science"? If you
>>think so, why? If not, why are such views expressed?

>Science is all about logical questioning, so is ufology;
>therefore ufology is science.

Let us turn Ray Dickenson's statement as: "Science is all about logical questioning, so is philosophy; therefore philosophy is science". Does not it seems a little strange? "Logical questioning" is of course necessary to define science, but it is not sufficient. Science needs also something as: "basically through a process of experimentation, either directly when it can be performed, or indirectly by confronting to observed facts the supposed consequences of the hypothesis or theory - for instance in cosmology".

For the time being, I think it is premature to decide that ufology is a science (where is experimentation, on a global scale?), or a pseudo-science (although it have some features of it), or an anti-science (does not the word applies better to a state of mind rather to a discipline?), or a proto-science (a science on the making: only the future will say). A parascience could be the best term.

Regards,

Claude Mauge=C3=A9.

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Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 01 Oct 2007 10:37:23 -0400
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:41:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 00:50:53 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>>I may be wrong but I don't believe the term "humanoid" existed in
>>>1947. Wasn't it a ufologists' word coined in the late '50s, early
>>>'60s?

I haven't done any detailed studies of this, but I believe I remember that science fiction stories in the '50s routinely used the word "humanoid."

This would be easy to check, in any case. The word might have appeared in science fiction even earlier.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Secrecy News -- 10/01/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Mon, 01 Oct 2007 13:00:01 -0400
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:42:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 10/01/07

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DECLASSIFICATION LESSONS FROM NAZI WAR CRIME RECORDS

Last week the National Archives announced the release of the final report to Congress on implementation of the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, which is said to be the largest single-subject declassification program ever performed by the U.S. government. Millions of pages of records from World War II and the early Cold War years relating to Nazi war crimes have been released as a result.

But the lessons learned from declassifying the "extraordinary collection" of documents may prove even more important than the documents themselves, wrote Steve Garfinkel, the chairman of the interagency working group (IWG) that led the program.

In particular, he said, the effort "has demonstrated that disaster does not befall America when intelligence agencies declassify old intelligence operations records."

"Before the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act, intelligence agencies, supported by the President, the Congress, and the Federal courts, routinely and consistently exempted files containing intelligence sources and methods from declassification, regardless of the age or actual sensitivity of the information."

The Act deliberately rejected that policy of absolute denial and authorized the publication of intelligence sources and methods, albeit historical ones.

And so the newly disclosed records do "indeed reveal the vast interrelationship between British intelligence and the OSS [Office of Strategic Security, a U.S. predecessor to the CIA]."

Yet "it is preposterous to suggest that releasing OSS records under the [Act] is a threat to our current working relationship with the United Kingdom," Mr. Garfinkel wrote in the preface to the new report.

"The declassification lessons learned during the implementation of the Disclosure Acts can and should be applied to other intelligence records of similar age, and may even be applied to

records of somewhat more recent vintage, no matter how sensitive the information within these records once was," said Mr. Garfinkel, who served as director of the Information Security Oversight Office from 1980 to 2002.

It is essential that such lessons be learned, he said, because in practice the declassification process is arbitrary, unpredictable and subject to the whims of individual declassifiers.

"Whether a request for declassification is answered with a yes or a no is essentially determined by whoever happens to make the disclosure or non-disclosure decisions," Mr. Garfinkel candidly stated.

"All of the laws and orders and regulations, all of the classification and declassification guides and guidance can be cited to support either answer this person cares to give."

"The individual in charge makes the call based on his or her experiences, biases, proclivities, knowledge, or ignorance, and for many years thereafter, all of us may be stuck with it," he wrote.

In light of this unsatisfactory situation, Mr. Garfinkel expressed the hope that classification officials throughout the government might learn that "government secrets, even intelligence secrets, are finite," and should be subject to ultimate declassification.

A copy of the full report to Congress of the Interagency Working Group on Nazi War Crimes Disclosure, including Mr. Garfinkel's preface, is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/library/iwg2007.pdf>

JASON ON THE RELIABLE REPLACEMENT WARHEAD

There are significant uncertainties associated with the design of the Reliable Replacement Warhead, the proposed new nuclear weapon, according to the JASON defense science advisory panel.

A copy of the unclassified executive summary of the new JASON report, first reported by Walter Pincus in the Washington Post on September 30, is here:

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

Related background is available in "Nuclear Weapons: The Reliable Replacement Warhead Program," Congressional Research Service, updated September 18, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL32929.pdf>

MILITARY GUIDE TO TERRORISM 2007

U.S. Army intelligence has issued an updated version of its handbook on terrorism in the 21st century.

"The handbook is a high level terrorism primer that includes an overview of the history of terrorism, descriptions of terrorist behaviors and motivations, a review of terrorist group organizations, and the threat posed to our forces, both in the United States and overseas."

Two of the four supplements to the handbook, one on case studies in terrorism and one on terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, have also been recently updated.

See "A Military Guide to Terrorism in the Twenty-First Century," U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, TRADOC Intelligence Support Activity -- Threats, Version 5.0, 15 August 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/terrorism/index.html>

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Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service

obtained by Secrecy News include the following.

"Instances of Use of United States Armed Forces Abroad, 1798-2007," updated September 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL32170.pdf>

"The Military Commissions Act of 2006: Analysis of Procedural Rules and Comparison with Previous DOD Rules and the Uniform Code of Military Justice," updated September 27, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33688.pdf>

"Conventional Arms Transfers to Developing Nations, 1999-2006," September 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/weapons/RL34187.pdf>

"Afghanistan: Narcotics and U.S. Policy," updated September 14, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/row/RL32686.pdf>

"Syria: U.S. Relations and Bilateral Issues," updated September 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33487.pdf>

"Iraq: Regional Perspectives and U.S. Policy," updated September 12, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/mideast/RL33793.pdf>

"Presidential Signing Statements: Constitutional and Institutional Implications," updated September 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/crs/natsec/RL33667.pdf>

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 11:23:31 -0700
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:45:10 -0400
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 15:01:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 18:31:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>>"My friend said he saw the bodies, and I believed him," Sprouse
>>>said. "He said, 'We don't think the humanoid ate food.' I don't
>>>know why he said that. The digestive system wasn't designed for
>>>food or something."

>>I may be wrong but I don't believe the term "humanoid" existed
>>in 1947. Wasn't it a ufologists' word coined in the late '50s,
>>early '60s?

>Where would you have gotten that idea, Martin? Has ufology
>contributed any single word to the common vocabulary that
>doesn't incorporate some "UFO" at its core?

>"It is believed that the divergence of the humanoid and
>anthropoid types occurred perhaps a million years ago."

> - Athens [Ohio] Messenger, January 23, 1929.

>Jerry Clark

I have also done electronic searches and find several "humanoid"
uses in the newspapers from the 1920s and 1930s concerning
"apeman" discoveries and human evolution. The earliest of these
was 1924:

Review of 'What is Man' by J. Arthur Thomson

"What followed in the course of ages was the divergence of
branch after branch from the main Primate stem. First there
emerged the South American monkeys on a line of their own and
then the Old World monkeys, such as the macaques and baboons.
Ages passed and the main stems gave off the branch now
represented by the small anthropoid apes - the gibbons and
siamang. Distinctly later there diverged the branch of the large
anthropoid apes, the gorilla, the chimpanzee, and the orang. That
left a generalized ***humanoid***stock separated off from all
the monkeys and apes, and including the immediate precursors of
man. When this sifting out of a generalized ***humanoid*** stock
took place remains very uncertain, some authorities referring it
to the Miocene, others to the early Pliocene." - -Chicago Daily
Tribune, April 27, 1924

"No naturalist [he says] supposes man to be descended from any
living ape, still less from any living monkey. The scientific
teaching is that man is a scion of a stock common to him and the
higher apes, the divergence of ***humanoid*** and anthropoid
occurring, perhaps, between one and two million years ago."
--New York Times, April 27, 1924

So two different reviews in two different newspapers on the same day use "humanoid" in a very familiar way, suggesting its usage predates this by quite a bit.

Here's another on the evolution of the human big toe and its similarities to the great ape toe:

"This is the position that the line of leverage occupies in the human foot, and the changed position gives the new line of leverage the term ***'humanoid line.'*** The great significance of the change lies in the fact that nowhere among mammals is this ***humanoid*** line of leverage found except in man, the anthropid apes and some of the largest South American monkeys. It would be impossible to account for it in man other than as an inheritance from the grasping great ape type of foot." - -New York Times, Feb. 17, 1924

Of course "humanoid" is just another way of saying "human-like." Even if "humanoid" wasn't around in 1947, it seems a very flimsy reason for rejecting somebody's statements today if he did use the word, now very common, to describe something from 1947. It would be like rejecting testimony if the witness used the word "workaholic" instead of "hard worker" because the word didn't exist back then.

Incidentally, the witness, Milton Sprouse, was indeed at Roswell in 1947, shown 3 times in the yearbook, an engineering chief with the 830th Bomb Squadron and listed as one of the "old men" of the 509th Bomb Squadron. That seems like a much more important point to me.

David Rudiak

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 01 Oct 2007 16:26:30 -0400
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:45:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:27:41 +0100
>Subject: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>Do you think skeptics are generally better educated in science
>than UFO researchers? (Interestingly, the skeptical participants
>in a focus group I organized did not think this was the case.
>However, one of the ufo researchers in a focus group thought this
>was the case, commenting that this is why skeptic's "voice is
>weightier, and heavier and more listened to. It's because they are
>more articulate, they are better educated, they put themselves
>across better".)

The skeptics I've seen or read in documentaries and
articles do not "put themselves across better." What
makes them seem weightier to casual viewers or
readers is that their words are framed to seem more
authoritative by producers and writers who intentionally
arrange that.

(And that needs to stop, in my view.)

Eleanor White

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Re: Forged Documents

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 17:58:09 EDT
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:47:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Forged Documents

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 18:43:31 +0200
>Subject: Re: Forged Documents

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 29 Sep 2007 15:01:41 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Forged Documents

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 09:26:14 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Forged Documents

>>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 28 Sep 2007 14:55:34 +0200
>>>>Subject: Re: Forged Documents

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>>In the 1990 census, there was a question about service in
>>Vietnam and some 13,000,000 people claimed such service. That
>>was 9,000,000 more than actually served... there was no point
>>in lying on the census form because no one was going to see it,
>>but lie they did.

>>So, I throw in with Jerry on this one. Some people just lie
>>about all sorts of things for all sorts of reasons. In some
>>cases we only need the black basket because the evidence is
>>overwhelming. We need to realize that some issues are black and
>>white.

>Kevin,

>Of course, there are clear cut, black and white cases. I am
>ready to admit that Bob Lazar was a total liar. However, I would
>like to have your opinion about the hypothesis that there may be
>complex actions of gradual release of information, leaving the
>possibility of 'plausible deniability'.

>Do you admit that possibility?

Gildas, List, All -

Of course I admit the possibility, but I believe it to be a
rather remote one. If it is in a gray basket, then that basket
is charcoal.

Here's why. For more than 50 years we have been hearing this.
The Day the Earth Stood Still (the old Michael Rennie movie of a
landing in Washington, D.C.) was supposed to be the first of the
conditioning tools. Close Encounters of the Third Kind another,
with the big revelations to come soon after the release of the
film. I don't think we're any closer today than we were fifty
years ago.

In fact, they had the perfect change during the 50th anniversary in Roswell but chose, instead, to bury everything under more dirt. I really had never understood why they felt it necessary to reply to our claims of government cover up at all. Their most intelligent course of action was to ignore us. Instead, they gave us a certain level of respectability by addressing our concerns.

Yeah, they got away with the dumb Mogul explanation, but then we didn't respond to that right either. I mean, we could have pointed to Dr. Crary's diary where he said there was no flight on June 4, and if there was no flight, then there was nothing to drop debris on the Brazel (Foster) ranch.

Anyway, I suspect that we do more damage to ourselves than the government ever did and that they feel no need to release any of the information they have about Roswell. I don't believe there is a machine spitting out disinformation (a la Kaufmann) because there is no need to for it. There is always someone coming forward with a bigger and better story.

So, no, I don't believe there is a campaign underway to release any of the information they have. The closest we came to forcing the issue was in the mid-1990s, and then we stumbled into Dennis, Kaufmann, Ragsdale, Anderson, and a couple of others. We managed to muddy the waters ourselves... and we continue to do it when people want to know if Kaufmann was an agent of disinformation. No, he was an opportunist.

KRandle

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Fake Drone Footage

From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 08:45:32 +0100
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:50:51 -0400
Subject: Fake Drone Footage

I was emailed this link this morning:

<http://tinyurl.com/3cwoo2>

This short clip is shouting warning signals at me!

If we can now have some expert animators producing works like this which could very easily be seen "as real" how long before we get some naive individual touting one as a genuine sighting?

More than ever we need to be critical of still and movie footage and we will come to rely more in independent analysis of the _original_ footage to determine if a hoax is being perpetrated!

There have been many hoax's which have taken time and long hard investigation work to uncover as fake, with this digital age, that work can only get harder!

Regards

Sean

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PRG Press Release - Podesta/Richardson - 10/2/07

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:55:40 -0400
Subject: PRG Press Release - Podesta/Richardson - 10/2/07

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Paradigm Research Group

October 2, 2007
Press Release
John Podesta, Governor Bill Richardson and Exopolitics

Washington, DC - There is an extraordinary anomaly embedded in the ongoing political campaign cycle well on its way to being the longest and most expensive in American history. It centers on two key figures in the Democratic Party - John Podesta and New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson.

John Podesta was a key adviser and chief of staff to President Bill Clinton, husband of the leading Democratic presidential candidate, Senator Hillary Clinton. Podesta then became the founder and CEO of the Center for American Progress, a left of center think tank funded by George Soros and others to counter the influence of the Heritage Foundation and the American Enterprise Institute. He operates at the center of the intellectual matrix forming policy for the anticipated Democratic administration and expanded Democratic House and Senate in 2009.

www.americanprogress.com

In October of 2002 and 2003 at the National Press Club Podesta gave opening statements at two press conferences scheduled by the Coalition for Freedom of Information which contained these remarks:

"I think it's time to open the books on questions that have remained in the dark on the question of government investigations of UFOs... We ought to do it because... the American people quite frankly can handle the truth, and we ought to do it because it's the law."

"It is time for the government to declassify records that are more than 25 years old and to provide scientists with data that will assist in determining the real nature of this (UFO) phenomenon."

<http://tinyurl.com/39b73x>

Governor Richardson also served in the Clinton administration after spending 14 years in the House of Representatives. He served one year as Ambassador to the United Nations and two years as Secretary of Energy. He then became a successful governor and participated in numerous foreign missions. In a foreword to The Roswell Dig Diaries published in 2006 by Pocket Books Governor Richardson wrote:

".....the mystery surrounding this crash (at Roswell) 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."

<http://tinyurl.com/39h4ma>

The aforementioned anomaly has two parts: 1) why haven't the top-tier political media and presidential debate moderators challenged these men on their statements which directly contradict government policy regarding what is easily the most implicative issue of our time, and 2) given that partisan politics is as vicious as the pundits can recall and every opportunity to bring down an opponent, within or without one's party, is taken with relish, John Podesta and Bill Richardson are completely untouched regarding their provocative statements relating to Roswell and ET/UFO phenomena.

Senator George Allen's political career was ended by a single careless word. Senators John McCain and Max Cleland were viciously attacked without basis in fact on the most personal level. But a high level Democratic political operative and presidential candidate have directly challenged the government's formal policy that UFO's are a non-issue and extraterrestrials do not exist, and remain untouched by their political enemies and the press. What is going on here?

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Re: 'Chad Drone' Music Video

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 21:48:55 +1000
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 22:01:11 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Chad Drone' Music Video

Hi List,

For those who have doubted that the 'Drones' covered extensively by Linda Moulton Howe (including the 'CARET' document) could be computer creations, there is a new music video clip just released that is highly instructive:

<http://dailygrail.com/node/5339>

Kind regards,

Greg

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Football And The 'UFO Defense' Play

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 19:51:32 EDT
Archived: Tue, 02 Oct 2007 22:03:40 -0400
Subject: Football And The 'UFO Defense' Play

<http://tinyurl.com/22v6h7>

UFOs still permeate our lives in surprising ways.

This is a story about American football and the 'UFO defense' play. It's a fun read and pop culture item.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 07:50:12 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 07:50:12 -0400
Subject: UFO UpDates Archive Access Information

The Archive is up in its new home and appears to be mostly working.

The years/months before Aug 2005 are not yet showing up on the Main page - that's being worked on and will eventually function.

There's a new search facility installed and is finding 99% of the Archive posts. That too will be ironed out shortly. It will cover you until the Main page is listing all dates, again.

Below is the access info for this first month at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/subscribers/>

User Name: thearchive
Password: updatesdi

It will also allow you to download and listen to the SDI Podcasts at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/subscribers/>

Again, I appreciate your assistance,

Errol Bruce-Knapp
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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 19:38:31 +0100
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:10:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 08:41:03 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 23:52:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

Hello Claude,

We know there are many fraudsters and self-publicists claiming to be mainstream scientists, as some claim to be ufologists.

Nevertheless, for me the only ufology worthy of the name is ruled by the same discipline as any other worthwhile science - which I'd abbreviated to 'logical questioning'.

By 'logical questioning' I meant asking logical questions and accepting logical answers as hypotheses, which are then in turn scrutinized (potentially falsified) by logical observation (including experiment).

Anything outside of that discipline isn't ufology but speculation and must be regarded as separate, just as other mainstream scientists keep speculation out of their hypotheses.

Yet there must be speculation, if only to engender new questions and hypotheses. And I happen to believe that some central questions of ufology - are the UFOs material objects? what are their propulsion methods? are they intelligently controlled? what speeds can they attain? - are also central questions needed for the necessary next hypotheses of mainstream science.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 19:04:41 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:12:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
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>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 23:52:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:27:41 +0100
>>>Subject: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>>Is ufology either a "pseudo-science" or "anti-science"? If you
>>>think so, why? If not, why are such views expressed?

>>Science is all about logical questioning, so is ufology;
>>therefore ufology is science.

<snip>

>For the time being, I think it is premature to decide that
>ufology is a science (where is experimentation, on a global
>scale?), or a pseudo-science (although it have some features of
>it), or an anti-science (does not the word applies better to a
>state of mind rather to a discipline?), or a proto-science (a
>science on the making: only the future will say). A parascience
>could be the best term.

Excellent discussion Claude, Ray and Isaac!

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bonafide sciences, the dots are connected, conclusions are
drawn, with extremely minimal information.

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investigations, at least in the mass media, and the burden of
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forensic science. Wouldn't it?

And hasn't this been discussed in this venue many times before?

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Cory Cameron <corycameron.510.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 22:44:26 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:15:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 01 Oct 2007 16:26:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Isaac Koi <isaackoi.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:27:41 +0100
>>Subject: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

><snip>

>>Do you think skeptics are generally better educated in science
>>than UFO researchers? (Interestingly, the skeptical participants
>>in a focus group I organized did not think this was the case.
>>However, one of the ufo researchers in a focus group thought this
>>was the case, commenting that this is why skeptic's "voice is
>>weightier, and heavier and more listened to. It's because they are
>>more articulate, they are better educated, they put themselves
>>across better".)

>The skeptics I've seen or read in documentaries and
>articles do not "put themselves across better." What
>makes them seem weightier to casual viewers or
>readers is that their words are framed to seem more
>authoritative by producers and writers who intentionally
>arrange that.

>(And that needs to stop, in my view.)

Hello Eleanor, List

I agree totally with your comment/observation Eleanor. How many documentaries have I seen detailing Stanton Friedman's much respected comments and research regarding ufology which I feel are wholeheartedly truthful only to hear organ music in the background or smart-ass commentary accompanying his own - which to the unknowing eye makes Stan look like an idiot if the viewer is unaware of his work or ufology in general.

If I can stretch your argument to include the treatment of ufo researchers by t.v producers as much in the same when it comes to skepticism. ie: One can argue that it often appears that TV producers make the best skeptics; never mind the debunkers in portraying ufo researchers as being nothing but backwoods nutcases. The truth of the matter is that I can sit here and debate the legitimacy of the MJ-12 documents with Stan in a respectful and courteous manner but I challenge the same to be done by members of the media with any one of us researchers.

Kindest and most concerned regards,

Cory

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Re: Fake Drone Footage

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 22:53:12 -0500
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:16:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Fake Drone Footage

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 08:45:32 +0100
>Subject: Fake Drone Footage

>I was emailed this link this morning:

><http://tinyurl.com/3cwoo2>

>This short clip is shouting warning signals at me!

>If we can now have some expert animators producing works like
>this which could very easily be seen "as real" how long before
>we get some naive individual touting one as a genuine sighting?

<snip>

Digital photo and video evidence is fine, but only in a supporting role. As sole evidence it is too weak. If we have a case in which there are multiple but separate witnesses, any good picture, regardless of source, would be invaluable. Still, it should not be treated as the key evidence.

Terry Groff

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NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:23:04 -0400
Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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Any comments? Is this one of the famous ice crystals?

Joachim Koch

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'UFO Scared Me So Much I Almost Went Into Labour'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:28:18 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:28:18 -0400
Subject: 'UFO Scared Me So Much I Almost Went Into Labour'

Source: Welwyn & Hatfield Times - Herts, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yt8lw6>

03 October 2007

'UFO Scared Me So Much I Almost Went Into Labour'

Mysterious bright yellow lights were seen plummeting towards a couple's house at "an abnormal speed", writes Simon Wesson.

The Bernasconis, who live in Homestead Road, Hatfield, were "scared to death" when they saw two gleaming lights which they believed were "about to crash just behind their house".

Rachel, 33, told the WHT that she had "never been so scared in her life".

"I'm 39 weeks pregnant and I thought I was going to go into labour, I was that scared.

She added: "My husband, Mark, saw two lights hovering above the houses opposite.

"At first he presumed it was an aircraft, because it looked like two wing tip lights; but after a while it was still there, so he opened the window to check it wasn't a reflection and it was at this point that he shouted for me to come over.

"I jumped out of bed and watched it hover from the open window, then suddenly the lights started to get closer and closer, within seconds we ran down the stairs and out of the door; at this point we were running for our lives!

"We got outside and it just disappeared, no noise or sight of the object, it was a complete mystery."

Rachel said that she had never believed in UFOs but this had really made her "wonder what is out there".

"The lights were too far apart to be a helicopter and they were too low and going too fast to be an airplane," she said.

"If it was a plane, we would have heard some kind of engine noise, but there was absolutely nothing.

"I just cannot explain it. I'm a bit of sceptic about these things, but those lights were irregularly bright!"

- Did you spot anything? Email us at whtimes.nul

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Worldwide UFO Activity

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 14:57:56 +0100
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:31:43 -0400
Subject: Worldwide UFO Activity

Hi,

Can anyone out there supply me with information (or links) regarding worldwide UFO activity over the last decade?

I would like to know if sightings are decreasing in the developed world and increasing in the developing world.

Has anyone produced statistics relating to such activity? All replies appreciated.

Nigel Watson

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 16:28:43 +0100
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 11:34:46 -0400
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>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Right Rick,

Lyle Michel has been making that point for quite a while -

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

"The Government and the Press Win Their Arguments By Ignoring
Courtroom Evidence About Abductees and The Extraterrestrial
Phenomena".

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 16:36:17 +0100
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 12:02:34 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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I made the following comments on this film earlier today to
another List. Here they are for what they are worth:

It's a hand-held video of the external tank slowly tumbling away
beneath Atlantis. The Earth is streaming by from top right to
bottom left (about "NNE-SSW" if you pretend N is at the top of
the view). About half way in, a blurry white "tripod" shaped
feature (looking a bit like a Newtonian telescope secondary
mirror spider) enters centre right and tracks across the corner
of the frame to exit bottom right, visible for about 4 seconds.
As it does so it rotates, so that one arm remains approximately
aligned on the booster tank.

At first glance looks it looks as though it might be a bright
reflection in the camera optics or similar. But it isn't in the
camera.

The object is moving in relation to the tank, the ground and the
camera frame. If you mentally isolate the different components
of motion you can see that there is also a hand jitter. Watch

the tank and the object. They both jitter in synchrony. So the source is not a lens flare but something outside the camera. The next thing in the way is the spacecraft window. Could it be a reflection in the shuttle window?

The object is quite structured. Presumably it would have to be a specular reflection on some brightly illuminated piece of equipment inside the cabin. But it's quite a puzzle to work out how this would produce an image that moves in this way.

The sun position appears to be low and roughly behind the heading of the spacecraft, as indicated by the reflection on the side of the booster tank. It seems to stay in that direction throughout. Also the camera position is clearly somewhat steady in relation to the tank and the Atlantis ground track. So the spacecraft is not rotating significantly on any axis, i.e. not in such a way that the sun illumination angle is changing by many degrees.

If the magnitude of the movement of this "reflection" is difficult to understand, so too is it's apparent relation to the motion of the tank (obviously excluding the camera jitter mentioned previously). At the start it emerges into the frame from the right moving towards the tank *without* any noticeable rotation, for about 1 second, reducing its angular distance from the tank by about 20% in this time, before curving around "behind" the tank (falling back behind Atlantis) and at the same time rotating to keep one of its "arms" roughly aligned on the tank.

This is quite odd. The one possibility that occurs to me - given that the Shuttle itself is not rotating, as inferred - is that the rapid translation and rotation of the "reflection" could be caused by small relative angular motions of the Sun being amplified due to local curvature of the window glass. I don't know, but it strikes me as highly unlikely that the Shuttle glass would be curved.

It would be necessary to investigate the interior of the Shuttle cabin in great detail and/or question Shuttle astronauts/engineers to work out of this could somehow be explained as a reflection.

But at the moment I think it remains an interesting oddity - strictly speaking a UAP observation, although one would have thought that if it was a genuinely remarkable bright object outside the spacecraft it would have been noticed and commented on by the cameraman or other crew members.

Martin Shough

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Re: The Law Says Ghosts Are Real But UFOs Aren't

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 11:55:00 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 12:04:23 -0400
Subject: Re: The Law Says Ghosts Are Real But UFOs Aren't

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 12:19:30 EDT
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><http://www.hauntedrealestate.com/>

>I could go on about ghosts.

>I too for a long time was vehement about there not being any
>real ghosts and that people saying they saw ghosts were daft.

>I even lived in a registered haunted house and saw the danged
>things and still wouldn't buy it.

<snip erudite and ghostly or ghastrly comments>

>Now I have an even worse problem, do aliens have ghosts? If an
>alien dies on Earth do we get haunted by their spirits?

>If I see something that looks like Casper showing up with big
>almond eyes I'm headin' for the hills!

Won't do any good. They can "git" you in the hills, too.

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Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

From: **Kevin Randle** <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 12:14:12 EDT
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 13:56:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

List, All -

I spoke with Milton Sprouse, the Roswell soldier. He appears in the Yearbook three times, which means he was in Roswell at the right time.

However, he told me that he had seen nothing himself, that he had been on a flight to Florida and they returned the day the story broke in the newspaper so he was not involved in any of the retrieval operation. He said that friends on his flight crew, who had remained in Roswell had been and they talked only of metallic debris, the biggest piece about 12 inches long.

He could remember no names, though we do have the names of the flight crew to which he was assigned when the Yearbook was created. He said they rotated the crews frequently and the guys in the picture were not the ones who had assisted in the recovery at the ranch.

He said that he had a friend who was a medic and who had the chance to see the bodies, but he couldn't remember the name. He does have a copy of the Yearbook, so it would do no good to call him and read a list of names to him.

He did say that after the first story broke in the newspaper that officers came around and picked up all copies on the base. I asked if he had seen the newspaper and he said that he had his picture taken with it. No, this collecting of the newspapers is a new wrinkle and it doesn't make any real sense to me.

His medic friend, he said, was transferred from the base not long after this event. I have looked at the Unit Histories for June, July and August and there are no indications that there was a sudden increase in the number of men transferred... which doesn't mean they didn't target those involved and the numbers just worked out for them.

There are a couple of leads to follow up here and I will do so. The bottom line is that Sprouse saw nothing himself but heard others talking about what they had seen and done. He has read several of the Roswell books and has seen many of the Roswell documentaries.

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Krandle
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Another UFO Sighting By Mexican Air Mechanic

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 12:21:47 -0400
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 14:00:38 -0400
Subject: Another UFO Sighting By Mexican Air Mechanic

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 3, 2007

Source: www.analuisacid.com
Date: 10.02.07

Mexico: Another UFO Sighting By An Aviation Mechanic

Photograph taken on September 21, 2007 by aviation mechanic Jose Camacho Cuevas during a test flight along the Mexico City - Ixtapa route.

<http://www.analuisacid.com/21sep07.htm>

The witness was flying on a Boeing 737-322, registration XA-MAI, belonging to the Magnicharters carrier.

Mr. Camacho advised researcher Alfonso Salazar that he had taken several photos on that occasion and that the luminous object was visible in only one of them. He was not aware of this until he examined the materials on a computer.

The photo was taken with a Nokia 3250 cell phone at 14:40 hours.

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Special thanks to Prof. Ana Luisa Cid and Alfonso Salazar

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Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:41:04 +0100
Archived: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:35:51 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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

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>Any comments? Is this one of the famous ice crystals?

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No I don't think this is an ice crystal, on grounds of appearance, motion, angular size and focus.

Angular size is the weakest argument. Even a very large ice "crystal" (or flake of crystals) one cm across and only one metre away from the lens beyond the window glass would be a bit over half a degree across. This makes the FOV very small and requires a powerful telephoto, but the angular amplitude of the camera jitter is quite small in relation to the FOV and this doesn't suggest such a long lens to me. Unless we are seeing only a very tiny section of the original video frame of course.

If the "ice crystal" is close enough to the lens to show a realistic angular size - i.e., maybe "on" the window, inches from the lens - then quite possibly it would blur into invisibility due to being well inside the focal distance of a lens that seems focused on infinity and is probably not stopped down to a pinhole either because it is pointed well away from the sun it. (The camera seems focused on the distant tank and the earth's surface although its true that the pixel resolution of the uploaded wmv. is pretty coarse)

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Anyway, just some personal impressions. I wonder what the original video resolution would reveal?

Martin Shough

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 08:18:58 -0400
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A minor point: Two of the pictures may be the same, but are used
in a different context. One use is Sprouse in his 1947 unit, the
830th Bomb Squadron (engineer). The other is at the front of the
yearbook (p. 10) with a small group of men listed as the "Ye
Olde Men of the 509th", i.e., a small cadre of men at Roswell
who had been with the 509th since its origins in 1944 (19 men
are so pictured).

A history of the 509th immediately precedes these photos. It
notes that following the dropping of the A-bombs on Japan and
the subsequent post-war demobilization, the 509th was reduced to
a "mere skeleton of men and equipment" by January 1946, when the
orders to commence Operation Crossroads (Bikini A-bomb tests)
came through and the 509th had to quickly rebuild in
preparation.

The point I want to make here is that one of the "key personnel"
noted in the history in the rebuilding effort was Jesse Marcel
among this 1946 509th "skeleton" staff, which would have also
included "old man" Sprouse.

So Sprouse knowing Jesse Marcel being a "stretch"? Under the
circumstances, I think it would have been more of a stretch if
Sprouse didn't know Marcel.

David Rudiak

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:26:57 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 08:30:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 08:41:03 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>Let us turn Ray Dickenson's statement as: "Science is all about
>logical questioning, so is philosophy; therefore philosophy is
>science". Does not it seems a little strange? "Logical
>questioning" is of course necessary to define science, but it is
>not sufficient. Science needs also something as: "basically
>through a process of experimentation, either directly when it can
>be performed, or indirectly by confronting to observed facts the
>supposed consequences of the hypothesis or theory - for instance
>in cosmology".

Sounds reasonable. That means that those areas of UFO research
which are carried out using the same methods as in cosmology are
indeed every bit as genuine "science" as cosmology is.

Eleanor White

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:37:43 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 08:31:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 19:38:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>Anything outside of that discipline isn't ufology but
>speculation and must be regarded as separate, just as other
>mainstream scientists keep speculation out of their hypotheses.

Kind of funny, that. A hypothesis is speculation. Informed speculation, but speculation none the less.

Eleanor White

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:47:36 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 08:32:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Cory Cameron <corycameron_510.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 22:44:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>If I can stretch your argument to include the treatment of ufo
>researchers by t.v producers as much in the same when it comes to
>skepticism.

You know what producers owe the ufologists they have
interviewed?

The chance to see the final footage of the skeptic(s), and
the chance to put their well prepared rebuttal into the final
cut! As the last word!

Anything less is in my view criminal, given the grave
importance of this topic to our species. I've watched half a
century of absolutely atrocious, evasive anti-ufology pablum on
my TV, basically, and this needs to stop!

(And my suggestion for the first step in stopping it is to
prepare that "core case" package of the best cases, and insist
producers cover those cases prominently as the price for
ufologist participation.)

Eleanor White

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:32:30 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 08:35:29 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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>And the 2nd from the top entitled:

>Master# 722561 01:03:54 - 01:04:22 Crew handheld video of
>External Tank.

>This is footage of a external tank. Around the 27 second mark
>another object on the lower right makes an appearance.

>The object is remarkable in itself but the most amazing thing to
>me is that it is pacing the booster rocket and one of the
>object's "antennae" appears to be always pointing directly at
>the object as if tracking it and taking telemetry.

<snip>

>Any comments? Is this one of the famous ice crystals?

Hi Joachim!

It's very likely your same friend forward this very interesting
video clip to me too before it was posted to the UFO UpDates
List. Below is my reply to him:

This "object" is very likely an optical reflection. This is
supported by the fact that it appears only at the moment when
the tumbling Shuttle liquid fuel tank is no longer illuminated
by any sunlight and appears totally dark. The object would have
been dark too if it was solid and also in the vicinity of the
depleted fuel tank. The reasoning that this object is a
reflection is confirmed by the observations that the "antennae"
is actually pointing towards the Sun and thus only appears to be
"tracking" the fuel tank.

Russian and Chinese spy and anti-satellite spacecraft are
intentionally dark so as not to attract any more attention from
the ground or in space by reflected sunlight. If this highly
maneuverable object was indeed a Chinese spacecraft as you
believe, then we have greatly underestimated the capabilities of
China and would surprise even Chinese space scientists, some of
whom I closely work with at York University.

Nick Balaskas

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Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:23:29 -0500
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 11:35:32 -0400
Subject: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

A Bishop Reports 'Gentle Little People in Masks' Entering His Residence

<http://www.koat.com/news/14239833/detail.html>

"On September 30, police responded to a 9-11 call from the home of Catholic Bishop Donald Pelotte in Gallup, NM. The Bishop reported that a number of 'gentle little people in masks' had entered his home and would not leave.

They were described as being 3 to 4 feet tall and wearing 'Halloween masks'. The Bishop hid in a closet while they were in the house.

Bishop Pelotte sustained a fall some months ago, and, as police were unable to find any evidence of intruders in his house, an inquiry is under way regarding his fitness to continue to serve actively in the church..." more at the URL above.

Thanks to News from Unknowncountry.com for the lead.

K. Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Re: When Good Things End: UFOupdates V 2.0

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 10:49:53 -0500
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:41:10 -0400
Subject: Re: When Good Things End: UFOupdates V 2.0

>Source: Jason Gammon's Blog

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

>9.27.2007

>When Good Things End: UFOupdates V 2.0

>Errol Bruce-Knapp, famed one-man-band behind the phenomena
>called UFO UpDates has recently announced that due to both lack
>of time and funding, List-subscribers of the non-active
>Ufologist kind will be forced to pay modest fees for their
>subscription and archive accessibility.

<snip>

Thing is? There is really no other way it can continue at all.
All you had suggested has been tried to "Know" avail.

UFO UpDates is a vehicle going somewhere substantive and has
always been such. Errol's been there with his credit card for
gas for over a decade. He's replaced tires, switched out water-
pumps, mended radiators, and repaired engines.

Maybe the reader thinks love is forever too.

No. There is a price paid for being serious about what's real
down the rabbit hole. Going down said rabbit hole it's nice to
have the aforementioned vehicle dressed out and running properly
replete with notable passengers who have compelling commentary
to contribute as the journey's made.

This takes dustage, finally.

So... in the Ken Kesey sense... you're either on the bus - this
compelling, astonishing, and seriously intrepid bus - or you're
off the bus, getting... well... 'something' for free.

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Re: Fake Drone Footage

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 18:55:03 -0700
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:42:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Fake Drone Footage

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 08:45:32 +0100
>Subject: Fake Drone Footage

>I was emailed this link this morning:

><http://tinyurl.com/3cwoo2>

Cool video and great effects.

Another interesting but plausibly genuine video taken on August 28 in Kentucky:

<http://tinyurl.com/2e7o96>
(WTVQ News)

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=38368>

While this may or may not be another 'drone', it is another witness (like others I noted before) with a known identity, make of video camera, etc. who could be interviewed. Not all of the possible drone sightings are just anonymous photos or video clips.

Paul

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From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 19:06:42 -0700
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Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:50:46 -0600
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:44:58 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:41:04 +0100
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I also get the impression of a lens flare or reflection, but the effect is quite remarkable. I am still pondering Martin's earlier comment that the 'object' and the tank jittering in sync rules out a flare in the camera optics... for some reason that's not obvious to me, but my optics knowledge is only cursory.

In any case, if it is a reflection from the shuttle window, then the 'tracking' of the object orientation with the tank suggests that it is a reflection of some part of the camera itself, which is panning along with the tank.

The fact that the object is not in sharp focus should put a fairly rigorous constraint on its range. I also cannot convince myself that it is a 'solid' (i.e., fixed geometry) object, regardless of the lighting and orientation changes. It seems to 'shape-shift' as it rotates. The resolution doesn't allow a firm conclusion, but I also get the impression that the object is not contiguous, or else has transparent sections.

I must admit, the first thing I thought of when I saw the video was the infamous 'drones' from earlier this year.

Mike

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 22:37:25 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:52:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 19:04:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 08:41:03 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>For the time being, I think it is premature to decide that
>>ufology is a science (where is experimentation, on a global
>>scale?), or a pseudo-science (although it have some features of
>>it), or an anti-science (does not the word applies better to a
>>state of mind rather to a discipline?), or a proto-science (a
>>science on the making: only the future will say). A parascience
>>could be the best term.

>Excellent discussion Claude, Ray and Isaac!

>But I'm thinking about the fields of forensics. In these
>bonafide sciences, the dots are connected, conclusions are
>drawn, with extremely minimal information.

>Granted the realm of forensics is tied to mostly criminal
>investigations, at least in the mass media, and the burden of
>proofs is linked with concepts like preponderance and "beyond
>reasonable doubt." But surely, ufology would qualify as a
>forensic science. Wouldn't it?

Continuing with the analogy though, it must be pointed out that
not all professionals involved with criminal investigations
where forensics are used are scientists. That is to say,
"UFOlogy" can certainly *benefit* from scientific investigation
(and has done!) but it is not, in itself, a science. Indeed, I
think to claim such a position could serve to alienate (heh)
many of those scientists whom we all would like to see paying
more attention to this subject.

But to the question of whether or not the study of UFOs is
"pseudo-science" or "anti-science", I have to say that it all
depends upon whom it is that we're talking about. There are
scads of people out there who make wild, unsubstantiated claims
that are in some way connected to the "UFO" phenomenon. My
stance is that each case must be taken on its own merits (or
lack, thereof). Which, I suppose, suggests that my overall
position is that the UFO phenomenon *is* worthy of scientific
study. If only to set some baseline with which we can measure
the silly and opportunistic bandwagon-riders.

>Do you think the study of UFOs has added to scientific knowledge?

I don't think the study of UFOs has added anything at all to
scientific knowledge because there just is not any established
"scientifically accepted" material from which to measure. Any
committed researcher can compile and analyze the data but there
are painfully few hard conclusions that any of us can yet make
(short of a lot of hand-waving, and we get enough of that).

But I don't mean to be dismissive of anybody's efforts at understanding what we're dealing with. We're just not at the level of understanding this thing where we can pronounce judgement or make any real predictions about this with any intellectual honesty, IMHO.

Will science be advanced in some way by all of this? Certainly, if it truly is what many of us think it is. Personally, I think it's inevitable that our civilisation will be forced to confront the reality of others outside of our tiny planet (or within it, to throw a bone to some readers here). Hey, even annihilation at the hands (tentacles?) of blood-thirsty aliens would provide plenty of subject matter for some quick research. And talk about exciting thesis topics one would have available!

>One of the most common questions in opinion polls regarding UFOs
>is whether a person "believes" that "UFOs are real". What do you
>think about this question?

I loathe the term "believe" as pertains to this subject. It smacks of quasi-religious fervour, of the sorts of things crowds of people are capable of fooling themselves into hanging onto as a source of mystical, all-curing, personal validation. I prefer to say that I am aware of the phenomenon, that I am not dismissive of it, and that I would like more serious attention paid to it.

>Would you expect polling data to indicate that belief in UFOs is
>inversely related to levels of intelligence?

>Would you expect polling data to indicate that belief in UFOs is
>inversely related to levels of education?

I've never really thought about it. I can well imagine that a goodly number of "educated" individuals are dismissive of UFOs simply because they see it as being just so much rubbish employed by the tabloids to keep the unruly mobs buying crap.

Conversely, many less educated individuals would probably describe themselves as being quite skeptical of the establishment, be it the government, academia, or what have you. And we all know that UFOs provide plenty of fodder in that area.

Are either of those two conjectures the rule? I've no idea, but I think the entire subject has become so loaded, in so many ways, that it would be extremely difficult to pin anything down.

Brian

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Re: Fake Drone Footage

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 00:06:20 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:55:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Fake Drone Footage

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 08:45:32 +0100
>Subject: Fake Drone Footage

>I was emailed this link this morning:

><http://tinyurl.com/3cwo02>

<snip>

>More than ever we need to be critical of still and movie footage
>and we will come to rely more in independent analysis of the
>_original_ footage to determine if a hoax is being perpetrated!

>There have been many hoax's which have taken time and long
>hard investigation work to uncover as fake

<snip>

I think this is a 'new wave' of 'UFOs'.

Quick look at few video servers, like Youtube, gave whole collection of such "UFO videos". I uploaded them to one of servers where people can share videos. Some "UFOs" looks quite realistic:

<http://www.putfile.com/sergejsh/media>

But next video do not appear for me as fake. detourspro, owner of this video, is saying that it was filmed during pyroclastic volcanic eruption in Costa Rica. From his comments:

"...i just moved to Costa Rica when i filmed this.. i had a spanish vocab of about 3 words.. i had only 3 nicaraguan workers on the property with me and really it seems to happen so quickly you really become speechless in the moment.. the questions come after... and even then i had a pathetic attempt at conversation with them.. it was more hand gestures.. that's funny..

The clip is 40 seconds..the object enters at the 4 second mark at 11 o'clock top of the screen...it exits at 35" mark at the 3 o' clock position.. right side of screen..

...it is just a brilliant orb shape.. about 3 miles to the summit of the volcano.. it emitted a light behind the first cloud, behind the summit of the volcano(if you look closely you can see it pass just behind the summit between the two cones) and from behind a pyroclastic dust cloud...

...costa rica.. this is only about 20 miles from Lake Coter.. where there is a famous photo of a craft entering the lake itself..

...this was on the news in central america 2003"

I was asking about higher quality video, but no answer for now.

Sergey

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Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 00:59:25 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 01 Oct 2007 10:37:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 1 Oct 2007 00:50:53 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>>>I may be wrong but I don't believe the term "humanoid" existed in
>>>>1947. Wasn't it a ufologists' word coined in the late '50s, early
>>>>'60s?

>I haven't done any detailed studies of this, but I believe I
>remember that science fiction stories in the '50s routinely used
>the word "humanoid."

>This would be easy to check, in any case. The word might have
>appeared in science fiction even earlier.

So I checked it. There's a book called Brave New Words: The Oxford Dictionary Of Science Fiction. It's a dictionary of words used in science fiction, with definitions and examples of their use. It's quite a scholarly effort, and was published by Oxford University Press.

The entry for "humanoid" shows that the word was first used in science fiction way back in 1940. Or at least that's the first citation, showing how the word was used in 1940 in a story by Isaac Asimov. The editor of the dictionary notes that many of the words may actually have been used earlier than their first citation, in some early science fiction magazine that nobody now can find.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Worldwide UFO Activity

From: **Edoardo Russo** <e.russo.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 11:15:38 +0200
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 12:59:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Worldwide UFO Activity

>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 14:57:56 +0100
>Subject: Worldwide UFO Activity

>Can anyone out there supply me with information (or links)
>regarding worldwide UFO activity over the last decade?

>I would like to know if sightings are decreasing in the
>developed world and increasing in the developing world.

>Has anyone produced statistics relating to such activity? All
>replies appreciated.

Ciao Nigel,

All sightings reported in Italy since 2000 have been regularly logged and are publicly available from the Italian Center for UFO Studies on CISU website, as well as statistical breakdowns and comparisons.

Case log coordinator, Giorgio Abraini, also prepared an English version of it all, which you may find at URL:

<http://www.cisu.org/english/casi2006E.htm>

and surrounding (linked) pages there.

Similar lists for the whole 1900-1999 years (totalling some 15,000 Italian cases) are soon to be put on line, too.

BTW, it may be a consequence of the Internet itself, but we've been having a steady number of reports (and an higher average than the previous decade) in this first part of the new century:

2000: 467
2001: 923
2002: 829
2003: 950
2004: 1020
2005: 915
2006: 618

Giorgio Abraini wrote a detailed article about yearly numbers of UFO sightings in Italy for the recently released "UFO handbook" (<http://www.cisu.org/guida.htm>), but it's not yet been translated from Italian into English.

Best regards,

Edoardo Russo

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Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 08:33:01 EDT
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:01:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 13:23:14 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 12:14:12 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Incident Recalled By Vet Who Was There

>>I spoke with Milton Sprouse, the Roswell soldier. He appears in
>>the Yearbook three times, which means he was in Roswell at the
>>right time.

<snip>

>>He told me he is 86 but you couldn't tell that by talking to
>>him. He seemed very sharp. He said that he knew Ramey, Blanchard
>>and Marcel (which seems a bit of a stretch) and that he was in
>>Roswell for ten years. He said the crash was often discussed
>>among the enlisted soldiers. And, no, he doesn't believe that
>>it was a weather balloon.

<snip>

>A minor point: Two of the pictures may be the same, but are used
>in a different context. One use is Sprouse in his 1947 unit, the
>830th Bomb Squadron (engineer). The other is at the front of the
>yearbook (p. 10) with a small group of men listed as the "Ye
>Olde Men of the 509th", i.e., a small cadre of men at Roswell
>who had been with the 509th since its origins in 1944 (19 men
>are so pictured).

>A history of the 509th immediately precedes these photos. It
>notes that following the dropping of the A-bombs on Japan and
>the subsequent post-war demobilization, the 509th was reduced to
>a "mere skeleton of men and equipment" by January 1946, when the
>orders to commence Operation Crossroads (Bikini A-bomb tests)
>came through and the 509th had to quickly rebuild in
>preparation.

>The point I want to make here is that one of the "key personnel"
>noted in the history in the rebuilding effort was Jesse Marcel
>among this 1946 509th "skeleton" staff, which would have also
>included "old man" Sprouse.

>So Sprouse knowing Jesse Marcel being a "stretch"? Under the
>circumstances, I think it would have been more of a stretch if
>Sprouse didn't know Marcel.

List, All -

I knew this would be misunderstood the moment that I hit the
send button. Sprouse would have "known" all three (Marcel, Ramey
and Blanchard) meaning that as officers in important positions
he would have known who they were. However, his suggestion to me
that he knew them well, implying he had some sort of personal
relationship is something of a stretch. He was a crew chief on a
B-29, he would have been briefed by the intelligence officer

prior to various types of missions and would have interacted, in that capacity with, at least, Marcel and Blanchard. He seemed to suggest that he was friends with them, and that, I believe is something of a stretch, given the time and positions of them all.

This, I think, is more of a discussion of semantics... and a relatively unimportant one at that. Would Sprouse have know each of these officers... probably. Would he have interacted with them? Maybe... Marcel surely, but Blanchard and Ramey? That's problematic. Would he have known them? Yes. Would they have known him? Maybe not.

KRandle

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One Of First UFO Photographs In Canada

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 14:35:26 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:03:30 -0400
Subject: One Of First UFO Photographs In Canada

Dear List members:

One of the first UFO photographs in Canada was taken on August 17, 1947. It is poorly documented, in spite of the fact that the name of the witness and his 1947 address are known!

I will gladly submit details of both the case and the witness data to any Canadian researcher living in Toronto who is willing to help to search for the witness.

I invite any volunteers to write to me privately.

Thank you and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 15:53:51 +0100
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:06:10 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:32:30 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

<snip>

>>The object is remarkable in itself but the most amazing thing to
>>me is that it is pacing the booster rocket and one of the
>>object's "antennae" appears to be always pointing directly at
>>the object as if tracking it and taking telemetry.

>This "object" is very likely an optical reflection. This is
>supported by the fact that it appears only at the moment when
>the tumbling Shuttle liquid fuel tank is no longer illuminated
>by any sunlight and appears totally dark. The object would have
>been dark too if it was solid and also in the vicinity of the
>depleted fuel tank.

This so-called reasoning is fallacious. First the tank is still
illuminated. All that has happened is that the major axis of the
tumbling cylinder, hitherto nearly transverse to the line of
sight, has rotated to be more nearly longitudinal to the line of
sight. The sunlit surface is momentarily hidden by the
perspective, and reappears presently as the tank continues in
its rotation

Secondly this local change in the orientation of one object
bears no relation whatsoever to any possible illumination
geometry of an independently-moving second object. The idea that
the UAP ought to simultaneously become shadowed is preposterous.

And the underlying assumption - that a genuine UAP would have to
be an intrinsically "dark" "solid" "object" visible only by
reflected sunlight - is a is a fanciful straw man in any case.

>The reasoning that this object is a
>reflection is confirmed by the observations that the "antennae"
>is actually pointing towards the Sun and thus only appears to
>be "tracking" the fuel tank.

This claim is completely unintelligible. The inconsistent
grammar of "the antennae is... (etc)" can only confuse Listers,
so I should explain for anyone who has not watched the video
that there are three of these "antennae", not one, arranged
roughly 120 degs apart. Also, the "antenna" which appears to be
tracking the fuel tank is doing so from the side of the tank
that is illuminated by the sun. So one might well wonder how it
can be that it is simultaneously "pointing towards the sun".
Perhaps Nick means to say that it is pointing in a direction
reciprocal to the sun? Or that whilst one antenna is tracking
the tank another is pointing towards the sun?

It doesn't really matter because neither interpretation can be

true except momentarily, and by chance. During the film the "tripod" rotates in plan by almost 80 degrees relative to the video frame of reference, which of course is locked onto the straight inertial trajectory of the tank falling away below. (The trajectory of the tank is obviously arbitrary in relation to the position of the sun.) This is obviously far too great to match any change of bearing to the sun. Neither the camera nor the Shuttle reference frame is rotating at all (the Shuttle is in a flattening trajectory near its final orbital altitude at this time and traveling nose-first at maybe 170,000mph), never mind spinning at a rate of 20deg/sec, and I know of no evidence of any recent solar miracle of Old Testament proportions.

The "object" does in some respects resemble a reflection in glass, and I tend to agree that a secondary or tertiary reflection from internal Shuttle surfaces is probably what it would turn out to be, if we could re-run the event. But identifying it as such is not so easy and the arguments offered here are specious.

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Re: A Guy With His Head In The Clouds

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 10:50:38 -0500
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:09:53 -0400
Subject: Re: A Guy With His Head In The Clouds

>Source: The Detroit Free Press - Michigan, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/2tefx5>

>September 27, 2007

>A Few Minutes With: A Guy With His Head In The Clouds

>By Jim Schaefer
>Free Press Staff Writer

>Stanton Friedman bills himself as a nuclear physicist and world-
>renowned UFO researcher.

<snip>

Thing is? Experientially, materially, and with pedigree, STF is all of the preceding... in actuality! Mr. Schaefer should expect no apology. He misses the point, and assuredly!

"Bills himself," indeed! STF doesn't need to bill himself as much as some staff reporters need to inform themselves.

Seriously, if you don't know what you're writing about? Don't!

Writing from ignorance and so cultivating same in lay readership is not the way to that aforementioned 'improvement'.

See, JS may write about persons with their heads in the clouds, but 'e does it wi' 'is 'ead up 'is bum.

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Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 16:44:05 +0000
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:12:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:23:29 -0500
>Subject: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>A Bishop Reports 'Gentle Little People in Masks' Entering His
>Residence

><http://www.koat.com/news/14239833/detail.html>

>"On September 30, police responded to a 9-11 call from the home
>of Catholic Bishop Donald Pelotte in Gallup, NM. The Bishop
>reported that a number of 'gentle little people in masks' had
>entered his home and would not leave.

>They were described as being 3 to 4 feet tall and wearing
>'Halloween masks'. The Bishop hid in a closet while they were in
>the house.

>Bishop Pelotte sustained a fall some months ago, and, as police
>were unable to find any evidence of intruders in his house, an
>inquiry is under way regarding his fitness to continue to serve
>actively in the church..." more at the URL above.

>Thanks to News from Unknowncountry.com for the lead.

Listers:

The entire story is includes the Bishop's fall with possible
brain damage. Not unheard of with individuals of a certain age.

Ufologists who do not have a background in medicine
need to be careful about ruling this aspect of a case out.

Jacques Vallee tried to warn ufologists of selective
reporting to support a biased point of view.

The entire account must include the environmental parameters
surrounding the event.

I put it to you that the Bishop's physical condition is a major
part of the report.

KK

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Up In The Sky? Extraterrestrials Perhaps

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:45:46 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:45:46 -0400
Subject: Up In The Sky? Extraterrestrials Perhaps

Source: The Homer News - Homer, Alaska, USA

http://www.homernews.com/stories/10042007/unhinged_a4_012.shtml

Thursday, October 4, 2007

Homer, Alaska Unhinged
Nick C. Varney

What's That Up In The Sky? Extraterrestrials, Perhaps

I had been composing a formidable grumble regarding an issue that continues to irritate the hell out of me. A certain telephone company promised us DSL over a year and a half ago and now they're claiming it was impossible to do in the first place. Their stance has seriously steamed my chops but recent events have put the rant temporarily on hold. Trust me. I will revisit the subject very soon and share some customer service conversations that made less sense than trying to discuss quantum physics with a gerbil.

The target of this week's tome is UFOs. Yep. Ever since that green cloud slid through the harbor's breakwater a few weeks ago strange events have been reported to Unhinged Alaska's headquarters. Two telephone messages were left on my "loon line" stating that witnesses had spotted weird lights floating over Mud Bay after midnight on the Sept. 21 and 22. Both parties sounded flat sober which was unusual because most callers give the impression that they've just emerged from a vat of Yukon Jack.

I figured someone was trying to give me a mind wedgie until three e-mails hit the gmail box describing essentially the same phenomenon on the same nights. They described two to three triple light formations hovering over the bay followed by descending glowing objects that seem to twirl and change direction then terminate in the bay.

That did it. I pondered notifying the mayor that there could be cooties in the town's water supply. It was either that or the latest crop of East End Thunderfunk had gone impressively bad. The more I contemplated the sightings the more I was convinced that there had to be a rational explanation such as black helicopters and bionic ninja special forces conducting night training maneuvers after the Salty Dawg closed for the evening.

I decided to pass the information on to a professional at the Homer News who knows more about outer space and extraterrestrial beings than the staffs of the Discovery and Sci Fi Channels put together. I'm not sure if I can use his name so I'll just refer to him as M.A. His response was immediate and surprising. He said the News had received some pictures from a person who said she spotted strange lights on Sept. 4. I took a look at the photos and was startled to note how closely they resembled the observations I had just received. Things suddenly moved to the Outer Limits of the Twilight Zone. M.A. also mentioned that the

Air National Guard did some training on the night of Sept. 17, with para dudes leaping out of choppers. But, none of the dates matched.

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I was still vacillating whether to write about the bay possibly becoming an Alaska Roswell/Area 51.5 or taking a whack at the DSL fiasco when another memo came in from M.A. This time he had received info from a reporter on Kodiak stating that "something fell out of the sky over Kodiak just before 7 this morning" (Sept 25). A couple of people said the light was so bright that they thought it was a helicopter shining a light on them. Another observer said it flashed like it was losing debris. Troopers on the Kenai said they had received calls about seeing lights in the sky too.

I decided that my angst with the phone company could wait. I pulled up Google, typed "Alaska UFOs" and started to research close encounters of the Kenai kind. It didn't take long to find this little jewel from a blog site.

"Date of Event: 9/16/07, in the evening, around 7 or 8 pm.

Location of Event: West Anchorage, I saw it from Raspberry Rd going west. It looked like it was above the Kincaid area.

Message: When I first noticed it, there was a smaller sized ball of white light next to a larger one. The larger ball of light then appeared to actually split into two after stretching out long ways then becoming three separate balls of white light. They moved slowly it seemed and also looked like they went off in a formation of the 3. Never seen anything like it and I know what I saw was not a plane or anything."

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I wish that I could have gleaned more information before my deadline but dial-up download systems takes more time than milking a herd of slugs so, for now, I'll remain neutral on the subject.

Maybe it's wireless time.

Nick C. Varney can be reached at ncvarney.nul if he isn't inadvertently beamed up by extraterrestrials taking a crack at dragging his dog Howard back to its home planet of Mutantcurs.

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Invasion From Mars The Anatomy Of Panic

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:52:37 -0400
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 13:52:37 -0400
Subject: Invasion From Mars The Anatomy Of Panic

Source: Jeremy Dean's PsyBlog - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2ex3nn>

October 3, 2007

Invasion From Mars: The Anatomy Of Panic

In 1938 Orson Wells spooked the American nation with his classic War of the Worlds broadcast. A psychology study of the event makes me wonder if we could be hoodwinked again.

On October 28, 1938 many Americans believed they were being invaded by Martians. This was the result of a Halloween stunt orchestrated by Orson Wells in which he adapted H. G. Wells' 'War of the Worlds' to the radio and broadcast the play as though it was actually happening.

It is estimated that of the 6 million people who heard the broadcast, fully 1.7 million thought it was the news, not a play, while a further 1.2 million were frightened. A few even bought train tickets or drove off in the opposite direction to New York, the supposed epicentre of the alien invasion.

For Professor Howard Cantril of Princeton University and colleagues, this provided the perfect opportunity to investigate the anatomy of panic (Cantril, Gaudet & Herzog, 1940). Shortly after the event he interviewed 135 people in New Jersey to try and understand how they had reacted and what might have affected how they reacted. Broadly he found people could be categorised in four ways:

- * Those who rejected the Martian story from internal evidence. E.g. people questioned the story's claim that military units had arrived as rapidly as reported.
- * Those who checked up on the story and found it was false. E.g. they turned to another radio station and found no panicking voices.
- * Those who unsuccessfully checked the story.
- * Those who made no attempt to check the story.

The most surprising category of people are those who failed to check the broadcast. Cantril found that those who fell into this category were also those who were most fearful.

Probably the most interesting results from the research were the stories people told about how they interpreted the invasion. One very religious woman saw the invasion as divine retribution against what she believed was a disgusting and morally corrupt society. Meanwhile, a student at Princeton University, despite his intelligence and education, was convinced it was impossible for the authority figures in the broadcast to have lied. As a result he accepted every word.

All this sparks the question of whether this trick would work again today. The temptation is to think that people are more hardened and cynical to this sort of media manipulation. We're all used to questioning the 'truth' as it is presented to us. We also have many more channels of information to go on. It's not just the radio nowadays, it's TV and the internet. Could you really ever convince a substantial group of people we were about to be invaded by some foreign power?

Surely not.

Not nowadays.

Never.

Or perhaps...

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 18:19:46 +0100
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 15:58:58 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:50:46 -0600
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:41:04 +0100
>>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>>>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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

>><snip>

>I also get the impression of a lens flare or reflection, but
>the effect is quite remarkable. I am still pondering Martin's
>earlier comment that the 'object' and the tank jittering in
>sync rules out a flare in the camera optics... for some reason
>that's not obvious to me, but my optics knowledge is only cursory.

I agree It's a bit confusing. I wouldn't claim any special
expertise in optics either, but what I'm getting at is this:

If you reference all motions to the optical axis instead of to
the film frame then, subtracting individual relative motions,
all objects external to the camera describe an identical curve
around this due to camera jitter. An internal lens flare is
sensitive only to the illumination geometry and otherwise is
static relative to the optical axis. It might also alter in
position and appearance as the camera moves in relation to the
light source, but this geometry is quite independent of the
common geometry that all external objects share with reference
to the camera axis. So identical motions within the frame by a
lens flare and the fuel tank would be pure chance.

It appears to me, just looking, that the displacement of tank
and flare during moments of obvious jitter is the same, in
amplitude and direction, but as I said a proper plot of x-y
coordinates against time would be necessary to be sure of this,
if anyone thought it worthwhile.

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>I must admit, the first thing I thought of when I saw the video
>was the infamous 'drones' from earlier this year.

Never thought of that, but yikes, you're right! Product
placement in NASA videos? Where will it end? Space Shuttle
"Ronald McDonald" with the golden arches on the fuselage??

Martin

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 20:11:11 +0100
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 16:00:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Invasion From Mars The Anatomy Of Panic

>Source: Jeremy Dean's PsyBlog - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/2ex3nn>

>October 3, 2007

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Just for the record the gent was Hadley (not Howard) Cantril.

MS

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Speculation Hypothesis Theory [was : Is Ufology]

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 20:42:51 +0100
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 16:02:42 -0400
Subject: Speculation Hypothesis Theory [was : Is Ufology]

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:37:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 2 Oct 2007 19:38:31 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>Anything outside of that discipline isn't ufology but
>>speculation and must be regarded as separate, just as other
>>mainstream scientists keep speculation out of their hypotheses.

>Kind of funny, that. A hypothesis is speculation. Informed
>speculation, but speculation none the less.

Right Eleanor,

I used 'hypothesis' like in a preparation for a 'theory' -
structured and hopefully resting on basic principles, maybe with
a twist or a new element.

Like you say, speculation can be exactly like that - but not
necessarily.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 14:01:04 -0600
Archived: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 16:43:55 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 15:53:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:32:30 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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>spinning at a rate of 20deg/sec, and I know of no evidence of any
>recent solar miracle of Old Testament proportions.

These are good points. I now consider untenable my previous speculation that a reflection of the camera itself could produce the object's 'tank-tracking' motion. The camera couldn't have been panning at a pace commensurate with the rotational motion of the object, otherwise the camera would have 'run out of window' quite rapidly. On the other hand, if the source is indeed a reflection in the shuttle window, it seems there must have been at least some camera panning motion, otherwise the effect should have been present continuously (or not at all).

Conceivably there was a non-linear reflection effect that manifested only within a tiny angular increment, such that the motion of the reflection was greatly amplified relative to that of the camera. However, I defer at this point to those more well-versed in optical systems.

Mike

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UFO In BBC Israel News Coverage

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 06:30:48 -0400
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 06:30:48 -0400
Subject: UFO In BBC Israel News Coverage

Source: Rand's My Paranormal Life Blog - Wellington, New Zealand

<http://tinyurl.com/2a5qpt>

Wednesday, October 03, 2007

UFO In BBC Israel News Coverage

Just stumbled across this one, this footage is from the BBC News website, I don't know anything about the date the news coverage was broadcast, but it was about the Syria, Israel [border].

At about the 30 second mark you'll see one fighter jet fly over the other and you'll see what appears to be a shiny metallic object in between the two jets, there's also another object just before the bigger one. The BBC seem to have made nothing of it, probably didn't even see it or know it's nothing special or something.

I can't really decide what to think. A few thoughts are running through my head, smudges on the glass, another plane that just looks weird or a UFO... can't decide.

Anyway here's the link below, pretty sure I'll come across it again but with more info and I'll update this post when I find out anymore, the link will take you straight to windows media player.

<http://tinyurl.com/ywl2qf>

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Interesting Well-Illustrated Primer Site

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 07:06:52 -0400
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 07:06:52 -0400
Subject: Interesting Well-Illustrated Primer Site

An interesting, well illustrated Primer site on many aspects of 'Folklore, Mythology, Lore, Legends, Culture, etc'.

ebk

Source: Folk Nation Web Blog! - [Somewhere Outthere]

<http://tinyurl.com/2j2sgk>

Thursday, October 4th, 2007

Unidentified Flying Object

An unidentified flying object, or UFO, is any real or apparent flying object which cannot be identified by the observer and which remains unidentified after investigation. The term flying saucer is also sometimes used. Every photograph and film footage of flying saucers has been adequately explained by patented technology (see the "UFO How-To" series UFOHowTo.com).

Reports of unusual aerial phenomena date back to ancient times (see Ancient astronaut theories), but reports of UFO sightings started becoming more common after the first widely publicized United States sighting in 1947. Many tens of thousands of UFO reports have since been made worldwide. Many more sightings, however, may remain unreported due to fear of public ridicule because of the social stigma surrounding the subject of UFOs and because most nations lack any officially sanctioned authority to receive and evaluate UFO reports.

Once a UFO is identified as a known object (for example an aircraft or weather balloon), it ceases to be classified as a UFO and is reclassified as an identified object.

History

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From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 17:03:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 08:05:06 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 15:53:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>>>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

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>>>The object is remarkable in itself but the most amazing thing to
>>>me is that it is pacing the booster rocket and one of the
>>>object's "antennae" appears to be always pointing directly at
>>>the object as if tracking it and taking telemetry.

>>This "object" is very likely an optical reflection. This is
>>supported by the fact that it appears only at the moment when
>>the tumbling Shuttle liquid fuel tank is no longer illuminated
>>by any sunlight and appears totally dark. The object would have
>>been dark too if it was solid and also in the vicinity of the
>>depleted fuel tank.

>This so-called reasoning is fallacious. First the tank is still
>illuminated. All that has happened is that the major axis of the
>tumbling cylinder, hitherto nearly transverse to the line of
>sight, has rotated to be more nearly longitudinal to the line of
>sight. The sunlit surface is momentarily hidden by the
>perspective, and reappears presently as the tank continues in
>its rotation

Hi Martin,

Yes, the fuel tank is continuously illuminated by light from the Sun coming from the bottom in all the video frames. I just found it interesting that the tumbling fuel tank, a real 3D object, would go through different phases of illumination while the rotating "object" did not exhibit this effect. The fact that the "object" maintains a constant brightness when the fuel tank, in the orientation its in when the "object" first appears, is no longer reflecting sunlight suggests, to me at least, that the "object" is not 3D and thus cannot be a solid object in the immediate vicinity of the fuel tank.

Optical reflections do exhibit such properties so I don't understand why you feel that my reasoning is fallacious.

>Secondly this local change in the orientation of one object
>bears no relation whatsoever to any possible illumination
>geometry of an independently-moving second object. The idea that
>the UAP ought to simultaneously become shadowed is preposterous.

Since your "independently-moving object" is also apparently

rotating in a vertical axis, its illumination geometry would be changing. The "object" does not exhibit darker edges on its sides away from the Sun as one would expect if it was a real solid object.

>And the underlying assumption - that a genuine UAP would have to >be an intrinsically "dark" "solid" "object" visible only by >reflected sunlight - is a is a fanciful straw man in any case.

If this "object" is indeed a TRUFO or non-manmade craft, it may have ethereal properties that are not exhibited by the nuts and bolts objects that we are familiar with but as beings that rely on our experiences and hindered by our physical limitations, my "fanciful straw man" explanation is at least a rational one. What would you suggest?

>>The reasoning that this object is a >>reflection is confirmed by the observations that the "antennae" >>is actually pointing towards the Sun and thus only appears to >>be "tracking" the fuel tank.

>This claim is completely unintelligible. The inconsistent >grammar of "the antennae is... (etc)" can only confuse Listers, >so I should explain for anyone who has not watched the video >that there are three of these "antennae", not one, arranged >roughly 120 degs apart. Also, the "antenna" which appears to be >tracking the fuel tank is doing so from the side of the tank >that is illuminated by the sun. So one might well wonder how it >can be that it is simultaneously "pointing towards the sun". >Perhaps Nick means to say that it is pointing in a direction >reciprocal to the sun? Or that whilst one antenna is tracking >the tank another is pointing towards the sun?

The quotes I used in my reply were taken from the actual e-mail sent to me by the same(?) friend that wrote to Joachim. It was never my intention of confusing the Listers who I think are a lot more intelligent and discerning than you apparently give them credit for.

>It doesn't really matter because neither interpretation can be >>true except momentarily, and by chance. During the film the >"tripod" rotates in plan by almost 80 degrees relative to the >video frame of reference, which of course is locked onto the >straight inertial trajectory of the tank falling away below. (The >trajectory of the tank is obviously arbitrary in relation to the >position of the sun.) This is obviously far too great to match >any change of bearing to the sun. Neither the camera nor the >Shuttle reference frame is rotating at all (the Shuttle is in a >flattening trajectory near its final orbital altitude at this >time and traveling nose-first at maybe 170,000mph), never mind >spinning at a rate of 20deg/sec, and I know of no evidence of any >recent solar miracle of Old Testament proportions.

Yes, one of the three "antennae" on this rotating "object" does seem to be pointing towards the fuel tank as if it is keeping it in its gunsight - but this reasoning is not only fallacious, it is not even based on reality as those who have examined the video clip will attest to.

>The "object" does in some respects resemble a reflection in >glass, and I tend to agree that a secondary or tertiary >reflection from internal Shuttle surfaces is probably what it >would turn out to be, if we could re-run the event. But >identifying it as such is not so easy and the arguments offered >here are specious.

We are in agreement here Martin. One additional reason that I think we are correct that this "object" is a reflection (my guess is that the "object" is an optical reflection within the camera itself rather from an internal Shuttle surface) is that in a few video frames with both the fuel tank and the "object", they both go slightly out-of-focus. This in itself would suggest that the "object" must be real and about as far away as the fuel tank since reflections within camera lenses would remain sharp and in-focus but because the Earth behind also goes out-of-focus this blurring must be attributed to camera motion which will also blur the optical reflections within camera lenses.

Don't spend too much attention to this particular fuel tank UFO sighting made by the STS-115 crew which is found on a NASA website. Instead we should join the news media and continue to

ask questions about the real UFO - along with the few irregular shaped small particles that were also present - that caught NASA's attention and is also on video. This UFO has still not adequately been explained but which may prove to be a Chinese spy satellite or even an American spacecraft that belongs to the parallel and still secret military/intelligence space program.

<http://tinyurl.com/27zauu>

(Thanks to Paul Scott Anderson for bring this other NASA UFO video to my attention).

Nick Balaskas

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Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

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Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 07:56:23 +1000
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 08:14:41 -0400
Subject: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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

03.10.2007

Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
By Matthew Martin

Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were sceptical after a keynote speaker's presentation.

Delegates at the UFOCUS New Zealand conference were less than impressed with American podiatrist Dr Roger Leir, who claims to have surgically removed alien implants from humans.

Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not convinced by his presentation.

It included video footage showing the supposed removal of an implant from a subject's toe.

When the video reached the point where the implant was being removed, the camera zoomed in and out and the video faded to black.

One delegate said Dr Leir's information was overly technical and his video finished before any details could be seen, leaving him questioning the doctor's motives.

Dr Leir, who claims to have removed 13 extra-terrestrial implants from human subjects, also dodged media requests for interviews.

He initially agreed to be interviewed and photographed but later, through his agent, declined all interviews.

Conference organiser and UFOCUS New Zealand co-ordinator Suzanne Hansen, from Tauranga, said Dr Leir was highly credible and had tailored his speech for a sceptical New Zealand audience.

Mrs Hansen said she could be partly blamed for Dr Leir's highly analytical presentation.

"I told him that New Zealand audiences were highly sceptical and he dropped a lot of his video footage in favour of a more scientific presentation.

"It's a shame people did not get to see a lot of the excellent footage that I have seen."

Dr Leir's travel expenses were covered by UFOCUS New Zealand but she said he had not asked for a speaker's fee "or perks of any kind".

Mrs Hansen declined to comment about media disruptions at the conference although the Daily Post witnessed a film crew being removed from the Rotorua Convention Centre on Saturday. A Daily

Post photographer was also told to leave.

Mrs Hansen said overall feedback from the conference was extremely positive.

Dr Leir is the author of four books on alien implants and abductions and is raising funds for a feature-length movie entitled Earth's Original Sin, based on his alien abduction research.

He said his last implant surgery took place in September last year.

In his presentation Dr Leir likened sceptics to psychics.

"They [sceptics] must be psychics because they come to conclusions before looking at any of the evidence."

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Best,

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UFO Videoed During Pyroclastic Volcanic Eruption

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 21:10:51 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 09:30:50 -0400
Subject: UFO Videoed During Pyroclastic Volcanic Eruption

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 00:06:20 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Fake Drone Footage

<snip>

>But next video do not appear for me as fake. detourspro, owner
>of this video, is saying that it was filmed during pyroclastic
>volcanic eruption in Costa Rica. From his comments:

>"...i just moved to Costa Rica when i filmed this.. i had a
>spanish vocab of about 3 words.. i had only 3 nicaraguan workers
>on the property with me and really it seems to happen so quickly
>you really become speechless in the moment... the questions come
>after... and even then i had a pathetic attempt at conversation
>with them... it was more hand gestures... that's funny...

>The clip is 40 seconds..the object enters at the 4 second mark
>at 11 o'clock top of the screen... it exits at 35" mark at the
>3 o' clock position.. right side of screen..

>...it is just a brilliant orb shape... about 3 miles to the
>summit of the volcano.. it emitted a light behind the first
>cloud, behind the summit of the volcano(if you look closely you
>can see it pass just behind the summit between the two cones)
>and from behind a pyroclastic dust cloud...

>...costa rica.. this is only about 20 miles from Lake Coter..
>where there is a famous photo of a craft entering the lake
>itself..

>...this was on the news in central america 2003"

>I was asking about higher quality video, but no answer for
>now.

Forgot to include link to the video:

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

Sergey

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 20:11:32 -0500
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 09:33:47 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 10:19:00 +0200
>Subject: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>Hello List,

>I received this from a friend:

>"I have another curiosity that doesn't seem to make to match
>sense.

>It's actually located at the NASA site here:

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

>And the 2nd from the top entitled:

>Master# 722561 01:03:54 - 01:04:22 Crew handheld video of
>External Tank.

>This is footage of a external tank. Around the 27 second mark
>another object on the lower right makes an appearance.

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better look at the motion of the snowflake in relation to the
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"snowflake".

I made two MPG videos of this sequence. One is just the 4
seconds that the object is visible and the second is the same
video with a red arrow marking the partner object..

To download the videos go to:

http://mufondfw.org/mdf/nasa_ufo_footage.html

Thanks

Terry Groff
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<http://mufondfw.org>

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Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 11:04:43 -0300
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 14:31:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>shaped objects prior to Arnold?

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For whatever reason Flying Saucers became a generic term for
strange vehicles seen in the sky. Headlines even used flying
discs or flying platter. Ruppelt changed the term to UFO several
years later. Many people did talk of saucer shaped craft... And
still do.

Stan Friedman

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Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 15:30:53 +0100
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 15:27:06 -0400
Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 17:03:38 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 15:53:51 +0100
>>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 17:32:30 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

>>>This "object" is very likely an optical reflection. This is
>>>supported by the fact that it appears only at the moment when
>>>the tumbling Shuttle liquid fuel tank is no longer illuminated
>>>by any sunlight and appears totally dark. The object would have
>>>been dark too if it was solid and also in the vicinity of the
>>>depleted fuel tank.

>>This so-called reasoning is fallacious. First the tank is still
>>illuminated. All that has happened is that the major axis of the
>>tumbling cylinder, hitherto nearly transverse to the line of
>>sight, has rotated to be more nearly longitudinal to the line of
>>sight. The sunlit surface is momentarily hidden by the
>>perspective, and reappears presently as the tank continues in
>>its rotation

>Hi Martin,

>Yes, the fuel tank is continuously illuminated by light from the
>Sun coming from the bottom in all the video frames. I just found
>it interesting that the tumbling fuel tank, a real 3D object,
>would go through different phases of illumination while the
>rotating "object" did not exhibit this effect. The fact that the
>"object" maintains a constant brightness when the fuel tank, in
>the orientation its in when the "object" first appears, is no
>longer reflecting sunlight suggests, to me at least, that the
>"object" is not 3D and thus cannot be a solid object in the
>immediate vicinity of the fuel tank.

>Optical reflections do exhibit such properties so I don't
>understand why you feel that my reasoning is fallacious.

I've just explained perfectly clearly. You said it must be a
reflection because "it appears only at the moment when [the
tank] appears totally dark. The object would have been dark too
if it was solid and in the vicinity". If you can't see why this
was a non sequitur then never mind.

>>Secondly this local change in the orientation of one object
>>bears no relation whatsoever to any possible illumination
>>geometry of an independently-moving second object. The idea
>>that the UAP ought to simultaneously become shadowed is
>>preposterous.

>Since your "independently-moving object" is also apparently

>rotating in a vertical axis, its illumination geometry would be
>changing.

What part of "independently moving" do you not understand? Your argument assumed that the tank and putative UFO would be *co-dependently* moving and should thus exhibit correlated chiaroscuro. Now do you understand?

>The "object" does not exhibit darker edges on its
>sides away from the Sun as one would expect if it was a real
>solid object.

One would indeed expect this, if it was (say) a Chinese satellite. Maybe one would also expect a Zeta Reticulan rocket probe to have the optical properties of a lump of tin. But if that's an exhaustive list of options then we are indeed purblind victims of Hynek's Poverty of Hypotheses. I used the acronym UAP for a reason. One does not know, a priori, what properties unknown phenomena may have. A sunlit thistledown or a lightning ball may shine without having a shadowed side. This is why to argue from the absence of the familiar optical properties of lumps of tin is to resort to straw man (a type of argument with which Listers will be familiar in the form of the objection that because UFOs lack obvious rockets/fuel tanks/control surfaces etc they can't get here from there and therefore must be hallucinations).

>>And the underlying assumption - that a genuine UAP would have
>>to be an intrinsically "dark" "solid" "object" visible only by
>>reflected sunlight - is a is a fanciful straw man in any case.

>If this "object" is indeed a TRUFO or non-manmade craft it may
>have ethereal properties that are not exhibited by the nuts and
>bolts objects that we are familiar with but

Well, blow me down, if it's not that same straw man being lugged right back into the middle of the argument!

>as beings that rely
>on our experiences and hindered by our physical limitations, my
>"fanciful straw man" explanation is at least a rational one.

Eh? Now you think I'm describing "your" explanation as a straw man?? You certainly know how to make a person's head spin!

>What would you suggest?

I suggest thinking clearly.

>>>The reasoning that this object is a
>>>reflection is confirmed by the observations that the
>>>"antennae"
>>>is actually pointing towards the Sun and thus only appears to
>>>be "tracking" the fuel tank.

<snip>

>>It doesn't really matter because neither interpretation can be
>>>true except momentarily, and by chance. During the film the
>>"tripod" rotates in plan by almost 80 degrees relative to the
>>video frame of reference, which of course is locked onto the
>>straight inertial trajectory of the tank falling away below.
>>(The trajectory of the tank is obviously arbitrary in relation to
>>the position of the sun.) This is obviously far too great to match
>>any change of bearing to the sun. Neither the camera nor the
>>Shuttle reference frame is rotating at all (the Shuttle is in a
>>flattening trajectory near its final orbital altitude at this
>>time and traveling nose-first at maybe 170,000mph), never mind
>>spinning at a rate of 20deg/sec, and I know of no evidence of
>>any recent solar miracle of Old Testament proportions.

>Yes, one of the three "antennae" on this rotating "object" does
>seem to be pointing towards the fuel tank as if it is keeping it
>in its gunsight - but this reasoning is not only fallacious, it
>is not even based on reality as those who have examined the
>video clip will attest to.

Nick, this inapt and inept response yields no clue as to what you think I'm talking about, and I'm almost past caring.

>>The "object" does in some respects resemble a reflection in

>>glass, and I tend to agree that a secondary or tertiary
>>reflection from internal Shuttle surfaces is probably what it
>>would turn out to be, if we could re-run the event. But
>>identifying it as such is not so easy and the arguments offered
>>here are specious.

>We are in agreement here Martin. One additional reason that I
>think we are correct that this "object" is a reflection (my
>guess is that the "object" is an optical reflection within the
>camera itself rather from an internal Shuttle surface)

I disagree. I find an internal camera lens reflection very
unlikely for various reasons, some of which I've already
mentioned.

>is that
>in a few video frames with both the fuel tank and the "object",
>they both go slightly out-of-focus. This in itself would suggest
>that the "object" must be real and about as far away as the fuel
>tank since reflections within camera lenses would remain sharp
>and in-focus but because the Earth behind also goes out-of-focus
>this blurring must be attributed to camera motion which will
>also blur the optical reflections within camera lenses.

This common blurring, if it occurs, is not a clear separator of
the two hypotheses. The distance to the 150-foot fuel tank is
large. A rough estimate on the basis of likely angular scale
suggests it is thousands of feet away. In this case both tank
and Earth are far beyond the lens focal distance and are
effectively at infinity. If you defocus the lens you will blur
both.

>Don't spend too much attention to this particular fuel tank UFO
>sighting made by the STS-115 crew which is found on a NASA
>website.

Now at last we really are in agreement!

>Instead we should join the news media and continue to
>ask questions about the real UFO - along with the few irregular
>shaped small particles that were also present - that caught
>NASA's attention and is also on video. This UFO has still not
>adequately been explained but which may prove to be a Chinese
>spy satellite or even an American spacecraft that belongs to the
>parallel and still secret military/intelligence space program.

><http://tinyurl.com/27zauu>

>(Thanks to Paul Scott Anderson for bring this other NASA UFO
>video to my attention).

I watched this video yesterday. I saw clips of a trio of small
bright particles, one evidently tumbling, and of no great
interest. One of the panellists mentions another object caught
on camera which, it is said, may or may not have been a certain
Shuttle component, which is being investigated. There didn't
appear to be any film of this. Or did I miss it? I confess it
took so long to buffer and download that I skipped through the
bit at the end.

Martin Shough

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This is very useful, Terry, and very intriguing. Thanks.

What it reveals is that the main rotating UAP (and the secondary
speak) shares the relative motion of the Earth backdrop, to
within the limits of easy measurement, travelling straight
across the corner of the frame at same angle as the ground
features (125-130 deg if North were at the top) but at about
half the angular rate.

I have to admit I don't see how to explain this as a reflection.
But a piece of debris from the Shuttle would not appear from
ahead of the Shuttle and fall astern; it would share the
momentum of the Shuttle and fuel tank. On the other hand if it
were a fragment of orbital debris of some sort from another
mission you would expect it to have at least some component of
motion across the Shuttle orbit, whereas this would appear to be
on an identical orbit at only slightly slower speed. That's
assuming it to be small and nearby of course. All in all, very
odd - but, motion aside, it still looks like a reflection.

Martin Shough

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 12:33:09 EDT
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:30:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Greg, List, All,

I love when this question comes up because there are so many
fine answers to it. I'll just let the following give the
explanation. From The Dennison Daily News reported on January
25, 1878:

Mr. John Martin, a farmer who lives some six miles south of this
city, we learn the following strange story: Tuesday morning
while out hunting, his attention was directed to a dark object
high up in the northern sky. The peculiar shape and velocity
with which the object seemed to approach riveted his attention
and he strained his eyes to discover its character. When first
noticed, it appeared to be about the size of an orange, which
continued to grow in size.

After gazing at it for some time Mr. Martin became blind from
long looking and left off viewing it for a time in order to rest
his eyes. On resuming his view, the object was almost overhead
and had increased considerably in size, and appeared to be going
through space at wonderful speed.

When directly over him it was about the size of a large saucer
and was evidently at great height. Mr. Martin thought it
resembled, as well as he could judge, a balloon. It went as
rapidly as it had come and was soon lost to sight in the
heavenly skies. Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity
and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves
the attention of our scientists.

So, yes, he said it resembled a balloon but he also said that it
was the size of a large saucer. I believe this is the first time
that saucer was used in relation to UFOs. If I'm mistaken here,
I'm sure that either Jerry Clark or David Rudiak will have the
better information.

KRandle

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Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 12:37:52 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:32:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 16:44:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 17:23:29 -0500
>>Subject: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>>A Bishop Reports 'Gentle Little People in Masks' Entering His
>>Residence

>><http://www.koat.com/news/14239833/detail.html>

>>"On September 30, police responded to a 9-11 call from the home
>>of Catholic Bishop Donald Pelotte in Gallup, NM. The Bishop
>>reported that a number of 'gentle little people in masks' had
>>entered his home and would not leave.

>>They were described as being 3 to 4 feet tall and wearing
>>'Halloween masks'. The Bishop hid in a closet while they were in
>>the house.

>>Bishop Pelotte sustained a fall some months ago, and, as police
>>were unable to find any evidence of intruders in his house, an
>>inquiry is under way regarding his fitness to continue to serve
>>actively in the church..." more at the URL above.

<snip>

>Jacques Vallee tried to warn ufologists of selective reporting
>to support a biased point of view.

>The entire account must include the environmental parameters
>surrounding the event.

>I put it to you that the Bishop's physical condition is a major
>part of the report.

I fully agree with you comments Kathy. Ufologists should not
jump to quick conclusions because the details in a story
supports their personal beliefs about UFOs or non-human
entities.

In 1990 Pope John Paul II appointed Donald Pelotte as the first
American Indian bishop (of the Abenaki tribe). I think it is
important to note that Abenakis (or Penobscots, like an Orthodox
monk friend of mine is, who teaches religion/mythology at the
University of Toronto). He told me that there is a 'phenomenon'
of 'little people' among all the Wabanaki - Peoples of the East
coast - similar to the Russian 'domovoi.' Like 'domovoi',
'little people' are a local 'phenomenon' and do follow you to
other locations - i.e. the experience is not transportable. My
monk friend, who also has medical training, went on to say that
there seems to be dementia present of some sort - hence the
fall, the confusion, the hallucinations, the anxiety attacks
given the age of the bishop.

May God keep Bishop Pelotte in his care.

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Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 11:35:09 -0700
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:33:37 -0400
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 11:04:43 -0300
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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 13:22:44 -0700
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:35:16 -0400
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Several years after the fact Arnold insisted that he had been
misquoted and had only referred to the motion as like saucers
skipping off water, but the historical record conflicts with
Arnold's memory of what he said.

Arnold was quoted in multiple interviews immediately afterwards
referring to the shape of the objects as like a saucer, like a
disc, like a pie pan, half-moon shaped, round in front but
chopped in back, thin and flat, etc.

In contrast, the motion he generally described as weaving like
the tail of a Chinese kite or like fish flipping in the sun.

These descriptions includes a still surviving recorded interview
2 days after his sighting and his own written report plus a
drawing he made about 3 weeks later to Army Air Force
intelligence, so no chance that these represents misquotes.

The shape and motion descriptions are summarized in a Wikipedia
article on Arnold (I mostly wrote the relevant section):

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenneth_Arnold

There are more complete quotes from old Updates' posts of mine,
but unfortunately the Net archive is currently inaccessible.

Lots of UFO histories get it wrong, going by Arnold's later
claim of what he said rather than the numerous statements he
made immediately afterwards that conflict with his memory.
Arnold in 1947 may very well have said that the motion resembled
saucers skipping on water, but he also referred to the shape as
saucer-like.

When you think about it, why would he refer to "saucers"
skipping on water? Most of us have probably skipped flat stones
on water, but has anybody ever taken an actual saucer out of the
cupboard and skipped it? If they weren't actually saucer-
shaped, I think he more likely would have compared the motion to
stones skipping on water rather than saucers.

What I suspect he said at one point was something like, "They

looked something like saucers, rounded in front and thin and flat, and also flew like a saucer would if skipped on water." For some reason, this later got truncated in his mind to only the latter motion description, which he thought got exaggerated by the press.

David Rudiak

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Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 22:03:45 +0100
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 17:34:37 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO In BBC Israel News Coverage

>Source: Rand's My Paranormal Life Blog - Wellington, New Zealand

><http://tinyurl.com/2a5qpt>

>Wednesday, October 03, 2007

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Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 22:21:35 +0100
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 17:35:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 12:37:52 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Bishop Reports "Gentle Little People..."

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>possible.

Hi Nick,

Yes, I'm more inclined to agree now than some years ago.

Recently re-read some of Colin Wilson and John Anthony West's reporting of the various theories of R.A. Schwaller de Lubicz, and their own conclusions.

Without espousing any of those theories, and without going into detail, they recall the reports of perfectly ordinary people (plus many 'idiot savants') who can perform 'instant' mental feats of perception and/or calculation that are supposedly flat-out impossible, for a human brain or even a computer (in that short a time), according to 'materialist' science. Many of these feats are mathematical and so supposedly 'linear' or step-by-step, normally taking days or months for a human and minutes or hours for a computer.

This 'instant knowing' is apparently long documented and still happening - but the mainstreamers are so embarrassed by it that they pretend it's not there.

It would mean, regardless of actual mechanisms, that there is at least one other way of looking at - and seeing - 'reality'.

And, at least for some, theirs seems to be a more efficient way. Which is a challenge most scientists seem afraid to take up.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 22:37:40 +0100
Archived: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 17:41:25 -0400
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Hello Greg

What about all those reports of medieval 'circular flying
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In those days maybe most folk had only pots at home - but saw
plenty of armed soldiers (bandits) around.

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Reluctance To Study Friedman's Star Travel Papers

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 17:29:32 EDT
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 07:19:12 -0400
Subject: Reluctance To Study Friedman's Star Travel Papers

I'm on another List that discusses aerospace and particular aircraft which I can't mention here as the List would be known.

However, many, many specialists from around the world of aerospace are participants and recently I started a thread regarding the long term mission to Mars that should occur in 2037 much to our disappointment because it's so far away.

Well, some of the top spaceflight people joined in discussing the latest systems and propulsion systems that didn't jibe with what the latest mainstream news said about propulsion. An interesting look into the logistics to overcome emerged that the general public would never have had a peek into occurred and that was thrilling. However I recalled how Mr. Stanton T. Friedman had published a paper called Star Travel? YES! which he's shared with us on this List regarding propulsion systems.

So I mention Mr. Friedman's paper with the link to his website where they could purchase it. It's only \$4 and you would figure a paper like this is priceless, yet the high end specialists I've mentioned won't touch it or reference to it. I've had to mention it twice to see if they'd read it and could debate it. No such luck.

I've read the paper and it's contents discussed numerous times on this List. All seems possible to me and the latest news on propulsion that cuts Mars trips to mere weeks instead of months still won't get referenced from the top specialists even though the NASA and JPL folks are part of the story.

I think sometimes there's a mindset at the big agencies that even if you waltz in the door with the answer to the equation, it can't be confronted unless some politician or lawyer says it's okay to.

The debate of whether some advanced civilizations would use propulsion to do FTL goes on. However physics tells us that nothing can go faster than light through space.

But what if the medium wasn't space? I have this gnawing feeling that the visitors who've been plaguing us for so many years after atom bomb testing weren't worried about us using atomic bombs, they were worried that if we had figured out how to use a bomb, we'd figure out how to travel from one star to another and that travel wouldn't be linear or through space but a faster more efficient way.

Sometimes what we think someone fears in us isn't our ability but our potential. Sort of like when you child gets their hands on scissors. Given time and patience they'll use it responsibly yet unattended who knows what havoc they'll wreak.

Faster than light travel to get to the stars? I don't think speed has anything to do with it because space isn't the barrier.

Who would have thought we just might be smarter than what even we thought we could be.

Best ,

Greg

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Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 00:03:41 +0200
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 07:22:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 12:33:09 EDT
>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 18:23:29 EDT
>>Subject: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>Greg, List, All,

>I love when this question comes up because there are so many
>fine answers to it. I'll just let the following give the
>explanation. From The Dennison Daily News reported on January
>25, 1878:

<snip>

>So, yes, he said it resembled a balloon but he also said that it
>was the size of a large saucer. I believe this is the first time
>that saucer was used in relation to UFOs. If I'm mistaken here,
>I'm sure that either Jerry Clark or David Rudiak will have the
>better information.

Hi Kevin and all,

This is not the first time. As I've mentioned to Jerry in the
past - I found such an account in a Dutch newspaper from 1871,
about an aerial object, compared in size to a saucer.

Regards,

Theo

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology [was: Once More

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:23:01 -0600
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 07:38:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology [was: Once More

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Hi Greg,

This is a well-posed question, and I am very interested seeing
additional responses that address it specifically. To avoid
hijacking that effort I start a separate thread here addressing
a related, but broader and rather curious aspect of the UFO
phenomenon: namely, the extraordinary - some might say
unreasonable - level of diversity of the 'morphology' of these
objects.

If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
puzzling?

In the context of the ET hypothesis, does this suggest a
correspondingly large number of independent cultures that are
visiting? Or, simply a distaste for 'assembly-line' manufacture?
Does it argue against the 'nuts-and-bolts' concept in general?

Mike

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From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 19:40:01 -0400
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 07:42:17 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Hi Ray and Greg!

Ray, if you go back further to ancient and even pre-historic times, 'flying saucer'-shaped craft have been mentioned in old texts and depicted in art. One of my favourite examples of a pre-Kenneth Arnold flying saucer is found on a 17th century coin - see first URL below. Whatever the object depicted on this coin may be - tossed shield, a circular kite, hot air balloon, etc. - it is clearly a large saucer-shaped object in the sky flying above the countryside.

As with anything unusual or out of the ordinary that attracts the attention and captures the imagination (and hopes) of people creating a deep desire to learn more, hoaxers sometimes oblige.

While doing a Google Image search for the coin mentioned above I found one such hoax (see the next URL below).

<http://ufocasebook.com/ufocoinfront.jpg>

http://www.worth1000.com/entries/310500/310786yFhe_w.jpg

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Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 07:47:17 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO In BBC Israel News Coverage

>From: Dave Haith visions.nul
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
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Thanks for sharing this with us Dave.

At the risk of inviting Martin Shough to attack me and my
message, different views are always welcomed by me. That's what
the UFO UpDates List is here for and why I often put in my two
cents worth.

Let me share my views here too, originally sent to one of the
many List-lurkers, regarding this latest alleged UFO close
encounter released to the public with little official fanfare
and no comments by the media.

Good Morning xxxxxx

I suspect that the two elongated images or streaks are not
aircraft at all but smudges on the inside of the cockpit window.
The first smaller smudge moves across the screen at a relatively
uniform rate and could very well be the profile of a B-2 bomber
or similar aircraft without tails or other protruding [parts]
but the second larger smudge makes a rapid change in motion and
direction at the end of the clip. Since the second larger smudge
does not exhibit any banking like the fighter plane did when
making its turn, this strongly suggests that the fuzzy out-of-
focus smudge interpretation is the correct one.

I have no doubt that the Americans sell or lend their equipment
to the Saudis and their other friends, including Israel.

While living and working for the Saudi Royal Family in the early
1980s, I saw many American made aircraft and their American
pilots (most with Saudi papers) on the restricted military bases

which I would make use of to transport scientific and personal equipment to the Asir Mountains near Yemen where I was working on an astronomy project. On large boxed TV which we unloaded from a truck and left directly under the nose of an AWAC plane which was under armed guard so that we can later load it on a helicopter for transport to one of the mountain sites I was working at mysteriously disappeared... The Saudi Government kindly replaced it with a new TV which they flew in to where I worked aboard a Saudi Civil Defense helicopter that was largely made up by an American crew who wanted to escape the hot and humid weather and cool off in the mountains.

Back in the 1970s I worked on a special gamma ray bursts astronomy project involving data obtained by the Vela satellites. One of these gamma ray bursts came not from space but from the Earth. Personal enquiries I made years [later] while working as a seismologist [for the Canadian Government] detecting unannounced nuclear detonations confirmed my suspicions that the Vela satellites detected a joint Israeli/South African nuclear test...

Israel, the U.S., Russia and other countries continue to probe the defenses of their neighbours or potential adversaries. Just the other day there was a Toronto Globe & Mail cover story with a picture of a CF-18 escorting a Russian Bear bomber away from Canadian territory. The Israeli incursion into Syria may be nothing more than this but likely something much more which we can only guess at at this time and will not know about until we read what really happened decades later (like the intentional Israeli attack on the Liberty).

Nick

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From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 20:20:07 -0500
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<http://www.ufoevidence.org/Newsite/Pics/belgium2.jpg>

4 round particle accelerators emplaced in an triangular
shape, and the one in the middle for what?

The disk for all things concerned could be an accelerator of
particles for light matter?

A triangle is a likely worst shape for an accelerator or if
those reflectors of things made of light. Those curves a lower
conservation... and a bit hot... would this slow down other
properties of light things properties that become virtual. All
external shapes black triangle or round silver... would need the
best shape for small craft and acceleration of things particle.
One cause would effect whatever medium that affects light matter
right? Or whichever puts pressure upon the curvature of space
that would be things with matter right? Straight lines in
acceleration then no friction, like a triangle or to the points it
hits in a tight curve...

Consider: What happens if you let a sphere or a torus disk that
has an perfect inner reflecting surface, that it contains
photons to become larger? The number of photons bouncing per
unit of time *should* go down, right? And these are the forces
that look like mass, right?

What about the direction of the photons? Only those going up &
down (or the vector components of the momentum others that do
otherwise) can contribute... a horizontally moving photon would
not show any 'mass' effect, would it?

Unless acceleration polarizes the photons in some way into
becoming vertical in direction.

Now consider that bound momentum in relation to Higgs... could
it be that all mass is just bound momentum in some way? How
would momentum be mediated to produce gravity or similar?

If you could orient all bound photons horizontally in "mass
particles" would the effective mass go to zero with energy &
momentum still being conserved?

What would it take to test any of this idle speculation?

John

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From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
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>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 07:56:23 +1000
>Subject: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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

>03.10.2007

>Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
>By Matthew Martin

>Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were
>sceptical after a keynote speaker's presentation.

>Delegates at the UFOCUS New Zealand conference were less than
>impressed with American podiatrist Dr Roger Leir, who claims to
>have surgically removed alien implants from humans.

>Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly
>credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not
>convinced by his presentation.

>It included video footage showing the supposed removal of an
>implant from a subject's toe.

>When the video reached the point where the implant was being
>removed, the camera zoomed in and out and the video faded to
>black.

>One delegate said Dr Leir's information was overly technical and
>his video finished before any details could be seen, leaving him
>questioning the doctor's motives.

>Dr Leir, who claims to have removed 13 extra-terrestrial
>implants from human subjects, also dodged media requests for
>interviews.

>He initially agreed to be interviewed and photographed but
>later, through his agent, declined all interviews.

>Conference organiser and UFOCUS New Zealand co-ordinator Suzanne
>Hansen, from Tauranga, said Dr Leir was highly credible and had
>tailored his speech for a sceptical New Zealand audience.

>Mrs Hansen said she could be partly blamed for Dr Leir's highly
>analytical presentation.

>"I told him that New Zealand audiences were highly sceptical and
>he dropped a lot of his video footage in favour of a more
>scientific presentation.

>"It's a shame people did not get to see a lot of the excellent
>footage that I have seen."

>Dr Leir's travel expenses were covered by UFOCUS New Zealand but
>she said he had not asked for a speaker's fee "or perks of any

>kind".

>Mrs Hansen declined to comment about media disruptions at the
>conference although the Daily Post witnessed a film crew being
>removed from the Rotorua Convention Centre on Saturday. A Daily
>Post photographer was also told to leave.

>Mrs Hansen said overall feedback from the conference was
>extremely positive.

>Dr Leir is the author of four books on alien implants and
>abductions and is raising funds for a feature-length movie
>entitled Earth's Original Sin, based on his alien abduction
>research.

>He said his last implant surgery took place in September last
>year.

>In his presentation Dr Leir likened sceptics to psychics.

>"They [sceptics] must be psychics because they come to
>conclusions before looking at any of the evidence."

>-----

Hi Diane, All,

I have no comment about Dr. Lier's presentation, I was not
there.

If I may, I would like to make a few comments about Dr. Lier and
his 'work' now that the subject has been broached.

The reason I am writing at all is because of the statement
regarding Dr. Lier's most recent surgical expedition, according
to your post, just last year.

Almost a decade ago EBK published a series of posts I composed
regarding Dr. Lier's repeated surgical procedures on
'abductees' - search the UFO UpDates Archive.

In light of his recent exploits I think it's appropriate to
restate some serious questions and concerns I have had about all
the 'elective surgery' he performs on abductees.

By the late 90's Dr. Lier had collected over a dozen alleged
'implants'. The straw that broke the camel's back for me was
when Dr. Lier attempted to recruit yet more 'volunteers' for
surgery from the abductee community via this List and other
venues. It raised a red flag for me at the time. I asked him
then, and I ask again now:

How many people need to be cut? How many 'objects' need to be
recovered before he has enough to conduct a detailed - and most
importantly, independent study, of the surgically recovered
material? Five? Twenty? A thousand?

It's all moot anyway as he never bothered to maintain proper
'chain of custody' when an object was recovered. Any thoughtful
research person would have valid questions and concerns in that
regard. It could potentially invalidate any subsequent findings
- right out of the box. Who knows who has handled them or
tampered with them since removal?

Dr. Lier promised the results of "independent studies" years
ago. None have ever been conducted or delivered to a long
waiting public. As far as I know, formal, professional Papers
about his findings/results have never been submitted or
published by the good doctor in any peer review journals. He
does however seem more than willing to fly - for free - from the
US to New Zealand in order to preach to the choir at a UFO
convention. Hardly 'noble' much less, 'scientific'.

Other than a cursory study conducted by privately-owned NIDS,
who could easily have been accused of conflict of interest based
on the fact that the millionaire who owned NIDS, Robert Bigelow,
was also funding the "implant recovery" efforts of Dr. Lier and
his then completely strange partner, 'alien hunter', Derrel Sims.
Any results produced under such incestuous conditions wouldn't
be worthy of serious consideration.

Long-time List members will recall how the Spooky Duke, aka: Peter Brookesmith, coined the moniker, "Nemesis of Mondo" for Mr. Sims. At the time, Sims claimed to be engaged in mortal combat with a Grey alien named, "Mondo". <LOL>

Bottom line: after all these many years, the results of an analysis of the surgically recovered objects by an independent agency has not been forthcoming. Nor have any papers with scientific evidence or results ever been published in a peer review journal by Dr. Lier. What the hell is he waiting for?

Yet, he is apparently still cutting abductees.

"Conference organiser and UFOCUS New Zealand co-ordinator Suzanne Hansen" generously attempted to defend Dr. Lier's integrity by commenting on how he passed on speaker fees and other "perks". With all due respect, if I may inquire, what's the price of a round-trip ticket from the US to Australia going for these days?

I would imagine it's not cheap. A free trip to NZ is, in spite of the minimizing, is a whale of a compensation just for giving a talk or two. Did the good doctor have to pay for his room? Or some of his own meals? If not, then he was certainly and royally compensated for his appearance.

Don't get me wrong, Dr. Lier, or anyone else, is allowed to make \$\$\$s. I just want to point out that his appearance in New Zealand was not exactly the magnanimous gesture you may think it to be.

He was very well paid!

Just wondering...

Is there some medical oversight board in California that is responsible for checking on the necessity of elective surgeries performed by its members?

If I hear of one more abductee being cut by this foot doctor, I'll lose my lunch.

Nothing personal in this Suzanne Hansen. Dr. Lier (along with several other quacks) is just a ufological sore-spot with me. I simply can't believe I'm still hearing names like; Leir, Greer, Hoagland, Carpenter, and several others as still being 'active' in ufological circles.

Wake up, People! WAKE UP!!!

Peace, warmest regards,

John Velez

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Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 09:45:05 +0100
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>>Once again the gnawing problem about the term Flying Saucers is
>>bothering me.

>>If memory serves, Kenneth Arnold report didn't say he saw Flying
>>Saucers, he said something to the effect that the objects he
>>saw moved like when one skips saucers on water.

>>I buy this because a close friend of mine, a witness to a
>>daylight multiple sighting said the objects moved that way.

>>So if the term Flying Saucers was an error made by the press,
>>why do we have reports and pics of saucer shaped aircraft?

>>Are any pics prior to Arnold's sighting or any reports of such
>>shaped objects prior to Arnold?

>>If not, there's some s'plainin' to do.

>Greg, List, All,

>I love when this question comes up because there are so many
>fine answers to it. I'll just let the following give the
>explanation. From The Dennison Daily News reported on January
>25, 1878:

>Mr. John Martin, a farmer who lives some six miles south of this
>city, we learn the following strange story: Tuesday morning
>while out hunting, his attention was directed to a dark object
>high up in the northern sky. The peculiar shape and velocity
>with which the object seemed to approach riveted his attention
>and he strained his eyes to discover its character. When first
>noticed, it appeared to be about the size of an orange, which
>continued to grow in size.

>After gazing at it for some time Mr. Martin became blind from
>long looking and left off viewing it for a time in order to rest
>his eyes. On resuming his view, the object was almost overhead
>and had increased considerably in size, and appeared to be going
>through space at wonderful speed.

>When directly over him it was about the size of a large saucer
>and was evidently at great height. Mr. Martin thought it
>resembled, as well as he could judge, a balloon. It went as
>rapidly as it had come and was soon lost to sight in the
>heavenly skies. Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity
>and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves
>the attention of our scientists.

>So, yes, he said it resembled a balloon but he also said that it

>was the size of a large saucer. I believe this is the first time
>that saucer was used in relation to UFOs. If I'm mistaken here,
>I'm sure that either Jerry Clark or David Rudiak will have the
>better information.

Kevin, Greg, et al.,

This oft-quoted precedent is a bit unsatisfactory in my opinion. Note that Mr Martin described the object as successively "the size of an orange" and "the size of a large saucer". It appears quite clear that these objects are used to indicate relative apparent size, not shape. He then says it actually resembled "a balloon".

No doubt there are a number of ancient references to flying shields and what-not that have the same significance as the word saucer, but there is at least one crockery reference that I know of - not "in relation to UFOs" but then farmer Martin's usage was not strictly in relation to UFOs either, there being none in 1897: And that is the story recorded by US Consul to Wales, Wirt Sykes, in about 1880 in his gloriously-titled folklore collection "British Goblins".

He gives the story of a man who on his way home was accosted by the devil "in the shape of a round bowl". I'll look for the page reference later if anyone is interested.

But it's somewhat discouraging that one has to rummage around for a long time to find one or two ambiguous descriptions.

Martin Shough

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 09:27:29 +0100
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 09:32:54 -0400
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 15:30:53 +0100
>Subject: Re: NASA Video Captures UFO In Orbit

<snip>

>>>Shuttle is in a
>>>flattening trajectory near its final orbital altitude at this
>>>time and traveling nose-first at maybe 170,000mph

Apologies, I obviously meant to say "17,000mph"!

MS

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>balloon".

An 1887 account from an upstate New York newspaper - something I discovered in archival searches a few months ago - provides a better antecedent, perhaps, than Martin's. The story appears in my upcoming IUR article UFOs Or Mystery Airships?

As I have learned from extensive digging into period newspapers, the modern UFO phenomenon is visible in the decades before 1947. I am not referring, by the way, to the late-19th C./early 20th-C. airship reports, which I am now convinced do not concern UFOs as ordinarily understood, though they are certainly deeply anomalous.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 10:20:14 -0400
Archived: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 11:03:03 -0400
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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 18:23:29 EDT
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>Once again the gnawing problem about the term Flying Saucers is
>bothering me.

Hey Greg,

Not meaning to be a smart-ass, or obtuse, quite possibly I'm
enjoying a certain diminished capacity during some time off
work... and but what exactly is the gnawing problem with the
term flying saucer?

>So if the term Flying Saucers was an error made by the press,
>why do we have reports and pics of saucer shaped aircraft?

Because some are saucer shaped? Maybe for the same reason cars
come in different colors (i.e. personal taste?)

Not all are saucers, (I know you know that), of course. Hello
Phoenix.

>Are any pics prior to Arnold's sighting or any reports of such
>shaped objects prior to Arnold?

Depends on what you accept. Some would argue the Battle of Los
Angeles photo shows a flying saucer.. others would call that
photo a... never mind. Foo fighters could come into play here...
although I thought they were described more as lights than
discs. (Don't flame me too hard if I'm wrong... the memory isn't
what it was and I'm too lazy to back-check)

Flying saucers is as good a generic name for the phenomenon as
any... not all fridges are a Frigidaire. Not all facial tissue
is Kleenex. The reason paid labour is called work was that we
were already calling something else s**t. Personally, I love the
classics, of almost every generation, so I'm a big fan of U.F.O.
It strikes me as direct and accurate. I'm not real keen on
U.A.P... it strikes me as a jaw-breaker conceived by the same
kind of mind that likes sanitation disposal technician over
garbage-man.

Something about a rose by any other name...

Best regards,

Mike Woods

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Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:23:01 -0600
>Subject: Diversity Of UFO Morphology [was: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers']

>This is a well-posed question, and I am very interested seeing
>additional responses that address it specifically. To avoid
>hijacking that effort I start a separate thread here addressing
>a related, but broader and rather curious aspect of the UFO
>phenomenon: namely, the extraordinary - some might say
>unreasonable - level of diversity of the 'morphology' of these
>objects.

>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
>clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>puzzling?

>In the context of the ET hypothesis, does this suggest a
>correspondingly large number of independent cultures that are
>visiting? Or, simply a distaste for 'assembly-line' manufacture?
>Does it argue against the 'nuts-and-bolts' concept in general?

I've been digging around but cannot find a website page which
has several comparisons of photographs that appear to show some
close resemblance with each other. Perhaps another lister knows
of the site.

Of course, similarities - even very close details - prove
little, as one might create a hoax photograph using some other
photo as a guide. And the reference photo may be a hoax, itself.

With regard to UFO morphology in general, the following chart is
instructive:

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/symposium/p229shapes.html>

The page I have been looking for compares (if memory serves)
photos of objects resembling 6E (or, perhaps, 7E), 3C, and
perhaps, 9B.

As for the classic saucer shape, it is my understanding that
this goes quite a ways back. Matthew Hurley's UFO Artwork site
contains some intriguing examples.

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

Brian

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From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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<snip>

I think these are few examples of 'flying saucers" photos, that
match 'saucer-like' form:

The Trindade Island Photos

<http://www.ufologie.net/htm/trindade58.htm>

Rex Heflin UFO Photographs

<http://tinyurl.com/2fjj64>

The Yungay photographs, Peru

<http://www.ufologie.net/htm/yungay.htm>

<http://tinyurl.com/33t7zq>

Circular Object Seen and Photographed in Calgary

<http://ufoevidence.org/cases/case412.htm>

Lago de Cote, Costa Rica

<http://tinyurl.com/2xtga8>

Kelsey Bay, Vancouver Island

<http://www.ufobc.ca/History/1980/kelsey.htm>

Zywieckie Lake, Poland

<http://www.ufodigest.com/zywieckie-ufo.html>

Sergey

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Not being a researcher, I can't say if the photos I've seen over my lifetime were of different craft or not. But one that comes to mind in different (?) photos is always tilted so it's horizontal plane is at a roughly 45 degree angle with the ground.

The shape is almost identical to the common aluminum pie pan, with what is normally the bottom of the pie pan on top.

Projecting upwards from the top of the craft, not quite centered, is a conical mast, perhaps one to one and a half times as tall as the depth of the "pie pan." On top of that mast is a fairly large ball.

What intrigued me with these photos, if indeed they were of different craft, is that the conical mast is not dead center, but slightly offset from the center of the craft.

* Also, aren't the cigar-shaped craft pretty consistent?

Eleanor White

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>Wake up, People! WAKE UP!!!

Any news from that New York City area group of professionals
you mentioned on the air several years back?

Would that group include professionals who could do a better
job of abductee implant removal, chain of custody, and analysis?

Eleanor White

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Date Archived: Tue, 23 Mar 1999 18:01:08 -0500
Subject: US GI & UFO Incident in WW1 France

Source: "alt.alien.visitors".

Stig

From: louflirpa.nul (Lou F. Lirpa)
Newsgroups: alt.alien.visitors,sci.skeptic
Subject: Doughboy Tracked Ufos In France
Date: 22 Mar 1999 20:02:09 GMT

In October of 1917, Francis McHouney of the 302nd Barrage Balloon squadron, US Army Air Corp, tracked and logged several dozen "spurious flying objects [that] were not Boche or one of our guys". Their unit had Remington Acoustical trackers (large horns that amplified sound waves and were used well into the second World War) and the then top secret Marconi Wireless Aerial Direction Finder (a predecessor of radar).

"Me and the boys had moved up and around the assembling [sic] area for our next big attack against the Boche. We had heard about the new land battleships that was going to win us the war. Our unit was to put up balloons to keep the Boche from flying over. We had detectors up and manned to give [us] warning if any enemy planes were coming so that the swabbies in the landships could get them under cover".

McHouney continues, "We had heard rumours about fantastic Boche aeroplanes that seemed to be watching anywhere the landships were. That was why we were there, to keep them away. Our balloons were up, 4 at 500 feet, about 300 feet apart. Four up at 1000 feet further back in a second line and the final four at 1400 feet, by the book as Capt. Burns would say." [Ed. the 301st

and 303rd were also present, the three units deployed in a semicircle in front of the army assembly area.]

"The first time [I] saw them, I was on leave which meant I could go to the rear trenches. Me and a couple of others went to look at the land ships but couldn't get near them cause of the MPs. We could see 'em across in the field, all covered with branches to hide them. Only branches left for miles, must've hauled them up from way back in the rear. Scary looking things, all bristling with guns."

"Jed [Ed. Jed Wilson, boyhood friend of Mchouney, they joined up together] shouted and pointed up. There was something that looked like a giant mess plate [Ed. A mess plate was a tin plate that looks very similar to a modern pie pan, about 8" in diameter used by US Army soldiers in WWI and WWII] just hanging over the field, directly above one of the landships. Suddenly, it rose straight up, without making a sound until it faded into the clouds."

When McHouney arrived back to his unit, he found that the Marconis had registered something BEHIND them that just appeared and then disappeared. The Remingtons had detected nothing when hurriedly turned around and aimed backwards. Over the course of the next few days, the object appeared and disappeared every few hours, causing a disturbance each time.

"We were ordered to close up the spacing of the balloons and move backwards, until after a week the balloons were almost touching. A daredevil could walk around the camp on the balloons if he wanted to. We let them up to 2500 feet and used up darn near all the cables on the front and would've gone higher if we could've got more."

The objects continued to be sighted. McHouney continues "On the 23rd we received visitors, Mr Churchill, who invented the land ships [Ed. Churchill was responsible for pushing through the development of the tanks but others are credited with the invention] and a Mr Wells who was introduced as a scientific advisor to the Ministry, and some others. They set up a couple of cameras but rumour was all the pictures came out black, as if the plates were exposed to light accidentally."

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>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 07:56:23 +1000
>Subject: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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

>03.10.2007

>Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
>By Matthew Martin

>Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were
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>Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly
>credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not
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>implant from a subject's toe.

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>black.

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Listers:

During my time with UCLA's Department of Pathology, the
doctor and techs who ran the Electromicroscopy area offered
to analyze one of Dr. Leir's cases.

He sent the X-rays/MRIs but not the patient's medical report. At
that point, we knew that Dr. Leir did not understand how to
consult with another physician. Without the medical report,
looking at the photos was meaningless. A straight forward offer
was met with side stepping on Leir's part.

I think I still have the photos stashed away somewhere. KK

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Archived: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 08:23:30 -0400
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New York City MDs & Abductees [was: Believers Turn

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Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2007 00:43:54 -0400
Archived: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 08:29:51 -0400
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>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 16:47:12 -0400
>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

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>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
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>>Wake up, People! WAKE UP!!!

Hi Eleanor,

You inquired:

>Any news from that New York City area group of professionals
>you mentioned on the air several years back?

Nothing ever came of it, unfortunately. It would have been, 'just what the doctor ordered.' Because I am no longer active in ufology and because some very pressing family issues arose, I was unable to properly follow-up and dedicate the time and effort necessary to actualize it. I dropped the ball on that one, but as I said, at the time I had valid reasons. Sorry.

>Would that group include professionals who could do a better
>job of abductee implant removal, chain of custody, and analysis?

For certain. The physician I was in contact with was a department head at Columbia University Medical Center. It's a teaching hospital and, as such, it is equipped with state of the art everything. If all had gone as planned, The 'implant/foreign object' removals and analysis would have been conducted in-house at Columbia Presbyterian.

They would have produced some results and answers that we all could have relied on. Maintaining a proper chain of custody would not have been an issue. It would have been refreshing to see the results of their testing published in a few professional periodicals. The ensuing dialog and feedback would have been most welcome.

It's a shame that we don't have it, ain't it?

Back to lurking for me...

Peace and my warmest regards to you, Eleanor,

John Velez

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The 'Triangular Field' Of UFOs

From: Chris Beacham <cbeacham.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 08:26:40 -0400
Subject: The 'Triangular Field' Of UFOs

Hi list,

One aspect of UFO phenomena that I never see mentioned by researchers and witnesses is the triangular form of what may be loosely termed a 'field' cropping up in sightings. I have seen this shape turn up in my pics through the years and I think it could be an important part of the phenomena's technology.

Here's a one sample still from an clip circa 2004:

<http://www.surfin.com.au/tritrail.jpg>

...and here's a recently posted video clip of a sighting that I had in 2004 where once again the tringular shape in evident at the tip of the 'cloud':

<http://www.surfin.com.au/anzpage.html>

Chris

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All very interesting speculation (this and other comments in this thread), but as I have demonstrated repeatedly on an empirical basis, UFOs do come in several 'production-line' models. The 'one saucer (or dish, or bowl) inverted on top of another' configuration is universal, from many different countries and cultures, and over a long period of time. I am presently working on a revision and update of my Pre-1947, 20th Century catalogue, and have even found some examples of this between 1900 and 1946.

See, for example, International UFO Reporter, Fall 2003. p. 4, for a 1930 case in which the UFO is described as "like two dinner plates face-to-face...." Also quite 'standard' are elliptical and hemi-spherical UFOs. I even included tables of these patterns in The UFO Evidence, Vol. II. Sometimes it is very discouraging to me that so many people remain blissfully unaware of these strongly consistent patterns.

- Dick

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Archived: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 14:42:51 -0400
Subject: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil

>From: Brazilian Center for Flying Saucer Research <contact.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Jan 2007 16:00:12 -0500
>Subject: New Photographs Of Possible UFOs In Brazil

>Here to download original version:

>www.ufo.com.br/arquivos/fotos/Natal_Brazil_26_nov_06.JPG

I've just translated the analysis done by fellow Brazilian ufologists Reinaldo Stabolito and Rogerio Chola on this image. It can be viewed on:

<http://forgetomori.com/2007/ufos/shiny-metal-ufo-photo-analysis/>

The original analysis in Portuguese, with full resolution images, can be checked on:

http://www.painelovni.com.br/foto_de_roberto_di_sena.html

Mori

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>I think these are few examples of 'flying saucers' photos, that
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Hi Sergey,

Thanks for the links, they help illustrate my point. They are
all indeed 'saucer-like', and yet all have different shapes
(although I must say that the Heflin and the Zywieckie Lake
objects are fairly similar).

If we imagine randomly selecting and photographing fish from the
ocean, of course we would find a wide variety of types, perhaps
all different at first. But eventually you expect to find a pair
of photos that both show, say, a yellowfin tuna.

Mike

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>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 07:56:23 +1000
>Subject: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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>03.10.2007

>Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
>By Matthew Martin

>Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were
>sceptical after a keynote speaker's presentation.

>Delegates at the UFOCUS New Zealand conference were less than
>impressed with American podiatrist Dr Roger Leir, who claims to
>have surgically removed alien implants from humans.

>Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly
>credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not
>convinced by his presentation.

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One would figure after all the time that Dr. Leir has spent
presenting his research that some form of conclusion would have
manifested.

He's been digging these objects out of people's hides for
several years now.

Bottom line questions arise.

Why hasn't there been a full peer reviewed analysis of his
findings? Is it because the other medical professionals don't
give him notice or has he himself or his team been reticent to
share? Only he can answer these questions.

Surgery is a serious issue. Even removing an object from a
finger or toe could lead to devastating results if not handled
professionally. Podiatry is a specialized form of surgery
requiring exemplary skill and patience. To insert an object and
cause no damage or discomfort is equally amazing.

Is Dr. Leir the only surgeon to have accomplished such feats?

Due to the length and seriousness of the implications of Dr.
Leir's research the outpoints, the red flags, are all over the
place. Just one object proving itself to be of high
technological manufacture and implantation is all it takes and
I've read he's done several such extractions.

I'm all for hard evidence. It's high time we all focused on the
search and acquisition of it. Dr. Leir's research is most
tantalizing because physical objects are acquired. Their
analysis and origin however still in question.

It's time to have Dr. Leir's research handled in a way that he can present it his way with the security of the objects and their analysis done the standard scientific way once and for all.

It only takes one object to be enough.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: New York City MDs & Abductees

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 06 Oct 2007 16:47:12 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
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>>Wake up, People! WAKE UP!!!

>Hi Eleanor,

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>could have relied on. Maintaining a proper chain of custody
>would not have been an issue. It would have been refreshing to
>see the results of their testing published in a few professional
>periodicals. The ensuing dialog and feedback would have been
>most welcome.

>It's a shame that we don't have it, ain't it?

>Back to lurking for me...

>Peace and my warmest regards to you, Eleanor,

>John Velez

The real shame is your need to go back to lurking, John.

Your words of warning, to stop the abusing of those already
abused, is what's needed now, and always.

Pinpoint customers who are looking for what you sell.

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Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 11:35:09 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>>However I'm still unclear as to whether people reported such
>>>disk-shaped craft, platters_before_Kenneth Arnold's report.

>>Here's an example from a 1999 UFO Updates post. It was a WWI
>>sighting from 1917. The object was compared to the military
>>"mess plate", which resembled a pie pan. It was very large and
>>appeared over multiple days. In the first sighting, it
>>appeared
>>directly over one of the new land tanks and was described as
>>rising straight up in the air. Attempts were made to
>>photograph
>>it by a scientific team in successive days, but rumors were
>>that
>>the photos always came out black (radiation?).

>Does this fulfill the condition of having been "reported...
>before Kenneth Arnold's report"? I don't see that it does.

It's a pre-Kenneth Arnold sighting of something exactly like a
classic metallic "flying saucer", though not reported until
afterward Arnold.

Reports of round or spherical flying objects certainly predate
Arnold. Some examples:

<http://www.newsoftheodd.com/content/view/218/29>

The 1561 Nuremberg incident of numerous spheres emerging from
large cylinders and darting about sounds very much like a modern
"mothership" report.

The 1904 U.S.S. Supply sighting of "meteors" described them as
round or egg-shaped. Bruce Maccabee analyzed this sighting. It
is very unlikely that they spotted meteors.

Here's a more modern and unknown case I stumbled across while
electronically searching newspapers. It's from the Los Angeles
Times, Oct. 27, 1935:

"MEXICAN PLANE SIGHTS COLORFUL AERIAL BODY

"Excitement was created on the plane of the Central Airways of
Mexico yesterday afternoon en route to Los Angeles when a
strange body was observed near Hermosilla, Mex

"The object appeared to be a ball larger than the largest star and compared with the full moon as a tennis ball would compare with a basketball, Pilot Paul Adams and Co-Pilot J. E. Tremayne said at Grand Central Air Terminal.

"When viewed through a small telescope, the colors of the ball changed to a mixture of red and greenish hues.

"The ball was visible from 2 p.m. until about 3:10 p.m. when it disappeared over the western horizon. Passengers confirmed the flyers observations.

"The possibility existed that the object might have been a rare and unexplained fireball, although the recorded appearances of fireballs have been only of few minutes duration. These strange celestial bodies become visible as golden balls and burst in a red and green shower of light.

"If the object was a fireball, it represented an extraordinary astronomical phenomenon, according to Edward H. Morse of Pasadena. Morse saw a fireball some time ago through his fifteen-inch telescope. It lasted only a minute or so, he said.

"One theory was advanced that it might have been a weather balloon which had drifted over that region.

"According to Weather Bureau officials here, balloons are used for wind observation of different colors including red and blue. They doubted that this could have been one of their balloons, but pointed out that El Paso and other border stations use colored balloons.

"The object was reported first by Field Manager Otero of Hermosilla airport. He could not explain it."

Not strictly a "saucer" description, but still an interesting pre-Arnold sighting.

David Rudiak

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Sun Oct 07, 2007

His Eye Is Stuck On The Sky

By Julia Spitz
Daily News Columnist
MetroWest Daily News

As an engineer, Greg Berghorn's drawn to things that can be calculated, quantified and explained.

As director of the Mutual UFO Network's state chapter, his blue-green eyes light up at things that can't.

Most often a reported sighting is actually a flash from a satellite's solar panel or a comet streaking by.

"It's that 1 percent of the cases that are not easily explained away that are the most fascinating."

And it's elements of such cases that are on the agenda next Friday evening at the Mass. UFO Show in Watertown's Hibernian Hall.

The conference's focus will be on USOs, or unidentified submerged objects. "There seems to be some phenomena where UFOs submerge into the water," said Berghorn. Researcher Chris Styles will speak about a 1967 reported crash in Shag Harbour, Canada, and Don Ledger is slated to address "Flying Black Triangles."

Berghorn's never had an encounter, or at least "nothing that I couldn't explain," unless you count the crop circles in the mid-1990s.

Crop circles fascinate Berghorn because you "can apply some sort of methodology to investigate, rather than (relying on) stories."

Actually, it wasn't the crop circles that drew him to the south of England as much as it was the chance to try out GPS technology.

He visited four sites.

"Two of them looked like a Saturday night hoax, kids playing. The other two defy explanation. I came away with the feeling... (confessed British circle-making hoaxers) Doug and Dave didn't do it."

Yesterday, Berghorn, who's lived in Framingham for 20 years, described the intricate patterns you can't see unless you're viewing them from the air, drawing angles and lines with the

precision of, well, an engineer, to try to show what he'd seen.

"Each reed was lying down at a 90-degree angle to the radius of the circle... There are circles within circles within circles... how in the world would you do that unless you picked each reed up one at a time?"

The commonly accepted explanation is by using a board and string.

"Well, I found a lot of things that couldn't be explained away by somebody in a field with a board and string."

The problem with investigating UFO phenomena is what Berghorn calls "the Keystone Kop effect." In silent movies, the comedic cops always arrived too late, and "they never really catch anybody.

"UFO stories always have a beginning. They always have a middle. They never have an end. That's my great frustration."

His face lit up when he talked about a "flap," a term used to describe a large number of UFO reports, one March sometime in the late 1990s. A man in northern Massachusetts described a large circular disc over his house. The man was a machinist, "a trained eye," and he reported something specific and unusual on the bottom of the disc, a piece of information a woman in New Hampshire reported a short time later.

"Two independent witnesses describing exactly the same thing," Berghorn said with a broad smile.

What was the thing?

Police investigating a crime often hold back details so they'll know if a witness really was at the scene. "We don't usually publish all the information we have about a sighting."

The state chapter gets about 50 reports of unusual sightings a year, he said. "Of those 50, less than five we find sufficiently unusual to investigate."

There are about 75 members of Mass. MUFON, and "we all have day jobs," so "it doesn't make a lot of sense to spend a lot of time investigating every case," particularly when you know Venus was looking a little brighter than usual that day.

For incidents that do warrant follow-up, information is shared with the national network. "Eventually, it'll all be computerized. But there are many, many cases that haven't been put online yet.

"It turns out Massachusetts has the oldest recorded sighting," he said, citing a report from 1639, when "two guys in a boat on the Charles River saw something in the air which they described as flying pigs. They subsequently described themselves (being) several miles upstream an hour later."

Flying pigs?

"Both were pig farmers. They explained the phenomena in terms they could interpret. It's all they had to work with.

"We all tend to explain things we can't understand in terms of things we can."

For information on monthly MUFON meetings in Framingham, go to massmufon.com. For information on tickets to Friday's Mass. UFO Show, go to www.ufoshow.org/mufo.html.

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Saturday, October 6, 2007

Library To Host UFO Event

By Kevin Darr

For those looking to step into a world of unknowns, look no further than the Columbia Public Library, 106 N. Metter.

This is because they will host UFO expert David Marler at 7 p.m. Monday.

A field investigator with the Illinois Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), Marler will share his expertise in a field many know little about.

"David assisted the History Channel for an episode of the TV show 'Tactical-to-Practical,' where he discussed his research into the mystery of triangular UFO's and their history," CPL Youth Services Coordinator Annette Bland said. "He has also assisted and appeared on two separate documentaries that covered multiple UFO sightings near Scott Air Force Base on the morning of Jan. 5, 2000."

This case was personally investigated by Marler and was published as the cover story for the March 2000 issue of the MUFON Journal. "David believes in having an open mind regarding the UFO phenomenon," Bland said. "However, he also believes this must be balanced by a very skeptical approach when examining each individual UFO report."

MUFON is an international organization composed of people interested in studying and researching UFO's, or Unidentified Flying Objects. Members of the organization are from all walks of life, including scientists, doctors and psychologists.

Registration for the event is required and is recommended for ages 9 to adult.

In other CPL news, "Hocus Pocus Halloween Fun" will take place at 11 a.m. Oct. 25. The session will feature stories, treats and fun activities. Space is limited so make reservations early.

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Turkey Day Canada

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 09:28:34 -0400
Archived: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 09:55:09 -0400
Subject: Turkey Day Canada

Hello Listers,

A Happy Thanksgiving Day to all Canadian Listers, a Happy
Colombus Day to our America friends... and a cheerful Screw
This, It's Monday to the rest of you.

If every Canadian were to kill and eat a turkey today, rush hour
tomorrow would be a lot easier!

Doing his part on the annual poultry Day of Infamy....

Mike Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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Having heard him interviewed, to the best of my understanding,
Dr. Leir doesn't do the surgery. He has a surgeon or surgeons
who do the work, anonymously, as of circa 2002.

Eleanor White

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Does this mean that you are no longer in contact with that
promising group?

Does this mean that no abductee is in contact with them, or that
they disbanded and are not willing to discuss what they may have
found?

Eleanor White

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Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:02:07 -0400
Archived: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:05:57 -0400
Subject: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

Folks, I apologize for often being a repetitive crank.

But it's been some time now that the modem-monitored home environment parameter study was completed by CUFOS in the homes of selected abductees. No analysis has ever been made, to my knowledge. And requests to see the raw data, which consists of:

- home environment parameter logs
- handwritten logs by the abductees describing abduction-related experiences, versus times and dates

have all met with various types of denial, or no response.

CUFOS members are surely aware of the importance, not just to them, but to all of humanity, of such data.

I cannot think of a single reason not to anonymously release the data to the general public, if CUFOS aren't going to analyze it - or even if they decide to.

There is no benefit to keeping the data secret.

There is no downside to releasing it anonymously.

Can any of the members of this List find a way to persuade CUFOS staff to release this data?

* As a footnote to my question, I have received communication from a few abductees who have described strange stonewalling in their attempts to get the analysis - if done - of even their own data.

One abductee told me that when the modem became accidentally disconnected from the phone line, a call was immediately received asking that the modem be re-connected. That, in my view, fairly screams 'important'! Not some sleepy side project, in other words.

One abductee told me that a seniour MUFON member, MUFON apparently involved as well, denied knowing about that abductee's log sheets a while after the abductee handed them in.

* I will not reveal anything further about these people, and I have deleted the correspondence.

But such evasiveness tells me that data may well hold some very interesting revelations of importance to every human being on the planet.

Please consider helping to get this data released for viewing.

Eleanor White

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<snip>

>I have no comment about Dr. Lier's presentation, I was not
>there.

>If I may, I would like to make a few comments about Dr. Lier and
>his 'work' now that the subject has been broached.

>The reason I am writing at all is because of the statement
>regarding Dr. Lier's most recent surgical expedition, according
>to your post, just last year.

>Almost a decade ago EBK published a series of posts I composed
>regarding Dr. Lier's repeated surgical procedures on
>'abductees' - search the UFO UpDates Archive.

<snip>

Hi John

I'm sending this to this List as it came to me off-list. I
thought you might be interested to read what this person has
to say regarding Leir.

VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR

From: sbcl888.nul
Subject: VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR
Date: 8 October 2007 1:18:38 AM
To: auforn06.nul

In reply to John Valez's unbalanced evaluation of Dr. Leir's work - he missed some vital points and I do not agree with his statements. Although it has been a while since I read Leir's first book (which I don't currently have on me) I do remember there were several key findings.

The most dramatic finding that I recall in the book was that many of the objects removed from the alleged abductees were coated in a thin layer of the persons own body tissue. This coating thereby prevented the objects from being rejected (autoimmune reaction). Currently (at least publicly) we do not have these capabilities - but research is being undertaken and it is hoped that this could be a method to overcome rejection difficulties for organ transplation and the implantation of devices such as pacemakers! Now, correct me if I'm wrong but that sounds like an incredible finding and highly indicative of an advanced technology???

I further believe that the limited evaluations (eg. implant analysis) conducted from his first book were inconclusive. From memory, the actual material in the alleged implants was identifiable - but there combinations were highly unusual! Also, I personally do not think we will be able to get much information about the actual implants as I believe that the beings involved are that far advanced that the actual technology will not be identifiable by us. I think these objects are implants monitoring certain things - but the beings involved have quite probably disguised the technology so as to be unidentifiable. Eg. I do not believe that we are going to be finding ET microchips in these implants.

Valez also has a gripe at Lier for performing so many operations. From a science stand point the more studies, objects, or persons - experimented on - the more valid the study. A scientist cannot develop in-depth or broad-ranging conclusions without obtaining numerous samples and/or studies from a cross-section of the population. Any person conducting experiments or even surveys knows these things. So I find it utterly bizarre how Velez on the one hand complains about him performing numerous operations and on the other hand accusing him of being unscientific???

Secondly, these people have volunteered to have the objects removed - he has not tied them up and forcibly removed the objects idiot! If I had some strange, unknown, bloody thing in me (even if it was identifiable) I would want it removed ASAP. Velez is making it sound like he is butchering these people up against their own will!!!

Also, from what I could gather from the first book Leir only had a limited budget to work with and as well as performing his normal work duties and probable family life - he more or less seemed to be doing this research in his spare time. Any person would find this enormously difficult. I really don't think Velez understands the difficulties (as well as huge costs) that Leir must undertake to have proper scientific studies (or even correct scientific technique) conducted. This is more or less a one man research crusade not a scientific investigation from a team of scientists from the CSIRO.

Again, what is the big gripe about obtaining money from the conference. Unfortunately, in this world we need money for everything. I think the price of a plane ticket is more or less a free service as Leir's work would be a major drawing card to the conference! "A whale of a compensation" - I don't think so Valdez! This Valdez character seems like a bit of a goose to me. I have not read Leir's other works but I remember being quite impressed from reading his first book. Yes, he has not done a perfect job scientifically but remember he is not a government organisation - and is subsequently limited in time, money and probably training. Just because he is a doctor dosen't mean he is qualified as a research scientists!!! Leir should be applauded for his efforts and bravery in confronting an attempting to study this subject. As any UFO/abduction researcher knows - few scientists or doctors have the gaul to even raise this subject as it may effect the job, funding, and credibility. Those that do are faced with ridicule and attacks from the public and/or cynics (who usually have not researched the subject at all). Lear has bravely attempted to tackle an incredibly important subject - and I believe his work, along with others, will only be recognised by future generations -

when hopefully, the truth and cover-up will finally be exposed.

Wake up Velez YOU ARE A GOOSE

It's foolish comments like yours that scare scientists and other professionals from even approaching the subject. (Yes, we must question credibility and research methods - but you haven't looked at both sides of the coin!)

S. Blanch

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2007 18:16:08 EDT
Archived: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:15:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:45:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
>clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>puzzling?

Even though my Website is dedicated to UFO shapes and configurations:

www.uforth.com

I have to admit trying to find identical photos of the same type of craft is very difficult.

There are strong similarity's in many reports, and even a few very close matches with photos/drawings:

The Heflin/Ure Idaho, Aug 15th 1947 for instance.

In my own case the UFO I saw and drew, was seen and photographed two months later, but I have yet to see another photo of this craft taken in a different location.

At best all that could be said is that there are 'types' be it Cylinder, Flat top, Triangular, etc.

And while reports can be consistent from type to type, photo images leave a lot to be desired.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda

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Argentine Expert Discusses UFOs & Mutes

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Subject: Argentine Expert Discusses UFOs & Mutes

UFOs in Jujuy, Argentina

Source: Jujuy al Dia - on-line newspaper

Date: 10/15/2007

In an exclusive interview with Jujuy al Dia, Oscar Galindez, a UFO researcher in this province, discussed the perspective of science with regard to this phenomenon, speculations, and explained what was believed in other times. Among other subjects he discussed the myths and truths contained within the subject, UFO sightings in Jujuy and the time periods in which they normally occur.

Galindez stated that "official agencies, non-profit civilian associations made up by professionals, meteorologists, physicists, astronomers, digital photography specialists [exist] to determine whether the alleged film or capture of the phenomenon corresponds to a real object. It is necessary to be prudent when it comes to appraising phenomena of this sort that could escape physical laws. For this reason there is a branch of contemporary science that recommends that such phenomena not be investigated, due to a belief that nothing can go against the laws of nature."

He added: "The most modern and sophisticated aircraft of the great powers cannot generate effects similar to the ones that people claim having seen in UFO phenomena. There is a branch of science that states that these manifestations are impossibility, because they violate traditional physics. I have always maintained, humbly, that the laws of nature are determined by man, the researcher, and have not been handed down by divine revelation. They are not dogmatic laws, and can be modified over time."

Likewise, he noted, "Science has often had to acknowledge errors in the phrasing of its laws, concepts, criteria...there can be no dogmatism in science. Phenomena of this kind are not a matter of belief or faith. They are a matter of information, and if one is properly informed, at least one must admit the existence of the phenomenon."

"To the degree that official bodies in the USA, Russia and recently France, have acknowledged that the phenomena studied have no reasonable explanations in terms of contemporary science, this does not detract from the event. Not enough to say =96 since we don=92t know what it is, we won=92t look into it. Science has the passion for inquiry, the need to find out other types of physical manifestations that are perhaps unknown to us."

Oscar Galindez observed that "people, the witnesses of this type of phenomena, choose not to disclose their experience beyond a closed circle of friends and family, as disclosure can lead to ridicule."

With regard to sightings, he said: "Yes, I have witnessed manifestations that match the parameters of the UFO phenomenon. Official agencies have vanished almost throughout the world, but

research continues in a cautious manner. Basically, the security agencies are interested in the phenomenon because during the Cold War and the World Wars, both Americans and Russians believed that these manifestations were spy planes belonging to the opposite superpower."

He continued by saying that "laws dictating the freedom of information, of classified data, concerning these sightings are supplied to the researcher but lacking important parts of the story, because some secrets still remain classified.

With regard to sightings in the province of Jujuy, he said: "One of the cases here in the province occurred during the appearance of Comet Halley, when many people went up to Tilcara, Humauaca. Two well-known Jujuy professionals would travel with their respective wives, and upon reaching the Tropic of Capricorn Monolith, saw a very powerful light in the sky, flying very slowly. At first they thought it was the comet, but later realized that this wasn't the case, because it began descending and coming closer to their position. It came to within a distance of 50 meters and an altitude of 10, allowing them to see that the object had an unconventional configuration. In other words, it was a silver object that they described as icebox-shaped, approximately 3 meters tall by 10 meters wide. It had impressive and powerful lights, flew over the road slowly, tilted 45=80 and rose 200 meters. It stabilized, crossed the road again, descended and vanished."

He added: "The first thing they wondered was: are they watching us, is it manned, is it a robot device? It was never known. No answer has been found to this very day." He added that the professionals involved confirmed that there was absolute darkness over the area. "This is from the electromagnetic effect, which is like a force field generated by the phenomenon's propulsion mechanism. Its radius would appear to be very large, being that it is in the air at a considerable altitude. Sometimes lights go out and radios die when one is close to the source of this phenomenon."

"Another case that took place here in the province involved a major businessman who was heading back from Paraguay with his wife, but already in Argentinean territory and in the vicinity of Joaquin V. Gonzalez, getting ready to enter the Metan '96 Ojo de Buey Expressway. They said that it was a very dark night around 22:00 hours in a place that's very desolate with only a few animals along the route. They saw everything light up suddenly, as though it were daylight, but continued driving. They noticed that behind their vehicle, at a distance of 400-500 meters, were two luminous orbs in the sky, noticing that the two objects merged into a single one. This leads to another way of interpreting the phenomenon as manifestations of some unknown energy or truly material objects, but they are violating the law of the impermeability of matter. We don't know. This is part of the questioning. The couple also managed to see, to their right, when the objects merged, what looked like a science fiction city with a bluish hue. But it lasted only a second. Upon merging, darkness returned. They went back the next day but only found desert.

He added: "Cattle mutilations represent another episode with a worldwide, universal pattern. These mutilations have nothing to do with satanic rituals. They follow a common pattern, involving a laser-type scalpel with immediate cauterization, since no blood is even present. What they do is take the entire right side off of a bovine, and even its nose on some occasions, but with technological perfection. The incisions are very precise. Hides have been removed, and tongues, genitals and anuses have been removed from the root with astonishing technology. There are no signs of trucks or other vehicles having driven by."

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Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

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>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 07:56:23 +1000
>>Subject: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>>Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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

>>03.10.2007

>>Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
>>By Matthew Martin

>>Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were
>>sceptical after a keynote speaker's presentation.

>>Delegates at the UFOCUS New Zealand conference were less than
>>impressed with American podiatrist Dr Roger Leir, who claims to
>>have surgically removed alien implants from humans.

>>Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly
>>credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not
>>convinced by his presentation.

><snip>

>One would figure after all the time that Dr. Leir has spent
>presenting his research that some form of conclusion would have
>manifested.

>He's been digging these objects out of people's hides for
>several years now.

>Bottom line questions arise.

>Why hasn't there been a full peer reviewed analysis of his
>findings? Is it because the other medical professionals don't
>give him notice or has he himself or his team been reticent to
>share? Only he can answer these questions.

Greg, and the List,

I became friend with Roger Leir in 1999. I was reading his first
book, and it seemed very interesting. We were both invited to
the Leeds conference, and so I had the chance to talk with him.
I saw him as a credible person.

I have seen him again several times - we had dinner together in
Roswell in July.

I have listened to many critiques, and I have not changed my
mind. Just an example.

He is still accused, now and then, of having performed operations that he was not allowed to do as a "foot surgeon". I even heard recently that he was condemned for that. To the best of my knowledge, all this is false. If anyone has proof to the contrary, it's time to show it.

BTW, his name is Leir, not Lier or Liar.

If you want to know more, I suggest that you contact him directly.

As for the analyses of implants, some have been published (in his book and elsewhere) but some have remained confidential, for understandable reasons. As for publication in a medical review, there is still, obviously, a long way to go.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:49:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:02:07 -0400
>Subject: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>Folks, I apologize for often being a repetitive crank.

In this case, it is an apt characterization. Your post is full of errors, and gossip, and inaccurate information. First, I suggest you look in the List Archives for my previous comments on this topic.

The study was not a CUFOS study. It was a joint project by the UFO Research Coalition. The project obtained lots of data, but ran out of funding. All you need to do, Eleanor, is send them a check for \$5,000 and they will cheerfully have the data analyzed and release the findings publicly. There are no hidden secrets here and no duplicity. It would be a travesty of science to simply release the raw data, unless there were some highly qualified scientists willing to take it from there.

>But it's been some time now that the modem-monitored home environment parameter study was completed by CUFOS in the homes of selected abductees. No analysis has ever been made, to my knowledge. And requests to see the raw data, which consists of:

>- home environment parameter logs

>- handwritten logs by the abductees describing abduction-related experiences, versus times and dates

>have all met with various types of denial, or no response.

>CUFOS members are surely aware of the importance, not just to them, but to all of humanity, of such data.

>I cannot think of a single reason not to anonymously release the data to the general public, if CUFOS aren't going to analyze it - or even if they decide to.

I can. The public is not qualified to interpret the data.

>There is no benefit to keeping the data secret.

>There is no downside to releasing it anonymously.

>Can any of the members of this List find a way to persuade CUFOS staff to release this data?

>* As a footnote to my question, I have received communication from a few abductees who have described strange stonewalling in their attempts to get the analysis - if done - of even their own data.

>One abductee told me that when the modem became accidentally disconnected from the phone line, a call was immediately received asking that the modem be re-connected. That, in my view, fairly screams 'important'! Not some sleepy side project, in other words.

No, it was a very carefully organized and orchestrated study that ultimately fell short of funding. I was involved in the initial planning. Send us money and we'll finish it!

>One abductee told me that a seniour MUFON member, MUFON
>apparently involved as well, denied knowing about that
>abductee's log sheets a while after the abductee handed them in.

MUFON, FUFOR, and CUFOS = UFO Research Coalition. The MUFON person may well not have known about the data sheets. There was a careful chain of custody and division of duties, with double-blind methods built in.

>* I will not reveal anything further about these people, and
>I have deleted the correspondence.

>But such evasiveness tells me that data may well hold some
>very interesting revelations of importance to every human
>being on the planet.

There is no evasiveness. And if there were any such startling revelations we (the group) would announce them to science very quickly.

>Please consider helping to get this data released for viewing.

Send the group money. "Viewing" is not an issue. Data analysis is. The project is not designed or intended to be a public, democratic, National Enquirer let's all speculate to our hearts' content affair. It is/was a serious scientific study that needs further funding to complete the data analysis...

- Dick

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:02:07 -0400
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>of selected abductees. No analysis has ever been made, to my
>knowledge. And requests to see the raw data, <snip>
>have all met with various types of denial, or no response.

CUFOS didn't do this study, to the best of my knowledge.

It was done by an independent group. There could be many reasons
for not releasing the data. Including, very simply, that the
study failed, that it wasn't carried out properly, or got no
usable results.

Raw data should only be revealed with great caution. Often it
needs statistical analysis. Without that analysis, people will
jump to unjustified conclusions. I've seen this many times with
social science studies in my own field. (I do a lot of work on
the future of classical music, and information about the age of
the audience and ticket sales to classical concerts is important
to have. But it takes a lot of specialized understanding to know
what the raw data means. I've seen otherwise impressive social
scientists and journalists fall on their faces, by
misinterpreting these stats.)

That said, I'm curious about this study, too. Obviously, it
could be crucially important, just as Eleanor says.

Greg Sandow

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Secrecy News -- 10/08/07

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** JPL SCIENTISTS GAIN REPRIEVE FROM INTRUSIVE INVESTIGATIONS

BILL ON CONTRACTOR LIABILITY RAISES INTEL AGENCY CONCERNS

Last week the House of Representatives passed a bill to extend federal legal jurisdiction to crimes committed abroad by U.S. contractors in war zones such as Iraq, so that such crimes could be prosecuted in U.S. courts.

But before the bill (H.R. 2740) was passed, it triggered alarms by those who were concerned that its provisions could undermine U.S. intelligence activities.

"The bill would have unintended and intolerable consequences for crucial and necessary national security activities and operations," the White House said without elaboration in an October 3 statement outlining its opposition to the bill.

<http://www.fas.org/irp/news/2007/10/sap100307.pdf>

Congressman J. Randy Forbes (R-VA) spelled out those intelligence agency concerns in more detail on the House floor.

For example, he said, "If a clandestine asset was implicated in a crime, investigating and arresting that asset under traditional criminal procedures could expose other assets and compromise critical intelligence activities."

More fundamentally, he complained, the new bill "applies the entire criminal code to the new category of potential offenders and could implicate the authorized business of the intelligence community employees and contractors."

Rep. Forbes therefore introduced a motion stating that "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect intelligence activities that are otherwise permissible prior to the enactment of this Act."

The motion was approved, but not without some critical commentary.

"The [Forbes] amendment raises serious questions about the activities its proponents may be seeking to protect," said Rep. David Price (D-NC), who authored the new bill.

"Given that my bill only targets activities that are unlawful, why do my colleagues feel the need to clarify that it does not affect activities that are permissible?"

"What activities are contractors carrying out that are permissible but not lawful?" Rep. Price wondered aloud.

"If there are private, for-profit contractors tasked with duties that require them to commit felony offenses, Congress needs to know about it. Such a revelation would point to a need for a serious debate about whether we are using contractors appropriately," he said.

See the October 4 House debate on the new bill, the "Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act Expansion and Enforcement Act of 2007," which was passed by a large majority, here:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/h-meja.html

The awkward fact is that intelligence collection operations are routinely conducted in violation of established laws, including international legal norms to which the United States Government is formally committed.

"The CS [clandestine service] is the only part of the IC [intelligence community], indeed of the government, where hundreds of employees on a daily basis are directed to break extremely serious laws in countries around the world in the face of frequently sophisticated efforts by foreign governments to catch them," according to a 1996 House Intelligence Committee staff report called IC21 (chapter 9, at page 205).

"A safe estimate is that several hundred times every day (easily 100,000 times a year) DO [Directorate of Operations] officers engage in highly illegal activities (according to foreign law) that not only risk political embarrassment to the US but also endanger the freedom if not lives of the participating foreign nationals and, more than occasionally, of the clandestine officer himself."

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/1996_rpt/ic21/ic21009.htm

1997 REPORT OF THE OVERSEAS JURISDICTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A decade ago Congress established an advisory committee to examine the very issues of contractor liability in war zones abroad that have recently been in the headlines again.

The Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee spent a year analyzing the state of the law, found "significant jurisdictional gaps" in the government's ability to prosecute crimes committed abroad by contractors, and recommended legislative remedies.

The Committee's extensive report laid the foundation for the 2000 Military Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Act, which applied to defense contractors, and which would be extended by now-pending legislation to non-defense contractors as well.

Up to now, the Committee's report has not been available online, rendering it practically inaccessible. A copy of the report obtained by Secrecy News is now available on the Federation of American Scientists web site.

See the Report of the Advisory Committee on Criminal Law Jurisdiction Over Civilians Accompanying the Armed Forces in Time of Armed Conflict (Overseas Jurisdiction Advisory Committee), April 1997:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/ojac.pdf>

JPL SCIENTISTS GAIN REPRIEVE FROM INTRUSIVE INVESTIGATIONS

A federal appeals court on Friday granted a temporary injunction blocking implementation of a policy that would require scientists at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory to undergo intrusive background investigations as a condition of continued employment.

The requirement stems from President Bush's Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12, under which all federal employees and contractors are obliged to obtain secure forms of federal identification.

As interpreted by NASA, this provision means that JPL employees must not only provide verifiable proof of identity, which all are willing to do, but must also accept an open-ended background investigation into their personal conduct.

Under the NASA standard, according to critics, "any investigator" from "any federal agency" would be permitted to collect "any information" regarding the employee.

Dozens of JPL scientists said no.

A lower court rejected their request for an injunction against the policy on October 3. But the appeals granted it on October 5, until further proceedings can be held. For background on the case see:

<http://www.hspd12jpl.org/>

"We cannot drive scientists into our laboratories," said President Truman in a September 13, 1948 speech to the AAAS, "but, if we tolerate reckless or unfair attacks, we can certainly drive them out."

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Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

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Subject: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

Then Maj. Robert J. Friend was heading Project Blue Book.

From what I've read about his tenure, there were problems from critics, funding, interlopers etc.

I saw him on television, perhaps on the old Sightings show briefly discussing Blue Book.

Are there any books, papers, videos on his viewpoints regarding his time at Project Blue Book, it's conclusions, it's history?

Thanks,

Greg
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Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

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>Then Maj. Robert J. Friend was heading Project Blue Book.

>>From what I've read about his tenure, there were problems from
>critics, funding, interlopers etc.

>I saw him on television, perhaps on the old Sightings show
>briefly discussing Blue Book.

>Are there any books, papers, videos on his viewpoints regarding
>his time at Project Blue Book, it's conclusions, it's history?

I interviewed Col. Friend by telephone in 1994 when starting Project 1947. Tuskegee airman, Friend went on to retire as Colonel. He said he thought that he was appointed as BB head, because Hynek was making noises about quitting at the time. Friend and Hynek got on famously exchanging tapes and letters on UFO matters. I think they realized the limits of their power, a lot of discussion was on historical UFO incidents, pre-BB in which they both could speak frankly.

Please don't read conspiracy theories here. They were just going to do the job they were paid to do, but extracircularly they could discuss other matters without going off the reservation.

Hynek generally would undertake answering letters from Menzel to keep him off of Friend's back.

If you cut Col. Friend he would bleed Air Force blue, so he will not directly criticize the AF, but implications were that he was unhappy with some aspects of the UFO investigations.

Friend started the UFO Council at Wright-Pat, a group of officers and civilians to brain storm various UFO topics.

Documents in BB bear out the foregoing and add:

Friend tried to get the UFO project moved to a scientific agency either within the AF or outside. About this time Congressional interest was focused on the UFO problem, both Friend and Hynek were enlisted to head off any chance of hearings. To placate Congress the AF offered to a slight increase in the BB budget of about \$3000 - considering the time this is more money than it seems today - and appointment of another officer to BB.

During Friend's tenure the 1006th AISS reorganized and what little investigative support the BB got from them decreased even more. Friend recruited a corps of volunteers at Wright-Pat to go out and do investigations on their own time, with AF providing travel. No indications in the records on how that worked out.

Friend did not liaise with the CIA but with AF liaison officers at the CIA.

Aside: My research indicates that UFO reports went to the CIA in six copies, including UFO reports not found in the BB files. The CIA's rather weak attempt to say they only had about 1000 pages of UFO material is laughable... after all the Central Intelligence Agency, was created so that intelligence could be retrieved centrally... if AF and Navy are sending in UFO reports in multiple copies, it would seem that at least one copy would survive in a central file... however, as 9/11 demonstrated apparently important data can be filed within a section, and not made available for retrieval centrally... hmm, that defeats a major purpose of the organization.

One document in BB is interesting. Friend mentioned a remark from a Brookings Institute official to the effect that Brookings could do a study to get the AF out of the UFO game... foreshadowing of Condon perhaps.

I saw a letter in the NICAP files concerning a conversation the writer had with Friend. The writer called Friend one of the stupidest persons he ever encountered... ha, I have the advantage of my interview and the SOHP interview. The one thing Col. Friend is not, is stupid.

In addition Col. Friend was interviewed on video as part of the Sign Historical Group Oral History Program.

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>>>Source: The Rotorua Daily Post - Wellington, New Zealand

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

>>>03.10.2007

>>>Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference
>>>By Matthew Martin

>>>Even the true believers at a UFO conference in Rotorua were
>>>sceptical after a keynote speaker's presentation.

>>>Delegates at the UFOCUS New Zealand conference were less than
>>>impressed with American podiatrist Dr Roger Leir, who claims to
>>>have surgically removed alien implants from humans.

>>>Conference organisers are defending him, saying he is "highly
>>>credible", but delegates told the Daily Post they were not
>>>convinced by his presentation.

<snip>

>>One would figure after all the time that Dr. Leir has spent
>>presenting his research that some form of conclusion would have
>>manifested.

>>He's been digging these objects out of people's hides for
>>several years now.

>>Bottom line questions arise.

>>Why hasn't there been a full peer reviewed analysis of his
>>findings? Is it because the other medical professionals don't
>>give him notice or has he himself or his team been reticent to
>>share? Only he can answer these questions.

>Greg, and the List,

>I became friend with Roger Leir in 1999. I was reading his first
>book, and it seemed very interesting. We were both invited to
>the Leeds conference, and so I had the chance to talk with him.
>I saw him as a credible person.

>I have seen him again several times - we had dinner together in

>Roswell in July.

>I have listened to many critiques, and I have not changed my
>mind.

I am pleased to see that a couple of people are speaking up for
Roger Leir.

It has always surprised me when somebody rushes into print
with heavy criticism of a fellow researcher when it would be far
kinder to raise the issue by first emailing the person you are
criticising and asking for the answers.

Maybe John Velez, whose queries about peer review etc seem valid,
did just that, but in that case he would surely have told us what
Leir's excuses are.

Mud sticks - so I would prefer to know that the person who is the
target, deserves getting it in the neck.

I have met Roger Leir too and he has never struck me as a
person who would not give a reasonable answer, if posed a
critical question.

Dave

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4-Hour Sighting Over the Canary Islands

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SPAIN: 4-Hour UFO Sighting Over the Canary Islands

A Special Report from Kalani and Katiuska Hanohano

Date of Event: Sunday, September 9, 2007
Time: 1:45 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Tenerife, Canary Islands, Spain

We are two American ex-pats currently living on the island of Tenerife, one of 7 beautiful islands located 250 nautical miles off the coast of Morocco, North Africa. Our home is part of a private residential area located at the southern edge of the old city of San Cristobal de La Laguna. La Laguna was founded in 1496 and is today declared a World Heritage Site, a designation given by UNESCO in 1999. It is protected by all the laws governing that honor. La Laguna is located high in the mountains overlooking the sprawling capital of Tenerife, Santa Cruz. Our home overlooks a portion of this huge city.

To our west, not more than a mile and a half distant, is the eastern air approach to the airfield at Los Rodeos Airport. On March 27, 1997, two Boeing 747s, one KLM, the other a Pan American, collided on the airfield killing 583 passengers. This stands as the worst single airline accident in aviation history.

Today most passenger air traffic arrives to Tenerife using Sophia Reina Airport, located to the south of the island, nearer to the ever-expanding tourist resorts that dot the south. However, some passenger and cargo crafts continue to use the northern airport of Los Rodeos. Incoming planes that land using the eastern approach to the airport fly almost directly over our home.

Our UFO sighting of September 9, 2007

Sunday, September 9, 2007, we woke up late and eased into the noon hour. At about 12:45 pm I went outside to do trimming work in our back yard. The afternoon was very warm, totally clear and devoid of clouds. There was a very soft breeze coming in from the east.

At approximately 1:40 pm I asked my wife if she could bring me a cold glass of water and some cookies. This she did and I sat in the shade on the back porch to rest.

While sitting there I began to feel restless and gazed at the sky. I immediately saw to the east of me, perhaps no more than a half a mile away, a silvery object floating over the freeway that links La Laguna to Santa Cruz. I watched this object for about 5 minutes, trying to figure out what it was. This object was moving slowly as it described a very large circle over the area east of where we reside. When the object reached the point where I first observed it, it continued to describe another circle following its previous path. I could see that there were no strong winds that could carry an object into the sky, and with that knowledge, I went into the house and grabbed my

binoculars.

When I returned to the back porch the object was still circling the neighborhood east of me. I trained my binoculars on the object and immediately could see that this object was silver in color, it reflected the intense sunlight, and looked like it was a blanket of some sort twisting and folding into itself.

At that moment I remember thinking, "Okay, this is pretty strange. What=B4s keeping this object in the air. There=B4s no wind. It shouldn=B4t be maintaining the same altitude. It should vary."

So, for about 5 minutes I watch this silvery looking blanket twisting object circle the sky. And I watched as this "blanket" folded in upon itself. As I continued to watch, with and without my binoculars, I observed a very bright oblong-shaped light arriving from the southeast. This light intersects the "blanket" object and continues to head northwest toward the city of La Laguna.

I immediately uttered the most well known and time-honored epithet on our planet: "What the _____ ."

I could see that something very strange was occurring and turned to enter the house to get our video camera. As I did so, facing north, I glanced toward the sky over the mountainous area that backdrops the northern edge of the city of La Laguna. What I saw was impossible.

My attention was focused on the clear sky over the mountains. The reason I focused there was because I saw a rectangular portion of the sky assume a different quality from its surroundings. What formed in the sky was a rectangular area, a window if you will, The difference between the ambient-environment and this "window" was that the area inside of this rectangle "rippled". I could discern very clearly the border area of this rectangle because the visual quality of the "rippling" was so distinct from the stillness of the area surrounding this rectangle.

As I watched this rectangular area, from the west came 2 bright lights, oblong in shape, and they entered into this rectangle at a ferocious speed... one after the other. As they entered into this rectangular area, these two objects created a sine wave-shaped trail. The same kind of sine wave one would instantly recognize on a waveform monitor.

As soon as this "waveform" was created, it dissipated. The rectangular area also ceased to express itself and the area over the mountains returned to normal. This entire event lasted no more than 5 seconds at most.

This was serious, I thought. I ran into the house to grab our video camera. My wife could tell from my frantic behavior that something was up and asked me what was happening. I told her that I was seeing some strange objects from the back and to follow me outside. This she did, and almost immediately we began to see the phenomenon that would occupy us for the next 3-1/2 hours.

=46rom an elevated area at the north side of our house, but still part of the back yard, we observed an oblong-shaped light appear in the sky near the western edge of Santa Cruz. This light traveled in a straight line almost directly over our home. It was silent, traveled smoothly and was using the approach to Los Rodeos Airport.

For the next 15 to 20 minutes we observed these lights appearing out of the blue, heading west toward the Airport. These lights would appear every 30 seconds or so, one after the other. Their external oblong-shape never changed.

Shocked that we were witnessing an ongoing parade of anomalous objects, we moved to the front yard, in a position to watch these objects arriving and heading west.

We need to emphasize that these transiting objects were no more than 500-700 feet over us at all times. They never varied from this. We can approximate their height based upon visually watching passenger aircraft flying over our home as they prepared to land at Los Rodeos Airport. The direction that they

were taking took them parallel to the landing field at that airport. In a few cases that we witnessed, these objects seem to have taken the corridor that would place them exactly over the landing field. The airport tower personnel had to be seeing these objects. It was impossible to miss.

Now, there were about a dozen other objects that we counted that came in from a southerly and northerly direction. They would all intersect with the objects heading due west and changed their course to a westerly one.

We observed these objects appearing from the east and heading west for about 2-1/2 hours. During this long period we observed each object visually by eye and with the aid of two binoculars. There was a very BIG difference between what we were seeing with our eyes, and what we were offered through the binoculars. We will expand on this momentarily.

Now comes a part that is difficult to disclose because it is so unacceptable to many. We decided to verbally and mentally ask these objects to stop and hover so that we could observe them better. Most of the objects ignored this request. But 5 of these objects did respond. Four of these objects stopped over the airport area, reversed their direction and headed directly to our home. They stopped and hovered a few blocks from our home. The fifth object directly over our home, in fact directly over my wife who was then asking them to do exactly that. I could see the object directly over her at about 500 feet. An oblong-shaped light. Silent. Obliging.

It remained in this position for a few minutes while my wife was almost bent backward with her binoculars observing this mysterious thing. She continuously dialogued with me about what she was observing. There was so much going on that I chose to direct my attention to another group of objects heading west. We didn't want to miss anything.

At about 2 hours and 45 minutes into the sighting we sensed that things were slowing down. Since all things must end, we figured this was the case. We were wrong.

At about 5 p.m., as I watched the few remaining objects coming in from the east, I began to notice from the periphery of my vision objects heading in the reverse direction, west to east, as if they had completed what they had intended to do and were heading home. I was witnessing the beginning of a parade going in the opposite direction. Objects behaving just as before.

I mentioned this to my wife, but was beginning to suffer visually from the very bright sun and needed to get into the house to rest. This she did, leaving me to observe the remainder of the sightings.

Observing these returning objects, through binoculars I noticed a very marked difference in some of the objects. Something very unexpected. More on this shortly.

I observed that these returning objects were using a flight path slightly south of our home, which would probably put them over the area near to the pueblo of La Esperanza. This area overlooks the Los Rodeos Airport.

At the same time that I was observing these returning lights, I observed for 45 minutes a very interesting event. And I would not have seen it were it not for a large palm tree that grows in our front yard.

During the entire 4 hour event the sky remained clear, cloudless and blue. A soft breeze insinuated itself into our area. Since I dislike intense sunlight I sought the comfort of the shadow cast by the palm tree. As I did so the glare of the sun was obscured. I took this moment to relax my eyes and casually looked at the upper portion of the tree trunk. To my surprise I could see 5 glowing objects with the same oblong-shape, maneuvering in the glare of the sun. These movements showed neither rhyme nor reason. I would never have seen this event had it not been for the partial obscuring of the sun. No one else would be able to see them under normal conditions. It seemed to me that they were using the strong glare to hide themselves. But why hide themselves when they had just offered us 3 plus hours of strangeness. Talk about an embarrassment of richness.

Finally, after a little over 4 hours, the last objects were seen heading east. Those objects using the sun's glare were also gone.

In the remaining moments of activity, I mentally asked the most obvious question: "What was all of this about. And why such a long sighting."

What we observed through binoculars

When we watched these objects visually using our eyes, they appeared oblong and self-luminescent. A soft white light, not brilliant, and at no time did this luminescence vary in intensity. These objects appeared to slide through the sky effortlessly as if they were immune to resistance. There was never any sound. As for its speed, all we can say is faster than a landing passenger craft, but slower than a jet fighter.

But when we trained our binoculars on these lights we were stunned at what we saw. There were 5 different shapes that we observed during this 4-hour event:

1. Wedge-shaped
2. Stubby-bullet shaped
3. Elongated bullet shaped
4. Curved hot dog shaped
5. Dice shaped (cube)

The "wedge-shaped" object appeared periodically. It flew with the pointed end ahead. It appeared blue-grey in color.

The remaining objects were far different... and they morphed.

The "stubby-bullet shaped" objects tumbled as they flew. As they tumbled, they morphed short stubby fins from the side. We observed these fins developing out of, and returning back into the object as it continued its tumbling.

The "elongated bullet shaped" objects also tumbled as they flew. And like its short, stubby partner, they also morphed what appeared to be fins that appeared and withdrew into the objects.

The "curved hot dog shaped" objects were amazingly strange. I got to observe this morphing miracle as it went over our home (side view) and as it receded (side and back view). As with the others, these objects tumbled as they flew. They were shaped like a curved hot dog with the front end located at a shortly higher position than the back end. As it flew, the back end rose up and curved into its middle section. As it did this, the front portion, unaffected by the rear rising action, sprouted short, stubby... fins. These fins receded back into the objects when they assumed their normal hot dog shape.

The object that paused directly over my wife at about 500 feet was cube-shaped. It tumbled as it flew, very similar to rolling dice on a table. When the object was hovering over my wife, through binoculars she could see that it was also morphing, sprouting short fins, and other forms that are impossible to describe. But she could see very clearly three "lights" on the bottom of the cube shape. She described red, white and blue lights. When she was describing to me what she was seeing I remember responding to her, "Yea, red, white and blue lights." Obviously made in America." She wasn't pleased with my sarcasm.

The reader must remember that we observed these objects for more than 4 hours. We observed 5 basic shapes repeated one after the other, but not necessarily in a particular order. Although we have told a few friends that we saw about 90 objects, the truth is that we simply lost count. Too much was happening.

Morphing objects are a big problem in today's ufology. This seems to be a relatively new evolution with these objects and we're simply going to have to accommodate it.

There were two things that bothered us greatly during this sighting and we need to elucidate them.

The first is that when the objects were seen visually with our eyes they appeared as oblong-shaped lights of no great size. But when we trained our binoculars on these objects we could see no glow, no suggestion that any overall illumination was present. What we saw were objects displaying enough definition for us to observe shape, structure and morphing changes. But still lacking in high definition. It seemed as if the objects were housed in a field that guaranteed that the objects would remain fuzzy.

Secondly, while we visually observed oblong-shaped glowing objects, when we trained our binoculars on these lights, we saw chaotic tumbling and morphing activity inside of that glow. And yet, when we removed the binoculars, the objects appeared steady, with no hint of distortion or change. The reason why we find this odd is because in the case of the bullet-shaped and curved hot dog-shaped devices, as they tumbled, their length would have exceeded the height of the oblong-shaped glow. Yet, when we watched this oblong object glide across the sky, no distortion or accommodation to the object inside of it occurred.

One final observation please! When I observed the objects returning, heading west to east, a number of the bullet-shaped objects appeared different. They appeared dirty, as if debris were sticking to them. I observed these silver-grey objects surrounded by a dark brown substance. It was as if these objects had an important duty to perform, and having performed that duty, they returned soiled from the work they had done. I thought about this for many days, trying to figure out a proper way to describe the "debris" that I saw attached to some of these objects.

About a week later it struck me: What I saw attached to some of these objects was very similar to what happens when you bring a magnet in touch with iron filings. If you place that magnet below a piece of paper with iron filings, those filings will stand out and follow the contour of the magnetic field.

That is the best possible description of what I observed.

Admission

I am an American UFO investigator of long standing. My wife is a singer and entertainer, but also a Spanish-language translator. We have both had a number of UFO sightings =96 together and separately. My sightings took place in Hawaii, Seattle, Denver and now, Tenerife. My wife=B4s sightings took place in North Dakota, Denver and now, Tenerife.

This means that we are REPEATERS. This admission will not settle well with the more conservative element within ufology. The broad-minded investigator may acknowledge that there is indeed a growing number of such people showing up in the UFO field. The debunkers will... well, they=B4d probably debunk their own mothers.

We understand the problem. Millions have seen strange objects in the sky. Millions more have not. So what makes us so damned special?

We=B4ve thought about this. Endlessly. We have no answer. We are as confused about this as anyone else could be. But there are two things we should mention about ourselves that may be contributing factors:

1. We look up! We make it a practice to scan the sky when we find a moment.

2. We anticipate. We=B4ve had numerous sightings. That means we MIGHT have others. Therefore, we anticipate the next event.

If there is anything more at work than this, we know nothing about it. We are clueless.

There is one more thing that needs to be addressed. The claim that we have made that UFOs have stopped and hovered when we have mentally or verbally requested such action:

For many this is difficult stuff to tolerate. Think about how we feel. We asked... and they complied. This has happened to me on 4 occasions. It has happened on a few occasions with my wife.

Our concern is that this will be misinterpreted by the overenthusiastic. Those who will say that we are in communication with these... things. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Let me make this as clear as is possible. When the opportunity has presented itself, we have experimented. Simple as that. The question is simple. "Please stop!" On occasion they have. It=B4s not like we are asking them to dinner, or a game of chess.

Although it is kind of a "rush" to see them stop per our request, closely following is the feeling of "trepidation". Trepidation because we have brought attention to ourselves. Trepidation because we are not interested in going the next step.

Finally, regarding our beloved video camera. I was unable to film these events, much to my anger and chagrin. It was impossible to focus the camera using the LCD screen because the intense sunlight washed the image out. I pointed the camera wildly, but no image showed up. I was so desperate to show the morphing of these objects that I had zoomed the lens instead of going for a wide-angle view. My fault.

Endnote:

We have seen nothing in the local newspapers to suggest that anyone else reported this event. We have called no one in authority at various venues to report this sighting. We have attempted to contact the leading ufologist here, Jose Gregorio Gonzalez, to inquire whether he had heard anything about a sighting in our area. He has chosen not to return our calls or inquiries. We received the same brush-off from the late Francisco Padron Hernandez, otherwise known as Paco Padron. He was the revered dean of anomalies research in the Canaries. He refused to see an American ufologist. His reason. He didn=B4t want to talk about ufo abductions, which he considered nonsense. We didn=B4t want to talk about abductions either. We had other reasons to want to speak with him. Surprisingly, in April 2000, he published a book, Luces de Medianoche, which spoke about his ... abduction. Go figure!

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Mysterious Lights Spark UFO Scare
By Miles Godfrey

Masses of mysterious red lights have sparked another UFO riddle.

More than 60 of the glowing orbs were spotted throbbing and hovering above Uckfield on Saturday night.

Resident Jamie Smith, 20, from London Road, thought the town was about to be invaded by aliens.

He said: "It was like something out of Space Invaders.

"My dad said to come out into the garden and what I saw was the amazing thing I've ever seen.

"There were at least 60 of these lights right above us, all in close formation. There was no way they were planes or anything like that.

"Then they moved off and just two remained. Then they too totally disappeared."

Mr Smith said the lights hovered for around five minutes before zooming off.

It the latest in a series of UFO sightings reported by readers of The Argus.

Recently published Ministry of Defence records show that between 1998 and 2006 there were 52 reports of UFOs flying over Sussex.

Did you see strange activity in the night skies? Did you take pictures or capture video footage? Email news.nul or leave your story below.

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>briefly discussing Blue Book.

>Are there any books, papers, videos on his viewpoints regarding
>his time at Project Blue Book, it's conclusions, it's history?

Hi Greg!

Some of the strangest things that were investigated by the
Project Blue Book staff never became part of the public record.

Regarding Major Robert J. Friend, there is the very fascinating
account 'The Day the Navy Established 'Contact'' that was
published in 'Second Look' magazine in May 1979 and reproduced,
with comments, in Grant Cameron's website (see below). It can
also found in the UFO UpDates archives.

http://www.presidentialufo.com/affa_cia.htm

As is often the case, there is also Canadian involvement with
this alleged contact with ETs. Captain Donald Goodspeed, was the
Canadian liason with the CIA working at the Pentagon at the
time.

The late Donald Goodspeed was a history professor at Canada's
Brock University southwest of Toronto who I suspect was the one
that brought UFO artifacts from the U.S. to Ottawa for analysis
by our experts. There is reason to believe that Capt. Goodspeed
may have had close dealings with Major Friend on the subject of
UFOs and may even have been present, along with Wilbert B. Smith
and U.S. Vice-Admiral Herbert Knowles, at many prior meetings
with these alleged ETs through contact Frances Swan - a close
neighbour to abductee Betty Hill.

I can understand why Major Friend at the time would remain
silent about these alleged but seemingly credible contacts with
ETs. Is ufology and the public any better prepared now for these
ET revelations?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 15:45:23 -0400
Archived: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 16:37:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:40:07 -0400
>Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

<snip>

>The study was not a CUFOS study.

That's strange... I did receive a couple of replies from CUFOS, with them speaking as if it was their study, or at least as if it were their data set.

>It was a joint project by the UFO Research Coalition. The >project obtained lots of data, but ran out of funding. All you >need to do, Eleanor, is send them a check for \$5,000 and they >will cheerfully have the data analyzed and release the findings >publicly. There are no hidden secrets here and no duplicity. It >would be a travesty of science to simply release the raw data, >unless there were some highly qualified scientists willing to >take it from there.

Well, Dick, I'm familiar with all of the environmental parameters mentioned on the original SDI broadcast describing the monitoring stations.

I can also read a log written by the abductees.

To say that a member of the public is not qualified to at least get a fairly good idea if there were anomalous home environmental parameters picked up at the dates and times of the abductions, and which didn't show at other dates and times, is simply untrue.

I don't need to wait a decade or two to be spoon fed the opinion of "qualified scientists", thank you.

>I can. The public is not qualified to interpret the data.

Correction: Most members of the public are not well enough versed in statistical analysis to do a job in that specific arena equal to what a qualified scientist can do.

But many members of the public are sufficiently familiar with home environmental parameters, including intensities of electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields, to at least see if there are anomalous excursions which match the logged times and dates of the abductions which may have occurred.

>>One abductee told me that a senior MUFON member, MUFON >>apparently involved as well, denied knowing about that >>abductee's log sheets a while after the abductee handed them in.

>MUFON, FUFOR, and CUFOS = UFO Research Coalition. The MUFON >person may well not have known about the data sheets. There was a >careful chain of custody and division of duties, with double- >blind methods built in.

I find it curious that the person to whom the abductee handed in

their handwritten log sheets couldn't remember that. That raises a serious question, as I see it.

>There is no evasiveness. And if there were any such startling >revelations we (the group) would announce them to science very >quickly.

The abductee, whom I will not name unless they decide to identify themselves, would disagree with you about there being no evasiveness.

>Send the group money. "Viewing" is not an issue.

I'd be glad to send them the money to copy the data on to a CD and photocopy the handwritten log sheets from the abductees with the abductees' IDs blanked out.

>Data analysis is. The project is not designed or intended to be a >public, democratic, National Enquirer let's all speculate to our >hearts' content affair. It is/was a serious scientific study that >needs further funding to complete the data analysis...

Releasing the data doesn't prevent complete data analysis when funds become available.

And if the data were made public, it might well turn out that someone with the necessary scientific/statistical skills would voluntarily do a first class job of analysis, without the \$5,000 price tag.

Eleanor White

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>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:40:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

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>It was done by an independent group. There could be many reasons
>for not releasing the data. Including, very simply, that the
>study failed, that it wasn't carried out properly, or got no
>usable results.

That would mean someone's looked at the data, right?

Why doesn't that someone tell us that it wasn't carried out properly, or got no usable results then, if that were the case?

>Raw data should only be revealed with great caution. Often it
>needs statistical analysis. Without that analysis, people will
>jump to unjustified conclusions.

Well, if this analysis is stalled by lack of funds, and the potential importance to society is as great as confirmation of environmental disruption happening at the same dates and times abductions are reported would be, at the very least the data holders could make public any consistent large parameter disturbances at abduction times.

That wouldn't take \$5,000 to do.

(Send me the raw data and I'll tell them whether that much showed up, for free!)

>I've seen this many times with social science studies in my own
>field. (I do a lot of work on the future of classical music, and
>information about the age of the audience and ticket sales to
>classical concerts is important to have. But it takes a lot of
>specialized understanding to know what the raw data means. I've
>seen otherwise impressive social scientists and journalists fall
>on their faces, by misinterpreting these stats.)

If there are only minor environmental disruptions at dates and times abductions are reported, yes, only a first class statistical analysis can determine the significance of the experiment.

But close encounter experiencers report things like all electrical/electronic equipment stopping. That is a whopper (forgive my unscientific term) of an environmental disruption, and I want to see if there were any whoppers matching the times and dates of the reported abductions. Simple as that.

You don't need statistics for that much, and that much, I feel, is owed to both the abductees who participated and society as a whole, now.

And by the way, if this isn't a "CUFOS" study, what is the official name of it?

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>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>I interviewed Col. Friend by telephone in 1994 when starting
>Project 1947. Tuskegee airman, Friend went on to retire as
>Colonel. He said he thought that he was appointed as BB head,
>because Hynek was making noises about quitting at the time.
>Friend and Hynek got on famously exchanging tapes and letters on
>UFO matters. I think they realized the limits of their power, a
>lot of discussion was on historical UFO incidents, pre-BB in
>which they both could speak frankly.

<snip>

>In addition Col. Friend was interviewed on video as part of the
>Sign Historical Group Oral History Program.

Leave it to Jan Aldrich to come up with the goods!

Way to go Jan! You never cease to amaze me!

What a treat to have been able to interview Mr. Friend. I had no
idea he was a Tuskegee Airman. That alone is kudos enough for a
lifetime or two. I could go on about the Airmen but that's a
whole 'nother story.

Say Jan, please let us know again where your interview can be
read and the video obtained.

I had to inquire about Friend as I was going back over
everything UFO as I have a want to do every year to keep my
compass on point. Best to always do a triple-check with the
history of UFOs to make sure one gets the original data aligned
and precise. It was during my triple-check about Edward J.
Ruppelt that I had to ask again about Friend as well. A treat I
received was about ten years ago I picked up Ruppelt's book in a
dusty old book store in upstate NY and it had his autograph in
it. I didn't realize 'til some time later while glancing through
it. That's a keepsake for sure.

Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

I think any data provided by Mr. Friend would be of great value and a must have data source.

Thanks again Jan!

Best,
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Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 05:39:32 -0400
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>silent about these alleged but seemingly credible contacts with
>ETs. Is ufology and the public any better prepared now for these
>ET revelations?

Thanks for the data Nick!

I was just sitting here doing my UFO homework and felt it best
to search for more data given regarding Mr. Friend. Reason
being I was studying up again on Edward J. Ruppelt as well.
Best to go back to the basics when studying UFOs.

Ruppelt's abilities were just what the country needed and still needs from what I've researched. The way government is supposed to work is how Ruppelt did things. I can see the same in Mr. Friend's approach too.

Sometimes this field of research can go off into all sorts of directions and it's best says I to go back to the original stuff and comb through again. I feel a bit of nostalgia at it too because when I first started studying I was a wee lad and had access to the early books on the subject. It's amazing to see from then in the 60's the few books and articles we had to today with massive amounts of global data coming in by the second. Just amazing!

Looking at all that data the big picture keeps getting clearer and I think the people will soon get the big picture and we'll all hear a big sigh and share a global,

"Oh, so that's what's been going on eh? Well whatta' ya' know about that!".

Best,
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Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 21:34:14 +0000
Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 05:41:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 15:52:13 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

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>If you want to know more, I suggest that you contact him
>directly.

>As for the analyses of implants, some have been published (in
>his book and elsewhere) but some have remained confidential, for
>understandable reasons. As for publication in a medical review,
>there is still, obviously, a long way to go.

Gildas:

Please believe me, when the EM lab was trying to consult with
Dr. Leir, there were many attempts to contact him without
results.

My first hand knowledge of the man is that he showed a lack of
professionalism in dealing with a major institutional
laboratory. We were not impressed.

He might be a nice guy, but he appeared to back down from his
claims when faced with the possibility of having his work
verified. What should we have ascribed this posture to? Low
self-esteem?

KK

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5.nul>
Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 16:38:41 -0500
Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 05:44:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2007 18:16:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:45:25 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
>>clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>>puzzling?

>Even though my Website is dedicated to UFO shapes and
>configurations:

>www.uforth.com

>I have to admit trying to find identical photos of the same type
>of craft is very difficult.

>There are strong similarity's in many reports, and even a few
>very close matches with photos/drawings:

>The Heflin/Ure Idaho, Aug 15th 1947 for instance.

>In my own case the UFO I saw and drew, was seen and photographed
>two months later, but I have yet to see another photo of this
>craft taken in a different location.

>At best all that could be said is that there are 'types' be it
>Cylinder, Flat top, Triangular, etc.

>And while reports can be consistent from type to type, photo
>images leave a lot to be desired.

Of course the skeptical argument for this would be that hoaxers
like to add their own personal touches to their flying saucer
models and photoshopped images. But there is at least one good
match: the Trent photos and a photo allegedly taken in Rouen,
France in 1957. Unfortunately, the provenance of the Rouen photo
is unknown and some people think it's even a retouched copy of
the Trent photo. There's a good recap of the debate about the
Rouen photo at:

<http://www.nicap.org/france57rep.htm>

Whether or not the Rouen photo is real, it seems to me that even
if photographs of two identical objects were taken, it's
unlikely that the photos could be used to prove the objects
were identical. Two identical objects would almost always be
photographed at different angles and under different lighting
conditions. Even if there were multiple photos taken during both
sightings showing the two objects at different angles,
(something that rarely happens), it would be unlikely that the
two sets of photos would be sufficient to infer that the 3-

dimensional shapes of both objects were identical.

Even with conventional aircraft, you're not likely to see two identical photographs. About the only commercial aircraft I can positively identify is the 747 due to its distinctive upper deck, so I wouldn't even be able to identify a 747 from a bottom view. Although an aviation expert or pilot could easily identify the types of most aircraft, that's because they have access to information on known types of aircraft such as photographs and silhouette drawings from various angles. Of course, if anyone had that kind of information on UFOs, then they wouldn't be UFOs.

And as someone else already pointed out, it could be that if some UFOs are ET craft, perhaps their makers are not constrained by terrestrial mass production methods and every craft is one of a kind. Maybe the proud owners of flying saucers like to give their craft a personal touch as much as terrestrial hoaxers like to give to their models and faked photos.

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Whatever else it may be, this definitely is not an instance of
"seemingly credible contacts with ETs." Frances Swan was a
typical psychic contactee of the period, a less colorful
equivalent to Dorothy Martin (who as "Marian Keach" stars in the
influential sociological treatise When Prophecy Fails published
in 1956).

If not for Swan's residence in Eliot, Maine, near the home of
retired Adm. (and uncritically minded UFO buff) Knowles's place
- followed by the brief, private attention of some CIA personnel
- this would be just another dopey contactee story to which we
wouldn't be paying attention. Friend considered it merely a
curiosity, though he shared his notes on the episode with
historian David M. Jacobs, who wrote about it in his UFO
Controversy In America (1975). The story grew into a saucer
legend, with all sorts of embellishments and fictions, not the
least the appearance of a promised spaceship over Washington,
D.C.

In prosaic reality, Frances Swan was a typical psychic contactee
of the period. Her alien friend Affa is borrowed, consciously or
unconsciously, from the communicating Uranian alien in
Williamson and Bailey's The Saucers Speak! (1954).

In short: move along, folks, not much to see here.

Jerry Clark

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of being of low intelligence. Crazy like a fox! After Friend
left BB, he wrote one article about his tenure there... the Mrs.
Swan incident! It was in a men's magazine.

Just drag a red herring across uflogists' path, and they will follow it forever.

Mrs. Swan's story hardly believable, but supported by Admiral Knowles and interviewed at the CIA, it must have been important, right? Wrong! Knowles was a contactee supporter from the days of Little John's Little Listen Post.

Some of the early pre-Keyhoe NICAP people came from the Little Listen Post bunch. Harry Salkin a \$1000 donar was one such, as was Knowles. I suspect that Keyhoe knew that Knowles was a contactee supporter, but made no issue of it since his rank added prestige to NICAP's board.

Art Lundahl CIA photo analyst chief arranged for James McDonald to meet with a number of officials and scientists in the Washington area. He set up meetings for McDonald, and provided introductions, but when McDonald ask Lundahl about the Navy UFO project, Lundahl said although he attended the outbriefing, he remembered nothing of the breifing or the discussion. He gave McDonald a name which McD had trouble tracing.

Others like Sec of the Navy Kimball was dead at this time and the other individual that MCD had as a lead never answered his letter.

Hughes, McD's contract could find out no info about the Navy program. Lundahl instead of giving out any useful info, pulled a red herring on McD, Commander Alvin Moore of "sky stone" fame... Moore had been seconded to the CIA in its early days.

Lundahl used Moore as red herring more (pun intended) than once. McD didn't bite.

Mrs. Swan was Friend's red herring used in the same way Lundahl used his....

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 17:29:32 EDT
>Subject: Reluctance To Study Friedman's Star Travel Papers

<snip>

>Sometimes what we think someone fears in us isn't our
>ability but our potential. Sort of like when you child
>gets their hands on scissors. Given time and patience
>they'll use it responsibly yet unattended who knows what
>havoc they'll wreak.

>Faster than light travel to get to the stars? I don't
>think speed has anything to do with it because space
>isn't the barrier.

Hi Greg and List,

I hesitated a bit with what I would like to write because your words above do resonate with something I am thinking about for years. So I am aware that some of the Listers here will protest - the sceptics anyway - but I can stand this.

As some of you might remember, I am deeply involved in the research of what many call the crop circle phenomenon. I have written two books about it covering the years 1991 to 2002.

I reported about what happened with/to/around us in chronological order and often I had to report about sightings which were nothing more and nothing less than CEs II and in one case a CE III event. But there were no metal space ships or visitors from other stars, only lumious spheres responded to human actions.

My reports and those of others who followed the events in Wiltshire are full of sightings of BOLs and failures of electronic equipment during strange happenings in the fields.

It was shown to us that by dowsing (yes!)you can find the energetic blueprints of matter. It was shown to us that our human spirit can alter these energetic patterns. It was shown to us that our human spirit has the ability to alter - and to create - energetic patterns in a far away distance. We did it in several tests for a distance of 1300 km.

Other researchers tested the changes of the electrostatic fields or accompanied our tests with their sensitive devices for local electromagnetic changes.

At the stage we (all) are now, at least I can state that our human spirit - I intentionally avoid the term brain - is able to alter and to create energetic patterns in a far distance. We are able to create realities - inside which other things can happen.

This is why remote viewing also works to a certain degree.

So you might be right that time and space are no barrier for travel. It might depend on how you define travel.

We here on Earth are space babies. We have learned to breathe, to eat, to defecate and to wreck our environment. And even at this stage we have learned something about our spiritual abilities. What if we continue to develop during the next thousands of years and refine our spiritual skills? Would we need 'linear' space travel? Would we need propulsion systems inside metal space ships?

Or would we create space inside space just like opening a window to see what is going on here and there? Once this is 'looking into' is possible, then this 'going to' is also reachable. Without fuel as we know it and how we have discussed space travel in so many various forums.

We are discussing the 'UFO-Phenomenon' and try to fit it into our reality - too often. We try to apply our state of physics to what we see and what our devices can measure - and reject not fitting results too often. Shouldn't we pay more attention to the spritiual connections to the cosmos we undoubtedly have? After all these years?

Joachim Koch

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Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 00:23:09 -0400
Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 06:16:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 07:35:42 +1000
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

<snip>

>Hi John

>I'm sending this to this List as it came to me off-list. I
>thought you might be interested to read what this person has
>to say regarding Leir.

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>VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR

>From: sbcl888.nul
>Subject: VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR
>Date: 8 October 2007 1:18:38 AM
>To: auforn06.nul

>In reply to John Valez's unbalanced evaluation of Dr. Leir's
>work - he missed some vital points and I do not agree with his
>statements. Although it has been a while since I read Leir's
>first book (which I don't currently have on me) I do remember
>there were several key findings.

<snip>

>Wake up Velez YOU ARE A GOOSE

>It's foolish comments like yours that scare scientists and other
>professionals from even approaching the subject. (Yes, we must
>question credibility and research methods - but you haven't
>looked at both sides of the coin!)

>S. Blanch

Honk Honk,

Honk honk honk honk honk. Honk honk, honk, honk, honk honk.

Honk honk honk honk honk!

HONK!!!

Honk honk,

Honk

<LOL> ;)

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Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 01:38:05 -0400
Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 06:19:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 10:40:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 17:02:07 -0400
>>Subject: Can Anyone Persuade CUFOS?

>>But it's been some time now that the modem-monitored home
>>environment parameter study was completed by CUFOS in the homes
>>of selected abductees. No analysis has ever been made, to my
>>knowledge. And requests to see the raw data, <snip>
>>have all met with various types of denial, or no response.

>CUFOS didn't do this study, to the best of my knowledge.

>It was done by an independent group. There could be many reasons
>for not releasing the data. Including, very simply, that the
>study failed, that it wasn't carried out properly, or got no
>usable results.

>Raw data should only be revealed with great caution. Often it
>needs statistical analysis. Without that analysis, people will
>jump to unjustified conclusions. I've seen this many times with
>social science studies in my own field. (I do a lot of work on
>the future of classical music, and information about the age of
>the audience and ticket sales to classical concerts is important
>to have. But it takes a lot of specialized understanding to know
>what the raw data means. I've seen otherwise impressive social
>scientists and journalists fall on their faces, by
>misinterpreting these stats.)

>That said, I'm curious about this study, too. Obviously, it
>could be crucially important, just as Eleanor says.

Hi Greg, All,

The only thing holding up the publication of the results of this
study is cold, hard cash.

Suggestion: Dick Hall can be asked to see if a web page can be
set-up by the coalition with a Paypal link on it for anyone who
wishes to donate money toward the completion of the study.

As soon as something like that is set up, I will be among the
first to make a monetary contribution. 'Five large' as the wise-
guys say, is not an impossible figure. If enough people put
their money where their mouths are, we can make this happen.

'If you're not a part of the solution, you're a part of the
problem.'

Now... back to lurking! ;)

John Velez

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UFO Talk At Science Centre

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 11:28:17 +0100
Archived: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 10:03:27 -0400
Subject: UFO Talk At Science Centre

I don't usually post details of my various talks, but with Isaac Koi's recent Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'? thread in mind I thought I'd mention that I'll be speaking at the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre, Widnes this Saturday, at an event organized by the Society of Chemical Industry. Here's the listing information from a science website:

<http://tinyurl.com/324kag>

Like previous presentations I've given at the Cheltenham Festival of Science, Newcastle Science Festival and the Science Museum's Dana Centre, I hope such events can play a part in forging closer links between science and ufology.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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A Visit To Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works
Wade Roush

Unbeknownst to the lunch crowds who fill the streets around the Cambridge Marriott every weekday, Kendall Square has its very own Area 51: a mini-aircraft hangar on the fourteenth floor of One Broadway. Part of the newly opened R&D outpost of Manassas, VA-based Aurora Flight Sciences, the space is used to test unpiloted machines such as a UFO-shaped surveillance craft that can take off and land vertically, a fold-up airplane designed to fly over the plains of Mars, and a makeshift glider that uses bat-like echolocation to avoid obstacles. Aurora engineers fly the smallest models around the indoor mini-hangar and truck larger prototypes out to nearby airfields such as Hanscom Air Force Base.

I toured the facility last Thursday courtesy of an old high school friend, Tim Dawson-Townsend, who located me recently after seeing my stories in Xconomy. Tim was at MIT when I was at Harvard, then joined the Air Force. Now he's a program manager at Aurora, where he works on a range of defense-related projects that run from the Excalibur, a vertical-takeoff attack plane that doesn't care whether it flies right-side-up or upside-down, to the UFO-like GoldenEye (okay, it's really shaped more like a backyard barbecue or Oscar the Grouch's trash can from Sesame Street than a UFO).

Dawson-Townsend says Aurora is a great place to work because, while it has a profitable business building aerostructures such as the carbon-composite fuselage for Northrop Grumman's Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV), the company also has a strong R&D sensibility, having started out building high-altitude scientific craft for NASA. "Everybody and his brother is building a UAV these days," Dawson-Townsend says. But few companies, in his view, bring Aurora's sense of experiment and adventure to the industry.

Aurora CEO John Langford founded the company in 1989 after several years managing MIT's Daedalus human-powered airplane project. "John realized that if you put engines on these things, we could do some interesting science," says Thomas Vaneck, Aurora's vice president of research and development and the leader of the Cambridge lab. The company worked with NASA throughout the 1990s on the Perseus series of research UAVs, which set world altitude records. But as NASA's research interests changed, and especially as the conflict in Iraq got underway, Aurora's focus shifted to defense, Vaneck told me. The company acquired a former Northrop Grumman facility in Bridgeport, WV, for manufacturing metal airplane parts, built an adjacent facility for making carbon-composite parts, and won big

contracts developing components for the unmanned Global Hawk as well as the E2-C Hawkeye early-warning aircraft and the EA-6B Prowler electronic-warfare plane.

UAVs such as General Atomics' famous MQ-1 Predator have performed so well in surveillance, targeting, and attack roles in Iraq that the military services want manufacturers to explore more ways such craft can assist units in the field, Vaneck says. "Our customers are demanding that these technologies do a lot more," he says. And that's what led the company to set up an R&D center in Cambridge, where engineers can easily collaborate with members of MIT's world-renowned Aero/Astro department. For example, Aurora is working with MIT's Jonathan How to explore software algorithms for planning and coordinating the action of fleets of UAVs in real time. (Xconomy last spoke with How about MIT's entry in the DARPA Urban Challenge robot car competition, which also benefits from his work on planning algorithms.) "Through osmosis, we'll be able to extract interesting technologies and put them into the company's products," says Vaneck.

One fascinating product is the GoldenEye, which is essentially a flying ducted fan that generates enough lift to carry a small payload such as an optical/infrared camera and a laser designator (used to "light up" targets that can then be destroyed by missiles). On the ground, the GoldenEye perches on four legs. When powered up, it leaps from the ground like a helicopter, then tilts forward and flies with the help of two stubby wings. (Click here to see a video of the GoldenEye in flight.)

The craft operates completely autonomously, with operators specifying only where it should go. It's small enough that soldiers could fit two on the back of an SUV. "If you're a company commander, you don't have actual control over a Predator" or other existing military UAV, Dawson-Townsend explains. The Air Force controls all craft that fly over 3,000 feet=97in fact, Predators in Iraq are usually controlled via satellite by pilots based in Las Vegas, NV, of all places. The GoldenEye, by contrast, would fly low, under the control of soldiers who might need it to peek over a hill or locate snipers.

The conflict in Iraq makes money for brand-new UAV systems scarce, but Vaneck says that Aurora has been invited to show off the GoldenEye at a military technology demonstration scheduled for the spring. There, it hopes to win a contract that would allow it to complete development and testing of the device, build more demonstration units, and eventually go into production. "We think we can save lives by having this sort of asset in the conflict," says Vaneck.

A scaled-down, Kevlar-skinned version of the GoldenEye is one of several craft currently inhabiting Aurora's 14th-floor mini-hangar. Dawson-Townsend also showed me a scale model of the Mars Flyer, which is designed to unfold from a rocket's nose cone as it parachutes into the Martian atmosphere. NASA has put plans for an airborne Mars mission on hold=97but if the mission is ever revived, Aurora's plane might be the one cruising over Olympus Mons or the Valles Marineris.

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 08:12:21 EDT
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:50:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:52:59 -0600
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 12:43:06 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:23:01 -0600
>>>Subject: Diversity Of UFO Morphology [was: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers']

<snip>

>>>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>>>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>>>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are
>>>a clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>>>puzzling?

<snip>

>Thanks for the links, they help illustrate my point. They are
>all indeed 'saucer-like', and yet all have different shapes
>(although I must say that the Heflin and the Zywieckie Lake
>objects are fairly similar).

>If we imagine randomly selecting and photographing fish from the
>ocean, of course we would find a wide variety of types, perhaps
>all different at first. But eventually you expect to find a pair
>of photos that both show, say, a yellowfin tuna.

Battelle Memorial Institute did a statistical study of Project
Blue Book's case files which among other things attempted to
develop a "model" of classes of UFO shapes. This became the Blue
Book Special Report 14 released in October 1955.

In reality Battelle was trying to debunk UFO's as merely
disparate random misperceptions which would of course result in
no consistent pattern. And they falsely insinuated that all they
could do was come up with 12 different UFO shapes, when even
they admitted there were several similar shapes that could be
grouped together out of the 12. Rather than repeat their 4 shape
categories which are somewhat erroneous, let me just list the
most obvious shape correlations:

Aircraft-type shape (Cases 2 and 3)
Bulbous rocket shape (Cases 4 and 5)
Helmet or hat-shaped saucer (Cases 6 and 8)

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Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 14:54:47 +0200
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:50:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 21:34:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 15:52:13 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

><snip>

>>If you want to know more, I suggest that you contact him
>>directly.

>>As for the analyses of implants, some have been published (in
>>his book and elsewhere) but some have remained confidential, for
>>understandable reasons. As for publication in a medical review,
>>there is still, obviously, a long way to go.

>Gildas:

>Please believe me, when the EM lab was trying to consult with
>Dr. Leir, there were many attempts to contact him without
>results.

>My first hand knowledge of the man is that he showed a lack of
>professionalism in dealing with a major institutional
>laboratory. We were not impressed.

>He might be a nice guy, but he appeared to back down from his
>claims when faced with the possibility of having his work
>verified. What should we have ascribed this posture to? Low
>self-esteem?

Kathy,

Apparently, it depends on who tries to contact him, and how. For
your information, he just thanked me to have taken his defense
on this List.

And, yes, he tends to protect himself, and I sure understand
that.

I am going to ask him he he recalls your attempt.

Gildas

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Other Questions About MJ-12 & Disinformation

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 16:53:43 +0200
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:51:59 -0400
Subject: Other Questions About MJ-12 & Disinformation

To the List,

I have read with interest the long text of Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood, "The Secret Pratt Tapes and the Origins of MJ-12", presented at the last MUFON symposium. I think it's an important contribution and I wish to make some comments on it. I leave aside the debate between Brad Sparks and Barry Greenwood, and the one with Stan Friedman over the question of the authenticity of certain MJ-12 documents. My purpose is rather to consider what we can infer from some important aspects, new or confirmed, in this text.

To me, the main idea, strongly confirmed, is that there has been a continuous program of disinformation on UFOs, run since at least 25 years by Intelligence services of the Air Force. Let's call them AFOSI. Perhaps not all of them, but it was certainly not the work of Richard Doty alone. He was just not able to do that, and we know there were other people, such as "Falcon", allegedly an AFOSI Colonel with office at the Pentagon (correct me if I misunderstood). Obviously, there have been quite a number of people involved in that program.

According to Brad Sparks, the main reason for that policy was, and still is, to disrupt ufology, and to debunk the rumors, which began to appear more and more in the 70's and the 80's about very secret operations, starting with the Roswell crash retrieval or even before, followed logically by the creation of secret groups, whatever their names, and the development of secret studies. The main techniques have been, either pure and simple denial of the Mogul kind, or the launching of tall tales in order to ridicule real facts. That's the technique of "amplifying" disinformation, as the Cometa Report put it. Tell me if you have a better name.

Brad Sparks seems to claim, if I read him well, that all the "MJ-12" documents are hoaxes and that, therefore, their contents are false, especially the existence of a "MJ-12" secret group. That's where I have another point of view. In order to make "credible" amplifying disinformation, you have to start at least from some real facts. Brad admits, in his conclusion, that he has a problem with Roswell. He has been a long time skeptic about Roswell, and about the ETH as well. It is just recently that he has discovered, he tells us, some troubling facts about Roswell, but he does not want to tell us more. Well, to me, another starting point is to consider that the hypothesis of a UFO crash is very credible. It was already well grounded in many testimonies in the 90's, but was then harmed by some false testimonies, as Kevin Randle just reminded us. However, it has been reinforced recently with new testimonies, such as those in the book of Carey and Schmitt. So, the question of the existence of secret groups and studies, following that fantastic discovery, seems more open than ever. Perhaps, not everything is false in the MJ-12 documents, even if they are all faked. At least they deserve some study.

Another interesting point to discuss is the effectiveness and long term effects of that policy of debunking. As I see it, it has been effective to maintain the wall of protection of deep secrets, but, in the long term, it may have very negative

effects for its authors. It has given a lot of fuel to the various conspiracy theories which have expanded so much in parallel. It has also given a lot of food for films and TV series like the X Files, enormously popular worldwide. I know people in France who told me that they don't need to learn more about UFO secrets: it' all in the X Files!

So, the next question could be: are we coming near a sort of breaking point, which will blow the lid of secrecy? It is tempting to suppose that, but my impression, however, is that we are not yet close to it. I have remarked that this opinion is shared by people like Richard Dolan. At the recent X Conference, he suggested that it will not happen before five years, but probably will before 25 years. It seems reasonable but it may still be optimistic. Why? Because, it is probably not just a matter of having retrieved some crashed UFOs and having studied them secretly. Beyond that, may lie other, more disturbing questions. The possibility of secret contacts is one. Then come out other problems, such as abductions, and cattle mutilations. But that's not all. We will probably have to face the question of ancient contacts, of hidden interferences with human history. That is, perhaps, the toughest part of the problem, the one which makes so many people raise eyebrows. I remark that Brad Sparks denounces repeatedly the Aquarius Executive Briefing as saying the "ludicrous claim that Jesus Christ was an alien". But that's not exactly what is written: "EBE reported that 2,000 years ago his ancestors planted a human creature on earth to assist the inhabitants of earth in developing a civilization". What this distortion suggests to me is deep emotion at the mere evocation of such an idea. That's why I wonder if 25 years will suffice to begin discussing that seriously. It might take longer than that.

Gildas Bourdais

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<http://tinyurl.com/25pf6c>

Tuesday 9th October 2007

Buckhurst Hill: Mystery Over 'UFO' Sighting
By Isabel Jensen

Strange "yellow balls of light" have been reported over
Buckhurst Hill.

Jenny Cooper-Rendu, of Chiltern Way, Woodford Green was
returning from a meeting at Chigwell School at 8.20pm on Friday
(October 5), with her son William, 13, when she noticed the
lights as she drove along Palmerston Road.

She said: "I was concentrating on the road so I didn't notice
anything strange but my son asked me what the lights were and we
pulled over to have a look." advertisement

She described "rows of large yellow lights suspended in the air,
completely silent". She added: "They then all moved off very
quickly in different directions, it lasted for about four
minutes, and lots of people were getting out of their cars to
take a look."

Mrs Cooper-Rendu said she is normally very cynical about UFO-
type sightings but admitted the experience had left her shaken.

"I would describe myself as a sceptic but I really can't explain
what it was I saw, I found it quite frightening. They definitely
weren't fireworks, they were suspended in the air, if they were
helicopters then they were completely silent, I'm not mad, I
just want someone to explain to me what they were."

Previous UFO' sightings reported to the Guardian over the years
have been put down to lit Thai lanterns which can be released
into the night sky with lights which flicker for a while. On one
occasion such lanterns released at a wedding reception sparked
worried calls to Stansted Airport.

Were you in Buckhurst Hill on the evening of October 5 and saw
something strange in the sky? Can you shed any light on what it
was? Ring our newsroom on 01992 572285.

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The Truth Video Trailer

From: **Ryan S. Wood - UFO Crash Conference Chair** <rswood.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 11:27:02 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:52:55 -0400
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Abductee Home Monitoring Study Needs \$5,000

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 11:31:54 -0400
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:53:11 -0400
Subject: Abductee Home Monitoring Study Needs \$5,000

Thinking more about that \$5,000 required to do a professional statistical analysis of the abductee home environment study. Has any effort been made by the participating organizations to raise funds?

As someone involved in another 'tough sledding' research and activism effort, I do appreciate the heavy sacrifices made by ufology researchers, who pretty well have to pay their own way. However, the total expenditure on UFO seminars and books is probably much greater than \$5,000 per year.

Would the organizations who participated in the abductee home monitoring study be willing to set up fund raising sections on their web sites to get the necessary funds? How about soliciting at the various UFO events? How about monthly PayPal donations?

These days, when spread out over even just a hundred interested people, \$50 each isn't a whole lot for such potentially Earth-shaking results, especially when spread out monthly over a year.

Eleanor White

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 11:44:52 -0400
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:53:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 16:38:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 7 Oct 2007 18:16:08 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:45:25 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>>>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>>>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
>>>clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>>>puzzling?

>>Even though my Website is dedicated to UFO shapes and
>>configurations:

>>www.uforth.com

>>I have to admit trying to find identical photos of the same type
>>of craft is very difficult.

>>There are strong similarity's in many reports, and even a few
>>very close matches with photos/drawings:

>>The Heflin/Ure Idaho, Aug 15th 1947 for instance.

The name is Urie.

>>In my own case the UFO I saw and drew, was seen and photographed
>>two months later, but I have yet to see another photo of this
>>craft taken in a different location.

>>At best all that could be said is that there are 'types' be it
>>Cylinder, Flat top, Triangular, etc.

>>And while reports can be consistent from type to type, photo
>>images leave a lot to be desired.

>Of course the skeptical argument for this would be that hoaxers
>like to add their own personal touches to their flying saucer
>models and photoshopped images. But there is at least one good
>match: the Trent photos and a photo allegedly taken in Rouen,
>France in 1957. Unfortunately, the provenance of the Rouen photo
>is unknown and some people think it's even a retouched copy of
>the Trent photo. There's a good recap of the debate about the
>Rouen photo at:

><http://www.nicap.org/france57rep.htm>

>Whether or not the Rouen photo is real, it seems to me that even
>if photographs of two identical objects were taken, it's

>unlikely that the photos could be used to prove the objects
>were identical. Two identical objects would almost always be
>photographed at different angles and under different lighting
>conditions. Even if there were multiple photos taken during both
>sightings showing the two objects at different angles,
>(something that rarely happens), it would be unlikely that the
>two sets of photos would be sufficient to infer that the 3-
.>dimensional shapes of both objects were identical.

The Rouen photo is not just a copy of the Trent #2 photo. The perspective is slightly different (the "tilt" is different). However, it is true that the provenance is unknown. A search was made by Claude Poher at my request over 20 years ago. I also communicated with the editors of Flying Saucer Review and the Royal Air Force Flying Review. Neither could say exactly how the photo was obtained.

I have watched this "diversity" discussion. Apparently few are aware of Special Report #14 and the "12 good unknowns" which were so well described and so clearly reported that they were selected out of about 3200 total between 1047 and Dec. 1952 for "special treatment." Although there were several that could have been different views of the same type of object, the analysts used the diversity to argue that, because they were all (in some way) different it was impossible to construct from the reports a "model saucer" and, hence, there was no such thing. IN other words, because there were many (types) there were none.

See:

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

and download the Power Point file for discussion of UFO Science (or where is there science in ufology) and the most complete discussion of Special Report #14. Sorry some of the pages may not be perfectly clear unless you magnify them.

Also, there is a discussion in the September issue of UFO Magazine: Prosaic Explanations - the failure of UFO skepticism is a failure to be scientific about proposed explanations.

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Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 12:07:39 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:54:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 13:51:53 -0700
>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 14:28:29 -0400
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<snip>

>>>Are there any books, papers, videos on his viewpoints regarding
>>>his time at Project Blue Book, it's conclusions, it's history?

<snip>

>I was just sitting here doing my UFO homework and felt it best
>to search for more data given regarding Mr. Friend. Reason
>being I was studying up again on Edward J. Ruppelt as well.
>Best to go back to the basics when studying UFOs.

<snip>

Hi Greg!

Edward J. Ruppelt's 1956 book 'The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects' - the uncensored first edition - is also one of my favourites. Some have speculated that the Air Force was so upset with Ruppelt's first edition that they forced him to revise it by including three additional chapters debunking UFOs.

This out-of-print classic is one of the few very good books about UFOs that the Center For UFO Studies recommends. It is interesting to note that this past long weekend while I was unpacking some of old books and journals on UFOs I noticed an editorial by Jerome Clark in IUR from the 1980s commenting that UFO sightings have decreased to nearly nothing - a situation that remains the same a quarter of a century later to this day. Maybe the best and possibly only way we can hope to understand UFOs is by going back and studying what was written during the "era of UFOs" of the 1940s and 1950s.

Also, you can find fascinating but much other long forgotten facts about UFOs by re-reading the pre-UFO UpDates BBS Files. One place you can find these BBS files is the 'Internet Scared Text Archive' website.

Nick Balaskas

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NUFORC Posts 895 New Reports & CA Pilot Sighting

From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 19:46:40 -0700
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:55:58 -0400
Subject: NUFORC Posts 895 New Reports & CA Pilot Sighting

For the List's interest, I have posted 895 newly received reports to the NUFORC website.

It was a prodigious task, proofreading the lot, so there may be a few 'holidays' among, and in, the reports. If anyone sees obvious errors, I would be grateful for a short note to that effect. I will delete obvious hoaxes, and amend those reports that require it.

A commercial pilot reported a very dramatic sighting that occurred over California on Sunday morning, October 07, at approximately . It arrived after I had sent new material to our webmaster, so it does not appear in the database. I copy an expurgated version here, for the List's interest.

At first, I thought that the source might be reporting Venus, which is quite prominent in the morning sky, but as I read further, I realized that such an explanation seems unlikely, assuming that his description of its (apparent) size is correct. However, I have had a 12,000-hour commercial pilot report Venus as a UFO, so that is a possibility that has to be eliminated.

I have responded to the party who submitted the report, seeking more information.

Peter
NUFORC

Text Of Report Dated October 08, 2007

Description: This sighting occurred while I was acting as Captain during a routine [type of flight deleted] flight in a [type of a/c deleted] from OAK (Oakland, CA) to BUR (Burbank, CA). We had leveled-off at FL210 and were cruising just south of Manteca VOR (a navigational aid near the city of Manteca, CA).

Traffic at this time of night is usually very light and quite easy to spot at ranges exceeding 50 miles. ATC (Oakland Center) routinely advises us of traffic in our area.

While on a mostly southern heading, I noticed a somewhat unusually colored light off to my nine-o'clock position (east of us). It appeared to be close to our altitude, but many miles distant (over the foothills of the Sierra mountain range). Normally, lights seen at that altitude and distance appear to be of a clear white color. usually the recognition or landing lights of another aircraft descending into the Bay Area for landing. This light was exceptionally bright and very yellow in color.

I pointed it out to my First Officer, in passing. He also remarked on how bright it was. I'd seen unusual lights like this one before - both out over the ocean and on descent into the Bay Area over Concord, CA. They'd always turned out to be oil refineries/rigs burning off gas. This light did not flicker as those had.

As we continued our flight to BUR, we'd occasionally look out to the left to watch the light - which, over time grew both larger and brighter.

After about five minutes of observing the light, it began to take a definite shape and seemed to be paralleling our course. The top portion of the light was semispherical, and the bottom portion formed a clear "V" shape coming to a point at the base. Over time, this "V" shape with a pointed-bottom became larger-and-larger.

Our curiosity piqued, I asked my F/O to call Oakland Center and ask if they had any traffic on their radar at our nine-o-clock, same altitude. They replied saying that the only traffic in our vicinity was an opposite direction King Air descending out of 13,000 feet (which both I and my F/O already had in sight). No traffic at our nine-o-clock was seen on radar.

We continued to watch this bright yellow light grow in size over the next ten minutes, until it filled about a four-inch square through the window on my side. It was impossible to accurately gauge our distance to the object, or its true size, since we didn't have any other visible references against which to judge it.

Anecdotally, all I can say is that it was both LARGE and of a VERY unusual shape and color. Other aircraft lights (while flying at night) uniformly appear to be circular points of light, and are all in standard colors (red, green, white or white strobe). The light we saw did NOT appear to be a light ON an aircraft - the light appeared to be the entire outline of some sort of aircraft.

As I said before, the light appeared to be paralleling our course and coming closer (i.e., remaining in the same relative position even though we were moving south at around 300 knots over the ground, yet getting larger). Please take that observation with a grain of salt though. Without being close enough to see details on the craft or compare it against a ground reference - it could just as easily be something very large seen at a great distance. Things observed at a large distance do not appear to have any relative motion.

We continued to watch the light until it appeared to take a northern course away from us at great speed (both decreasing in brightness and size, without changing altitude).

Both my F/O and I have 5,000+ hours of experience - most of which was gained under similar circumstances (at night, over California routes). and we were both flabbergasted by what we saw. We both admitted it made the hair on our neck stand up. To be honest, I was spooked by the experience, but have chosen to not bring it up with our airline or the FAA out of concern for being judged a nut-job.

I'm not saying the things we saw were of extraterrestrial origin - but I am saying we saw something that (in both of our professional opinions) was nothing like any other aircraft we've ever experienced in our careers.

[End Report]

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>>Some of the strangest things that were investigated by the
>>Project Blue Book staff never became part of the public record.

>>Regarding Major Robert J. Friend, there is the very fascinating
>>account 'The Day the Navy Established Contact' that was
>>published in 'Second Look' magazine in May 1979 and reproduced,
>>with comments, in Grant Cameron's website (see below). It can
>>also found in the UFO UpDates archives.

>>http://www.presidentialufo.com/affa_cia.htm

>>I can understand why Major Friend at the time would remain
>>silent about these alleged but seemingly credible contacts with
>>ETs. Is ufology and the public any better prepared now for these
>>ET revelations?

>Whatever else it may be, this definitely is not an instance of
>"seemingly credible contacts with ETs." Frances Swan was a
>typical psychic contactee of the period, a less colorful
>equivalent to Dorothy Martin (who as "Marian Keach" stars in the
>influential sociological treatise When Prophecy Fails published
>in 1956).

>If not for Swan's residence in Eliot, Maine, near the home of
>retired Adm. (and uncritically minded UFO buff) Knowles's place
>- followed by the brief, private attention of some CIA personnel
>- this would be just another dopey contactee story to which we
>wouldn't be paying attention. Friend considered it merely a
>curiosity, though he shared his notes on the episode with
>historian David M. Jacobs, who wrote about it in his UFO
>Controversy In America (1975). The story grew into a saucer
>legend, with all sorts of embellishments and fictions, not the
>least the appearance of a promised spaceship over Washington,
>D.C.

>In prosaic reality, Frances Swan was a typical psychic contactee
>of the period. Her alien friend Affa is borrowed, consciously or
>unconsciously, from the communicating Uranian alien in
>Williamson and Bailey's The Saucers Speak! (1954).

>In short: move along, folks, not much to see here.

Hi Jerome!

We must not forget that ufology is not only about the study of UFOs and their occupants but also about the many personalities involved with their views and beliefs that have influenced the direction this subject has taken over time.

Frances Swan may have been a typical contactee of the period and a fraud too but what is important is how she was able to give the correct answers to technical questions that convinced many investigators, including scientists such as Canada's Wilbert B. Smith, and disturbed others in high authority so that a clampdown on the subject of UFOs was initiated that remains to this day.

I think this incident in ufology needs to be revisited and that there is much more to be seen than we suspect.

Today, by coincidence(?), while clearing the papers on my desk I found a photocopy of a page with Carl Sagan's comments about Project Blue that I obtained from the University of Ottawa UFO archives (1136-03-P019). It may reveal the real deep-down reason many of us remain very interested in UFOs. Quoting from the last paragraph, the late Carl Sagan wrote:

"The interest in unidentified flying objects derives, perhaps not so much from scientific curiosity as from unfulfilled religious needs. Flying saucers serve, for some, to replace the gods that science has deposed. With their distant and exotic worlds and their pseudoscientific overlay, the contact[ee] accounts are acceptable to many people who reject the older religious frameworks."

Nick Balaskas

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>>>Are there any books, papers, videos on his viewpoints regarding
>>>his time at Project Blue Book, it's conclusions, it's history?

>>I interviewed Col. Friend by telephone in 1994 when starting
>>Project 1947. Tuskegee airman, Friend went on to retire as
>>Colonel. He said he thought that he was appointed as BB head,
>>because Hynek was making noises about quitting at the time.
>>Friend and Hynek got on famously exchanging tapes and letters on
>>UFO matters. I think they realized the limits of their power, a
>>lot of discussion was on historical UFO incidents, pre-BB in
>>which they both could speak frankly.

><snip>

>>In addition Col. Friend was interviewed on video as part of the
>>Sign Historical Group Oral History Program.

>What a treat to have been able to interview Mr. Friend. I had no
>idea he was a Tuskegee Airman. That alone is kudos enough for a
>lifetime or two. I could go on about the Airmen but that's a
>whole 'nother story.

>Say Jan, please let us know again where your interview can be
>read and the video obtained.

<snip>

>I think any data provided by Mr. Friend would be of great value
>and a must have data source.

My telephone interview was not recorded, I just made notes. I
tried to ask Friend about possible early UFO records that might
not be in the Project BB files, such as the microfilms of the
the AF 1952 clipping collection and the two reels of letters and
other documents in the "Life magazine" file. No joy.

He did describe for me the end of the 1006th AISS, the successor
organization to 4602d AISS which started investigating UFOs in
1953. Both had detachments all over the US, the 1006th to a
lesser extent than the 4602d. The 1006th was redesignated and
all the detachments were recalled.

We discussed a number of other aspects of the AF program which he said needed a more scientific approach. He dragged another red herring across my path, Coleman's Operation UFO produced with the actor who played Joe Friday on Dragnet. Friend said I should contact them as they had complete copies of the BB files. At the time I had only seen a couple of Coleman's episodes which looked pretty good, however, most of incidents they took from BB were hocked up with typical Hollywood productions hype...the UFO incidents were amazing enough in themselves, they didn't need any gilding.

The Friend video interview was part of the Sign Oral History Project

<http://www.project1947.com/shg/sohp/index.html>

Brad Sparks and Tom Tulien interviewed Friend for this program...Before Tom and I interviewed Fred Durant, Durant watch several of the SOHP interviews. Durant said he liked the C. B. Moore interview, but thought that the Friend interview was rough on Friend. However, before the Friend interview, Sparks and Tulien said they would not pull any punches. Friend good naturedly said in effect, bring it on.

Transcribing these interviews is a chore which few have the time and energy for and frankly most UFO fans are not interested in the history, only the fake documents, speculation and the UFO myth.

As for Ruppelt, it is unfortunate that so much of our early information comes from his book. His book was written mainly from notes and recall, bolstered by summaries and documents supplied by Airman Max Futch at Wright-Pat before Max left the Service. Most of the original SIGN personnel had been purged or those still at Wright Field were reticent about their involvement when Ruppelt came there. Much of his information about early history is third and fourth hand. Apparently Ruppelt did poke around in the some of the early documents concerning the classic cases.

Also, he and his ghost writer dumbed down the book to make it less complicated and a smoother read. All of Ruppelt's lieutenants were negative on UFOs...Ruppelt writing for True magazine managed to seem to stay somewhere in the middle so that the article was recommended by both advocates and the Air Force press desk. Ruppelt's book and his interest with Chop and Fournet in the movie "U. F. O." meant that he had to maintain at least a neutral stance on the subject. After all who wants to read a book which says that there is nothing at all to the UFO mystery. In official documents Capt Gregory claimed to see no difference between Keyhoe and Ruppelt calling them alter egos. Interviews with BB personnel seem to indicate that Keyhoe was generally not well thought of there during the Ruppelt tenure.

While Ruppelt's writings are an outline to hang the little we know about early UFO history, there are a number of errors. One example, is that Sydney Shallett's Saturday Evening Post articles, according to Ruppelt were inspired by AF intelligence, as I pointed up in my article

<http://www.project1947.com/fig/49docdex.htm>

this was not the case.

My article itself does not completely convey the complicated situation at the time as someone from Wright Field, probably Loedding, went to the Dayton newspapers and give a far more positive interview. The Dayton story and the Project Saucer news release (the Project Saucer release was far more positive than the Shallett articles) collided on the wire services and morfed into something that the AF press official would not recognize. The Air Force Times also carried a story from Wright Field again different from both the Shallett and the Project Saucer release. This isn't the last time the AF would speak with more than one voice on UFOs, but it would never be so blatant again. The Project Grudge report new release in August 1949 and the downgrading of Project Grudge in December had no other AF voices in the press.

As for AF intel initiating the Shallett article, as I pointed

out, this was not the case. Forrestal, Mr. Leo and General Vandenberg were the initiators and supporters here, not Cabell. This view was bolstered by research I recently completed at the Library of Congress going through Vandenberg's papers. Shallett and Mr. Leo met with General Van on this issue a number of time before the article was completed.

Cabell fought giving Shallett access to Project SIGN files. Once Shallett got access, Cabell said it was only fair that other journalists like Ken Purdy be given access. Least one think that Cabell supported Purdy/Keyhoe, when Cabell moved to the CIA, Commander Bernard Baurch, Jr., purchased and sent copies of Keyhoe's book to Cabell, Hillenkoetter, and about a dozen other high ranking AF and Navy officers, Cabell wrote back to Baurch that he did not accept Keyhoe's interpretation of the UFO phenomenon.

UFO history twists and turns and is poorly documented. Most of the early major players are no longer with us. Col. McCoy interacted with NICAP, but even McDonald and the NICAP personnel apparent did not make an effort to question him closely on SIGN/Grudge, etc. Victor Bilek who served at Wright Field and T-2/TID/ATIC/FTD from WWII to well after the end of Project BB, was able to give great us great insight into the history of Technical Intel activities there but little about the UFO projects even though at one time he shared an office with Loedding. Others like Col. Seashore refused to be interviewed or like LTC Rosengarten would only give consent to talk informally about the subject, but refused to be recorded and also would not give any info which might be construed as negative about personnel at Wright Field.

Historical research continues, but with the end of Loren Gross' UFO history series and other such activities progress proceeds only at a snails pace.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 07:35:42 +1000
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

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>Hi John

>I'm sending this to this List as it came to me off-list. I
>thought you might be interested to read what this person has
>to say regarding Leir.

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>VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR

>From: sbcl888.nul
>Subject: VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR
>Date: 8 October 2007 1:18:38 AM
>To: auforn06.nul

>In reply to John Valez's unbalanced evaluation of Dr. Leir's
>work - he missed some vital points and I do not agree with his
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>first book (which I don't currently have on me) I do remember
>there were several key findings.

><snip>

>Wake up Velez YOU ARE A GOOSE

>It's foolish comments like yours that scare scientists and other
>professionals from even approaching the subject. (Yes, we must
>question credibility and research methods - but you haven't
>looked at both sides of the coin!)

>S. Blanch

Well, well, now I think the reason more academic and medical
professionals don't want to get involved with ufology is the
chance they take by having to suffer through being called names
by people who claim they want to be taken seriously.

Gosh, Velez was not even afforded an intelligent rebuttal; just
called a name from someone - I assume is a ufologist - signing
off as "S. Blanch". It gives one pause to decide who is the
"goose" in this situation.

KK

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Hi Joe!

If man-made flying saucers, including models used in movies, drawings in magazines or comic books, etc. are included, the answer is yes, there are many clear geometric matches. After all, art does imitate life. If we were to limit our search to actual historic photographs or drawings made by eyewitnesses, both credible and not so credible, then there are a few clear geometric matches.

One of these rare very close matches is the Trent/McMinnville, Oregon UFO and the Rouen, France UFO which Lan Fleming pointed out in his post to the List.

The fact that we do not have other examples of nearly identical flying saucers (when not seen from directly below or above so that they all appear round or spherical in shape) is clear reason to suspect all photographs that depict flying saucers as hoaxes.

When recently going through NICAP's own set of 20 slides of "authentic UFO pictures" as a challenge to Richard Hall's claim that the Rex Heflin flying saucers were not unique, I found two slides of the same flying saucer that closely match the Heflin saucer! Although the treeline in both pictures is the same, the shadows on this flat top flying saucer are reversed in one slide! The identical skyline would rule out the possibility that one of the slides was mounted up side down but it could easily be explained if these two flying saucers pictures were the product of a cut and paste job - a hoax! If these two UFO images in NICAP's slides of authentic UFO pictures are indeed fakes, then we cannot use them as evidence in support that the Rex

Heflin flat top flying saucer, also found in the same NICAP slide set, is real.

With the possible exception to another flat top flying saucer taken by amateur astronomer Ralph Ditter of Zanesville, Ohio (Ottawa Citizen, February 7, 1967), also taken with a Polaroid camera, I could find no other examples of the Heflin saucer. From lighting considerations alone, the Zanesville UFO photo is an obvious hoax. The only clear geometric matches to the Heflin flat top flying saucer is a model train wheel! This damning match with a train wheel is further evidence that even experienced ufologists can be duped by clever hoaxers.

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If one were to closely examine the cars found in a large public parking lot (now or in past decades) they would find that most cars could be grouped by make - about half a dozen or so. Among those half dozen makes would be many different models but nearly all would look very similar (ignoring colours and the year of the model cars) with quite a few being clear geometric matches! This is not the case with flying saucers. Unless these UFOs are custom built and not mass produced as cars on Earth are, the fact that UFOs are all different is a clear indication to me that either we are being visited by hundreds of ET races or the percentage of hoaxed UFO photos is much higher than some of us are willing to accept.

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Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 09:36:41 +0200
Archived: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 10:58:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 21:34:14 +0000
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Re: Worldwide UFO Activity

From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 14:21:58 +0100
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 10:59:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Worldwide UFO Activity

>From: Edoardo Russo <e.russo.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 04 Oct 2007 11:15:38 +0200
>Subject: Re: Worldwide UFO Activity

>>From: Nigel Watson <nigelwatson1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 3 Oct 2007 14:57:56 +0100
>>Subject: Worldwide UFO Activity

>>Can anyone out there supply me with information (or links)
>>regarding worldwide UFO activity over the last decade?

>>I would like to know if sightings are decreasing in the
>>developed world and increasing in the developing world.

>>Has anyone produced statistics relating to such activity? All
>>replies appreciated.

>Ciao Nigel,

>All sightings reported in Italy since 2000 have been regularly
>logged and are publicly available from the Italian Center for
>UFO Studies on CISU website, as well as statistical breakdowns
>and comparisons.

>Case log coordinator, Giorgio Abraini, also prepared an English
>version of it all, which you may find at URL:

><http://www.cisu.org/english/casi2006E.htm>

>and surrounding (linked) pages there.

<snip>

Hi,

Thanks very much for this information, the collection of Italian
UFO data puts most others in the shade.

I would also like to thank others who have contacted me off
list. In particular I was impressed by the worldwide UFO
statistics collected by Donald A. Johnson in his UFOCAT files.
This filters out identified sightings. More information about
his work and lists of UFO hotspots by continent can be found on
his website at www.ufoinfo.com.

His findings indicate that the developed world has in recent
years consistently reported 20 times more UFO sightings than the
developing world.

Does other research confirm or contradict this finding?

Nigel

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>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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When I corresponded with folklorist Thomas Bullard he said he
was unable to track down the old newspaper with this story. Has
anyone actually tracked it down?

Nigel

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 09:12:01 -0500
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:00:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 12:38:50 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 17:29:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 08 Oct 2007 14:28:29 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 12:09:32 EDT
>>>>Subject: Mr. Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

Nick,

>We must not forget that ufology is not only about the study of
>UFOs and their occupants but also about the many personalities
>involved with their views and beliefs that have influenced the
>direction this subject has taken over time.

This is a strange thing to be saying to me, of all people. Have you read my UFO Encyclopedia, which devotes many pages to contactees (and many more to other outlandish personalities, claims, and beliefs)? Have you read my recent paper in the Syracuse University Press collection Alien Worlds: Social and Religious Dimensions of Extraterrestrial Contact (Diana G. Tummina, ed.), concerning the career of Frances Swan's contemporary, psychic contactee Dorothy Martin?

Of course I get it that any understanding of the UFO controversy must incorporate "the many personalities involved with their views and beliefs." Not only do I get it, I have demonstrated as much by writing at great length on ufology's social history. I would put my knowledge of ufology's social history up against anybody's, including yours.

All I was saying - I should have thought the context was obvious - is that Frances Swan's contacts were not, as you evidently think, evidence in any sense of a real ET presence. Nor, having read an enormous amount of Swan advocate Wilbert B. Smith's private correspondence (and written about him at length in the encyclopedia), do I consider his judgments in these matters credible. He was undeniably intelligent and sincere, but he was also inclined to wishful thinking and consequent exaggeration, examples of which I provide in my account of his career.

Jerry Clark

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Without prejudice to the question of whether or not the Heflin
photos are fakes, this "clear match" is a claim with the
consistency of crazy rubber. No matter how many times it gets
batted away it just keeps bouncing back in different shapes. The
UpDates archive record will show that all examples offered to
date of a "precise match" between the Heflin object and a train
wheel have fallen foul of simple measurement.

There is some broad similarity, and it could perhaps be a wheel.
But yet again a cavalier claim of a "damning" and "clear" match
does nothing but erode the claimant's credibility.

Of course Nick will retreat to the weaker claim that the Heflin
object is near enough to the shapes of some train wheels to make
that a reasonable hypothesis, and pretend that this is the same
argument.

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No he didn't. He described it as "the size of an orange"
becoming "the size of a large saucer" and said it resembled "a
balloon". This was discussed not four days ago on this List in a
thread you were a participant in.

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>how obvious the answer may be, there will be those stubborn ones
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None of us are quite as observant as we like to think, Nick, and
in my opinion it is those who deal carelessly with "simple fact"
who tend to have the stubbornest attachment to deeply held
beliefs.

Martin Shough

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Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:00:51 -0400
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Mike

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Gildas:

Dr. Leir doesn't know UCLA's EM lab and that he sent photos to
that lab? Too late now. It is years later and the personnel who
offered to evaluate his material have retired. Good grief, I
hope Dr. Leir's finally responding doesn't mean that a third
party needs to intercede in this type of consulting. It would
mean taking the problem of his response to a public forum to get
his attention each and every time.

KK

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Good News From Antonio Huneus

From: Carl Feindt <waterufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 15:50:41 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:01:42 -0400
Subject: Good News From Antonio Huneus

Hi Carl,

First of all, you'd be pleased to know that I finally recovered my entire collection, which is now at a storage facility in Fairfax, VA, not far from where I live. (No, it ain't Queens or Brooklyn anymore, I've been in the DC/northern Virginia area for the last year and a half). You can imagine how I feel getting all my stuff back (you can put the news in the UFO Lists if you want).

Thought you might want to know.

Best

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From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:14:39 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:02:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Isaac Koi isaackoi.nul
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 30 Sep 2007 22:27:41 +0100
>Subject: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

Dear Isaac,

Here is a full reply to your questionnaire posted on September 30.

*Basic details of respondent.

Books read: 100+.

UFOs are ET craft: A merely fanciful possibility.

*Anti-science/pseudoscience.

Nature of ufology: Parascience (See my post dated October 1).

To be scientific: fundamentally, to be rational and to check data, with experiences either direct or indirect.

Good to be scientific? Of course, as too to be an artist, compassionate, or any other positive quality.

Increasing level of anti/pseudoscience? Yes, at least among some schools of social "sciences" (thanks to "post-modernism").

*Education.

Number of sightings and belief: Possibly, but only marginally. Your question is not a good one, because number and belief are not necessarily connected: the belief level could increase with fewer sightings but having only a good quality. [I swear I answered without reading your second paragraph!].

Better scientific education of skeptics: Globally, probably not really. Some skeptics are probably more "educated" than proponents on specific topics (only one example, James Oberg on satellite launchings and reentries), but the reverse (some proponents better than skeptics) is also possibly true.

*Involvement of scientists.

Necessary or desirable: of course! (Except for someone who considers UFOs only as a religious matter). If the proportion of scientists involved in UFO research is low, it is certainly not because "they don't want to know", but for several reasons some of which are: the ufologists are unable to present intelligently and efficiently their Cause, partly because they ignore the rules of admission in the Club of Science; the data the ufologists believe to be sound don't impress the scientists (see Pocantico Panel's conclusions); scientists have severe professional constraints; they possibly perceive ufology as a vipers' nest.

How ufologists are regarded by scientists: It matters for ufologists who perceived themselves as serious.

Science explaining all the UFO reports: Evidently not in the past; impossible in the future because many accounts are very poor and thus unexploitable. But I think that all reports are probably *potentially* explainable by science.

Existing adequate scientific studies: Fully adequate, perhaps not; reasonably adequate, yes, for instance at Hessdalen.

Additions to scientific knowledge by the study of UFOs: Yes, a few in very specific points (e.g. explanation of the 1952 Washington radar phenomena -- of course when one accepts the anomalous propagation explanation). And more if human/social sciences are accepted as science.

Future advancement of science thanks to UFOs: Possibly in earth sciences at a marginal level; yes if Michael Persinger is right with his Tectonic Strain Theory (what I doubt). Evident if you accept human/social sciences.

*Polling data.

Believing in UFOs: At a basic level, every of us "believes" in his/her pet theory, even if we are convinced it is a rational necessity; for if it were only rational, how can one explain that all the involved persons don't have the same conclusion? (If only reason was involved, it would prevail over our education and past experiences; unless the data are not as powerful as the proponents claim).

Negative correlation UFO belief -- intelligence: Probably not as simple.

Negative correlation UFO belief -- education: Same answer. I remember having read studies claiming that, at least with an university degree, there were large variations according to the type of studies, technical, scientific, humanities (no precise detail in memory nor checked. More precisions on request).

Claude

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Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 16:31:28 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:02:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

><http://tinyurl.com/2y28z2>

>10/9/07

>A Visit To Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works
>Wade Roush

<snip>

>a fold-up airplane designed to fly over the plains of Mars ...

Is this thing powered? What would be a power source for
an allegedly CO2 atmosphere?

Eleanor White

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 16:57:27 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:03:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:45:25 -0400
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are
>a clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>puzzling?

Are there any photos of the black triangles? If so, are
they consistent?

Eleanor White

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Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 17:18:31 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:03:32 -0400
Subject: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

I've just learned from one of the abductees in the Abductee Home Monitoring Study that there were repeated electrical power outages, followed by coming to, and discovering an hour or so missing time.

A power outage is a black and white thing, and these occurred at dates and times matching the abductions.

This is something that the holders of the data could quickly confirm without a \$5,000 statistical analysis.

Would the data holders be willing to do that much?

If yes, I would ask the abductee for permission to furnish their name, privately, to the data holders to make their looking up these power failures easier than scanning all the data.

Confirming power outages that match abduction experiences would be a very rapid way to generate interest in, and funds for, a complete statistical analysis, so I can see considerable benefit from doing this.

Eleanor White

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Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:27:52 +0100
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:03:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

><http://tinyurl.com/2y28z2>

<Snip>

>One fascinating product is the GoldenEye, which is essentially a
>flying ducted fan that generates enough lift to carry a small
>payload such as an optical/infrared camera and a laser
>designator (used to "light up" targets that can then be
>destroyed by missiles). On the ground, the GoldenEye perches on
>four legs. When powered up, it leaps from the ground like a
>helicopter, then tilts forward and flies with the help of two
>stubby wings. (Click here to see a video of the GoldenEye in
>flight.)

>http://www.xconomy.com/?attachment_id=723

<snip>

Isn't that Lonnie Zamorra standing in the background on the
right as it lands?

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Bruce Springsteen's Latest Song & SETI

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 20:45:23 EDT
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:04:29 -0400
Subject: Bruce Springsteen's Latest Song & SETI

I've been Bruce Springsteen's fan since I was old enough to shave. Songwriting doesn't get better than Springsteen's.

His latest album, Magic, has a tune on it called Radio Nowhere. I was listening to it while doing my UFO homework and kept thinking about SETI.

Believe you me, the song sure fits.

You can listen to the song on YouTube.

Best,

Greg

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Re: RoboBugs

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 01:14:59 +0000
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:04:59 -0400
Subject: Re: RoboBugs

Dragonfly Or Insect Spy? Scientists At Work On Robobugs
By Rick Weiss
Washington Post Staff Writer

Tuesday, October 9, 2007; Page A03

...No agency admits to having deployed insect-size spy drones. But a number= of U.S. government and private entities acknowledge they are trying. Some federally funded teams are even growing live insects with computer chips in= them, with the goal of mounting spyware on their bodies and controlling their flight muscles remotely. The robobugs could follow suspects, guide missiles to targets or navigate the crannies of collapsed buildings to find= survivors. The technical challenges of creating robotic insects are daunting, and most experts doubt that fully working models exist yet=85=85(Washington Post, 9 Oct 07)

However, check out the video:

Video: 'The Dragonfly'

<http://tinyurl.com/366378>

Or: <http://www.cicentre.com/>

scroll to the bottom of the page.

How long will have to wait before there are videos claiming "alien" insects are flying the skies

KK

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Secrecy News -- 10/10/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 17:00:02 -0400
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/10/07

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MANAGING INTELLIGENCE CONTRACTORS

For better or worse, contractors are now an indispensable part of the U.S. intelligence workforce, and greater attention is needed to manage them effectively, argues a recent study by a military intelligence analyst.

The author presents criteria for evaluating contractor support to various intelligence functions, and applies them in a series of case studies.

"This study assesses the value of current commercial activities used within DoD elements of the Intelligence Community, particularly dealing with operational functions such as analysis, collection management, document exploitation, interrogation, production, and linguistic support."

In the best case, interactions with contractors can serve as a spur towards modernization of the intelligence bureaucracy itself, suggests the author, Glenn R. Voelz, a U.S. Army Major.

"Collaborative effort with nongovernmental entities offers a powerful mechanism to diversify and strengthen the IC's collection and analytical capabilities, but to fully realize the benefit of these resources the management and oversight of commercial providers must become a core competency for all intelligence organizations."

A copy of the study, published by the Joint Military Intelligence College, was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Managing the Private Spies: The Use of Commercial Augmentation for Intelligence Operations" by Maj. Glenn J. Voelz, Joint Military Intelligence College, June 2006:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/eprint/voelz.pdf>

Also on the general subject of contractors, there is a January 2003 U.S. Army Field Manual entitled "Contractors on the Battlefield," FM 3-100.21:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-100-21.pdf>

Among the more or less successful intelligence collaborations with industry that were examined by Maj. Voelz, there is nothing quite like the Bush Administration's use of telephone companies to support the warrantless interception of domestic communications, a probable violation of the law for which the Administration is now urgently seeking retroactive immunity.

CONGRESS URGED TO ADDRESS STATE SECRETS PRIVILEGE

If foreign terrorists set out to undermine confidence in the American legal system as an arbiter of justice, they could hardly do more damage than the Bush Administration has done by its use of the "state secrets" privilege.

Khaled el-Masri, who alleged that he was abducted and tortured by the Central Intelligence Agency, will not be permitted to argue his case in a U.S. court because the Bush Administration asserted that "state secrets" would be compromised, and the U.S. Supreme Court this week concurred, rejecting el-Masri's appeal.

This means that even if all of el-Masri's allegations are true, there is no legal remedy available to him. The courthouse doors are closed in the United States. That is bad law and bad policy.

It also seems to be unnecessary, since courts have long demonstrated an ability to securely handle highly classified information, and have frequently done so in espionage trials and certain other criminal cases.

Recently, a group of law professors, scholars and activists urged Congress to confront the executive branch's use of the state secrets privilege, and to establish new constraints on the privilege.

"Congress has a duty to examine how the state secrets privilege is being invoked by the executive branch and interpreted by federal courts. There is a need for new rules designed to protect the system of checks and balances, individual rights, national security, fairness in the courtroom, and the adversary process," they wrote.

"Congress possesses the constitutional authority to act, and it should do so."

The October 4 letter, coordinated by the nonprofit Constitution Project, may be found here:

<http://www.constitutionproject.org/libertyandsecurity/article.cfm?messageID=428&categoryId=3>

INVENTION SECRECY UP SLIGHTLY IN 2007

At the end of Fiscal Year 2007, there were a total of 5,002 invention secrecy orders in effect under the Invention Secrecy Act of 1951, up from 4,942 the year before.

U.S. government agencies imposed secrecy orders on 53 patent applications filed by private inventors in FY 2007, prohibiting their disclosure or export, according to statistics obtained by Secrecy News this week from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The so-called "John Doe" secrecy orders imposed on private inventors are a constitutional anomaly since they appear to infringe on private speech. But their constitutionality has never been successfully challenged in court.

See the latest invention secrecy statistics here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/invention/stats.html>

Some related background on invention secrecy is here:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/othergov/invention/index.html>

CLASSIFICATION MARKINGS, NOW AND THEN

The Information Security Oversight Office has published an expanded guide explaining how to properly mark classified documents. See "Marking Classified National Security Information," October 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/isoo/marking.pdf>

A 1972 monograph prepared at the National Archives reviews the history of information control markings on military documents back to the 19th century and traces their development up to World War II. Such markings represent part of the pre-history of today's national security classification system.

See "Origins of Defense-Information Markings in the Army and Former War Department" by Dallas Irvine, National Archives Staff Information Paper, 1972:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/irvine.pdf>

A sizable collection of historic military regulations relating to protection of confidential information is presented in a series of annexes to the paper (5 MB PDF).

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/irvine-annex.pdf>

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Jeff Challenger Passes

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Source: Filer's Files #41-2007

http://www.nationalufocenter.com/artman/publish/article_188.php

Oct 10, 2007

Jeff Challender of Project Prove Passes Away

Jeff Challender a great and kind man passed away last week due to a massive sudden heart attack. Jeff will always be remembered for obtaining extraordinary evidence for the proof of unidentified flying objects in our atmosphere and near space. He tirelessly reviewed NASA Shuttle video to find anomalies and founded Project Prove. He had remarkable understanding of NASA operations and unidentified objects in space. Jeff was a cherished friend and God will bless him and his family in this time of sorrow.

I often spoke with Jeff and exchanged ideas. He revealed many NASA personnel had contacted him telling him of much higher quality close up space ship like anomalies that the public was not shown. Jeff's revelations from shuttle videos are remarkable and some can be seen at his web site. He often wondered if they were hiding experimental craft that will eventually replace the shuttle. Jeff worked hundreds of hours reviewing shuttle film and developing his web site for the world's benefit. I was blessed to know Jeff and someday he will be honored for his great findings.

Jeff was a leader and best in the UFO field for finding real evidence to prove anomalies existed in space. He produced and directed his own DVD called "Secret Space, What is NASA Hiding" that is now available in most stores. He has stored many treasures in heaven and will be greatly missed. Buy his DVD to help his wife, Janet and family at this time.

<http://projectprove.com/Arts/store/store.php>

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Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 21:41:07 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:06:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 12:38:50 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 17:29:47 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>

<snip>

>>In prosaic reality, Frances Swan was a typical psychic contactee
>>of the period. Her alien friend Affa is borrowed, consciously or
>>unconsciously, from the communicating Uranian alien in
>>Williamson and Bailey's The Saucers Speak! (1954).

>>In short: move along, folks, not much to see here.

<snip>

>Today, by coincidence(?), while clearing the papers on my desk I
>found a photocopy of a page with Carl Sagan's comments about
>Project Blue that I obtained from the University of Ottawa UFO
>archives (1136-03-P019). It may reveal the real deep-down reason
>many of us remain very interested in UFOs. Quoting from the last
>paragraph, the late Carl Sagan wrote:

>"The interest in unidentified flying objects derives, perhaps
>not so much from scientific curiosity as from unfulfilled
>religious needs. Flying saucers serve, for some, to replace the
>gods that science has deposed. With their distant and exotic
>worlds and their pseudoscientific overlay, the contact[ee]
>accounts are acceptable to many people who reject the older
>religious frameworks."

Not me. I wish they would go away. UFOs and such reports are
another uncertainty in life, one we could do without. They may
or may not have a connection to religion. We have to find out
whether we face love, hate or indifference. If we can determine
which we may be able to think of an appropriate response (right
now our response to the UFO "pulling our chain" is rather
random). No doubt some look toward UFO-nauts as potential
saviours and others think they are "devils." But not knowing
which introduces yet another uncertainty into life. And
uncertainty is an enemy of civilization.

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Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 21:41:16 -0400
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:08:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 14:10:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

<snip>

>UFO history twists and turns and is poorly documented. Most of
>the early major players are no longer with us. Col. McCoy
>interacted with NICAP, but even McDonald and the NICAP personnel
>apparent did not make an effort to question him closely on
>SIGN/Grudge, etc. Victor Bilek who served at Wright Field and T-
>2/TID/ATIC/FTD from WWII to well after the end of Project BB,
>was able to give great us great insight into the history of
>Technical Intel activities there but little about the UFO
>projects even though at one time he shared an office with
>Loedding. Others like Col. Seashore refused to be interviewed or
>like LTC Rosengarten would only give consent to talk informally
>about the subject, but refused to be recorded and also would not
>give any info which might be construed as negative about
>personnel at Wright Field.

>Historical research continues, but with the end of Loren Gross'
>UFO history series and other such activities progress proceeds
>only at a snails pace.

The harvest grows continually as the grim reaper marches along
and the information we need becomes lost in the dust and chaff
of ages.

I realized over 30 years ago that if we really know what
happened in the first 5 years (47 - 52) we would know most if
not all of the basics of the UFO story.

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From: **Claude Mauge** <claudemaugue.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:26:12 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:08:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:26:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>Sounds reasonable. That means that those areas of UFO research
>which are carried out using the same methods as in cosmology are
>indeed every bit as genuine "science" as cosmology is.

Eleanor, Listmembers

There is some bit of truth in Eleanor's statement, but I don't think it is globally true. For it is basically an analogy, which can have a brainstorming value but which is not a logical proof. After all, artificial diamonds are 'analogous' to natural ones by many features (atomic arrangement, optical features, hardness) but as far as I know they have not exactly the same price.

Despite its highly speculative nature, cosmology is closely related to astronomy, which is probably a science for anybody (or, more precisely, a "suprascience" covering many sciences). Can the same be said for ufology?

Let us use cryptozoology and parapsychology as a comparison. Many zoologists (or biologists) are probably not very at ease with it, but if a carcass of some cryptozoological monster is discovered, that animal will be automatically integrated within the domain of zoology. Whatever we can think about the scientific status of cryptozoology, it is thus a kind of entrance into zoology, or perhaps better a purgatory for several species before they can reach the "heavens". And if many zoologists are not prone to accept Nessie or living dinosaurs, they are probably not as reluctant with more little animals: at least for these "little" beasts, cryptozoology is not a threat for the basic tenets of biology.

The proportion of psychologists having reservations about parapsychology is certainly higher, because it shakes the foundations of psychology and physiology but also of physics (particularly, but not only, with psychokinesis). However, if some day parapsychological phenomena are definitively accepted by Science, psychologists and physiologists will probably claim them as belonging to their own sciences.

But what with UFOs? If they don't exist, they belong to psychology and sociology. If they are a "soft" phenomenon, they might well belong basically to earth sciences (and of course physics and physiology for their effects). And if they are a "hard" phenomenon, their science will be a totally new one. Perhaps ufology as it is understood today, perhaps something rather different.

As for myself, I have already explained on this List why I have a strong feeling for the non-existence hypothesis, and ufology cannot be a science by itself. But I have had no Revelation, and I am not a psychic able to foresee what will the future status of ufology...

Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

On a different level, there is surely something interesting in Rick Nielsen's link with forensics.

Claude

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Background Information On The Canary Islands

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Subject: Background Information On The Canary Islands

The Canary Islands: Riddles Of Light And Stone

by Scott Corrales

Whether they are the Isles of the Blest, Elysium, the Fortunate Isles or the surviving mountaintops of fabled Atlantis, the Canary Islands - an archipelago off the coast of northern Africa - remain enshrouded in mystery, a fact overlooked by its burgeoning tourist trade, more interested in the cloudless skies and fine beaches. The islands of Lanzarote, Fuerteventura, Gran Canaria, Tenerife, Palma, Gomera and Hierro, which have belonged to Spain since the archipelago's conquest by Norman mercenaries in the 14th century, were a point of interest to all the chroniclers of antiquity and medieval Christianity. The religious and occult significance of the seven volcanic isles has been handed down from the earliest dynasties of Ancient Egypt to our own UFO-minded times.

The association with an earthly paradise is not difficult to understand. A spectacular landscape awaited the mariners of yore: the twelve-thousand-foot peak of Mount Teide presiding over a cobalt-blue ocean festooned with flying fish. Flowers, chestnut trees and rich green valleys covered the seaward landscape, while the landward side (facing Africa) revealed nightmarish vistas of lava flows and beaches of black volcanic sand. The Canaries offer surprises galore, with trees unique to the islands; giant lizards - now nearly extinct - that gave the Spanish conquistadores quite a surprise; enormous ravines and canyons that become raging rivers during the wet season, and arid plains where camels are used to pull the plough. Contrary to popular belief, the islands were not christened after the bird of that name, but due to the abundance of local dogs (canes) encountered by the Conquistadores.

Who were the Guanches?

The Guanches, the original inhabitants of the Canary Islands, were a warlike race, according to chroniclers. Tradition claims that Saint Avitus, an early Christian martyr, met death at the hands of the Guanches during his attempt to evangelize the islands.[i] The Guanches possessed no weapons or boats - the latter being a very unusual feature for island dwellers - wore goatskins, and were subdued by the European invaders' use of the horse, which was unknown to them. Ignatius Donnelly pointed out in his ground breaking book on Atlantis that stones had been uncovered in the isles of Hierro and Palma that bore sculptured symbols closely resembling those found in archaeological digs near Lake Superior, prompting an association between the enigmatic Guanches and the cultures of North America.[ii]

The tall, fair-skinned Guanches, believed by many to be the last surviving specimens of the Cro-Magnon Man, employed a curious language consisting of whistles when communicating with one another across gorges or hilltops. They also practiced the art of mummification to an extent known only to the Incas and the Egyptians, believing in the immortality of the dead, and going as far as leaving dead rulers mummified and unburied to provide "assistance" to the living monarch. They lived in complete

isolation from the rest of the world, and indeed, from one island to the other.[iiii] Spanish chroniclers state that the Guanches presumed that the rest of humankind had been lost in the Flood, and that they were its only survivors.

Certain cultural aspects found in the modern Canaries are believed to be part of the Guanche legacy: cockfights, the agricultural methods which were later imported to the Spanish Caribbean and even a culinary contribution, gofio, a form of cereal that is still consumed today.[iv]

Ancient seafarers

The Canary Islands were known to the Carthaginians and to other sea-faring peoples of the Mediterranean. The Roman chronicler Marcellus, describing the "land of the Aethiopians" mentions a cluster of seven islands in the Atlantic Ocean, whose inhabitants preserve memories of a much greater island which held sway over them for ages; They are the seven Hesperides made famous in mythology by the labors of Hercules, and described in the Book of Ezekiel as the isles of Elysium (Ezek. 27,7). In the 1st century B.C., an unsuccessful bid to conquer the island was made by King Juba II of Mauretania.[v]

But all evidence points to signs of an earlier occupation by unknown quantities. On the isle of Hierro, there exists a wall of basalt facing the ocean, far above sea level which is carved with a number of un-deciphered glyphs, among which are prominently displayed discs, labyrinth-symbols and sunbursts. The gorges of Tejeleite and Candia also contain rock shelters with petro glyphs presumably etched into the rough basalt by the aboriginal occupants of the archipelago. Elaborate cave systems-like that of Belmaco, on Palma - are filled with the same insistent petro glyphs and images of discs and sunbursts. The Zonzama Stone, unearthed on Lanzarote, provides more intricately carved symbols: messages from a past we unable reconstruct.[vi] Who were the original carvers of these symbols, and what was their purpose? It is true that the oceans were being navigated by Neolithic mariners whose voyages may have well inspired those of the Phoenicians or the Cretans. They left no traces of their existence aside from the "cyclopean" stone walls, tumuli, fortresses and memorials can be found on the coasts of the continents bordering the Mediterranean and the Atlantic coast of Europe as well as on the Canary Islands and Malta, and perhaps even as far south and inland as Zimbabwe. Two German scholars,

Hermann and Georg Schreiber, have pointed to the existence of a "heliolithic" cultural sphere (borrowing a term coined by H.G. Wells), owing to the fact that solar worship, personified by the disk symbols, is common to all these sites). The Canaries were important to them, following this line of thought, as an important center of solar worship. Or perhaps for other reasons...

A wealth of UFO Sightings

Unexplained lights have soared above the volcanic peaks of the Canary Islands throughout history. Commercial airliners have been repeatedly intercepted over Lanzarote as they prepare to land on Gran Canary or Tenerife. Could these brilliant lights be the discs represented on the ancient Guanche stellae, and the reasons for the islands prominence not only in recorded history, but also in the days of lost Neolithic realms?

In 1975, coinciding with a global increase of UFO sightings, a group of contactees from Santa Cruz de Tenerife allegedly established contact (by means of an improvised Ouija board) with the occupants of the enormous flying craft which had hovered every night over their skies at La Tejita, a beach not far from the slopes of Mt. Teide. On one of these instances, the Canarian investigators were able to witness an enormous light some 1200 feet away from the beach. Double rows of windows emitting a purplish light could be made out through the use of binoculars. The spectators experienced a "missing time" interval during their sighting, and were assured later on by the light's "crew" that they had been brought aboard for an hour and a half.[vii]

A year later, a driver on a lonely stretch of road saw a perfectly round orb, silhouetted in a bluish light, which flew

over his car at low altitude, causing the engine to stall. The witness was able to see two tall humanoids in attired in red garments through an aperture in the noiseless sphere, which landed on the roof of a nearby farmhouse before taking off again in the general direction of Tenerife. Shepherds had encounters of a grislier nature with a "robotic entity" that sliced a mountain lion to pieces and walked in a stilted, crab-like manner.

By 1979, UFOs had started to interfere with the regular operations of commercial airliners flying in Canarian airspace. A DC-9 flying between Lanzarote and Grand Canary was intercepted by an oval-shaped craft as it took off, flying over the airliner and "escorting" it for 20 minutes until it became lost in the clouds. A smaller commuter plane was equally intercepted and escorted for ten seconds at an altitude of 9000 feet by another object, which bathed the plane in a bluish-green light.[viii]

In a world where it is increasingly harder to keep a secret, particularly in the post Cold War era, surprisingly little coverage has been given to a recent "crash/retrieval" scenario which took place in 1992. Two Canarian youths and their friends claim that the Spanish military, in conjunction with unnamed foreign powers, retrieved a mysterious artifact that fell from the skies on the evening of October 12, 1992.

Sergio and Mario, whose surnames remain undisclosed, were on their way to Las Canadas del Teide Park, an expanse of wilderness on the island of Tenerife, with another acquaintance and his girlfriend, when they found the narrow road leading to the natural landmark barricaded by armed personnel in yellow Jeeps with "ET" license plates (Ej=E9rcito de Tierra, the infantry). The would-be tourists were told in no uncertain terms to turn around and not to attempt re-entering through the park's southern entrance, either. The officer in charge of the barricade told them that landslides had wiped out the roads ahead.

Their curiosity piqued by the suspicious roadblock, the foursome decided to park their vehicle and try to enter Las Canadas on foot, finally managing to reach a hillside from which they were able to see another detachment of military vehicles. A powerful beam of light swept the sides of Mt. Teide, as if searching for a particular object. But what was it?

According to investigators, the Canaries Astrophysical Institute had placed a call earlier that evening to the Spanish Army, claiming that "an artifact" had crashed in the Ucanca Valley, at the feet of Mt. Teide. Whatever "it" was, it possessed a tremendous mass, having apparently snapped off a 450-ton lava projection jutting from an outcrop close to the summit of Mt. Teide itself, which can be reached by cable car from the ground.

Rescue helicopters from the Spanish Air Force base at Gando were dispatched to the area in question the following morning, unable to find anything at all after five separate sorties. The airbase's radar claimed not to have picked up anything unusual on the night of October 12 or the early hours of the 13th.

On the island of Grand Canaria, across the water from Tenerife, a couple in the village of Almatriche had witnessed the descent of strange lights, which they were unable to identify, and which appeared to be heading straight toward them. The lights changed course in mid-air and headed toward Tenerife. The time of the sighting was 10 p.m. - just prior to the Canarian youths' arrival at Las Canadas.

The evening's excitement wasn't over for Sergio and Mario. Once back in their car and returning home, they were surprised to encounter a convoy of ten large military container trucks with balloon tires, darkened but for their intermittent hazard lights. The convoy moved slowly, and the onlookers were given the impression that materials of great weight were being carried aboard the sealed vehicles.

The allegations of the four witnesses aside, the fact remains that all approaches to Las Canadas park were blockaded for two weeks until authorities announced that the "landslides" had been cleared. A hunter who had been spending the night of October 12 at El Refugio, a natural shelter on the slopes of Mt. Teide, claimed having seen "a brilliant cloud" come within six meters

of the peak's summit and spin around it at tremendous speed, giving off bursts of energy before flying away. Local UFO researchers Asunci=F3n Sarais and Francisco Padr=F3n initiated what promises to be months of research into this possible "crash/retrieval" incident, which is merely the most recent episode in a long history of sightings. In spite of official silence on the incident, it has since become known that employees from the Canaries Astrophysical Institute were threatened with the possible loss of their jobs if they discussed the incident.

In the U.S., increasingly greater attention has been paid to the folklore and traditions of our native peoples with regard to manifestations of the UFO phenomenon. The same is beginning to happen in Spain, where anthropologists have experienced a renewed interest in searching for Guanche artifacts and possibly even locating surviving Guanches in isolated communities on the smaller islands.

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Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 08:06:09 -0700
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Subject: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 21:41:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 9 Oct 2007 14:10:32 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Friend's Blue Book Viewpoints Question

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>>UFO history twists and turns and is poorly documented. Most of
>>the early major players are no longer with us. Col. McCoy
>>interacted with NICAP, but even McDonald and the NICAP personnel
>>apparent did not make an effort to question him closely on
>>SIGN/Grudge, etc. Victor Bilek who served at Wright Field and T-
>>2/TID/ATIC/FTD from WWII to well after the end of Project BB,
>>was able to give great us great insight into the history of
>>Technical Intel activities there but little about the UFO
>>projects even though at one time he shared an office with
>>Loedding. Others like Col. Seashore refused to be interviewed or
>>like LTC Rosengarten would only give consent to talk informally
>>about the subject, but refused to be recorded and also would not
>>give any info which might be construed as negative about
>>personnel at Wright Field.

>>Historical research continues, but with the end of Loren Gross'
>>UFO history series and other such activities progress proceeds
>>only at a snails pace.

>The harvest grows continually as the grim reaper marches along
>and the information we need becomes lost in the dust and chaff
>of ages.

>I realized over 30 years ago that if we really know what
>happened in the first 5 years (47 - 52) we would know most if
>not all of the basics of the UFO story.

Thanks Doc Maccabee. That's why I started this thread because
I've always realized the importance of the basic history of
UFOs.

I took a page from Jan Aldrich's lead back in the 90's and hit
my local library to go through all the microfilm of those days.
Ten years earlier, I went through my hometown newspaper's morgue
to go through 200 years worth of newsclippings.

Storys of UFOs don't start in '47 as we all know. The
Convergence as I call it, and it may have been referred to as
same by someone else and I apologize if I've stepped on a toe or
two, in 1947 shows us that for the first time the phenomenon was
addressed via a worldwide network of news and professional
resources. When going back to the basics and re-studying as I do
every year, one sees that many people were caught by surprise
and then after an enthusiastic, earnest approach to the matter,
the cover up began and got nastier every year afterwards.

Nobody counted on the internet though and the surprise attack by

the curious has begun in waves. The sheer amount of reports is overwhelming. It's in every language where there's an internet connection. Top movies, books, tv shows, comic books, predominantly alien/space related.

Why?

We who delve into the mist know why but we're the poor cousins aren't we?

I was putting together a bibliography of the first basic wave of books, research work of early UFOlogy. I know Jerome Clark's UFO Encyclopedia covers this and much more, but the basic works needs to be highlighted and gone over. The public must know of these works and their history as well as where to procure them and the professional analysis of them.

Best,

Greg
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Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 11:21:26 -0400
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:10:34 -0400
Subject: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 16:57:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:45:25 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are
>>a clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>>puzzling?

>Are there any photos of the black triangles? If so, are
>they consistent?

Eleanor,

Those were not my comments, as they appear to be presented here.
In fact, I think anything about UFOs that is based on
photographic evidence alone is essentially worthless and, more
important, very misleading. Few photographs have the provenance
to withstand critical scrutiny.

Peter Davenport should be able to answer your question about
black triangle photos since many of those have been submitted to
him. The eyewitness descriptions certainly are closely similar
and often identical.

Dick (a.k.a., Richard)

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Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 12:27:36 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
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Subject: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:27:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>One fascinating product is the GoldenEye, which is essentially a
>>flying ducted fan that generates enough lift to carry a small
>>payload such as an optical/infrared camera and a laser
>>designator (used to "light up" targets that can then be
>>destroyed by missiles). On the ground, the GoldenEye perches on
>>four legs. When powered up, it leaps from the ground like a
>>helicopter, then tilts forward and flies with the help of two
>>stubby wings. (Click here to see a video of the GoldenEye in
>>flight.)

>>http://www.xconomy.com/?attachment_id=723

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>Isn't that Lonnie Zamorra standing in the background on the
>right as it lands?

A very interesting and thought provoking comment Gerald.

Not wanting to reopen an old UFO incident already discussed on
the List, yes, back in 1964, New Mexico policeman Lonnie Zamorra
(often pictured wearing glasses) could have seen an early
prototype of such a powered flying platform that has the same
flight characteristic as this Boston built 'GoldenEye'.

One of these powered flying platforms was actually flown and
crashed by a real spaceman - Neil Armstrong - while training
for the first manned landing on another world in 1969.

A much earlier Montreal built version of the GoldenEye, the
'Peanut' was on public display at the Canada Aviation Museum in
Ottawa (not there anymore for some reason) next to a manned
German WWII rocket plane, a British WWII era jet fighter, actual
remains of the Toronto built Avro Arrow and a U.S. built nuclear
bomb capable Bomarc missile which replaced the Avro Arrow that
Canada was forced to scrap.

<http://www.unrealaircraft.com/gbranch/sentinel.php>

Prototypes of the three decades old Peanut and other flying
platforms were flying around back in 1964, and before, so what
Zamorro saw may not have been from out of this world. Boston's
GoldenEye, though impressive, uses existing human technologies.

There are many other such flying platforms, both manned and
unmanned, that I am aware of which have been built and
test-flown over Toronto now and as far back as the end of WWII.
A few of these can and have been mistaken for UFOs. Some of
these unconventional man-made UFOs may very well have been
inspired by non-human technologies.

Nick Balaskas

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A Chance UFO in Pasto Colombia?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 13:15:19 -0400
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Date: 10.10.07

Colombia: A Chance UFO in Pasto?

A photo taken on August 18, 2007 by Mr. Fredy Enrique Alonso Villamil of Pasto, Colombia.

The witness says he was taking photos of his young daughter Isabella and that the object that can be seen in the sky was not perceptible to him, adding that airplane and helicopter flyovers do not occur over the area.

A 5-megapixel Sony Cybershot was employed in taking the photos. The photo is clipped from the original image.

http://www.analuisacid.com/pasto_fortuito.htm

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Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 17:21:02 +0000
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:11:48 -0400
Subject: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 17:18:31 -0400
>Subject: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

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>This is something that the holders of the data could quickly
>confirm without a \$5,000 statistical analysis.

>Would the data holders be willing to do that much?

>If yes, I would ask the abductee for permission to furnish their
>name, privately, to the data holders to make their looking up
>theses power failures easier than scanning all the data.

>Confirming power outages that match abduction experiences would
>be a very rapid way to generate interest in, and funds for, a
>complete statistical analysis, so I can see considerable benefit
>from doing this.

Eleanor:

You know my background in Human Subject Protection and my years of acting as the liaison between investigators and human subjects. For you to think it is just a matter of collecting "data" from humans for a statistical analysis without the normal protections afforded subjects, and me not respond. Think again.

There are federal requirements that must be met to protect subjects involved in a study - a study of any kind. Therefore, I am going to strongly request anybody who wants to do studies involving human subjects apprise themselves of those requirements.

Human's crimes on their fellow humans is horrendous. All in the name of wanting to 'further' science. Enough already.

KK

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:31:21 -0400
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:12:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:14:39 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

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>To be scientific: fundamentally, to be rational and to check
>data, with experiences either direct or indirect.

Certainly looks like the way most of the ufologists on this List
operate. Makes me wonder why ufology only rates a 'parascience'
label.

Eleanor White

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:12:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 05 Oct 2007 16:23:01 -0600
>Subject: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

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>If we restrict the question to the photographic evidence alone,
>and even to 'saucer-like' objects, can anyone cite a pair of
>photos from independent sightings that depict objects that are a
>clear geometric match? If indeed there are none, is this not
>puzzling?

>In the context of the ET hypothesis, does this suggest a
>correspondingly large number of independent cultures that are
>visiting? Or, simply a distaste for 'assembly-line' manufacture?
>Does it argue against the 'nuts-and-bolts' concept in general?

List, Contributors to This Thread:

A number of interesting responses to the above appeared while I was distracted with other activities. I will summarize my replies here collectively.

Note that, due to some mis-formatted replies, some listers have been attributing the initial post to Dick Hall, with which he may not be entirely comfortable, if I gather the gist of his own comment (although I'm not sure that I do). I hereby exonerate him.

In any case, I am aware of previous work in which UFOs have been categorized into various geometric types. The fact that many sightings, or even photographs, can be categorized as one bowl/saucer inverted over another does not at all demonstrate that these objects come in "several 'production-line' models", as Dick Hall phrases it. To the extent that these examples are all 'saucer-like', so too are snowflakes typically 'flattened and hexagonally-symmetric' and similarly categorizable into sub-classes (plate-like, star-like, dendritic, etc.), and yet no two are alike. The apparent uniqueness of individual objects, even within a sub-class, is the issue I am addressing here. The presence of entire additional classes of object types (cigar-shaped, triangular, etc.) simply exacerbates an already perplexing situation.

Ian Fleming correctly points out that independent sightings will generally involve differing ranges, orientations, lighting angles, etc., and thus there is no way to demonstrate a precise geometric match. Indeed, I would add that objects that are clearly not geometric matches (e.g., spheres and cylinders) can appear so from certain vantage points. However, amongst the body of photographic evidence for 'saucer-like' objects, my impression - in lieu of a rigorous analysis - is that the preponderance of them are actually geometrically incompatible, i.e., one cannot be made to match the other by changing its orientation or lighting. Additionally, while estimates for the absolute size of these objects must be considered very approximate, this parameter alone spans some two orders of

magnitude.

As to possible reasons for this diversity in the ET context, Gerald O'Connell cogently points out that we should not be biased by, or project on others, our "template-driven" production techniques, which in fact may not be optimal, let alone aesthetically pleasing. Here I leap to the other side of the fence and point out that there are examples of multiple and apparently identical (or at least visually indistinguishable) UFOs, but these seem to occur only in the context of a single sighting, e.g., the Kenneth Arnold case. I have not located a good photographic example, but here even verbal testimony lends support, in that if all the individual objects had been unique, the observer would very likely have made mention of it. So, there is apparently no taboo per se against redundant copies of a single specific design, at least for any given 'encounter'.

[On the subject of multiple UFOs, I forward with appreciation a reference suggested by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos: Haines, Richard F., "Project Delta: A Study of Multiple UFO", LDA Press, Los Altos CA, 1994.]

In summary, while acknowledging many illuminating comments from the list, I consider the 'diversity of morphology' issue still unresolved, or at least that the explanations that come to mind are not very appealing (e.g., every UFO encounter represents a unique ET culture and/or craft design). By no means does this invalidate the UFO evidence, but it does call for further thought about the nature of the phenomenon itself.

Mike

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Westmoreland County salesman Looks To The Sky

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:12:50 -0400
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Subject: Westmoreland County salesman Looks To The Sky

Source: The Setonian - Seton Hill University, Greensburg,
Pennsylvania, USA

<http://blogs.setonhill.edu/Setonian/021805.html>

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Westmoreland County salesman Looks To The Sky

By Jeremy Barrick,
Contributor

With a background in electronics and a full time job in the advanced electric sales field, Stan Gordon may appear to be an average person. However, Gordon's life is anything but ordinary, as his other job is investigating Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs), Bigfoot, and other strange phenomena.

Gordon has done numerous investigations on UFO and Bigfoot encounters in the Westmoreland County area. Although he has seen lots of evidence, Gordon has never witnessed a UFO or Bigfoot himself. Gordon has been researching these strange occurrences for 48 years. During his tenth birthday on the eve of Halloween, Gordon received an AM radio. Because of his interest in science, he began to tune the AM radio to find strange frequencies and listen to paranormal broadcasts.

December 9, 1965, the day of the Kecksburg UFO incident, started Gordon on a lifetime pursuit of his interest in UFOs and Bigfoot sightings.

"I think that UFOs are something that we will never understand," said Erin Waite, a sophomore at Seton Hill University (SHU).

"Pennsylvania has had a long history of encounters of the unusual kind. From yearly sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects to observations of mysterious creatures," said Gordon.

As the census is not yet in for 2007, 2006 had its fair share of encounters as 35 counties in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania made claim to witnessing a UFO or Bigfoot.

"I thought I had seen a UFO a few times but anything that is in the air and cannot be identified can be considered a UFO," said Cleveland Steward, a resident of Greensburg.

Gordon has just completed a manuscript for his first book about the 1973 and early 1974 UFO and Bigfoot sightings in Westmoreland County. He has a documentary entitled "Kecksburg, The Untold Story" for sale on DVD or VHS, which was the winner of the 1998 EBE film award for "Best Historical UFO Documentary."

This award-winning documentary, as well as any upcoming lectures or reports, can be found at his website www.stangordon.com.

Gordon works out of his home in the Greensburg area. Gordon

suggests that anybody that thinks they see a UFO or has some strange encounter with anything of the paranormal call his hotline, rather than visit his home/office. He can be reached at (724) 838-7768 or written at PO Box 936, Greensburg, PA 15601.

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Microsoft's Paul Allen Buys Into SETI

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:14:47 EDT
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:13:10 -0400
Subject: Microsoft's Paul Allen Buys Into SETI

<http://www.technewsworld.com/rsstory/59766.html>

I'm not even going to attempt to debate this one as I know from experience on this List that SETI is a four letter word to some.

Add to it a billionaire and I can just imagine all the cussin' a-fixin' to commence!

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:28:27 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:13:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 07 Oct 2007 09:52:59 -0600
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 12:43:06 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

<snip>

>>I think these are few examples of 'flying saucers' photos,
>that match 'saucer-like' form:

<snip>

>Thanks for the links, they help illustrate my point. They are
>all indeed 'saucer-like', and yet all have different shapes
>(although I must say that the Heflin and the Zywieckie Lake
>objects are fairly similar).

<snip>

This time I sorted photos by similarity. Similarities are as
close as possible. They are all saucer-like. And because
witnesses probably will name any of these objects - "saucer", I
think the name 'saucer' just means any form which is close to
saucer form, but not necessary an _exact_ saucer form. Some of
the photos just show the same objects.

"Heflin" type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo305.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo12.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo281.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo369.htm>

"Flat hat" type

very similar:
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo36.htm>
very similar:
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo361.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo262.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo423.htm>

Trinidad type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo300.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo226.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo145.htm>

"Street lamp" type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo347.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo57.htm>
very similar:
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo230.htm>

very similar:

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo92.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo122.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo27.htm>

Trent farm type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo301.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo310.htm>

Hubcap type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo58.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo344.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo346.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo247.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo303.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo264.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo13.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo426.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo15.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo214.htm>
<http://www.ufologie.net/html/yungay.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo99.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo62.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo315.htm>

Hubcap-2 type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo340.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo366.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo31.htm>

Saturn type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo364.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo365.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo73.htm>

Ed Walters type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo44.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo328.htm>
<http://www.ufocasebook.com/gulfbreeze.html>

"Disc with cupola" type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo80.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo125.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo229.htm>
<http://www.ufologie.net/html/yungay.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo418.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo360.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo95.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo265.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo154.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo144.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo87.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo68.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo241.htm>

"Disc with cupola 2" type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo228.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo251.htm>

Sombrero type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo43.htm>
<http://www.ufobc.ca/History/1980/kelsey.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo96.htm>

"Rhode Island" type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo105.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo109.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo56.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo285.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo23.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo14.htm>
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo392.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo223.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo377.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo20.htm>

Platform type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo207.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo107.htm>

Adamsky type

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo167.htm>

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/oldest/Photo119.htm>

About similarity of few cases:

<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/catalog/tailedobject/index.htm>

Sergey

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Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:31:51 EDT
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:13:50 -0400
Subject: Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

Pardon me, but I was just sitting here listening to Jim Sparks on the radio doing an interview with good ol' George Noory about his abduction experiences.

Sparks' interview didn't cram any messages from beyond down our throats, just the how's and why's of the abductors which is quite enlightening. He at least waited to the end of the interview to state some motivations and such from his captors.

I got to thinking after listening to the segment that with all we've gleaned over the years and especially the massive amount of data via the internet, do we really need an official government disclosure?

It's getting like I need the government to officially tell me the Sun is shining or that I'd need government disclosure to tell me whether water is wet.

I dont' think we need the government to disclose what's real to us, just what did government know, hide, not know, hide and why.

I think from now on government should ask us citizens what's real and not since that's what our government is supposed to do, not the other way around.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Franck Boitte** <franckboitte.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 12:34:20 +0200
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:14:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:26:12 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 03 Oct 2007 16:26:57 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>Sounds reasonable. That means that those areas of UFO research
>>which are carried out using the same methods as in cosmology are
>>indeed every bit as genuine "science" as cosmology is.

>There is some bit of truth in Eleanor's statement, but
>I don't think it is globally true.

>Despite its highly speculative nature, cosmology is closely
>related to astronomy, which is probably a science for anybody

<snip>

>and the same be said for ufology?

Eleanor, Listmembers

In my opinion, it's a false assumption and a strategic error to
present ufology as a "science" and most of serious ufologists
don't back up that preconception.

The present status of ufology compared to science is in my
opinion to be compared to the one alchemy occupied vis =E0
vis chemistry in the medieval times. Analogy to cosmology as
proposed by Mr. White is certainly justified as the latest space
exploration discoveries have notably increased the probability
of life elsewhere in the Universe and by consequencee the
probability that UFOs might indeed be extraneous manifestations
from an "outside" realm. In other words, "not if this Earth".
Only time will tell, but actually this twenty years ago
completely unprevisible new paradigm evidently is considered by
skeptics such as Mr. Mauge and his friends as an irritating
stone thrown in their grapevine.

That's why they desperately try to strongly dissociate the two
domains.

Moreover, Mauge's oblique reference to parapsychology and
cryptozoology is an old trick frequently used by his peers to
muddy waters and discredit ufology. Cryptozoology put aside,
even if I recognize there actually are some psy aspects in some
- yet not all - ufological events, they are only anecdotic and
serious ufology doesn't need to presently bother with them.

Once again, it's only a question of time before we can father a
global view of all aspects of the ufo problem.

So, let us be attentive to every new development on both sides -
cosmology and ufology.

Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

And let time do its own sweet work.

Cordially,

F. Boitte

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Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 07:19:43 -0700
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:14:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 13:22:44 -0700
>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 18:23:29 EDT
>>Subject: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>Once again the gnawing problem about the term Flying Saucers
>>is bothering me.

>>If memory serves, Kenneth Arnold report didn't say he saw Flying
>>Saucers, he said something to the effect that the objects he
>>saw moved like when one skips saucers on water.

>>I buy this because a close friend of mine, a witness to a
>>daylight multiple sighting said the objects moved that way.

>>So if the term Flying Saucers was an error made by the press,
>>why do we have reports and pics of saucer shaped aircraft?

>Several years after the fact Arnold insisted that he had been
>misquoted and had only referred to the motion as like saucers
>skipping off water, but the historical record conflicts with
>Arnold's memory of what he said.

>Arnold was quoted in multiple interviews immediately afterwards
>referring to the shape of the objects as like a saucer, like a
>disc, like a pie pan, half-moon shaped, round in front but
>chopped in back, thin and flat, etc.

>In contrast, the motion he generally described as weaving like
>the tail of a Chinese kite or like fish flipping in the sun.

>These descriptions includes a still surviving recorded interview
>2 days after his sighting and his own written report plus a
>drawing he made about 3 weeks later to Army Air Force
>intelligence, so no chance that these represents misquotes.

>The shape and motion descriptions are summarized in a Wikipedia
>article on Arnold (I mostly wrote the relevant section):

>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kenneth_Arnold

>There are more complete quotes from old Updates' posts of mine,
>but unfortunately the Net archive is currently inaccessible.

>Lots of UFO histories get it wrong, going by Arnold's later
>claim of what he said rather than the numerous statements he
>made immediately afterwards that conflict with his memory.
>Arnold in 1947 may very well have said that the motion resembled
>saucers skipping on water, but he also referred to the shape as
>saucer-like.

>When you think about it, why would he refer to "saucers"
>skipping on water? Most of us have probably skipped flat stones
>on water, but has anybody ever taken an actual saucer out of the

>cupboard and skipped it? If they weren't actually saucer-
>shaped, I think he more likely would have compared the motion to
>stones skipping on water rather than saucers.

>What I suspect he said at one point was something like, "They
>looked something like saucers, rounded in front and thin and
>flat, and also flew like a saucer would if skipped on water."
>For some reason, this later got truncated in his mind to only
>the latter motion description, which he thought got exaggerated
>by the press.

Thanks David!

Your data refreshes my memory about Arnold's interviews and
audio reports.

From the other responses to this thread again I see 1947 as
something I call The Convergence, meaning that point in time
when our technology and communication systems allowed humanity
to converge that data and technology to address the UFO
situation on a mass scale. For the first time we found similar
stories from around the world and continue to this day.

From these responses of historical data to this thread, I can
see that at times earlier than Arnold's sighting objects seen
and reported as saucer shaped or saucer like were already in the
mix and Arnold's sighting and report brought these prior
sightings into play. Apparently seeing saucer shaped craft had
been going on for a long time just no one had done so en masse
and with the radio, print, motion picture vias.

Tales of flying or burning shields are interesting but not all
shields are round. Various geometric shapes were used for
shields and it depends on the culture to discern which shape
applies.

Methinks our visitors got caught by surprise by our ability to
communicate then and our ability to detect them via radar and
photography. Not only that but those atomic bombs may have
alerted to them that we were smarter than the average bear.

It's as I mentioned earlier, it may not be what we're doing
that's alarmed them, but our potential, that's alarming.

Best,

Greg
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Secrecy News -- 10/12/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:00:02 -0400
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The disclosure of a clandestine network of U.S. military officers that diverted classified documents from military agencies and illegally provided them to law enforcement agencies serves as a vivid reminder that improved information sharing within the government is a goal that has still not been achieved.

"Marine Gunnery Sgt. Gary Maziarz said patriotism motivated him to join a spy ring, smuggle secret files from Camp Pendleton and give them to law enforcement officers for anti-terrorism work in Southern California," the San Diego Union-Tribune reported last Saturday.

Sgt. Maziarz and his men acted like Robin Hood in the forest of national security information, taking classified documents from the cleared and giving them to the uncleared.

"He knew his group was violating national security laws," the Union-Tribune reported. "But he said bureaucratic walls erected by the military and civilian agencies were hampering intelligence sharing and coordination, making the nation more vulnerable to terrorists."

This is of course a self-serving story, and it doesn't explain the stolen weapons or steroids found along with the pilfered documents by military investigators.

But neither is there any evidence so far of espionage on behalf of a foreign power, or any indication of a financial motive in stealing the records.

Taken at face value, the rise of the interagency document smugglers points to a continuing defect in government information policy. It also suggests that the national security classification system may break before it bends. In other words, it may fail catastrophically before it can be substantially reformed.

See "Marine Took Files as Part of Spy Ring" by Rick Rogers, San Diego Union-Tribune, October 6:

<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/northcounty/20071006-9999-ln6spies.html>

The story was also picked up today by the Los Angeles Times.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-laspy12oct12,0,1983331.story>

The failure to achieve optimal information sharing is not in dispute.

"Institutional rules and legacy culture continue to hamper effective information sharing," a report from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence admitted yesterday.

"There are outdated policy, customs, and technical constraints on information access and dissemination that impede the production of finished products our customers require."

See "500 Day Plan: Integration and Collaboration," Office of Director of National Intelligence, October 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/500-day-plan.pdf>

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Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made readily available to the public include the following.

"China-U.S. Relations: Current Issues and Implications for U.S. Policy," updated October 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33877.pdf>

"North Korean Refugees in China and Human Rights Issues: International Response and U.S. Policy Options," September 26, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34189.pdf>

"Saudi Arabia: Terrorist Financing Issues," updated September 14, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL32499.pdf>

"Terrorism in Southeast Asia," September 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL34194.pdf>

"Bangladesh: Background and U.S. Relations," updated August 2, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33646.pdf>

"Cuba: Issues for the 110th Congress," updated August 21, 2007:

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

"Presidential Directives: Background and Overview," updated August 9, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/98-611.pdf>

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>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:14:39 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>To be scientific: fundamentally, to be rational and to check
>>data, with experiences either direct or indirect.

>Certainly looks like the way most of the ufologists on this List
>operate. Makes me wonder why ufology only rates a 'parascience'
>label.

>Eleanor White

Eleanor,

It's really rather simple. How many legitimate sciences are conducted 95% or better by part-time, weekend hobbyists and enthusiasts who simply appoint themselves as 'experts', as opposed to people professionally trained and educated?

There is not a single real physical or social science out there which has no budget, and no cadre of professionals to carry out the research and provide peer review.

Dick

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Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 14:40:38 -0700
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:26:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 12:27:36 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:27:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>>One fascinating product is the GoldenEye, which is essentially
>>>a flying ducted fan that generates enough lift to carry a small
>>>payload such as an optical/infrared camera and a laser
>>>designator (used to "light up" targets that can then be
>>>destroyed by missiles). On the ground, the GoldenEye perches
>>>on four legs. When powered up, it leaps from the ground like a
>>>helicopter, then tilts forward and flies with the help of two
>>>stubby wings. (Click here to see a video of the GoldenEye in
>>>flight.)

>>>http://www.xconomy.com/?attachment_id=723

><snip>

>>Isn't that Lonnie Zamorra standing in the background on the
>>right as it lands?

>A very interesting and thought provoking comment Gerald.

Not really.

>Not wanting to reopen an old UFO incident

...then pointlessly reopening it.

>already discussed on
>the List, yes, back in 1964, New Mexico policeman Lonnie Zamorra
>(often pictured wearing glasses) could have seen an early
>prototype of such a powered flying platform that has the same
>flight characteristic as this Boston built 'GoldenEye'.

You mean the "same" flight characteristics like landing and
taking off with a rocket-like roar, followed by completely
silent operation after takeoff, then quickly zipping off and
disappearing in the distance, about 6 miles in under 20 seconds
(implying supersonic speeds)? You mean that 1964 "ducted fan"?

>One of these powered flying platforms was actually flown and
>crashed by a real spaceman - Neil Armstrong - while training
>for the first manned landing on another world in 1969.

Well I guess that settles it. Zamora must have seen a ducted fan
because "real spacemen" also flew ducted fan craft.

>A much earlier Montreal built version of the GoldenEye, the
>'Peanut' was on public display at the Canada Aviation Museum
>in Ottawa (not there anymore for some reason) next to a manned

>German WWII rocket plane, a British WWII era jet fighter,
>actual remains of the Toronto built Avro Arrow and a U.S. built
>nuclear bomb capable Bomarc missile which replaced the Avro Arrow
>that Canada was forced to scrap.

><http://www.unrealaircraft.com/gbranch/sentinel.php>

>Prototypes of the three decades old Peanut and other flying
>platforms were flying around back in 1964, and before, so what
>Zamorro

Lonnie Zamora, not "Zamorro". Perhaps you are hybridizing Zamora
with Socorro or Zorro?

>saw may not have been from out of this world. Boston's
>GoldenEye, though impressive, uses existing human
>technologies.

Please, again, point us to a 1964 "ducted fan" with the actual
flight characteristics described by Zamora, not just VTOL
operation.

Cherry-picking maybe one matching characteristic from a case
while ignoring all that disagree, then claiming to have come up
with a solution is a classic characteristic of mindless debunkery.

>There are many other such flying platforms, both manned and
>unmanned, that I am aware of which have been built and
>test-flown over Toronto now and as far back as the end of
>WWII.

>A few of these can and have been mistaken for UFOs. Some of
>these unconventional man-made UFOs may very well have been
>inspired by non-human technologies.

This is the only thing you've said Nick that might have some
truth to it. Everything else has been utter nonsense.

David Rudiak

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Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

From: Steve Bassett <PRGLists.nul>
Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 19:04:49 -0400
Archived: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 11:29:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:31:51 EDT
>Subject: Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

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>not the other way around.

The Top Ten Reasons Why Formal Disclosure Is Necessary

Without formal Disclosure:

10. High Schools and colleges will not teach the subject.
9. Foundations & private philanthropists won't fund the research.
8. NASA and likely other national space programs will remain compromised, under funded and prevented from being the inspiration for scientific and human advancement they could be.
7. The human race will remain stuck in a bogus reality matrix built upon government propaganda which will embolden those who create such propaganda to create more.
6. Fueled by the reality gap between the government's policy and people's perception, fundamental trust by the American people in the intentions and competence of their government will continue to erode
5. A desperately needed raising of human consciousness and awareness of the true nature of the species' and the planet's place in the larger picture will be postponed.
4. An unknown and possibly large number of contactees will remain in the closet, without support, without acknowledgement

and targets for ridicule and distrust.

3. Fear and distrust of the hidden near- and long-term intentions of the United States toward other nations and regions will continue to grow.

2. ET derived technology will remain unavailable to address a range of growing human concerns including: global warming, wars over food, wars over water, wars over oil, ad infinitum.

1. ET derived technology will remain cloistered in weaponization programs likely outside any elective oversight leading to gawd knows what - war in heaven, mega-war on earth. (The COMETA Report hinted at the latter.)

Since you asked,

Steve Bassett

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Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 16:46:02 -0400
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:35:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 17:21:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

<snip>

>You know my background in Human Subject Protection and my years
>of acting as the liaison between investigators and human
>subjects. For you to think it is just a matter of collecting
>"data" from humans for a statistical analysis without the normal
>protections afforded subjects, and me not respond. Think again.

This was environmental data in the home, and not the bodies of
the targets. Not even videotaping of activity in the homes.

Surely a quick scan of the data tracks monitoring power (or any
other parameters which would have indicated a power outage)
isn't really invasion of anyone's body or privacy, if the
abductees' IDs are not included?

What has me dumfounded is that the results of the study could
show substantial disturbances in the home environments of the
abductees happening at dates and times which match their
handwritten reports of their abduction experiences.

That would be _Earth-shaking_ news, yet the seniour ufologists
on this list don't seem to show any interest in seeing the
results? Isn't the abduction issue important? As a member of our
species, it is the _most_ important issue of the entire field,
as I see it.

The combined abilities of the members of this list could easily
come up with \$5,000 over a year, by publicizing the need in
their magazines, articles in other magazines, maybe even UFO
documentaries, booths at conferences, and on UFO web sites.

I'm just very puzzled as to why this hasn't already been done.

Eleanor White

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Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 07:14:19 +1000
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:38:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 07:19:43 -0700
>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 5 Oct 2007 13:22:44 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 4 Oct 2007 18:23:29 EDT
>>>Subject: Once More The Term 'Flying Saucers'

<snip>

David, Greg, List,

Although not quite related to this thread but looking at Arnold again and if memory serves me well enough, wasn't there something attributed to Arnold in an interview, where he said after seeing the William Rhodes 'heel-shaped' UFO, one of the nine objects he saw was quite different from the others?

On seeing the Rhodes pic he said he had purposely omitted that description and what Rhodes had photographed was exactly the same type of craft as the odd one out of his nine?

http://roswellproof.com/NM_UFO_Reports.html#anchor_3746

If we take Arnold as being a credible witness along with the bizarre happenings after his sighting, some witnesses saying the Roswell craft was a similar shape and with the Military confiscating all Rhodes' photos, my feeling is these could also be considered consistent shaped craft.

William

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Re: At The Hands Of God Waiting For Us To Grow Up

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 18:52:34 -0300
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:41:54 -0400
Subject: Re: At The Hands Of God Waiting For Us To Grow Up

>Source: The Truro Daily News - Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

><http://www.trurodaily.com/index.cfm?sid=70828&sc=73>

>12/10/07

>We Are At The Hands And Feet Of God, Waiting For Us To Grow Up Don Murray

<snip>

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>Don Murray is a retired United Church minister.

I should note that a place named Bible Hill is just outside Truro. Also the date of Shag Harbor was October 4th not 5th.

The foam was yellow or orange not brown... Polls consistently show more believers than non-believers. Don't bother me with the facts, my mind is made up.....

Stan Friedman

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 00:50:24 +0200
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:46:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 15:32:46 +0100
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:24:26 +0200
>>Subject: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>Splendid UFO video from Avebury Engeland. 9.54 minutes.

>>The area is shown by daylight in last portion of video.

>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCA8E

<snip>

>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during a
>military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

Hello Martin, List,

As I wrote in a previous post, I am familiar with the area of
Avebury due to our crop circle research there.

I have seen similar lights in 1994 during a night when we
started with larger meditation experiments on ancient sacred
sites around Avebury. It was not far away, on Knap Hill, looking
south.

In the distance, on the Salisbury Plains, the English Army has
their large training grounds and performed a nightly training.
We heard the noise in the far distance. Suddenly bright orange
lights appeared in the sky, one after another. At the end, there
were 9 lights in the sky in a fine row, some disappeared, some
appeared. They all floated through the air, it was a marvellous
sighting. These all were military flares.

Also the hoaxers of crop circle sometimes create 'Balls Of
Light' themselves. They take balloons, insert 'Glo-Stick' lights
and fill the balloons with smoke and helium gas. Sometimes they
launch clusters of balloons. They look pretty nice in the air
and have produced a lot of "UFO sightings".

Joachim Koch

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Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

From: Joyce Aldrich <aldrichjoyce.nul>
Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:30:55 -0300
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:51:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:31:51 EDT
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I agree. Do we really need official government disclosure? After all, we all know that cigarettes, hard toothbrushes and shoes with no arch support are detrimental to our well-being. In most cases, it's not the government that lets us know these things, first, but researchers and advocacy groups, who spend an awful lot of time, effort and money trying to convince the government what's what... or try and find out why the government doesn't know what's what or why they're even trying to hide what's what. Sound familiar? Do they even really know what's what? I know not and, to tell you the truth, I'm beginning to not even care. No, let's just say I DON'T CARE. There, now I've said it. All we need to do is follow our own agendas.

I know what I experienced and nothing the government has to say, or not say, is going to change that. Where's the cover-up? I tell everyone who's interested what I experienced. Other abductees have also shared their experiences. What are we... liars? So, what's the big deal? Maybe we should be putting our attention to raising our spiritual selves and get ready for what's about to hit the fan or the earth or whatever. I have my "mission" and whether I agreed to do it or have been programmed beyond any salvation, into doing it, is an unknown to me. One thing I DO know is that I have a sense of purpose, take pleasure in the little things in life and am in some kind of holding pattern. Time will tell... not the government.

Thanks, Greg.

Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

Joyce Aldrich
Abductee

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Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yvllng>

October 11, 2007

Stretching The Search For Signs Of Life
by Dennis Overbye

[image]

Call it a small step for E.T., a leap for radio astronomy.

Astronomers in Hat Creek, Calif., are planning today to switch on the first elements of a giant new array of radio telescopes that they say will greatly extend the investigation of natural and unnatural phenomena in the universe.

When the Allen Telescope Array, as it is known, is complete, it will consist of 350 antennas, each 20 feet in diameter. Using the separate antennas as if they were one giant dish, radio astronomers will be able to map vast swaths of the sky cheaply and efficiently.

The array will help search for new phenomena like black holes eating each other and so-called dark galaxies without stars, as well as extend the search for extraterrestrial radio signals a thousandfold, to include a million nearby stars over the next two decades.

Today, 42 of the antennas, mass-produced from molds and employing inexpensive telecommunications technology, will go into operation. "It's like cutting the ribbon on the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria," said Seth Shostak, an astronomer at the Seti Institute, in Mountain View, Calif., who pointed out that this was the first radio telescope ever designed specifically for the extraterrestrial quest.

The telescope, named for Paul G. Allen, who provided \$25 million in seed money, is a joint project of the Radio Astronomy Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley, and the Seti Institute. "If they do find something, they're going to call me up first and say we have a signal," Mr. Allen said in an interview, adding, "So far the phone hasn't rung."

Describing himself as "a child of the 50s, the golden age of space exploration and science fiction," Mr. Allen, a founder of Microsoft, said he first got interested in supporting the search for extraterrestrial intelligence after a conversation 12 years ago with Carl Sagan, the Cornell astronomer and exuberant proponent of cosmic wonder.

When the idea later arose to build a telescope array on the cheap, using off-the-shelf satellite dish technology and advanced digital signal processing, Mr. Allen was intrigued. "If you know anything about me," he said, "you know I'm a real

enthusiast for new unconventional approaches to things."

Telescopes, including radio telescopes, have traditionally been custom-built one-of-a-kind items. The antennas for the Allen array are stamped from a mold. Mr. Allen's family foundation put up the money to get the first part of the array built, with other contributions from Nathan Myhrvold, formerly of Microsoft and the chief executive of Intellectual Ventures in Bellevue, Wash., among others.

Leo Blitz, director of the Radio Astronomy Laboratory, estimated that it would take three years and \$41 million more, depending on the price of aluminum, to complete the array. The full array, astronomers say, will be useful not just for science, but also as practice for a truly giant telescope known as the Square Kilometer Array, which would have a combined receiving area of a square kilometer and which astronomers hope to build in Australia or South Africa in 10 or 20 years.

Dr. Blitz said the main advantage of the Allen array for regular radio astronomy was the ability to obtain images of large swaths of the sky, several times the size of the full moon, in a single pointing. At low frequencies, he said, the full array could map the entire sky in a day and night and do it again the next night.

"This has not been possible before," he said.

In its partial form, Dr. Blitz said, the array is already almost as fast, and much cheaper to run, than larger telescopes.

The speed should make it possible to catch transient events, like radio bursts from colliding black holes, that might last only a few hours, while the mapping ability should enable astronomers to search for lumps of gas without stars, the so-called dark galaxies predicted by the prevailing models of cosmology.

The search for extraterrestrial intelligence has lived on the kindness of strangers since Congress canceled a NASA-sponsored search using existing radio telescopes in 1993, only a year after it had begun. The Seti Institute, which was to have conducted a search of nearby stars under contract to NASA, raised money from Silicon Valley and revived the search as Project Phoenix, using existing radio telescopes.

Project Phoenix was finished three years ago, having checked some 750 stars for signals, Dr. Shostak said. While that might sound like a lot, he said, "it doesn't impress anybody who knows how many stars there are in the galaxy."

There are some 200 billion stars in the galaxy, and a significant fraction of them have planets. Estimates of the number of intelligent civilizations in the galaxy have ranged from one (or none, if you are particularly discouraged about human affairs) into the millions.

Dr. Shostak calculated that the full Allen array would be able to detect a signal from as far as 500 light years that is only a few times more powerful than what can now be sent by the Arecibo radio telescope, a 1,000-foot-diameter dish in Puerto Rico that is the world's largest (although it is in danger of being shut down to save money). That translates to about a million stars, which he said was getting into a promising number. Dr. Shostak described the expanded search as looking for the needle in the proverbial haystack with a shovel instead of a spoon.

Anyone out there and broadcasting, for whatever wacky alien reason, would also have to be broadcasting right at Earth. But advanced civilizations, Dr. Shostak said, would be able to tell there was life on Earth because of the oxygen in our atmosphere.

"We've been broadcasting that for 2.5 billion years," he said.

The first thing Dr. Shostak and his colleagues plan to do with the newly operational 42-antenna array is to survey a strip across the center of the galaxy. There will be several billion stars in the field of view, but they will be very far away, 10,000 to 50,000 light years, so any signal would have to be huge to be detected. But who is to say that among galactic civilizations there are not a rare few with tremendous

capabilities?

"I've never begrudged aliens any power in their transmitter,"
Dr. Shostak said.

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Subject: Re: Skeptic

I had a feeling that restricting open access to the UFO UpDates Archive would bring some interesting readers there out of the woodwork...

At 02:19 AM 14/10/2007, you wrote:

>Do you consider skeptics worthy of consideration.
>I have investigated UFO's for over 30 years.

>Thanks,

>James McGaha, MS, FRAS
>Director, Grasslands Observatory, 651

There are many skeptics subscribed to UFO UpDates - they are intellectually honest people.

I, and many others in and around the UFO field, have been made painfully aware of you, Sir, both in person and via the media.

My late-father phoned me during the course of a TV documentary we were both watching, to bellow in my ear, "What the hell is that man talking about?" - asking about you, having been totally offended by your off-handed dismissal of the work done by real investigators of UFO phenomena... He was a genuine skeptic.

"I have investigated UFO's for over 30 years."

The evidence suggests that investigation is not much part of the 'work' that you do - more, as Stanton T. Friedman is wont to say, "Investigation by proclamation." More the mark of a debunker.

The above said, I will add you to the UFO UpDates List as a subscriber. You'll receive List-posts directly to your In-Box. Feel free to contribute to and read the discussion. It should be lively as I'm Cc:-ing the List this response.

Errol Bruce-Knapp
Moderator UFO UpDates - Toronto

[We met in Buffalo several years ago when I was with a group from MUFON Ontario attending the CSICOP meeting there.]

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Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 10:56:58 +0200
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 12:47:45 -0400
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>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 16:17:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Diversity Of UFO Morphology

<snip>

Michael, List,

In my opinion this question is really too anthropocentric. It is not only that we don't know whether or not UFOs/UAOs, all or any of them, are manufactured objects that are build in ways similar to our industry, like coming off assembly lines or similar.

If they are indeed manufactured objects, they might all be custom built from readily available parts, similar to our PC industry. Or instead, as several abductees were told, they might even be grown like crystals.

Then again I find it highly likely that "what we see is not what we get". :)

What is flying around in our skies might actually look completely different from what we see, this might even go down to individual witnesses of the same object seeing different objects.

I find the whole phenomenon stinks of mimicry tactics. If you look at photos or witness drawings from different ages, it is clearly visible that the phenomenon somehow follows our design guidelines, even pre- dates them.

- The airship mystery: Objects that look like the dirigibles and Zeppelins coming only a decade or so later.
- Ufos of the 40s and 50s, many of them looking like the spaceships from the Sci-Fi B-Movies in the 50s and 60s.
- The black triangles and platforms, looking like Stealth Aircraft.

The late Dr. Fiebag wrote a lot about the phenomenon's mimicry tactics in his book "Kontakt", which unfortunately afaik is only available in German. Worth reading.

IMHO proving or disproving the existence of similar shapes does not really get us any further along the way to explain the phenomenon. There are already countless lists on the web showing all the different "UFO-Models".

The only "model" I know of that has been seen several times over several decades is the (I almost dare not mention it) :)

Adamski-Darbyshire-Haunebu type (The somewhat bell-shaped saucer with the three balls under the belly and the "knob" on the top), and there is a voice in the back of my head screaming FAKE!

Whenever I see them, of course they too perfectly match our design guidelines of the time.

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Best Regards
Harper Carlotto

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Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 14:13:45 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 18:14:42 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 11:38:25 -0400
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>Hi Steve, and Dick and Rick

>Yup, we tend to see 'now' as the norm, but for most of recorded
>history 'science' has been either an unpaid private search for
>knowledge (the Ionians etc, maybe even some Egyptians), or
>military secrets (Greek fire, Roman catapults etc), or, much
>later, a gentlemen's hobby called natural philosophy.

>Now, with science being seen as the new people-control, and
>exactly as previously happened with religions, the 'ownership'
>of science is mostly claimed by gov'ts and their university
>systems - and Lee Smolin writes some hard words about those
>systems in his book 'The Trouble With Physics'.

>Science is a 'thing' that you do - who you do it for is
>irrelevant.

Ray,

Are you saying you see 'then' as the norm? Obviously we are talking about modern science here, not ancient thinking and endeavors. As a philosophy graduate, I am aware that modern science evolved out of the old thinking, of course. You seem to be quaintly defining science in ancient, outmoded terms.

In regard to your final comment, scientific -method- is a thing that you do and that anyone can do, but who you do it for can be vitally important. Among other things, that determines how professional or amateurish your efforts are.

Dick

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Cheers

Ray D

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>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 16:27:32 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 17:25:34 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>There is not a single real physical or social science out there
>>which has no budget, and no cadre of professionals to carry out
>>the research and provide peer review.

>That's not Ufology's 'fault'. As another poster mentioned,
>if cosmology is a science, then ufology is too. And ufology's
>_methods_ do match the definition put forth by Claude Mauge.

>Nowhere in Claude Mauge's definition is level of funding a
>criterion.

Sorry, I didn't realize that Claude Mauge was citing Holy
Scripture. There is a great deal of confusion evident on this
List about science and scientific method, what they are (or
should be), how they are 'defined.'

Philosopher that I am, I am going back to the beginning and
disputing the underlying premise of this entire thread about
whether ufology is or is not a science. Clearly it is not by
most any measure. Proto-science; it could be thought of in
those terms meaningfully.

Think of this: Do we need or want a new 'science' for each and
every unexplained phenomenon of nature? I say No. Do we need
balllightningology? bigfootology? ghostology? anyotherology? Or
do we simply need the scientific community supported by society
to get busy applying all the skills and knowledge of their
specialties to thorough study of UFOs?

Physical trace cases, radar trackings, photography, E-M effects,
burns, etc. obviously could be studied systematically by
physicists, biologists, meteorologists, and many other scientific
specialties. Also by engineers, psychologists, and sociologists.
What is lacking is the recognition of UFOs as a reality with
important potential implications and the requisite funding.

Some time ago I laid out a program of how science could study
UFOs in The UFO Evidence: Vol. II. When I get the time I will
excerpt that and post it here on this list.

Dick

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>From: Joyce Aldrich <aldrichjoyce.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:30:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 04:31:51 EDT
>>Subject: Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

>>Pardon me, but I was just sitting here listening to Jim Sparks
>>on the radio doing an interview with good ol' George Noory about
>>his abduction experiences.

>>Sparks' interview didn't cram any messages from beyond down our
>>throats, just the how's and why's of the abductors which is
>>quite enlightening. He at least waited to the end of the
>>interview to state some motivations and such from his captors.

>>I got to thinking after listening to the segment that with all
>>we've gleaned over the years and especially the massive amount
>>of data via the internet, do we really need an official
>>government disclosure?

>
>>It's getting like I need the government to officially tell me
>>the Sun is shining or that I'd need government disclosure to
>>tell me whether water is wet.

>>I dont' think we need the government to disclose what's real to
>>us, just what did government know, hide, not know, hide and why.

>>I think from now on government should ask us citizens what's
>>real and not since that's what our government is supposed to do,
>>not the other way around.

>I agree. Do we really need official government disclosure? After
>all, we all know that cigarettes, hard toothbrushes and shoes
>with no arch support are detrimental to our well-being. In most
>cases, it's not the government that lets us know these things,
>first, but researchers and advocacy groups, who spend an awful
>lot of time, effort and money trying to convince the government
>what's what... or try and find out why the government doesn't
>know what's what or why they're even trying to hide what's what.
>Sound familiar? Do they even really know what's what? I know not
>and, to tell you the truth, I'm beginning to not even care. No,
>let's just say I DON'T CARE. There, now I've said it. All we
>need to do is follow our own agendas.

>I know what I experienced and nothing the government has to say,
>or not say, is going to change that. Where's the cover-up? I
>tell everyone who's interested what I experienced. Other
>abductees have also shared their experiences. What are we...
>liars? So, what's the big deal? Maybe we should be putting our
>attention to raising our spiritual selves and get ready for
>what's about to hit the fan or the earth or whatever. I have my
>"mission" and whether I agreed to do it or have been programmed
>beyond any salvation, into doing it, is an unknown to me. One
>thing I DO know is that I have a sense of purpose, take pleasure
>in the little things in life and am in some kind of holding

>pattern. Time will tell... not the government.

Amen to that Joyce Aldrich!

Like the old folks say down south, "It done been said!"

You sure said it and said it well! That's exactly the kind of spirit and stance I was looking for. I'm with you 110%. Any help you need feel free to drop me a line. If I can help I will.

I've written about a lady who stood her ground way back in the 60's and gave the authorities what for regarding abductions and you sure sound just like her! Well, without the cuss words and frying pan in her hand.

My point is this nonsense has been going on for 60 years. People of all walks of life, ethnicity, social and religious stature and intelligence level have been stating the same things and many if not most were totally conscious during their ordeals, a fact I didn't know til a few years ago via this very List. However these people, tax payers, loyal citizens and good folks have been ridiculed, attacked, imprisoned, and worse because of what they know to be true. Even when top specialists in the field of mental health stated emphatically that these people weren't pathological those pleas and disclosures still went unheeded by govt. and press alike.

My own bias got in the way of my own research way back when and at least I'm man enough to admit it but when I did confront it I broke through many barriers I had never dreamed of were there on not only myself but humanity as a whole. A big raising of consciousness one might say. Even showed me just how evil and invidious the global narcotics trade truly is. If ever there was an evil global presence, you'll find it in the international or should I say interstellar drug trade.

Yeah, I said it.

So again, right on to you Joyce Aldrich and I hope the millions of other abductees stand up, stomp their feet and give a good cussin' out to the authorities once and for all.

Best,

Greg
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Hello James,

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>>Thanks,

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As a sceptic (in the true sense of the word), I think I generally get a fair hearing on this List. I'm not familiar with your work or your media appearances, so I have no prejudice as far as you are concerned (I have a very narrow focus on the UK UFO scene).

I sometimes feel that because an individual (from either side of the fence) has not circulated details of their work with their ufological peers, they are often not recognised as valid researchers. I wonder if that is the case in point regarding yourself, and how you seem to be perceived by ufologists?

If so, perhaps you would care to describe what activities within the broad term ufology you have participated in?

Welcome to the List!

Joe McGonagle

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Right on Ray D and Greg Sandow!

Now, take into consideration those are the patents the U.S. is
keeping a lid on. Who knows what lurks in the patent offices or
invention offices of foreign governments?

It only takes one invention to change the face of humanity or
power on this planet. At least in the U.S. we encourage and pay
people.

What's scary is I've seen to inventors myself all crestfallen in
the past 10 years because their inventions were 'classified' so
to speak.

Methinks the only thing safe around a politician is a crook on
the run.

Best ,

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James McGaha,

Strangely, I didn't misunderstand.

The Archive is now a subscription service with complimentary access to those who actually work to advance the understanding of UFO phenoma. Were I to 'comp' you, it would be a major disservice to those in ufology who have toiled long in an attempt to unravel the puzzle - those whose work you so easily dismiss.

I'll remove your address as of this e-mail.

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Opening The X-files Inside Britain's UFO Project

By Raf Sanchez

To conspiracy theorists, Nick Pope is the right man with the wrong answer. The former head of Britain's UFO Project has had years of unparalleled access and resources to investigate the significance of unexplained visitors to Britain's airspace. Since leaving the MoD in 2006 he has taken up a high profile career as a writer, lecturer and consultant. He seemed to be a man preparing to impart revelation. If anyone should be able to confirm that the government knows of the existence of extraterrestrial life, it should, in theory, be Pope.

Except that he won't. To the rabid frustration of many Ufologists (the recent term coined to describe those who study UFO sightings) Pope continues to deny that the government he served for over 20 years has information confirming the existence of aliens and just isn't sharing it. Clips of interviews on the internet show the clean cut former civil servant interrogated by enthusiasts already sure of the answer they want and left bitter and accusatory when they don't get it.

Despite his consistent response to questions about a cover-up I decide to try my luck, just in case he is having a particularly candid afternoon. His answer is swift and well-rehearsed. "To the best of my knowledge, there's no cover-up and no conspiracy. While the MoD has consistently tried to downplay the subject, they've never lied about it and have no evidence that would prove the existence of extraterrestrials. Where information is being withheld, it generally relates to details that if released would be detrimental to defence or national security." He says that there are vast case files of incidents and sightings that his unit was never able to explain away as weather balloons or airplanes but what there isn't is, as Pope puts it, "a smoking gun", or more bluntly: "something locked away in a hangar somewhere."

I find his answer convincing enough, except for the fact that as a signatory to the Official Secrets Act, it's the only one he can give without opening himself up to the possibility of prosecution by his former employer. How can we believe his denial when it's the only thing he can legally say?

I put this to Pope, who nods resignedly at his dilemma. "I do appreciate I'm in a very difficult situation. We're back to that old cliche that you can't prove a negative. I can understand why I get accused of disinformation and all sorts of things but I don't think that there's anything I could say, even if I could come up with the most eloquent, well reasoned, logical,

substantiated argument. If a die hard conspiracy theorist really wants to believe something, my denial is not going convince them otherwise."

For the record, I believe Pope. He seems too interested in the details of UFO sightings, too energised by the fragmented information they afford =96 details which would surely be swept away by the blanket knowledge that aliens definitely exist. More than that he seems genuinely philosophical about the impact that such knowledge would have on humanity. "I think that it would be, aside from proof of the existence of God and an Afterlife, the next biggest thing that you could ever hope to discover and the world would obviously be a totally different place the day after we knew for sure we weren't alone in the universe."

'The world would obviously be a totally different place the day after we knew for sure that we weren't alone in the universe.'

The interesting thing about Pope is that his career follows an inverse trajectory to most of those in the UFO business. Rather than being someone who was convinced from the outset of the significance of UFOs and went about gathering information, Pope had the information before the belief. Before taking over the UFO Project (his brief had no official title but 'UFO Project' is his preferred term because "it does what it says on the tin") he served in a number of more traditional roles within the MoD. During the first Gulf War he assessed the impact of Allied bombing raids on Iraqi positions and was responsible for briefing senior government and military figures.

Pope claims he arrived at the job with a "broadly skeptical" view as to the wisdom of putting resources into investigating UFOs. His remit could be summed up in a single line: "to evaluate UFO sightings to see whether or not there is evidence of anything of defence significance." It is these last two words that shaped the focus and operating procedures of the unit. "Defence significance is the key phrase that over the years has been interpreted in many ways. Skeptics can take it to say 'well, we're only interested in foreign military aircraft.' Someone a little more open minded can say 'Well no, if UFOs really are extraterrestrial then that would be of defense significance in and of itself.'" It seems difficult to argue that alien craft entering British airspace would not be of interest to defence intelligence, but apparently it was a line taken by some of the more traditional members of the military establishment.

Challenging this view and instilling a sense of the importance of the "belief that UFO sightings should be properly investigated in a scientific way" has been one of Pope's passions both within the MoD and since leaving the government. In November 2006, shortly after leaving the Ministry, Pope made headlines (some wryly amused, others alarmist) with his claim that the UK's air defence was "wide open" to any potential extraterrestrial visitors, friendly or otherwise. The Daily Mirror ran with: "Earth: We're Wide Open To Attack".

So what did Pope see during his time at the UFO Project that not only converted him from a skeptic but has turned him into something of a campaigner for a scientific approach to Ufology? The answer lies in a proportion of 5%. Pope found that of the 200-300 reports of UFO sightings that came across his desk every year, 80% could be explained away as "misidentifications of something ordinary, such as aircraft lights, satellites, airships, weather balloons or planets." In a further 15% the information was too sparse to make any real judgements. Yet, in the remaining 5% there was enough information, usually in the form of radar signatures and visual sightings by trained observers like RAF pilots, yet still no one was able to identify the object. To Pope these incidents were "very interesting and by definition 'unexplained'".

The 'Cosford Incident' helped to solidify Pope's belief that something had to be done to deal with the vulnerability of Britain's air defence to penetration by UFOs. On the night of March 30 and the morning of March 31 1993 over a hundred witnesses, many of them pilots and police officers, reported seeing fast moving lights in the sky. Some gave more detailed descriptions of a large triangular shaped craft, "like two Concorde flying side by side and joined together." Another sighting was then reported by an officer, at an RAF base in

Shawsbury.

"He saw the UFO fire a narrow beam of light (like a laser) at the ground and saw the light sweeping backwards and forwards across the field beyond the perimeter fence, as if it were looking for something. He heard an unpleasant low frequency humming sound coming from the craft and said he could feel as well as hear this - rather like standing in front of a bass speaker. He estimated the size of the craft to be midway between a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and a Boeing 747." No aircraft were scrambled because the object, seen in over a hundred places, could not be detected by radar.

Pope, who has been sitting forward intensely as he talks, suddenly smiles and leans back. "My head of division, who was a huge skeptic of UFOs, briefed the assistant chief of the air staff [on the incident]. There was this wonderful phrase: 'In summary, there would seem to be some evidence that on this occasion an unidentified object (or objects) was operating over the UK.' That's probably about as close as the MOD will ever get to saying there are UFOs."

Although he is quick to point out that his background is defence intelligence and not science, Pope can be coaxed into talking interestingly on scientific developments in man's search for other life in the universe. He is quick to draw a distinction between Ufology, the study of UFOs that enter Earth's atmosphere, and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). "Ufology," he says "is a broad church. There are some complete nutcases and charlatans involved in it and there are also some extremely professional men and women doing some sterling work." Ufology as it currently stands has no established scientific method and can come in any number of forms, from sitting on a hillside with binoculars to the kind of intelligence analysis that Pope was employed in.

SETI is a much broader search than simply looking out for alien craft coming to Earth. It relies mainly on the use of enormous radio telescopes to monitor deep space for signs of intelligent transmissions. And the already advanced technology is moving fast. According to Pope, "the sensitivity and power of the radio telescopes and the associated computing power to analyze and process the data is going through the roof." In 2014 the next generation of radio telescopes will come online, massively expanding humanity's view of the Universe. The technology is so powerful "there are scientists who believe that if there are detectable civilizations within a 100 light years of here, which certainly encompasses several thousand stars, we should be able to detect them through their signals." The thought that in less than a decade human technology could push the shadows of space back so far is both awe-inspiring and terrifying.

'Any civilization that visits us is going to be more technologically advanced, so chances are that they are going to be the ones that set the agenda and call the shots.'

Pope puts his faith in SETI to make the first contact with other intelligent life forms.

"I believe that if contact is made it will come through radio astronomy, through detecting a signal as opposed to a spaceship landing in the desert. Proof of contact is never going to be a photo or a video or something. It has to be something acknowledged by the mainstream scientific community. Which is why I think it's far more likely that proof will come through radio astronomy. SETI will beat Ufology when it comes to proof positive, simply because society will not accept what Ufologists regard as proof."

Interestingly, SETI today is "effectively private". The highly technological operations are carried out by private research organisations and members of the scientific community rather than by governments or militaries. NASA briefly engaged in SETI in the first half of the Clinton administration, before a cost-cutting Republican Congress pulled the plug on the project in 1996. Since then the search has been carried out almost entirely outside of government quarters. The UK's largest radio telescope, Jodrell Bank, is run and maintained by the University of Manchester. This raises the slightly bizarre situation in which the first people to make contact, and possibly speaking on behalf of Earth, may not be one of the world's governments but

instead the employees of a private research company.

This lack of a plan, or even a framework, for dealing with the discovery of aliens is another of Pope's concerns. "What there isn't, as far as I've seen, is any contingency plan, any SOP [standard operating procedure] for a landing, a crash, a contact. I think in a sense that is a mistake. The military and the government tend to have a plan for just about everything. There are some serious issues that would need thought, bio hazards to name just one. If there is open contact one of the questions people will ask is 'is there a bio hazard from us to them, them to us, or indeed both ways, who is going to test for that, how is it going to be tested, what kit is going to be used, where is that kit, how do you get it to the location, what are the command control arrangements, what's the media handling strategy?' All these questions, not any plan. Frankly, we'll just muddle through."

Although, as Pope admits, in the event of a landing by a race that can travel at lightspeeds, it is unlikely that humanity is going to be in the driving seat and the best-laid plans of men often go awry. "Any civilization that visits us is almost certainly going to be more technologically advanced than us, so chances are they are going to be the ones that dictate whether or not it's kept a secret and on what terms contact is made and on what terms the news is propagated. If we are visited it might well be that the visitors set the agenda and call the shots."

Pope may not have seen confirmation that there is other intelligent life in the universe. But what he has seen, and it is likely to be far more than most of us ever will, seems to have convinced him of the need to be prepared that one day there might be. As I think of the epic bureaucratic, administrative and logistic battles a plan for a human response to contact would bring I find myself wondering if somewhere out there someone has a much simpler plan for us.

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Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>Then Project Blue Book head Hector Quintanilla dearly wanted the
>very-public and well-publicized Socorro incident to go away. He
>was a hard-core debunker, but he couldn't explain Socorro. The
>Air Force searched for some secret project at White Sands that
>could explain it, but came away empty-handed. We are still
>empty-handed when it comes to a conventional explanation. Trying
>to explain away Socorro with a hot-air balloon or low-tech
>ducted fan craft is utterly ludicrous.

Hi David, List,

Don't forget the 'Bean' as a possibility. The Zamora sighting
was certainly strange but probably not 'Out of this world'.

David and I have argued this before. I have visited the site
several times, and my opinion is that the craft simply dropped
out of sight over the next rise and didn't fly off into the
distance and out of sight as Lonnie testified.

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/subscribers/2005/oct/m09-003.shtml>

<http://www.weirdload.com/nm-ufo.html#zamora>

Ed

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Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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Subject: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

In light of the CUFOS/Abductee Study discussion on the List, I thought I'd let those of you who are interested in what I found, know about this article.

I conducted a personal research project in 1995 and wrote an article about the project and results titled,

Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens. It can be read at:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/videotap.html>

Here are some of my personal thoughts:

I too have been wondering about the CUFOS study since I was notified of it and was encouraged to participate in it. I declined because I felt the experiment would be somewhat intrusive on my personal life and that I probably would never hear about the results.

There was also a 'Dust Bunny' project. As far as I know, nothing ever came of the analysis of the dust that abductees collected from their homes. If analyses were conducted, I would be interested in reading about them.

I did participate in an 'Alien Symbol' study or collection, but that also was not completed or published.

I participated in a PEER study (the late John E. Mack's organization) and those results were shared.

I also participated in the MUFON Transcription Project by Dan Wright and thankfully those results were published in The 1995 MUFON Symposium Proceedings and following issues of The MUFON Journal.

I hope there will be a way to complete the analysis of the CUFOS Abduction Study. It is unfortunate that it appears to be an issue of money.

From a personal perspective, abductees are going to be less likely to participate in "Abduction Studies" if we only receive feedback on our efforts (which no one pays us for) 50% or less of the time.

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Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 13:51:41 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>- When object started to go straight up, "flame was light blue
>>and at bottom was sort of orange color", and "no smoke". There
>>is a little similarity in color with jet engine, for example:

>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Engine.f15.arp.750pix.jpg>

>>But I don't see orange color there.

>LOX/Alcohol EZ Rocket Engine

><http://science.howstuffworks.com/ez-rocket1.htm>

[http://www.xcor.com/products/engines/4A3 LOX alcohol rocket engine.html](http://www.xcor.com/products/engines/4A3_LOX_alcohol_rocket_engine.html)

<snip>

Yes, but there is more pink than orange. But maybe it is just
how photo shows colors?

But this detail from Zamorra report describes similar feature of
flame:

"It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a
funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3
degrees or so in width--not wide."

Also question - jet engines at that time was the same as on
these pictures?

And still unclear, if this was jet engine how suddenly "there
was no roar"? "It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It
had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and
no smoke or noise."

>Symbol

><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/04/0423.html>

>This sign from the ground-to-air emergency code means I/we
>proceed in this direction according to some sources. It is also
>a main part of the sign, reported to have been seen in 1964 by
>a man from Socorro, New Mexico, as a sort of logotype on an
>elliptical, unidentified flying object, i.e. a UFO.

><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/04/0430.html>

>This sign is used in the ground-to-air emergency code to signify

>that a take-off will be attempted. The meaning is expressed by
>combining one of the signs for the ground, with, the sign for
>direction upward.

><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/02/021.html>

>Sky

Symbol, which describes Zamorra, more looks like airplane, than
arrow. On picture in this page Zamorra's symbol is above all
another symbols:

<http://www.nicap.org/zamora4.htm>

Also, is this combination of "ark", "ground" and arrow, in red
color, used somewhere on aviation?

Sergey

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>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 11:50:34 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 12:27:36 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>>>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>>Date: Wed, 10 Oct 2007 22:27:52 +0100
>>>>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

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>>>>>Isn't that Lonnie Zamorra standing in the background on the
>>>>>right as it lands?

>>>>>Not wanting to reopen an old UFO incident

>>>...then pointlessly reopening it.
>I think the three of us, as well as nearly everyone on the List,
>will agree that we can learn a lot more by re-examining old UFO
>incidents such as this one in light of new facts or insights.

Yes, we can learn more about old incidents if actual new facts
or insights are presented. The problem is, Nick, you presented
neither.

>Since the Soccoro UFO landing of 1964 is a key UFO incident that
>most researchers, myself included, present as very compelling
>evidence that the UFO phenomenon is "real" and also has an ET
>explanation too, for this reason it cannot remain untouchable.
>Ufology, like other sciences, is not democratic where the views
>of the majoring are the ones we should all accept or consider to
>be valid.

Had you presented new evidence of an actual 1964 human craft
that was a very good fit (not just one cherry-picked
characteristic) to the description of Zamora's craft then I
would have been all ears. But you can't say, as you did, that
ducted fan craft were somehow a match, when they are not, and
then claim this is worthy information for a new discussion of
the Zamora case.

Besides, this was hardly "new" in any case. It has previously
been proposed that Zamora saw some secret craft that strayed

from White Sands, such as a prototype lunar lander or simulator (I was reading this stuff over a decade ago), but there has never been one iota of evidence to ever support this. Blue Book investigators also tried to dig up something like this back when it happened in order to debunk the case, but could come up with nothing.

>Ufology gains attention and respect as a subject of intellectual
>inquiry, not to mention solidifying its status as a science, if
>we are able to question and challenge our most cherished or most
>popular beliefs about UFOs. You did no wrong Gerald by your
>innocent but observant comment (or mischievous quip) and I don't
>need wrong either by reopening this case, even if our friend
>David feels it is pointless to do so.

It is pointless to bring it up again if you are just rehashing old, fully discredited theories, whether they be ducted fan craft, lunar landers, or hot air balloons.

>>>>already discussed on
>>>>the List, yes, back in 1964, New Mexico policeman Lonnie Zamorra
>>>>(often pictured wearing glasses) could have seen an early
>>>>prototype of such a powered flying platform that has the same
>>>>flight characteristic as this Boston built 'GoldenEye'.

>>>You mean the "same" flight characteristics like landing and
>>>taking off with a rocket-like roar, followed by completely
>>>silent operation after takeoff,

>>The linked film clip has no soundtrack so we can't tell what the
>>acoustic properties of these aspects of this particular device's
>>flight characteristics were on the day in question.

>You make another very important observation Gerald. All powered
>flying platforms such as the GoldenEye that take-off and land
>vertically are, as far as I am aware of, very noisy. This

And this alone rules out any possible human flying platform as a explanation of the Socorro case because Zamora reported a huge roar with flame on takeoff (confirmed by scorched earth and brush), followed by completely silent operation as the craft then rapidly accelerated and zipped off into the distance. No flying platform can do anything like that.

>includes the loud blasts from gas burners underneath hot air
>balloons that I experienced when I once took a ride in one
>across the Ottawa River that separates two Canadian provinces.
>In response to David's comment, except for the occasional firing
>of the gas burners, flying in a hot air balloon was also a
>completely silent operation after take-off too.

And what's your point here - that Zamora saw a hot air balloon because they can also operate silently? Or was it a ducted fan flying platform? Or was it some mysterious hybrid platform-balloon? I have no idea what you are saying.

>>>then quickly zipping off and disappearing in the distance,
>about 6 miles in under 20 seconds >>(implying supersonic
>speeds)? You mean that 1964 "ducted fan"?

>>What about the 'blue flame' that Zamora reported? I would have
>>thought that was of greater significance as a differentiator.
>On >balance, surely he would have been more likely to be
>mistaken >about the time taken for the craft to disappear into
>the >distance than he would have been to imagine the blue flame?

>David should know better than to make such claims since under
>stressful conditions, witnesses (including police officers) can
>give very different estimates for elapsed time and erroneous
>estimates of distance. In this UFO incident we have only one
>disturbed witness who was seen something out of the realm of
>normal experience, even for a experienced policeman.

Pretty lame dismissal Nick. You sound just like a debunker here.

For one, the craft departed horizontally until it reached the mountains several miles west of Socorro, then went into a climb to clear the mountains. Zamora said it faded from view near Box Canyon, about 6 miles from his position. (According to conversations I've had with Ray Stanford, there was another witness who reported the same thing, but who refused to go on

record.)

The point here is that Zamora had well-known landmarks of known distance to estimate how far away the object was as it disappeared. He wasn't watching the object fade into the clear blue sky with nothing to gauge distance with.

Even if Zamora had no such landmarks, it is possible to estimate from human visual acuity where an object the size of Zamora's craft might fade from view. E.g., suppose Zamora's white, egg-shaped craft had a 10 foot circular cross-section. At 6 miles, it would subtend about 1 minute of arc, still quite resolvable. Throw in some atmospheric haze and sun glare, and yes, it may very well have faded at about that distance.

I did some experiments and found that with a lot of haze and glare in my eyes, about the worst-case fade-out distance would have been about 3 miles. With very good seeing conditions, however, Zamora might have seen the object at a distance of 7 or 8 miles. In calculations below for speed, however, I will use the 3 and 6 mile figures to try to put some bounds on just how fast the object might have been going as it faded from view.

As to time estimates, Ray Stanford estimated the departure time (silent flight) to fadeout at about 10 seconds based on his interviews with Zamora, which seemed a little short to me, but will be used below. I will also use 20, 30, 40, and 60 second values that give slower, more "conventional" speeds. I would think even an excited traffic cop could distinguish between a minute and maybe 20 seconds time. Studies have also shown that witnesses tend to be fairly consistent in their estimates of time, even when they are excited.

To put some numbers on it, here are the average and maximum speeds of the craft assuming that it had constant acceleration under the various estimates of distance and time (the maximum speed would be even greater if the acceleration wasn't constant and the craft put on a burst of speed towards the end):

6 mile fadeout

Time (sec)	Avg Speed (mph)	Max Speed
10	2160	4320
20	1080	2160
30	720	1440
40	540	1080
60	360	720

3 mile fadeout

Time (sec)	Avg Speed (mph)	Max Speed
10	1080	2160
20	540	1080
30	360	720
40	270	540
60	180	360

So even in a worst-case, very conservative scenario where the excited traffic cop in bad seeing conditions got the distance wrong by a factor of 2 (3 mile fadeout) and the time wrong by a factor of 6 (or 60 seconds to fadeout), the object was still traveling when it disappeared, at the very least, 360 miles an hour. This alone rules out all sorts of conventional human craft, such as balloons, ducted fan flying platforms, helicopters, etc. Only very, very noisy propeller-, jet-, or rocket-propelled craft can go at these speeds.

In less conservative scenarios, the speed would be much greater, limiting conventional propulsion to jet or rocket. I think Zamora's distance estimate was close to the mark, based on use of landmarks and in agreement with human acuity measures. Maybe the estimated departure time was off by a factor of 2 or 3, but I seriously doubt 6 times. Under these assumptions, the maximum speed would have been well in excess of 1000 mph.

Nick, you can use scientific arguments like this to place likely bounds on speed and thus rule out all sorts of things. I have done this previously on Updates, which is again why I say it is pointless to bring up such thoroughly inadequate hypotheses like ducted fan craft to try to explain the Socorro event.

>I know of

>one RCMP officer who had a similar encounter with a landed UFO

>and its occupants when he approached it alone in his police car.
>This UFO encounter tramitized him so much that he was forced to
>quit his job and even now, decades later, he refuses to make
>this UFO incident (Canada's "Socorro"?) public.

Where is your evidence that even very heavily traumatized witnesses can't accurately report details? Again you are arguing like a debunker here using vague, hand-waving argument by assertion.

>>On reflection (although, in my case, it might be a 'lens >>flare'), the oddest thing in Nick's response was that seemingly >>gratuitous comment

>>>(often pictured wearing glasses)

>>Is there an implication here that all witness statements from >>people who wear, or often wear, glasses are flawed? As a >>permanently bespectacled trained observer I would resent the >>perverse suggestion that my evidence might be discredited in >>some quarters merely because I have had my myopia tested and >>corrected.

>As David, who is better qualified to comment on this subject, >will I think agree that having less than 20/20 uncorrected >vision will not only disqualify you from certain jobs but may >also disqualify your expert testimony in a court of law too.

Which is exactly why knowing that Zamora was a traffic cop tells us a great deal about what his eyesight would have been with his glasses on and the worst it would have been with them off. There are standards for vision that apply to policemen in the field, both for corrected and uncorrected vision.

>Since even people with 20/20 vision do not have such very good >eyesight through their entire lives, it just gives skeptics one >reason to doubt and dismiss something they could not otherwise >explain.

As I have tried to explain over and over again, Zamora's very _temporary_ loss of his spectacles had no significant effect on his report of various important details. And his hugely important observation that the craft went to totally silent operation had nothing to do with his eyesight.

I don't follow the comment about how people's eyesight might deteriorate with old age. What does this have to do with the Socorro case? Zamora's eyesight wouldn't suddenly age decades because he was traumatized. I don't think even the skeptics would be dumb enough to argue that. (Then again, maybe they would.)

>As a fellow permanently despectacled trained observer, I too >would be annoyed if my eyewitness testimony (or, if we are >honest, interpretation) was discounted or dismissed because I >wore glasses - or that I may not have been wearing them at the >time.

Well that isn't true either. Witness eyesight is obviously relevant to what details a particular witness could or could not have seen, with or without spectacles. What Zamora reported, however, was well within his vision capabilities with his glasses on or off.

David Rudiak

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Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:01:25 +1000
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:35:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 20:15:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 07:35:42 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 6 Oct 2007 04:08:04 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>><snip>

>>Hi John

>>I'm sending this to this List as it came to me off-list. I
>>thought you might be interested to read what this person has
>>to say regarding Leir.

>>VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR

>>From: sbc1888.nul
>>Subject: VALEZ ATTACK ON LEIR
>>Date: 8 October 2007 1:18:38 AM
>>To: auforn06.nul

>>In reply to John Velez's unbalanced evaluation of Dr. Leir's
>>work - he missed some vital points and I do not agree with his
>>statements. Although it has been a while since I read Leir's
>>first book (which I don't currently have on me) I do remember
>>there were several key findings.

>><snip>

>>Wake up Velez YOU ARE A GOOSE

>>It's foolish comments like yours that scare scientists and other
>>professionals from even approaching the subject. (Yes, we must
>>question credibility and research methods - but you haven't
>>looked at both sides of the coin!)

>>S. Blanch

>Well, well, now I think the reason more academic and medical
>professionals don't want to get involved with ufology is the
>chance they take by having to suffer through being called names
>by people who claim they want to be taken seriously.

>Gosh, Velez was not even afforded an intelligent rebuttal; just
>called a name from someone - I assume is a ufologist - signing
>off as "S. Blanch". It gives one pause to decide who is the
>"goose" in this situation.

Hi Kathy, John, List,

I agree, S Blanch is obviously swayed by Leirs first book which hit the market after his remarkable claims of alien implant removals. I do recall a TV doco about Leir speaking of what had been found as normal anomalies often found in humans which can get covered with a coating supplied by the body as a means of stopping infection, if the object couldn't be ejected naturally.

I've had experience with something similar when my wife had an inch long sewing needle removed from her knee seven years after kneeling on it. This broken needle was offered to us as a souvenir after the surgery and it looked nothing recognizable as a broken sewing needle, it looked more like a "matchstick". Very similar to pics I've seen of Leirs objects. I'm sorry but Leir just doesn't cut it for me either, so John shall we migrate north or south for the winter?

William

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Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:02:38 -0400
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:36:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Do We Really Need Official Government

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 11:55:30 -0700
>Subject: Re: Do We Really Need Official Government Disclosure?

<snip>

>As I mentioned earlier, ET derived technology out of the hands of
>the psychopaths we breed and nurture it's a good thing such
>technology is out of public grasp.

As I've tried to explain before, UFO-level technology is already
in the hands of psychopaths and being used routinely on at least
a couple of thousand unlucky citizens.

So, I say lets have the full truth now.

Eleanor White

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:17:22 -0400
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:37:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:04:43 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

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Some clues:

- The mandatory reference to "little green men" in all mainstream articles about UFOs (virtually all.)
- The substantial avoidance of physical trace cases in media presentations on the subject
- The consistent use of "skeptics" in media presentations who have not researched UFOs and whose backgrounds don't qualify them to offer an informed opinion
- The mandatory use of "limbo lighting", weird music and other ridicule gimmicks when UFO experiencers or researchers appear in documentaries, while the skeptic is usually presented in a credible setting.
- The mandatory denial of the UFO researchers in documentaries the chance to rebut the skeptics' claims on camera
- The mandatory last word in documentaries and other media presentations being given to the skeptic

It amazes me that some senior ufologists seem to discount this very well coordinated campaign of discreditation by both government and the media. Those things above are not coincidence, folks.

Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

[Note: Forgive typos, my monitor is dying and I'm looking for an affordable replacement. Can just barely read the screen.]

Eleanor White

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SDI #449 Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 16:51:23 -0500
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 19:04:19 -0400
Subject: SDI #449 Twenty Questions

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20 Questions obliquely addressed with imagination, cleverness, intelligence, and open-mindedness by Dave Furlotte, Stewart Miller, Frank Feschino, and Alfred Lehmborg, as mined, primed, and pumped by Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Whither Bob Shell? Scurrilous leech and creepy lothario who got what he deserved? Foolish romantic in the wrong place at the wrong time? Victim of a local government angered by his calling them to account and involved in that conjectured conspiracy to settle dark and arbitrary accounts vis a vis John Ford? Whither Bob Shell? Is his dismissal so meted fair, measured, and just? Is a change of venue in order?

2. Why are the best of us, the most forthright of us, the most stalwart us, the bravest of us... why are persons such as this so reluctant to credit the evil mendaciousness of local government using the arbitrary interpretive power of an unbalanced court to punish someone who has bested them in a financial sense - not out of simple spite, no, but as an example to anyone who would dare a similar effrontery?

3. How sanguine is one Billy Cox?

4. Tin Foil Hats have legs?

5. UFOs = less conformity and more deviancy?

6. If he is not Stuart Miller, should a man with daughters be allowed to comment on an alleged lothario?

7. Has Stanton Friedman ever been anything less than 100% consistent with regard to his position on MJ12?

8. What does Errol Bruce-Knapp owe one Wild Bill Cooper?

9. Is ufological BS forever?

10. What is really on Linda Moulton Howe's mind, and why is she the subject of such dismissal and abject mockery from some male colleagues? Did Jacques Vallee once report that LMH was a target for disinformation and other ufological distractions from officialdom?

11. Modern ufology is equivalent to professional wrestling? Dick Hall is actually Hulk Hogan? Is SERPO a planned distraction from a ufological reality to discredit same?

12. Is UFO UpDates centric or centrist in position? What is the "Romance of Ufology"? Is "belief" scorned on the UFO UpDates List?

13. Can UFOs in Mexico be relegated to party balloons?

14. How did Errol Bruce-Knapp know he was looking the ISS? Is an obvious ISS not moving, for Stuart, the ISS, actually, at all?

15. With regard to Feschino, can a substantive research activity

ever have too long an attention span?

16. Why is Stanton Friedman so interested in Frank Feschino's Shoot Them Down!?

17. Did known military aircraft with highly experienced pilots crash or vanish in the known vicinity of known UFOs?

18. Did there appear to be a deliberate subterfuge in the official record as regards the loss of men and machines in the secret service of the United States?

19. Did different, suspicious, and unlikely crashes result in the death of many civilian men, women, and _children_ on the ground as collateral damage?

20. Did one such crash launch a full-sized and all-steel mid-century automobile three city blocks?

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Re: Skeptic

From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 18:54:41 -0300
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:09:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

From: ufo-updates-bounces.nul
To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
Date: Sunday, October 14, 2007 4:21 PM
Subject: UFO UpDate: Re: Skeptic

>From: James McGaha <mcgaha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Re: Skeptic
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 11:57:53 -0700

>Errol Bruce-Knapp,

>Sorry, I guess you misunderstood what I was asking.
>I just want read the posting once a day from your site.
>I did not want to get the individual e-mails. I think need a password
>use it.

>Thanks,

>James McGaha, MS, FRAS
>Director, Grasslands Observatory, 651

James McGaha,

>Strangely, I didn't misunderstand.

>The Archive is now a subscription service with complimentary
>access to those who actually work to advance the understanding
>of UFO phenoma. Were I to 'comp' you, it would be a major dis-
>service to those in ufology who have toiled long in an attempt
>to unravel the puzzle - those whose work you so easily dismiss.

>I'll remove your address as of this e-mail.

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>Errol Bruce-Knapp
>Moderator - UFO UpDates - Toronto

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Houlton, ME
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USA

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Re: Skeptic

investigation. Others may disagree. Grasslands is his own home
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Stan Friedman

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:02:48 -0500
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:11:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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We "senior ufologists" discount conspiratorial allegations of
the sort you mention because they're manifestly unnecessary, for
one thing, and there's no evidence supporting them, for another.

It would be comforting to believe, of course, that the idiocy
underlying media ridicule and rejection is only surface
appearance, and that our elites really do know better. Your
imaginative explanation is pleasantly nice, neat - and, not
incidentally, rational, offering reassurance that the elites
holding our lives and fortunes in their hands are actually more
intelligent and logical than massive contrary evidence - Iraq
war, anyone? Imminent Iran war, anybody? - show us.

Unfortunately, our elites are largely smug and stupid, I'm
afraid, and in the grip of narcissistic confidence in their
ability to define all of reality. In real, prosaic truth,

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they're too dim-witted to conspire themselves out of a paper bag. They're just too dumb to be insincere.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 23:35:41 +0100
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:14:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 16:19:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 15:32:46 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:24:26 +0200
>>>Subject: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>Splendid UFO video from Avebury Engeland. 9.54 minutes.

>>>The area is shown by daylight in last portion of video.

>>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCA8E

><snip>

>>The general pattern is bright lights low over the horizon
>>drifting, very slowly, generally down and to the left,
>>disappearing below the horizon as others appear at the back of
>>the "queue", top right. (Obviously the "spinning top" shapes
>>are just the usual video artefact; you can see the actual sharp
>>appearance of the lights during the early frames when the
>>horizon is in focus and the foreground foliage is out of focus;
>>then at about 18 secs the foliage is brought into focus and the
>>little lights turn into saucers).

>I fully agree with you Martin in your analysis and with your
>conclusion that these "saucers" are just video camera artefacts
>of distant out-of-focus point light sources.

>>My first thought was that these are the landing lights of
>>distant planes queueing for approach at a large airport. But the
>>voices mention that the lights are in the direction of Devises,
>>which would be SW of Avebury. There are no sizeable airports
>>accepting scheduled passenger jets in that direction.

>>Helicopter or other air activity associated with a military
>>field like RNAS Yeovilton might be a possible, but that's about
>>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during
>>a military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

>Your first thought that these UFOs are landing lights of distant
>planes is the correct one but you dismiss it with the false
>statement that there are no sizeable airports in that
>direction.

Whilst accepting that you are an acknowledged expert in the area
of dismissing with false statements, what I actually did here
was re-prioritise a theory from #1 to #2 on the strength of the
correct statement that there are no major passenger airports
tens of miles SW of Avebury. Your contention that Heathrow, or

even Bristol, is located SW of Avebury is not only false but risible.

>There are many, including Bristol International Airport a few >miles to the west and Heathrow International Airports - one of >the busiest passenger airports in the world - to the east.

London Heathrow is far to the E of Avebury, Wiltshire. Why landing planes would be queueing over the countryside of S Somerset far to the SW of Avebury beats me, but doesn't faze you apparently - why not toss in Gatwick, Stanstead, Birmingham and Glasgow as well?

Bristol is at least W of Avebury. However a line of sight through Devises as reported would be about 35 degs away from Bristol. Now it is true that this is only about 25 miles at the same range, and queueing planes at a busy major airport might stack up seconds apart at this distance from the runway, but even if this describes Bristol the direction of motion of the lights descending below the horizon from right to left is to the South. They are heading away from Bristol which is in the opposite direction. So this is one factor in my decision to re-prioritise the landing lights theory down to #2.

Of course there is Bournemouth, on the coast 50 miles due S of Avebury; but in that case the planes would be in a queue about 35 miles NW of the airport. And Bournemouth is not the sort of major hub that has arrivals stacked up seconds apart like Heathrow. Or what about Exeter so-called "International Airport"? That's in the right direction, but about 90 miles away, and handles almost entirely internal UK flights, mostly small FlyBe's to the N of England.

>Living below one of the flight paths to nearby Toronto's Pearson >International Airport, what was depicted in this "UFO" video is >a common sight for me.

Do you think the resemblance to queueing planes could be why I mentioned this as a possible theory?

I'm not saying it's impossible, just less likely than it seems at first sight, especially given the similarity also to a military flare drop and the fact that the direction reported happens to be that of the Salisbury Plain army training area.

>>It's interesting to compare the lights with the "Phoenix >>Lights"
>>videos so thoroughly studied by Bruce Maccabee at

>><http://brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html>

>I am very disappointed since I expected to read something >better thought out and more rational from you.

Nick, frankly I doubt that you would recognise "rational" if it came up and bit you so I am not disheartened.

>Here you go from pure >speculation to the ridiculous - unless you are suggesting that >the "UFOs" in the Phoenix Lights videos are landing lights of >distant aircraft too.

Excuse me? You've just upbraided me for not keeping landing lights at the top of my list, and for favouring flares instead; and here you speak derisively of what you now seem to think is my attempt to explain the Avebury lights and the Phoenix lights as landing lights!

Bruce Macabee's exemplary analysis has nothing whatsoever to do with landing lights. It is an analysis of the flare theory. It rather conclusively confirms the flare theory, which is why I adduced it. As usual you are illogical, ill-informed and prone to wild assumptions. And you accuse me of a flight of fancy even more ridiculous than pure speculation when I suggest a similarity between this video and the Phoenix lights?

>At least then you would have a solid basis >in fact for this conclusion from testimony of Dr. Lynne Kitei's >neighbours who are also witnesses to the growing commercial >aviation activity (or UFO activity as Dr. Kitei would have us >believe in her best selling book) in the sky over Phoenix.

>But since I am not one to attack and destroy the beliefs of
>others,

But you are. Nick, this is fantastic nonsense. You just argued that the "splendid UFO video" offered by Bert is only aircraft landing lights. Do try to gain some self-knowledge before your next post, because the disconnect between who you think you are and the person revealed in your increasingly irrational screeds is becoming embarrassing.

>I will go along and agree that this UFO video from
>Avebury is indeed a splendid one! Out of curiosity, were any
>new crop circles discovered in the general direction of that
>distant tree on the following day as one of the eyewitnesses
>heard on the video is seemingly very confident would be?

A conscientious respondant would wish to address this but it is such incoherent twaddle on so many levels that no sensible mind could possibly conceive a response to it.

Martin Shough

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From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:59:06 -0500
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:16:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 16:02:58 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 13:58:40 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

>>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 13:51:41 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

><snip>

>>>- When object started to go straight up, "flame was light blue
>>>and at bottom was sort of orange color", and "no smoke". There
>>>is a little similarity in color with jet engine, for example:

>>><http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image:Engine.f15.arp.750pix.jpg>

>>>But I don't see orange color there.

>>LOX/Alcohol EZ Rocket Engine

>><http://science.howstuffworks.com/ez-rocket1.htm>

>http://www.xcor.com/products/engines/4A3_LOX_alcohol_rocket_engine.html

><snip>

>Yes, but there is more pink than orange. But maybe it is just
>how photo shows colors?

>But this detail from Zamorra report describes similar feature of
>flame:

>"It was a narrow type of flame. It was like a "stream down"--a
>funnel type--narrower at top than at bottom. Flame possibly 3
>degrees or so in width--not wide."

>Also question - jet engines at that time was the same as on
>these pictures?

>And still unclear, if this was jet engine how suddenly "there
>was no roar"? "It disappeared as it went over the mountain. It
>had no flame whatsoever as it was traveling over the ground, and
>no smoke or noise."

>>Symbol

>><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/04/0423.html>

>>>This sign from the ground-to-air emergency code means I/we
>>>proceed in this direction according to some sources. It is also
>>>a main part of the sign, reported to have been seen in 1964 by
>>>a man from Socorro, New Mexico, as a sort of logotype on an

>>elliptical, unidentified flying object, i.e. a UFO.

>><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/04/0430.html>

>>This sign is used in the ground-to-air emergency code to signify
>>that a take-off will be attempted. The meaning is expressed by
>>combining one of the signs for the ground, with, the sign for
>>direction upward.

>><http://www.symbols.com/encyclopedia/02/021.html>

>>Sky

>Symbol, which describes Zamorra, more looks like airplane, than
>arrow. On picture in this page Zamorra's symbol is above all
>another symbols:

><http://www.nicap.org/zamora4.htm>

>Also, is this combination of "ark", "ground" and arrow, in red
>color, used somewhere on aviation?

Sergey,

If we try and interpret the meaning about the symbols
construction but using the symbols above, by human standards,
when the symbols are joined together we should get a new symbol
that looks like this. The octagon is a frame of reference.. no
part to Zamora's actual sighting ?.

<http://home.comcast.net/~johnscheldroup/082207/jpeg/zamora/symbol.htm>

John

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 00:00:44 +0100
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:17:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 10:52:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>Are you saying you see 'then' as the norm? Obviously we are
>talking about modern science here, not ancient thinking and
>endeavors. As a philosophy graduate, I am aware that modern
>science evolved out of the old thinking, of course. You seem
>to be quaintly defining science in ancient, outmoded terms.

>In regard to your final comment, scientific -method- is a thing
>that you do and that anyone can do, but who you do it for can be
>vitally important. Among other things, that determines how
>professional or amateurish your efforts are.

Hi Dick,

What goes around comes around - science is science, regardless of
motives and regardless of the passage of time.

As for 'professionalism' - I think you know as well as me that
modern professions are mostly composed of rote-learners - with
little desire to make enemies by making a real discovery. The
more prestigious the post, the greater the need to keep things
as they are.

Many in the past, and most recently Lee Smolin - in 'The Trouble
with Physics' - agree with that conclusion.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 19:48:49 EDT
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:19:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 14:51:38 -0500
>Subject: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>In light of the CUFOS/Abductee Study discussion on the List, I
>thought I'd let those of you who are interested in what I found,
>know about this article.

>I conducted a personal research project in 1995 and wrote an
>article about the project and results titled,

>Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens. It can be read at:

><http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/videotap.html>

>Here are some of my personal thoughts:

>I too have been wondering about the CUFOS study since I was
>notified of it and was encouraged to participate in it. I
>declined because I felt the experiment would be somewhat
>intrusive on my personal life and that I probably would never
>hear about the results.

Katharina, I agree with your decision to decline from the study.

As far as my opinion goes, I do not recommend any abductee
participate in any so-called 'study'. The current mentality
among researchers, even those following the strictest scientific
guidelines and who are genuinely open to the possibility of the
abduction phenomena, is that of blind ignorance and naivety.

As I see it there are two main problems with the varieties of
studies thus far enacted. The first problem would be the forcing
of abductees to prove their claims and the equal-but-opposite
over reliance on abductee descriptions/explanations/motivations
behind the phenomena.

The second problem I perceive could be adequately referred to as
'The Duh Factor'. When studies fail due to this problem it is
almost always due to one simple assumption...the assumed non-
intelligence or even apathy on the part of the visitors.
Researchers need to be open-minded yet not bias. This implies
they must prepare themselves for the possibility that the
abduction phenomena is real, as well as the associated
implications. If we are dealing with an unknown intelligence it
is conceivable that such intelligence would take steps to
prevent the acquisition of knowledge about their presence and/or
the possibility that such visitors may deliberately interfere in
any investigation.

Because of 'The Duh Factor', many researchers are stuck in this
paradigm of how to carry out a scientific study that by it's
very nature is prone to sabotage by either abductee or visitor.

>There was also a 'Dust Bunny' project. As far as I know, nothing
>ever came of the analysis of the dust that abductees collected
>from their homes. If analyses were conducted, I would be
>interested in reading about them.

I believe this would fall into the first problem, mainly the forcing of abductees to prove the validity of their claims.

Abductees should not be depended upon to produce the proof necessary for confirmation. An abductee is an abductee and is a participant in a study and not a member of the unbiased researchers behind the study.

It's wonderful if a researcher put two-and-two together and realized that abductees seem to have some strange 'dust' in common with one another. However, I would say that it is most likely that abductees themselves have made such claims which resulted in a study, instead of any initial perplexing test/analysis results which should have been the true motivation behind such a study.

>I did participate in an 'Alien Symbol' study or collection, but >that also was not completed or published.\

I heard about that one and I believe it was doomed from the start.

Without any proven sample of alien writing, any comparison between the drawings and claims of abductees can only suggest similarities between such claims and not any indication that an alien origin is valid. Hope I didn't shock you on that one, per our previous exchange.

>I participated in a PEER study (the late John E. Mack's >organization) and those results were shared.

>I also participated in the MUFON Transcription Project by Dan >Wright and thankfully those results were published in The 1995 >MUFON Symposium Proceedings and following issues of The MUFON >Journal.

>I hope there will be a way to complete the analysis of the CUFOS >Abduction Study. It is unfortunate that it appears to be an >issue of money.

>From a personal perspective, abductees are going to be less >likely to participate in "Abduction Studies" if we only receive >feedback on our efforts (which no one pays us for) 50% or less >of the time.

>K. Wilson
><http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

I would say that it would be best if Abductees are not 'in the loop' with regards to studies. Of course they may have access to any published data.

I know this may sound harsh, but when it comes to studies, individual abductees are not the center of the study. The center of the study is the proving/disproving of the validity of the phenomena.

My advice to those considering initiating studies on this or similar phenomena would be never to underestimate 'thinking outside the box'.

Blindly following the 'standard procedure' is likely to produce no interesting results. One can most definitely use their creativity and imagination to further the acquisition of data. If researchers prepare themselves for the possibility of the validity of the phenomena as well as the knowledge that the visitors are intelligent and thus capable of interfering, let alone 'sweeping their foot-tracks', then I believe it would be quite possible to produce results which would prove to be a scientific-foundation for the further and mainstream research of the Ufological/Abduction field.

-Jason Gammon

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From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:20:27 +0100
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:23:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:17:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:04:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

><snip>

>>>It's really rather simple. How many legitimate sciences are
>>>conducted 95% or better by part-time, weekend hobbyists and
>>>enthusiasts who simply appoint themselves as 'experts', as
>>>opposed to people professionally trained and educated?

>>>There is not a single real physical or social science out there
>>>which has no budget, and no cadre of professionals to carry out
>>>the research and provide peer review.

>>Absolutely spot on, Dick. Furthermore, it is really quite
>>delusional to try to pretend otherwise.

>>All of which raises the question as to why this state of affairs
>>pertains. Obviously, any halfway sensible answer will call on a
>>wide range of contributory factors, ranging from sociological,
>>through institutional to scientific. The issue is a complex one,
>>and will not be resolved by approaches that fail to acknowledge
>>this fact.

>I suggest the number one factor is that since Roswell or
>thereabouts, there has been a very slick but powerful campaign
>to make ufology look like a synonym for mental illness.

>Some clues:

>- The mandatory reference to "little green men" in all
>mainstream articles about UFOs (virtually all.)

>- The substantial avoidance of physical trace cases in
>media presentations on the subject

>- The consistent use of "skeptics" in media presentations
>who have not researched UFOs and whose backgrounds
>don't qualify them to offer an informed opinion

>- The mandatory use of "limbo lighting", weird music and
>other ridicule gimmicks when UFO experiencers or
>researchers appear in documentaries, while the skeptic
>is usually presented in a credible setting.

>- The mandatory denial of the UFO researchers in
>documentaries the chance to rebut the skeptics' claims
>on camera

>- The mandatory last word in documentaries and other
>media presentations being given to the skeptic

>It amazes me that some seniour ufologists seem to discount
>this very well coordinated campaign of discreditation by both
>government and the media. Those things above are not
>coincidence, folks.

Sorry Eleanor, but this kind of argument only starts to get any traction in the minds of the most uncritically USA-centric of thinkers.

Why should the whole of the rest of the world bend both its media and academic structures out of shape in order to go along with an American desire to retain a secret monopoly on alien technology retrieved at Roswell? Why doesn't Castro's Cuba embarrass the NSA by offering university degrees in Ufology in the same way that it embarrasses the USA by offering high quality cut-price medical degrees to impoverished American students? - The list of awkward questions like this is as genuinely endless as America is friendless.

In short, the argument is far more narrow-minded than any supposed suppression of scientific truth on the part of the secrecy conspirators upon whose far-reaching actions it depends. They can bribe/influence Fox, ABC etc., but China? Iran? India? Russia? Venezuela? France? For sixty years? Are they all queuing up to do the bidding of the Secrecy Group and make sure that their limbo lighting meets standards of spooky luminescence set by the Pentagon?

How long before somebody is trying to persuade us that the (most recent) invasion of Iraq was really precipitated by Saddam Hussein's intention to make an impartial documentary about Roswell, or to offer doctorates in the Ufological Sciences at Baghdad Technical Institute?

-- Gerald O'Connell

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'Trained Observers'?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:29:59 +0100
Archived: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 22:31:20 -0400
Subject: 'Trained Observers'?

>Source: The San Francisco Sentinel - California, USA

><http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/?p=5919>

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>By Raf Sanchez

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as observers, that RAF pilots receive? (I am particularly
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Can anybody further enlighten me as to why, in a results
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From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:04:26 -0400
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:05:03 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Geez, Gerald, lighten up! What is your real problem with RAF
pilots?

Let's see, they are taught to estimate angular position, speed,
and displacement, aircraft identification, navigation, weather,
etc.

"Trained observer", is sufficiently vague to be somewhat

Re: "Trained Observers"?

suspect. I don't take to mean that they are somehow infallible, but they can describe the location of an object in the sky, comment on angular size and displacement.

That does lend a particular "an enhanced status" to the report.

I was for 16 years a meteorological observer, and as such I figure I was a trained observer as being able to also describe positions and size and displacement and possibly use meteorological cues such as cloud types to determine approximately height

I was interested to read one UFO report in the 4602d files. It concerned a woman leaving her home with her children when she observed a strange object. Her report noted that the object appeared receded away from her at the same angular position... in other words it grew small along her original line of sight without any angular displacement in the vault.

Some 4602d official had scribbled something about just a woman observer. Apparently the comment at the end of the message form about her being employed as physicist at the Naval Underwater Sound Laboratory had escaped the AF intel official.

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Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:13:13 -0400
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:08:01 -0400
Subject: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

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Paradigm Research Group

Open Letter to Albert Gore, Jr. - Redux

This letter resides at:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letters_Gore.htm

October 15, 2007

Dear Mr. Gore:

On January 29 of this year PRG published an open letter to you in anticipation of your winning the Best Documentary Oscar for An Inconvenient Truth at the 79th Annual Academy Awards. That letter made two essential points: 1) your political career and areas of specialty as a senator and vice president were such you are aware of and/or have been briefed on some or all of the facts surrounding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race for at least the past sixty years, and 2) propulsion and energy technologies associated with extraterrestrial vehicles obtained by the United States military and under development for decades must be brought out from behind the government imposed truth embargo and placed in the service of addressing the dire warnings you have raised concerning the near- and long-term effects of global warming.

Nine months has passed. You did not respond to this open letter, and none of the presidential candidates who wish to lead the most powerful nation in the world have dared in forum after forum to the address the extraterrestrial/truth embargo issues. Nevertheless, you have had quite a year culminating with your being awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. In between you picked up an Emmy.

In your post-Nobel Prize announcement remarks you repeatedly referred to the "consciousness raising" aspect of the global warming challenge. Your point is valid, but it is worth noting the motivation behind this potential increase in global consciousness would be fear-based in much the same way the threat of international terrorism alters human behavior. The environmental movement began in similar fashion, arising out of the dire and also controversial warnings from Rachel Carson in her landmark book, Silent Spring. But even Carson would have been impressed with the behavioral changes your message calls for.

The multiplicity of solutions to the global warming crisis you offer will require an unprecedented modification in collective worldview never before seen in human affairs within any time frame, let alone the one or two decades suggested. In short, you need all the help you can get - help that includes powerful, non-fear-based components.

With all due respect for global warming's potency as a change agent, that and nothing else comes close to the formal disclosure of the presence of non-human, intelligent beings for

getting the human race's attention. It will and properly should be the most profound event in human history. If you wish for the human race to see itself as a singular species shepherd to its one and only home planet, helping to end the truth embargo will significantly improve that prospect.

But, as stated above, there is a significant bonus to this strategy. Behind the truth embargo is sequestered extraterrestrial technology which, if brought into the public arena, could completely alter the tipping point equations presently scaring many out of their wits. In fact, there is no issue impacting the human condition that this technology could not materially affect for the better.

Jimmy Carter knows this, Bill Clinton knows this, George H. W. Bush know this -- they will not publicly speak to it. Will you speak for them?

Respectfully,

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Re: Skeptic

From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 08:53:40 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:10:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

Good Morning Stan, All

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 18:54:41 -0300
>Subject: Re: Skeptic

<snip>

>Those who might be interested in observing James McGaha, a
>retired air force major and pilot, in Action, can observe him in
>a formal debate between us at Middle Tennessee State University,
>Murfreesboro, TN on January 28, 2004, in the 2 hour video Are
>Flying Saucers Real? It is available for \$15. (including
>shipping) from:

Is this available in DVD format?

>UFOR I,
>POB 958,
>Houlton, ME
>04730-0958
>USA

>I heard many proclamations but very little indication of
>investigation. Others may disagree. Grasslands is his own home
>observatory

>Stan Friedman

I'm sure plenty of us have seen it before where "authoritative"
persons declare such things as fake/fraud/what ever but
without offering a single piece of evidence to back up their
claims.

It would seem to me that these people are merely stating their
own belief's with what they believe is enough force/emphasis for
us to believe them as well without any kind of evidence.

I suppose that they either:

a) think that they are right,

or

b) that they think that they can get away with it as there is so
little hard evidence in the UFO field that their lack of it
doesn't register on the radar.

Regards

Sean Jones

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From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 10:49:06 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:12:57 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
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Got it in one, Gerald. Compare with 'trained observers' in the
police, etc.

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 11:21:15 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:14:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 00:50:24 +0200
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 15:32:46 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:24:26 +0200
>>>Subject: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>Splendid UFO video from Avebury Engeland. 9.54 minutes.

>>>The area is shown by daylight in last portion of video.

>>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCA8E

><snip>

>>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during
>>a military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

>Hello Martin, List,

>As I wrote in a previous post, I am familiar with the area of
>Avebury due to our crop circle research there.

>I have seen similar lights in 1994 during a night when we
>started with larger meditation experiments on ancient sacred
>sites around Avebury. It was not far away, on Knap Hill,
>looking
>south.

>In the distance, on the Salisbury Plains, the English Army has
>their large training grounds and performed a nightly training.
>We heard the noise in the far distance. Suddenly bright orange
>lights appeared in the sky, one after another. At the end, there
>were 9 lights in the sky in a fine row, some disappeared, some
>appeared. They all floated through the air, it was a marvellous
>sighting. These all were military flares.

Thanks Joachim

These particular lights don't look orange, but there are
different types of flare. They appear to flicker erratically in
intensity. I suppose that could be due to atmospheric turbulence
near the horizon if they were very distant landing lights, but
it does tend to suggest flares doesn't it.

Martin Shough

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From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 12:28:14 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:52:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
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Touche <g>

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From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 13:32:47 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:49:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

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I agree, but again, this applies to "skeptics" and "believers"
alike.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

Re: Skeptic

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 13:48:36 +0100
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:50:53 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:04:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:29:59 +0100
>>Subject: 'Trained Observers'?

>>>Source: The San Francisco Sentinel - California, USA

>>><http://www.sanfranciscosentinel.com/?p=5919>

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Re: "Trained Observers"?

Exactly. In the course of UFO investigations, nobody at the MoD ever said there was any such thing as an infallible observer. But some people do make better witnesses than others, because of a combination of their training and experience. Jan has pointed out some of the specifics. If Gerald (or anybody else) is interested in the details of RAF pilot training, I suggest asking the MoD:

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:52:21 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
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>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:04:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

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>>Can anybody further enlighten me as to why, in a results
>>oriented military culture, none of these RAF pilots ever seem to
>>pass their exams in observation and become 'qualified
>>observers'?

>>Can anybody even further enlighten me as to which other
>>organisations avail themselves of this RAF training (is it
>>commercially available as a means of offsetting the costs of
>>British air defence?) such that it makes sense to speak of
>>'trained_observers_like_RAF_pilots'?

>>Or could it just be that this is a glib, rhetorical turn of
>>phrase, coined in order to lend a particular class of witnesses
>>an enhanced status, and then mindlessly repeated until it
>>becomes embedded in our discourse as a meaningless sign?

>Geez, Gerald, lighten up! What is your real problem with RAF
>pilots?

I have no problem at all with RAF pilots - I admire their skill,
courage and great professional dedication. My problem is with

the phrase 'trained observer'.

>Let's see, they are taught to estimate angular position, speed,
>and displacement, aircraft identification, navigation, weather,
>etc.

So what you are saying is they are trained to be able to report accurately on where something was in the sky, what the weather was at the time, and what type of vehicle, if any, it might have been (which of course begs the all important question as to the status and value of a report when it might be of a vehicle or object that they have not been trained to observe!).

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An important point, with which I agree.

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But to what material extent? The report is likely to be more detailed, and somewhat more accurately expressed, but there are many people whose education or background enables them to report in the same way, trained or otherwise. What we are talking about here has more to do with the quality of the report than the credibility of the witness. This is not an unimportant distinction: we should be able to judge the quality of a report from its data alone, without reference to the training or otherwise of the reporter. When we take that training into account in assessing the reporter's credibility, then we are entering a rather different territory. At that stage a whole host of other factors enter the game, some of them based on prejudice, some of them a consequence of unexamined assumptions.

My aim here is delve into some of those prejudices and assumptions a little, encourage people to examine their bases, and thereby question whether a commonly used phrase has any real meaning or value.

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>observed a strange object. Her report noted that the object
>appeared receded away from her at the same angular position...
>in other words it grew small along her original line of sight
>without any angular displacement in the vault.

>Some 4602d official had scribbled something about just a woman
>observer. Apparently the comment at the end of the message form
>about her being employed as physicist at the Naval Underwater
>Sound Laboratory had escaped the AF intel official.

Jan, I think your example demonstrates quite a few of the issues that bother me in all this. Presumably your witness - and hence her report - would have been taken more seriously if she had been male, and perhaps even more seriously had she been an RAF pilot, this without a word of the report being any different. Straight away you have an unfounded negative assessment of the witness's credibility taking precedence over the data in the report. This is not good practice, and that is equally the case were it to be question of an unfounded positive assessment.

Some might find my approach to these matters to be unduly pedantic, but I genuinely feel that the kind of language and terminology that is used in discussion and analysis of UFO phenomena is important. Important enough to have long-term ramifications. When certain terms and phrases become embedded, we can become forgetful of the baggage they bring with them. I suspect that some of that baggage has never been properly unpacked and inspected.

Re: 'Trained Observers'?

-- Gerald O'Connell

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From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 10:56:50 -0300
Archived: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:56:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

>From: Sean Jones <tedric.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 08:53:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Skeptic

>>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 18:54:41 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Skeptic

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>Those who might be interested in observing James McGaha, a
>retired air force major and pilot, in Action, can observe him in
>a formal debate between us at Middle Tennessee State University,
>Murfreesboro, TN on January 28, 2004, in the 2 hour video Are
>Flying Saucers Real? It is available for \$15. (including
>shipping)from:

>Is this available in DVD format?

Sean

AFSR is not yet available in DVD format. I hope by The end of the
year and will announce it.

Stan

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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While I agree broadly with Jan, people place too much weight on
the "trained observer" aspect of UFO reports. Consideration had
to be given as to what particular observation skills are
relevant.

Taking Jan's example of a Met officer and relating it to the Met
officer report from the Cosford file report #29 at the bottom of
the page at <http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford/sightings.html>), the
following points should be made:

1. The Met officer's particular skills and routine of making
regular observations mean that;
 - a) directional information;
 - b) timing information;
 - c) any height information in relation to the cloud base (which
was negligible at the time);
 - d) angular size information;
 - e) possibly magnitude (relevant brightness) (depending on the

individual's training and interest in astronomy).

carry more weight than would a similar report from an average member of the public.

2. Any estimate as to height, without reference to the cloudbase or other point of reference of an unknown object carries no more weight than it would from any other member of the public.

3. Any estimate of size (other than angular size) of an unknown object at an unknown height would carry no more weight than any other member of the public.

4. In this particular case, the witness claimed expertise in helicopter recognition, due to the operational nature of where he worked. Near the time of the report, he rejected a helicopter as the cause but later he conceded that it could have been a helicopter. This has personal relevance to me because I have witnessed hundreds, if not thousands of helicopter take-offs, landings, and in-flight in day and night conditions. I have also flown as a passenger in 4 different models of helicopter in daytime and night time conditions. In the course of a skywatch several years ago, a group of us observed something, and I am on the record on the video tape saying "I don't know what that is, but it definitely isn't a chopper". Subsequent checks proved that it was in fact a police helicopter.

Other "trained observers" or "expert witnesses" are frequently claimed, policemen often being cited along these lines. I acknowledge that the police are generally better witnesses in terms of recording the time, or estimating directions due to their local geographic knowledge, but they are no better than anyone else when it comes to estimating the size and height of an unknown object without a fixed point of reference. This reliance on "trained observer" anecdote is a major flaw in UFO research, a good example of the unfounded acceptance of such powers of observation is evidenced at:

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

The "trained observer" aspect is also a major factor in the failure of the MoD to correctly assess the reports which have become known collectively as "The Cosford Incident". I could go on and list other factors, but that would deviate from the topic of this thread. If anyone is interested, they can visit the following sites and draw their own conclusions:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford>

<http://www.mithrand.karoo.net/index.htm/cosford.htm>

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

Regards,

Joe

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Upon lawful request and for a thousand dollars, Comcast, one of the nation's leading telecommunications companies, will intercept its customers' communications under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act.

The cost for performing any FISA surveillance "requiring deployment of an intercept device" is \$1,000.00 for the "initial start-up fee (including the first month of intercept service)," according to a newly disclosed Comcast Handbook for Law Enforcement.

Thereafter, the surveillance fee goes down to "\$750.00 per month for each subsequent month in which the original [FISA] order or any extensions of the original order are active."

With respect to surveillance policy, the Comcast manual hews closely to the letter of the law, as one would hope and expect.

"If your [FISA intercept] request pertains to individuals outside the U.S., please be sure you have complied with all the requirements in 50 U.S.C. sections 105A and/or 105B," the manual says, referring to provisions of the Protect America Act that was enacted last month. "Requests such as these can not be honored after one year and must be dated prior to February 5, 2008, unless extended by Congress."

Comcast will also comply with disclosure demands presented in the form of National Security Letters. However, the manual says, "Attention must be paid to the various court proceedings in which the legal status of such requests is at issue."

In short, "Comcast will assist law enforcement agencies in their investigations while protecting subscriber privacy as required by law and applicable privacy policies."

At the same time, "Comcast reserves the right to respond or object to, or seek clarification of, any legal requests and treat legal requests for subscriber information in any manner consistent with applicable law."

A copy of the manual was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Comcast Cable Law Enforcement Handbook," September 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/docs/handbook.pdf>

The role of telecommunications companies in intelligence surveillance is under increased scrutiny as the Bush Administration seeks to shield the companies from any liability associated with their cooperation in what may be illegal warrantless surveillance.

Also, there are new indications that the unauthorized warrantless surveillance program pre-dated 9/11. The Rocky Mountain News, the Washington Post, and others reported allegations that the government may have penalized Qwest Communications for refusing to participate in a pre-9/11 National Security Agency surveillance program that the company believed might be illegal.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/12/AR2007101202485.html>

The Washington Post editorialized yesterday that the telecommunications companies should indeed be immunized against liability, as the Bush Administration desires. Even though it is not known exactly what the companies did, the Post said, they "seem to us to have been acting as patriotic corporate citizens in a difficult and uncharted environment."

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2007/10/13/AR2007101301069.html>

Writing in Salon.com, Glenn Greenwald disputed that view, arguing that patriotism lies in compliance with the law, not in mere obedience to executive authority.

http://www.salon.com/opinion/greenwald/2007/10/14/rule_of_law/index.html

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Much of the doctrinal literature concerning Army special operations is restricted from public disclosure, often for good reasons and sometimes for reasons that are hard to understand (Secrecy News, 01/24/07).

But one new special operations manual has been approved for unrestricted public disclosure.

As the title indicates, "Airdrop of Supplies and Equipment: Rigging Loads for Special Operations" (FM 4.20-142, September 2007) deals with the proper packaging of military supplies for aerial delivery via parachute. A copy is available here (in a very large 28 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm4-20-142.pdf>

Also on the subject of new military publications, the Congressional Research Service updated its report "Defense: FY2008 Authorization and Appropriations" on September 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33999.pdf>

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 11:21:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

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>>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:24:26 +0200
>>>>Subject: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>>Splendid UFO video from Avebury Engeland. 9.54 minutes.

>>>>The area is shown by daylight in last portion of video.

>>>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCa8E

<snip>

>>>>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during
>>>>a military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>>>>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

>>Hello Martin, List,

>>As I wrote in a previous post, I am familiar with the area of
>>Avebury due to our crop circle research there.

>>I have seen similar lights in 1994 during a night when we
>>started with larger meditation experiments on ancient sacred
>>sites around Avebury. It was not far away, on Knap Hill,
>>looking
>>south.

>>In the distance, on the Salisbury Plains, the English Army has
>>their large training grounds and performed a nightly training.
>>We heard the noise in the far distance. Suddenly bright orange
>>lights appeared in the sky, one after another. At the end, there
>>were 9 lights in the sky in a fine row, some disappeared, some
>>appeared. They all floated through the air, it was a marvellous
>>sighting. These all were military flares.

>Thanks Joachim

>These particular lights don't look orange, but there are
>different types of flare. They appear to flicker erratically in
>intensity. I suppose that could be due to atmospheric turbulence
>near the horizon if they were very distant landing lights, but
>it does tend to suggest flares doesn't it.

Hi Joachim and Martin!

A few years ago I joined a group of observers in the Oakville area west of Toronto who claimed that there was UFO activity going on to the south over Lake Ontario. They even captured this UFO activity, witnessed by many, on video!

Sometimes during these UFO observing sessions, the group tried to get the UFOs activity to increase and possibly come closer. This attempted communication with the intelligence behind the UFO activity was through group thought and similar meditation experimentation. The bright orange lights that popped into view one after the other, sometimes getting very bright and sometimes disappearing altogether was proof to them that their mind technique worked but there was another simpler, and I believe correct explanation.

The compass direction of where these UFO sightings were taking place I discovered was the same with the international airport near Buffalo over 100 miles away and just over the horizon! The reason the UFOs seemed orange in colour was the same reason why the Sun sometimes takes that same colour at sunset or sunrise. Of course, if the sky conditions at the horizon is free from particulate matter (eg. smog), the Sun and other distant objects will appear whiter, especially the landing lights of aircraft that are much closer to the observer and seen through less atmosphere.

Although there have been some crop circles reported in southern Ontario, the members of this UFO observing group did not make a direct connection between the lights over the lake and the the crop circles.

Yes, the UFOs or lights over Salisbury Plains do suggest flares that are used in military exercises, but I think passenger aircraft activity over this region of very high air traffic is the correct answer. If these UFOs, as with other sightings, were also distant flares, why are they only noticed and reported when they are seen low over the distant horizon and never when they light up the sky when they are dropped directly above people?

As for the strange lights captured on video over Aveburg, believing that these lights are crop producing UFOs or flares dropped by the military is really wishful thinking at this point since this has not been established as fact. Passenger aircraft activity over this very busy airspace is a fact.

Nick Balaskas

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Boiling Oil Aliens

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- Boiling Oil Aliens

The story that Francisco Henrique de Souza, nicknamed "Januncio", told late ufologist Bob Pratt is somewhat unique. One night of January 1979, he was walking home alone on Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil.

Around the middle of his way, he decided to lit a cigarette. That was his mistake, as that apparently caught the attention of an overhead flying saucer that started to follow him very closely. He was terrorized.

"Januncio" described the object as cylindrical, around 6-7 meters in height and 3-4 meters in diameter. It was extremely close to him, only a couple of meters over his head, and he described seeing two people inside, a man and a woman, seated. "The woman looked like she was wearing a dress".

The object emitted a light that somehow sucked Januncio. To avoid being captured by the light, he grabbed a palm tree as best as he could =97 in the photo above, Januncio shows the bizarre situation.

"The light was very hot and I was scared", he said. The suction from the light was very strong and despite firmly grasping the tree, Januncio was being lifted from the ground. "This happened some five times. Up and down, up and down=85 My chest was all scratched". He started to cry and thought he was going to die.

"Then, when the man and woman saw that I was not leaving the tree, they threw something like boiling oil on me, to release me from the tree. I felt I was between the fire and the frying pan. I couldn't move. The thing burned my arms and hurt me a lot, but I was afraid of leaving the tree".

"That thing lasted less than two minutes. If it had been longer, I think I would have died, because it was very hot. As I didn't leave the tree, they closed the door, the light turned off and the thing quickly went away, like a lightning". Januncio ran home, his clothes wet in sweat. He was sick for two days afterwards, and very scared of walking outside at night.

The incident is described by Pratt in "UFO Danger Zone: terror and death in Brazil, where next?" (Horus House, 1996), and the image of Januncio grabbing the tree even made it to the cover. A Portuguese excerpt, from which the images above were taken, can be read on the website of researcher Reinaldo Stabolito, Painel OVNI.

I describe it here because a couple of days ago a Brazilian ufologist, Carlos Airton, made a very interesting comment about it:

"Regarding this boiling oil [story], the palm tree [Januncio] grabbed was a Carnauba palm, and in the leaves of this tree a powder is formed. This powder is used to make wax, oil. So, the

heat generated by the UFO overhead melted this powder, and it dripped over the poor fellow grabbing the tree, who thought the UFO was throwing boiling oil over him, something quite unique."

Read again the report as Januncio did indeed repeat several times how the light from UFO was hot. And he didn't have much scarring =97 if any =97 from the incident, which suggests that if "boiling oil" was indeed what fell over him, it was only a bit.

Of course, a more prosaic explanation would suggest everything in this incident could have been imagined by Januncio. Pratt believes in the reality of the report, even when he describes that he later discovered one more report of aliens throwing "boiling oil": the one by Benedito Henrique de Souza. Son of Januncio, who described more or less the exact same events, including the detail about the cigarette attracting the "boiling oil throwing" UFO.

Having only anecdotal evidence, it may well be impossible to ascertain what actually happened, if anything. But if something did happen, the suggestion by Carlos Airton that the "boiling oil" detail could have been only natural Carnauba palm tree oil melted by heat is very interesting.

Though not as whimsical as medieval aliens throwing boiling oil.

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- 'Operation Saucer': New Revelations

In the years of 1977 and 1978, locals of northern Brazil were terrorized by what they described as luminous and vampire balls of light, a phenomenon soon nicknamed "chupa-chupa", meaning "suck-suck". The panic reached great proportions and led to the creation of a military operation of the Brazilian Air force dedicated to investigate the subject. Called "Operation Saucer", it would become one of the biggest "ufology" stories in Brazil, mainly after in 1997 its commander, Uyrange Hollanda, publicly confirmed his participation in the operation. Recently, the episode was revisited in a popular Brazilian TV show, "Linha Direta", and was also one of the subjects of a series of documentaries from History Channel, titled "The Brazilian Roswell".

But little concrete evidence is known about the operation. To the "Linha Direta" TV show, the Brazilian Air Force stated that the operation had been the result of personal interest from those involved, and that it only had some reports of one of the members of the operation. And the author of mostly all reports was Sergeant Joao Flavio de Freitas Costa. Unfortunately, Flavio Costa passed away in 1993, without giving greater details of his participation in the Operation, then still officially secret.

Even Flavio Costa's death became subject of speculations regarding "alien implants" - which commander Uyrange Hollanda later claimed to have had --, and it was investigating these claims that we met Fernando Costa, the son of sergeant Flavio Costa. To our surprise, Fernando Costa not only was already exposing such unfounded stories on the rather mundane death of his father, he was also ready to reveal valuable information on little known aspects of the Operation. The following interview was conducted in collaboration with journalist Jeferson Martinho, from the Brazilian electronic magazine Vigilia:

CA: Flavio Costa was the author of almost all of the reports, drawings and pictures of the "Operation Saucer". He also helped to convince Uyrange Hollanda that they were dealing with something unknown. How do you view, today, your father's role in this polemic Operation?

Fernando: Viewing today, I can see a man divided between his personal beliefs - with some mysticism, and very enthusiastic with ufology - and a strict military man, zealous with his missions, that had to limit himself to factual reports, scientifically based.

CA: You told us that your father was passionate about ufology. Did he happen to tell some story on the subject?

Fernando: To the close ones, he was always telling stories=85 He always put personal impressions in a convincing and meticulous way, with a lot of excitement and a dose of mysticism. Regarding facts related with the military activity, he only spoke what his duty allowed him to. He very seldom let away secret details of his activities. After he retired, in the Sunday lunches, after

some drinks, I managed to know some things. I think in the beginning of the Operation Saucer he was quite unsatisfied with the lack of resources for obtaining evidence. I got to see pictures of three circles, harmoniously disposed in a triangular form, imprinted in the grass as if they had been burned. He told that radioactivity was detected in those marks. For him, that represented the impression of the landing of a ship. I didn't see, in any of the reports to which I had access, any reference or comment on that picture.

CA: Your father's reports are detailed in their descriptions of the sightings, from weather conditions to many maps and diagrams. He was trained as a meteorologist, wasn't he?

Fernando: He was a graduate meteorologist from the School of Specialists of the Brazilian Aeronautics. We can notice, below his signature in the reports, that besides his military rank there's the acronym QMT, designating his specialty. In spite of not having concluded the Flying School on the Para Aeroclub, he also piloted small airplanes.

CA: Did he comment on how he understood the UFO phenomenon and the Chupa-chupa specifically?

Fernando: He had some theories: he associated the occurrence of ufological phenomena to geodesic faults. He spoke about a fault that went from the central plateau to Colares, in Para, and that the great majority of the phenomena observed by him were located in that line. But he didn't dismiss the possibility that such phenomena involved experiments from developed countries, with top secret vectors still in testing phase. We cannot forget the similarity of the illustration of a sighting in the area of Santar=E9m, with the today known "Stealth" flying wings.

CA: And did you see something at that time? Do you remember how the phenomenon was publicized by the media and how did the people react to it?

Fernando: The Chupa-chupa phenomenon took a great space in the local media, which generated some conflict between the military and part of the press. There are some stories that the then captain Hollanda invaded the office of a newspaper and confiscated pictures related with the Operation. For my part, I wasn't interested in the subject, so much so that I always escaped from the patrols [to watch for the UFOs] when I was called. Studying was always a good excuse. My mother joined several patrols and she is even mentioned in one of the lists of witnesses in the reports.

CA: And how was it to participate, in a certain way, personally in the Operation?

Fernando: Today, I think it was indeed interesting. But at that time, it was a horror. To be the son of a military man, of the "big sergeant", was not an easy task. As such, I had to walk always "in the line", not to involve myself with student politics and to be an exemplary student. I was studying in high school and I was finishing an apprenticeship in the Bank of Brazil in which I passed, in Brasilia, in an excellent position. My father did everything he could to direct me to the military career, because he knew that I had potential for it. I always rejected such possibility, because I thought I had been already "serving" the military during all my life and passed all the possible trainings, including the "united order", handling of weapons, survival in the jungle, navigation notions, aviation, airplane modeling and so on. My heart pointed me to the road of the humanities and social sciences that, later on, I ended up studying. The conflict between generations and ideologies was quite stark, but it did maintain a respectful level as much as possible.

During the time of Operation Saucer, an improvised photographic laboratory was set up, with equipment of the I COMAR, in the maid's room of our house, in the military village. My participation in the developing some pictures of the operation was imposed by my father: "It is better for you to be learning a profession home, instead of learning useless things in the street". Today I can understand it, but for an adolescent that generated a big rebellion. While I was developing the pictures in the small room, he was at the living room, writing reports and drawing many of the illustrations of the Operation. In that

period, the rage ended up overcoming the reason and I started to "play", enlarging any luminous point in the film to make them similar to a "flying saucer". Afterwards, some of those pictures leaked, I don't know how, and I laughed a lot when I had news of their publication in ufology books. I shared the reason of the laughter only with some close friends.

CA: Very interesting. But did some of the images that you saw or manipulated catch your attention? Some story or element especially memorable that you could share?

Fernando: There was one that all of us thought was the best, and that was around in my mother's house and that I don't know where it ended up. The objects in the films that I manipulated were almost always spherical or cylindrical. However, there was a picture of an object that resembled a sea ray. That was not developed by me, but, in fact, it was impressive.

CA: In one of the reports written by your father, he regrets the lack of resources and admits that the accumulated evidence could not sustain the conclusions that they had arrived to regarding the phenomena being "intelligently driven". Hollanda also told how he bought film for the recordings with his own money. Did your father speak something about the lack of resources?

Fernando: He spoke on the initial difficulties with the equipment for photographic registration. Only after a larger repercussion of the subject they received an improvement of resources. I think the position of BSB was very skeptical, though they did send some observers, which left the Operation Saucer members a little frustrated. As a military observer, he was very impressed with the capability of abrupt maneuvers of the UFOs, that, according to him, violated the possibilities of movement of the known vectors.

CA: The late American journalist Bob Pratt also investigated the Chupa-chupa phenomenon, and he even became friend of commander Uyrange Hollanda. Today we also know that your father received military training in USA. How do you see those suggestions of a great involvement and interest of American government in the Operation Saucer?

Fernando: I noticed in my father's comments an enormous distrust in relation to the "foreigner" (Pratt). Since my father came back from a training abroad, he nurtured some xenophobia. He was always photographing and classifying members of religious missions, that he said were foreign agents that took abroad all possible information on the great treasure of the world, the Amazon. Even then, I read that he traveled with Mr. Bob Pratt. Sometimes there were civil observers, ufology buffs, linked with the civil aviation. Some were even effective collaborators of the Operation, as Mr. Pinon. However, in the case of Mr. Pratt, I don't believe that a captain and a sergeant had autonomy to introduce a foreigner in an operation considered so secret. I was always under the impression that the imposition of Mr. Pratt came from the top. There was another foreigner too, Priest Alfredo de la O, that, if I'm not mistaken, was parish of the area of Colares in Para, and that later collaborated here with the information services in other political subjects, so common in this area. I heard my father's comment, where he suspected that the priest was a CIA agent.

CA: After almost thirty years, the phenomena and the Operation got the public's attention again with the production of the TV program "Linha Direta" of TV Globo. Following this renewed interest, some of those involved began to make new declarations, like Ubiratan Pinon, who made imaginative claims about your father's death.

Fernando: The claims are imaginative and complete lies. This gentleman was always prone to the fantastic stories. I know people that already heard him tell that he witnessed a sea cow turning into a man [a folkloric Brazilian legend], there in the Marajo Island=85 While he was limiting himself to the Amazonian legends and myths, everything was well. But it happens that he made false claims to an ufology publication about my father's death. Publication that didn't have enough responsibility in verifying the claims with Flavio Costas's family and the doctors of the Air Force Hospital, that treated my father.

Could it be that the medical team that cared for my father was

incompetent to the point of not noticing an "implant put by the aliens"? Wouldn't the family that took care of his personal hygiene after the stroke have noticed? Pinon claimed he went to our house after my father's death, and attributed false statements to my mother. In the beginning of January, 1993, Flavio Costa had a stroke. He was hospitalized at the Air Force Hospital of Bel=E9m for about a month. As a result of the stroke, he became hemiplegic in the right side and also lost his speech. After he was released from the hospital, the family took him home, hired a private physiotherapist and took care of him, giving bath, making all his personal hygiene and curatives, as the long stay in the bed of the hospital left him with bed sores. The wife and children examined him carefully, therefore, they would have noticed anything strange. The death certificate, by Dr. Jos=E9 Luiz Carvalho, indicates CARDIOREPIRATORY STOP, HEART ATTACK AND CEREBRAL VASCULAR ACCIDENT as Causa Mortis. Mr. Ubiratan Pinon must have suffered some kind of mental mutilation to make the statements he did.

CA: What is your opinion on the way the events are being approached today? And finally, what do you think about the Chupa-chupa and the Operation Saucer?

Fernando: The occurrence of a strange phenomenon is undeniable. It affected a portion of the population of Amazon. Even knowing that our natives are very prone to myths and legends, it is difficult to deny the bizarre occurrences. However, some claims should be more responsible. The "conspiracy theorists" love to invent things. Such was the case with my father's death, with the death of Hollanda, and even with the Japanese balloons of the Second World War destined to cause fires in the USA [Fugos] and other hundreds of stories. Sometimes they believe so much in the baloney they help to create that they omit facts that can solve their myths.

Even with the death of some members of the Operation Saucer, the easy communication that we have today gives us better investigation resources, which allow for more accurate and responsible work. When our family discovered and was shocked with the article published with Mr. Pinon's absurd statements, I decided to find and talk with one of the officials of the Operation. Even in a country with hundreds of thousands of municipal districts, it took me only three days investigating and I got a phone contact. With the help of the internet and some phone calls, I located who I was after. It is worth noting that in some rare occasions I work as a journalist, in a specialized magazine in my area. I am an audio professional. I write about some events whose sound stage complexity can be interesting to the readers. But investigative journalism was never my area.

With a little bit of intelligence and good will, it is possible. You have to responsible with your readers!

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Twitter Mashups And Poly9 FreeEarth
A look at Twitervision and other cool Twitter applications

Web Applications Newsletter
By Mark Gibbs
Network World

Earlier this year I wrote about Twitter, which I described as "blogging for people with a short attention span." Despite my off-the-cuff sounding description I wasn't dismissing the service - as I noted, "Twitter definitely has some very cool features and applications."

My prediction has come true - Twitter has been used in a remarkable number of mashups, some of which can be fairly described as fascinating.

One of my favorites is Twitervision, which combines the content and geographic location of Twitter postings with Google Maps to create a continuously updated map showing the last effectively random "tweet" from the previous 15 or 20 seconds.

The default display is a flat map projection, but the killer presentation is the 3-D globe view that rotates to bring each selected tweet to front center. This view is actually a service provided by yet another site (making Twitervision a mashup based on a mashup) named Poly9 FreeEarth a cross-browser, cross-platform 3-D globe that has, in its own right, spawned dozens of mashups (one of my favorites is the UFO sightings map):

[<http://www.ufomaps.com/?3d=1>]

Poly9 FreeEarth is, as its name implies, free. You can add FreeEarth to your Web site through some simple JavaScript and, at present, no API key is required.

A related Twitter mashup is Twittermap. Again, this service is all about mapping Tweets, but the focus here is localizing. There are two parts to TwitterMap; where you are and the area you select to view.

You document the places you are by sending Tweets in the form "L:office=1 Electricity Street, Erewhon, XX 11111" (that is, a location name followed by an address, but curiously latitude and longitude coordinates aren't supported). Twittermap records all public location Tweets along with your Twitter name so that after the first time you specify a location you can simply reuse it with the name of the a previous location Tweet (e.g.

"L:office").

The other part, the area you want to view, is selected through the usual Google Maps presentation via the Twittermap mashup and you can pan and zoom to the location you're interested in. The map will show you markers for the last 100 Tweets for that area and clicking on one will show you Twitter user name and the actual text.

I find the whole Twitter universe fascinating because I have yet to understand why it is so popular and for that matter why I like it. What is definite is that Twitter is a service to watch, and its mashups could turn out to be some of the most innovative Web applications available.

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>up their claims.

Feel better now, John?

It's been a while since we heard a full-throated pelicanist
squawk and a good, hearty flapping of the wings.

Brings back a lot of memories. Not much else, though, alas.

Jerry Clark

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>>It would seem to me that these people are merely stating their
>>own beliefs with what they believe is enough force/emphasis for
>>us to believe them as well _without_ any kind of evidence.

>>I suppose that they either:

>>a) think that they are right,

>>or

>>b) that they think that they can get away with it as there is so
>>little hard evidence in the UFO field that their lack of it
>>doesn't register on the radar.

>Touche <g>

Funny -- I was more reminded of PeeWee Herman's "I know you are,
but what am I" retort. It remains, IMO, your assertion, Mr.
Jones, carries more validity than the reversal Mr. Rimmer would
predictably foist upon you. Which is to say his epee is outside
regulation length, and a touch was not _really_ made.

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Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 21:33:41 +0000
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 07:39:55 -0400
Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

Dear List:

Jerry Smith is working on a new book. Please see the attached announcement.

KK

PRESS RELEASE
For Immediate Release
October 14, 2007

Roswell: The Nazi Connection
A New Book By Jerry E. Smith

In September 2007 I received the go-ahead for my next book:
Roswell: The Nazi Connection!

Since July 3, 1947 the US military has admitted that something fell to earth near Roswell, New Mexico, and was recovered in a most extraordinary way. But from that day to this the military continues to concoct ridiculous stories to explain away what they found.

Hundreds of witnesses have come forward with a mind-bending kaleidoscope of possibilities. Was it some sort of disk-shaped aircraft - a true flying saucer? Was it from this Earth or Another World? Who were the pilots? Aliens? Humans? Both?

In Roswell: The Nazi Connection I will take a look at some of the more anomalous evidence and posit a few alternative tellings of the tale. I admit that this book will be highly speculative, but I will only be looking at solid facts and legitimate questions about the available evidence. I won't be pushing an agenda or preconceived solution to the conundrum of Roswell, just suggesting a few different ways to connect the dots.

My focus will be to develop on some of the Nazi disk aircraft material brought up by George Piccard and I in our book from 2005, *Secrets Of The Holy Lance*. At this point it is an almost proven fact that the Nazis were working on advanced aircraft designs that included disk-shaped airfoils - flying saucers. I will cover the evidence for Nazi flying saucers in depth in an attempt to establish that one or two of these could very well have been what was recovered in Roswell.

In *Secrets Of The Holy Lance* we presented evidence that the Nazis built extensive reservations throughout Latin America before WWII, many of which are still there today. We also covered the rumors of an attempt to establish a permanent German colony in Antarctica and Urban Legends that the US may have looked for this colony in 1946-47 under the leadership of Admiral Byrd. His Operation Highjump was the largest armada ever sent to Antarctica, consisting of 13 ships and 47,000 men, including a communications ship, a state of the art aircraft carrier with dozens of fixed-wing and rotary-wing aircraft, a submarine, two destroyers and 3,500 Marines in full battle gear.

Outfitted for an 8-month mission Operation Highjump abruptly returned to the US in 1947 after just 16 weeks exploring Antarctica, with no reason ever given. To this day many believe that they encountered Nazi flying saucers - and were bested by them!

While researching Secrets Of The Holy Lance we discovered that local newspapers in New Mexico in the early 1930s reported that German tourists were seen all over New Mexico buying up all the underground properties they could find: caves, mines, tunnels and such. Could they have been seeking a site to locate a literal underground base for Nazi spies and saboteurs for the war that was to come? Could this have become an underground airbase for Nazi flying saucers after the war?

In the early 1930s Doctor Robert Goddard, the father of American Rocketry, was doing his most important research just outside of Roswell. After World War II Operation Paperclip brought the Nazis who had "perfected" Goddard's work as the V-1 and V-2 rockets to Alamogordo, New Mexico - which is now Holloman Air Force. Nazi rocketeer Werner Von Braun, a devotee of Goddard, headed up the Army Ballistic Missile program there. Von Braun went on to become the head of NASA and a regular on American television. Holloman is currently the only military base operated by a foreign power on US soil - it is today a German air base where Germany's "Top Guns" are trained! If there was an underground German base somewhere in the US or Mexico in the 1930s/40s, has it now come up to the surface at Holloman?

At the time of the Roswell "UFO" crash and recovery in July of 1947 every atom bomb on Earth (all 17 of them) were at the Roswell Army Air Corp Base! Could that be why these so-called flying saucers were there in the first place? Could the object that crashed on a ranch near Roswell have been a Nazi disk aircraft with Nazis in uniform in it, two years after the war's supposed end? And what about those stories of "aliens" found in the wreckage? Were the child-sized caskets the military ordered meant for aliens from outer space, or for human pilots of slight stature selected to work in the cramped confines of a small craft? Could these Nazis have been trying to steal A-bombs to continue the war? Could they have been shot down? Did the last battle of World War II really take place in New Mexico on July 3, 1947? Is that what the military has been hiding all these years?

These are just some of the areas I plan to explore!

If you have any information on any of these or related topics please contact me! If you know of any books I should read or reference in this work please let me know!

You can contact me at: EMAIL: Jerry at JerryESmith dot com SNAIL MAIL: PO Box 99, Kempton, IL 60946

I am contractually required to turn in the finished manuscript by the end of September 2008, so I need your input ASAP!

I am shooting for the book having 260 pages of text, plus bibliography and illustrations. If I complete the manuscript on time it should be published sometime in early 2009.

Please let me know what you think!

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Budd Hopkins' Seminar New York 11-03-07

From: **Intruders Foundation - New York** <ifinfo1.nul>
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Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

Budd Hopkins: Fascinating New Cases And The Current State Of UFO Research

Saturday, November 3, 2007

The Intruders Foundation welcomes Budd Hopkins back from his summer hiatus. On Saturday, November 3rd, Budd will present a wide-ranging talk based on his files covering thirty-two years of research into the mysteries of the UFO phenomenon. His presentation will include:

- A never-before published account of what may have been a UFO abduction lasting well over one year.
- A fascinating, never-before published account of the abduction of an army officer who consciously recalls his car being levitated and then being put down many hours later and miles away at the gate to the army base to which he'd been heading.
- A discussion of several apparent UFO abductions of civilian aircraft and their pilots, including the disappearance of the Australian pilot Fred Valentich. Hopkins will also present speculation about the fate of the still missing daredevil pilot, Steve Fossett.
- Finally, Budd will contribute a personal evaluation of the current state of UFO research. This will include attention to the fantasies and destructive antics of the so-called exo-politicians, with an account of their recent public-relations fiasco in Washington, D.C., and the ensuing satirical article about it in the Washington Post.

Since Hopkins' solo appearances at IF seminars are infrequent, we believe the unusual topics he will cover on November 3 will be of compelling interest to anyone following the many unusual manifestations of the UFO phenomenon.

Hopkins' presentation will be followed by an opportunity for questions and extended discussion.

Registration & Information

The seminar will be held on November 3rd at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the

2nd floor
241 W. 30th Street (between Seventh and Eighth Avenues)
New York
NY

The price of the seminar is \$30 for non-members and \$20 for members of IF, seniors and students. Reservations must be made by telephone at 212-645-5278, and will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment must be made in advance to secure the reservation. Make checks payable to the Intruders

Foundation, P.O. Box 30233, New York, NY 10011. Seating is limited. Book early! Only 60 reservations will be accepted!

On-street parking is generally available in the neighborhood. The seminar will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 10:00 PM. Doors open at 7:00 PM. There will be a one half-hour intermission, during which light complimentary refreshments will be served. A book table will offer books, videotapes and other material for sale to those interested. For additional information, call IF at 212-645-5278.

Hope to see you there!

The Intruders Foundation Seminar Series is presented in the interests of open-minded scientific learning and the free exchange of research, ideas, and theories. IF makes no specific claims or endorsements regarding any materials, views, or subject matter presented by our guests.

Want to know more about Budd Hopkins and his non-profit scientific research organization, as well as past and future IF events? Please visit our website=[E2=80=A6](http://www.intrudersfoundation.org)

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Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 07:59:54 -0400
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Subject: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

U.S. Presidential candidate is asked question by a child.

Video clip:

http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e5d_1192463554&p=1

[Thanks to Jeff Hahn for the lead]

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Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 01:41:45 +0000
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 08:07:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

>From: eleanor.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO UpDate: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 16:46:02 -0400

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 11 Oct 2007 17:21:02 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Power Outages In Abductee Home Study?

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>>You know my background in Human Subject Protection and my years
>>of acting as the liaison between investigators and human
>>subjects. For you to think it is just a matter of collecting
>>"data" from humans for a statistical analysis without the normal
>>protections afforded subjects, and me not respond. Think again.

>This was environmental data in the home, and not
>the bodies of the targets. Not even videotaping of
>activity in the homes.

It doesn't matter; it is still collecting data on individual
subjects. There are still risks and benefits to the subject.

>Surely a quick scan of the data tracks monitoring
>power (or any other parameters which would have
>indicated a power outage) isn't really invasion of
>anyone's body or privacy, if the abductees' IDs
>are not included?

Oh no. Years of monitoring your privacy seem to have created a
blind spot. Of course, there is an invasion of privacy. Agreed,
nothing identifying the subject should be included. But, that
information would need to be included in an Informed Consent
Form signed by the subject. Also, where the information would be
kept, a coding system which prevents anyone not connected with
the study to know the identity of the subject, how long the
information would be kept, who would have access to it, etc.,
etc.

>What has me dumfounded is that the results of
>the study could show substantial disturbances in
>the home environments of the abductees happening
>at dates and times which match their handwritten
>reports of their abduction experiences.

Agreed, it is terrific idea and could prove that the experience
is induced by terristerial means/technology.

>_That_ would be _Earth-shaking_ news, yet the
>seniour ufologists on this list don't seem to show
>any interest in seeing the results? Isn't the
>abduction issue important? As a member of our
>species, it is the _most_ important issue of the
>entire field, as I see it.

The old guys interested in ufology are stuck in the "if it
ain't nuts and bolts, I ain't interested," mode. Abduction

involves other people and having some sophisticated social skills. Please, you are asking the nerds of the culture to think outside their own little world/box. Silly girl.

>The combined abilities of the members of this List
>could easily come up with \$5,000 over a year, by
>publicizing the need in their magazines, articles in
>other magazines, maybe even UFO documentaries,
>booths at conferences, and on UFO web sites.

You and I have both tried to publize an issue that the public had difficulty accepting as 'real'. If this List is having trouble, and based on my own experience, I have serious doubts that what you propose would work. I wish it would. The only magazine giving serious space to articles on abduction is UFO DATA in England - and that is because Phil Mantle and crew are open to the issue.

>I'm just very puzzled as to why this hasn't already been done.

I'm not. I wish it could be otherwise. I started trying years ago to begin a serious dialog within the ufology community. My appeal ended with silence from the crowd out there.

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Re: 'Trained Observers'?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:17:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:04:26 -0400
>>Subject: Re: 'Trained Observers'?

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 01:29:59 +0100
>>>Subject: 'Trained Observers'?

These issues have been argued endlessly and to no avail. No consensus emerges so the same arguments have to be repeated or reinvented again and again. Or someone new joins the List and ignores basics and is often answered the same way.

A fundamental issue is ignored and lurks as an unstated hidden premise in these interminable arguments:

That issue is a basic confusion between use of UFO reports as (1) scientific data for serious investigation and research, or (2) use as proof, conclusive proof, "scientific proof," legal proof, some kind of proof, as a rhetorical weapon to beat people over the head in society at large, in the media, in disputes with government agencies, i.e., it's for political propaganda not scientific research purposes. Science does not operate on 100% certain "proof" but on degrees of evidential certainty and uncertainty.

This is why kneejerk terms like "trained observer" are used, and why there is little or no concern as to defining the term or using it properly with good judgment, and thus why arguments arise over use of such terms. Those interested in scientific study (category 1 above) can't understand why there is such sloppy, careless use of such loaded terms. Well it is because those doing so are using it as loaded rhetoric for purposes of persuading or coercing people for category 2 purposes.

"Proof" is not defined either but it is understood as what is being driven at - by UFO advocates and by debunkers. Its purpose is to advance a political position or agenda to promote or obstruct UFO study or to achieve political objectives such as release of classified government files, block funding of UFO study by government agencies, etc.

UFO advocates and skeptics/debunkers treat each UFO case as if it is the one final crucial case determining a conclusive proof as to UFO existence or nonexistence, or alien visitation or non-visitiation. It just can't (or won't) be treated as if it is routine data to be given calm and balanced study and a fair assessment for scientific purposes, it is treated as if everything in UFO history hangs in the balance. Thus every nuance of a witness' apparent credibility and training is brought to bear in the argument as if shyster lawyers or demagogue politicians are debating a case of life-or-death

proportions.

Hence terms such as "trained observer" are imbued with tremendous significance out of all proportion to any sensible and balanced consideration because, as a political argument, everything rides on the UFO case with the "trained observer." No one in this political mode of discourse has any patience with technical arguments about the actual credibility of an observer based on the quality of the observer's UFO report, as that is a scientific argument. Sometimes scientific arguments can be used for political propaganda if they are especially simple to grasp but usually they are grossly distorted or misused.

Whether an observer is "trained" or not should be judged from the evidence of their report and not from their supposed credentials or career titles.

A common misconception in UFO circles, both pro and anti, is failure to distinguish between objective details and subjective interpretation. UFO researchers can't seem to tell the difference.

When a debunker wants to discredit a case he seizes on a witness' subjective opinion that the object was not a helicopter, even though that is merely interpretation and not quantified. When a proponent wants to prove the case to the unbelieving world he cites the witness' alleged "trained observer" status and whatnot expertise in this or that, better if it has something to do with aircraft no matter how ridiculously remote, as a shyster lawyer you might argue in a hopeless desperate case ("he built model airplanes so he would surely know a helicopter if he saw one!").

What a UFO witness says about possible identification of the object he or she sighted is nearly worthless from a scientific standpoint because it is subjective opinion and they are not PhD investigators of their own cases, thus not qualified to give such an opinion which would require thorough investigation. Witnessing something is not the same thing as investigating it! Is that so hard to grasp? A witness' opinion is not gospel truth!

On the other hand, witness' objective observational details are highly accurate. As I posted here several years ago, the infamous Condon Report contains IFO cases that can be used as control data on UFO witness reliability, and my analysis showed witnesses were about 97% to 98% accurate. Control studies - that's science!

But the Colorado Project refused to carry out such an IFO control study and deliberately suppressed results whenever they tended to approximate a control study of IFO's as I was the first to point out (why didn't any of the many scientists who have critiqued the Condon Report over the years ever pick up on this??).

The amount of quantitative and specific detail in a UFO report determines the quality of the report, along with evidence of care in the estimation or recordation of such details. I still encounter UFO investigators who think that a report with 7:15 time must be 15 minutes after another report with a 7:00 time and they cannot grasp the concept that these are round casual numbers, that for many people these times are not really much different and they could easily give either one, or they just don't have clocks set with accurate times.

I have had incredible arguments with some who stoutly deny that a case was a meteor seen almost simultaneously, because they have one report at say 6:45, another at 7, and another at 7:15 and they insist it was a UFO cruising around for 30 minutes instead of clock errors by casual observers!

Nor can many UFO investigators seem to tell the difference between a witness report that gives a precise 7:08 time and casual or sloppy reports giving 7 or 7:15 times. They just cannot see the difference in precision, with its implied greater accuracy. Meteorite trackers such as Lincoln LaPaz would simply throw out 7 and 7:15 reports as completely worthless when they had reports as precise as 7:08. Only an extremist with a political goal would hang on to the poor sighting reports as if everything hinges on it.

Re: "Trained Observers"?

No doubt someone will jump on me for something I left out or for maligning someone. I don't have time for flame wars. I had to work on this in the middle of the night after getting over 3 weeks of the flu. If you insist that i get everything just perfect then what you are really doing is trying to silence me with a double standard - you get to mouth off without a shred of documentation but I have to footnote every sentence.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 07:59:54 -0400
>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>U.S. Presidential candidate is asked question by
>a child.

>Video clip:

>http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e5d_1192463554&p=1

>[Thanks to Jeff Hahn for the lead]

>ebk

Hi Everyone!

God help us all should there ever be an hostile alien attack and Rudy Giuliani is the President of the U.S.!

This is the same Giuliani, then mayor of New York, who against the advice of experts, chose to build his emergency command center to co-ordinate the response to alien attacks - of Earthly origin - at the World Trade Center complex. This is incredible since this same WTC complex was the target of a terrorist attack in 1993 (and a major fire in 1975) which nearly succeeded in bringing down one of the twin 110 story skyscrapers.

After a second airplane crashed into the other 110 story WTC skyscraper, Giuliani decided to abandon his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center in the undamaged WTC Building 7 - just before his friend Larry Silverstein, the landlord of the WTC complex, decided to "pull" this building, a 47 story skyscraper. The quick and clean collapse of WTC Building 7 would have only been possible if explosives were already in place in this building where Giuliani's command center was located and this could only have been set up weeks if not months before 911. I wonder if New York Mayor Giuliani's office issued the city work permits for these explosives to be pre-placed in Building 7 where he had his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center.

If there ever is an alien invasion, past UFO incidents lead me to believe that this invasion would be to protect us from our own dangerous and evil leaders such as Giuliani who now has set his sight in ruling the world as President of the U.S.!

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 14:36:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>Source: The Winnipeg Sun - Manitoba, Canada

><http://winnipeg.sun.com/News/Manitoba/2007/10/13/4572577-sun.html>

>Sat, October 13, 2007

>Strange Sky Sights Pick Up
>UFO reports near-triple average

>By Rob Nay
>Sun Media

>The night skies over Manitoba were apparently busier than usual
>last month.

>Nearly triple the average number of UFO sightings were reported,
>according to Chris Rutkowski, research coordinator for Ufology
>Research of Manitoba, a Winnipeg-based independent centre that
>investigates and researches Canadian UFO sightings.

>"It's significantly above what we normally get," said Rutkowski,
>adding 11 sightings in Manitoba were submitted in September.

>The monthly average is about three or four, he said.

>Ufology Research is concerned that most of the sightings were
>not reported to investigators in Manitoba but were instead
>submitted to websites around the globe.

>That makes it difficult for researchers here to speak to
>witnesses, collect further information and potentially rule out
>objects as planets or stars instead of UFOs.

>"Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to 5% that don't
>have an easy explanation," said Rutkowski.

That's a pretty safe but tired estimation of unsolved cases in
my estimation and there's no research to prove that only 3-5
percent are unsolved. I make it more like 25 -30 percent in
cases I've looked into over the last 15 years. I think it's time
to throw out that throw-back to Project BlueBook reference. Even
their cases are proving to reflect more like 30 percent unknown
as was the case with the Condon report.

But if it makes researchers feel safe in using this bogus and
unproven percentage of 3-5 percent when dealing with the press,
so be it.

I just don't think the public are as unsophisticated as they are
often purported to be, aided and abetted by researchers that
have nothing to back up this claim.

We need only look at Nick Balaskas's latest conjecture about the
Zamora case where he links present day technology and and vague
references to Neil Armstrong's near disasterous LM flight [one
of the first unteathered flights] in 1968 to a case that
occurred in April of 1964 as some cock-eyed proof/or solve of
that case.

These then are then explanations [red herrings] for the theory that 95-97 percent of cases are solved. The LM's ability to land on the Moon was in question until scant months before Apollo 10 [not Apollo 11] circled the Moon and even then its LM descent attempt nearly crashed as well and recovered from a tumble only a few hundred feet above the Luner surface before returning to the Command Module.

It should be remembered that the only reason that the 3-5 percent claim as "Unknown" was allowed in the first place was that there wasn't enough data to explain it away as a known but presumably would be when all of the data was in.

I'm not sure why today's researchers still buy into such a low percentage. Is it just in hopes they can slip a figure that low [and perhaps safe] past the media and science? To me it does more harm than good.

Don Ledger

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Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 12:38:35 -0500
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 14:39:32 -0400
Subject: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 13:04:31 -0500
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 14:43:07 -0400
Subject: 'Dust Bunny' Project

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Re: Skeptic

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 19:06:20 +0100
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:35:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Skeptic

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 09:49:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Skeptic

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 12:28:14 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Skeptic

>>I'm sure plenty of us have seen it before where "authoritative"
>>ufologists declare such things as structured
>>craft/extraterrestrial vehicles/machines constructed by unknown
>> races, but without offering a single piece of evidence to back
>> up their claims.

>Feel better now, John?

>It's been a while since we heard a full-throated pelicanist
> squawk and a good, hearty flapping of the wings.

>Brings back a lot of memories. Not much else, though, alas.

Still here then, Jerry?

--
John Rimmer
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Re: At The Hands Of God Waiting For Us To Grow Up

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 15:36:44 -0300
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:37:46 -0400
Subject: Re: At The Hands Of God Waiting For Us To Grow Up

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 18:52:34 -0300
>Subject: Re: At The Hands Of God Waiting For Us To Grow Up

>>Source: The Truro Daily News - Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada

>><http://www.trurodaily.com/index.cfm?sid=70828&sc=73>

>>12/10/07

>>We Are At The Hands And Feet Of God, Waiting For Us To Grow Up Don Murray

><snip>

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>>Don Murray is a retired United Church minister.

>I should note that a place named Bible Hill is just outside
>Truro. Also the date of Shag Harbor was October 4th not 5th.

>The foam was yellow or orange not brown... Polls consistently
>show more believers than non-believers. Don't bother me with the
>facts, my mind is made up.....

Hi Stan,

Shag Harbour -with a U. It's a place name. Taking the "U" out of
Shag Harbour is like putting an "R" in Chicago. But even the
Halifax Chronicle-Herald dropped the "U" in it's headline. Dell
decided that leaving the "U" in harbour was too confusing to
Americans [and its own spell-checker - honestly, that's what
they said - so they took out the offensive letter.

The foam was like shaving cream with a glittery yellow substance
on its surface.

Incidentally, I had a great time in Shag Harbour during their
little festival. I spoke three times about the incident while I
was there. Most of the people who attended were from outside of
that community indicating that there will be some growth over
the next few years. Their tiny little museum had some 1,340
visitors over the past 4 months. I went through the guest book
and was surprised to see people from Europe, western Canada, the
United States and a couple from Australia.

Word of mouth will likely increase numbers to future events. The
driving force behind that festival is Cindy Nickerson the Post
Master for the Shag Harbour Post Office. It was my personal
observation that the "festival" should take place in late July
or early August rather than around the first of October; October
is an iffy month weather-wise and at the end of the tourism
season. Cindy agrees. Next year the event will be put on during
the summer months.

The people from that area are extremely affable, tough and
friendly people. You can always look forward to good food and

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good conversation.

Don Ledger

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Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 11:45:21 -0700
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:44:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 11:00:24 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 07:59:54 -0400
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>>U.S. Presidential candidate is asked question by
>>a child.

>>Video clip:

>>http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e5d_1192463554&p=1

>>[Thanks to Jeff Hahn for the lead]

>>ebk

>Hi Everyone!

>God help us all should there ever be an hostile alien attack and
>Rudy Giuliani is the President of the U.S.!

>This is the same Giuliani, then mayor of New York, who against
>the advice of experts, chose to build his emergency command
>center to co-ordinate the response to alien attacks - of Earthly
>origin - at the World Trade Center complex. This is incredible
>since this same WTC complex was the target of a terrorist attack
>in 1993 (and a major fire in 1975) which nearly succeeded in
>bringing down one of the twin 110 story skyscrapers.

>After a second airplane crashed into the other 110 story WTC
>skyscraper, Giuliani decided to abandon his re-enforced and
>fire-proofed command center in the undamaged WTC Building 7 -
>just before his friend Larry Silverstein, the landlord of the
>WTC complex, decided to "pull" this building, a 47 story
>skyscraper. The quick and clean collapse of WTC Building 7 would
>have only been possible if explosives were already in place in
>this building where Giuliani's command center was located and
>this could only have been set up weeks if not months before 911.
>I wonder if New York Mayor Giuliani's office issued the city
>work permits for these explosives to be pre-placed in Building 7
>where he had his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center.

>If there ever is an alien invasion, past UFO incidents lead me
>to believe that this invasion would be to protect us from our
>own dangerous and evil leaders such as Giuliani who now has set
>his sight in ruling the world as President of the U.S.!

Most may not believe me but when I was on staff at our newspaper
I was sometimes called upon to call then prosecutor Giuliani's
office to get official statements, faxes etc. What surprised me
and the staff was that Giuliani's staff was so hands on that he
himself would often pick up the phone and handle things. No
secretaries and answering machines or runarounds, the real deal

man would respond. He and then Attorney General Bob Abrahms surprised us all with their hands on approach.

The irony of this news story regarding Giuliani and the ET scenario is that I was covering it in the new book I've written. I really stuck my neck out back in the '80's asking his office about the wave of UFO sightings back then known as the Hudson Valley UFO sightings.

Their response was so no nonsense it reminded me of the then FBI response and likewise some of the old school law enforcement responses that were just like his response to the child who asked him during this news conference.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 16:53:01 -0300
Archived: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:50:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 21:33:41 +0000
>Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>PRESS RELEASE
>For Immediate Release
>October 14, 2007

>Roswell: The Nazi Connection
>A New Book By Jerry E. Smith

>In September 2007 I received the go-ahead for my next book:
>Roswell: The Nazi Connection!

>Since July 3, 1947 the US military has admitted that something
>fell to earth near Roswell, New Mexico, and was recovered in a
>most extraordinary way. But from that day to this the military
>continues to concoct ridiculous stories to explain away what
>they found.

>Hundreds of witnesses have come forward with a mind-bending
>kaleidoscope of possibilities. Was it some sort of disk-shaped
>aircraft - a true flying saucer? Was it from this Earth or
>Another World? Who were the pilots? Aliens? Humans? Both?

>In Roswell: The Nazi Connection I will take a look at some of
>the more anomalous evidence and posit a few alternative tellings
>of the tale. I admit that this book will be highly speculative,
>but I will only be looking at solid facts and legitimate
>questions about the available evidence. I won't be pushing an
>agenda or preconceived solution to the conundrum of Roswell,
>just suggesting a few different ways to connect the dots.

Ahh...I see, it's a Science Fiction book.

Don Ledger

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From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:07:37 +0200
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 07:54:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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Many greetings from Germany,

Joachim Koch

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Scientific Study Of UFOs

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 18:51:37 -0400
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 08:08:23 -0400
Subject: Scientific Study Of UFOs

Following up on recent posts about how science could and should study UFOs, here is what I outlined in The UFO Evidence, Vol. II (2000).

I thought I had it on a floppy disc, but if so I couldn't find it. In the original I argued the case more fully, so this is a bare-bones outline.

- Dick Hall

From The UFO Evidence, Vol. II (Scarecrow Press, 200), pp. 645-647,

I reported the "Elements of a Scientific Study." Condensed here, they are:

- I. Adequate funding for scientific personnel and administrative staff infrastructure.
- II. Systematic gathering of both historical and current information at one or more collection points.
- III. Quick reaction teams equipped with instruments to conduct timely field investigations.
- IV. Re-establishment or establishment of new reporting networks similar to successful ones of the past.
- V. Cataloging, documenting, and data analysis of evidential types of UFO reports:
 - a. E-M effects
 - b. Radar
 - c. Physiological/medical effects
 - d. Landing traces
 - e. Animal reactions
 - f. Photographic evidence
 - g. Computerized pattern and correlation analysis
- VI. Publication and peer review of data, analysis, and findings.
- VII. Testing of the hypothesis that some UFOs represent an as-yet unexplained, potentially significant phenomenon of worldwide scope, giving both the appearance and some instrumented evidence of being solid, structured objects (i.e., craft).

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>that the US may have looked for this colony in 1946-47 under
>the leadership of Admiral Byrd. His Operation Highjump was the
>largest armada ever sent to Antarctica,

List,

For more information see:

www.bibliotecapleyades.net/tierra_hueca/esp_tierra_hueca_6.htm

Ed

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Michael Corleone

Several years ago I Coordinated the gathering of dust samples from the homes of 'abductees' and a control group of 'non-abductees.' The samples were submitted to Nick Balaskas for analysis.

Many months later I received a book that contained photos (microphotography) of some of the samples that were submitted. The samples were supposed to have been studied using an electron microscope at York U. Unfortunately, Nick was unable to arrange for the electron microscopy of the samples.

On several occasions I asked Nick to please post some kind of report to the List about the methods he used and what, if anything he may have discovered. Unless I missed it, no report of any kind was ever submitted to interested parties on this List. Privately he informed me that there was nothing 'unusual' found in any of the samples (just common dust) and that he really didn't have much to report at all.

Nick, I know you read these posts... how about it? Please post a comment on the Dust Bunny Project, if for no other reason, to put it to rest. The ball is in your court.

Regards,

John 'Desperately trying just to lurk' Velez

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Hi Kat, Greg, All,

This one is for Mr. Sandow: Greg, do you know what happened to
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Best,

John

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Jawohl, mein Herr! Er ist ein Scheisskopf.

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>>We also covered the rumors of an attempt to establish a
>>permanent German colony in Antarctica and Urban Legends
>>that the US may have looked for this colony in 1946-47 under
>>the leadership of Admiral Byrd. His Operation Highjump was the
>>largest armada ever sent to Antarctica,

>List,

>For more information see:

>www.bibliotecapleyades.net/tierra_hueca/esp_tierra_hueca_6.htm

>Ed

Highly recommended for lovers of fantasy and science fiction.

- Dick

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Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 11:54:13 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:00:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 13:48:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>>Strange Sky Sights Pick Up
>>UFO reports near-triple average

>>"Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to 5% that don't
>>have an easy explanation," said Rutkowski.

>That's a pretty safe but tired estimation of unsolved cases in
>my estimation and there's no research to prove that only 3-5
>percent are unsolved. I make it more like 25 -30 percent in
>cases I've looked into over the last 15 years. I think it's time
>to throw out that throw-back to Project BlueBook reference. Even
>their cases are proving to reflect more like 30 percent unknown
>as was the case with the Condon report.

>But if it makes researchers feel safe in using this bogus and
>unproven percentage of 3-5 percent when dealing with the press,
>so be it.

Geez, Don...

We've spent the better part of 20 years going through Canadian
UFO report data and publishing it as the Canadian UFO Survey
every spring. We even make the raw data available for anyone to
look at and use themselves.

This is pure research, scientific and justifiable, and there is
no question that when you actually look at the data - what is
actually being reported by witnesses - only about 3 to 5 per
cent are what we call "high quality unknowns." It's NOT that the
rest are explainable; most have insufficient information or are
judged as having possible or probable explanations based on the
information available. (This is outlined in our studies.)

>I just don't think the public are as unsophisticated as they are
>often purported to be, aided and abetted by researchers that
>have nothing to back up this claim.

All we have to back this up is facts, and it's not a claim.

My guess the reason you're estimating the percentage of unknowns
to be higher is because you're being selective about your cases.
You probably aren't interested calls or emails about simple
"lights in the sky" or reports that sound like planes, stars and
planets. But when these are reported as UFOs, which they are in
great numbers on Vike's site, directly to us via Transport
Canada and other ways, we include them in our data, and that
drops the percentage of "real" UFOs. (Again, this is all
explained in our annual studies.)

>It should be remembered that the only reason that the 3-5
>percent claim as "Unknown" was allowed in the first place was
>that there wasn't enough data to explain it away as a known but
>presumably would be when all of the data was in.

In our case, we're just being thorough.

>I'm not sure why today's researchers still buy into such a low
>percentage. Is it just in hopes they can slip a figure that low
>[and perhaps safe] past the media and science? To me it does
>more harm than good.

I disagree. It's a fact. And even if it's only 5 per cent,
that's still significant and worth pursuing. 5 per cent of 5,000
(about how many Canadian cases are in the database now) is still
about 250 "real" UFOs.

That's pretty good, I'd say!

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Claude MAUGE <claudemaug.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:09:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

There are several interesting things in the present discussion about the topics "Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?", for which the name "Is Ufology Science?" would be now probably more accurate. I don't intend here to review the whole contributions, but I have a few remarks on some points before presenting a past attempt for trying to list the various reasons for which scientists may have globally no interest in the UFO question.

>From: Franck Boitte <franckboitte.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 12:34:20 +0200
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>The present status of ufology compared to science is in my
>opinion to be compared to the one alchemy occupied vis =C3
>vis chemistry in the medieval times. Analogy to cosmology as
>proposed by Mr. White is certainly justified as the latest space
>exploration discoveries have notably increased the probability
>of life elsewhere in the Universe and by consequencee the
>probabilty that UFOs might indeed be extraneous manifestations
>from an "outside" realm. In other words, "not if this Earth".
>Only time will tell, but actually this twenty years ago
>completely unprevisibile new paradigm evidently is considered by
>skeptics such as Mr. Mauge and his friends as an irritating
>stone thrown in their grapevine.

>That's why they desperately try to strongly dissociate the two
>domains.

As far as I know, cosmology itself offers no clue about the question of the life in the universe, except at a very general level such as in the discussions (not very recent) about the anthropic principle. They are however far closer to philosophy than to science. As for the probability of life elsewhere, it is far from being evident that it was increased by the recent discoveries. First, because there are still huge uncertainties about many parameters which are fundamental for the questions of the origin and evolution of life. And second, because the many discovered exoplanets are "wrong" planets at the "wrong" place. In the '70s and the '80s, several scientific papers had "proved" by simulations that there were probably in the universe many planetary systems basically as ours, that is with "little" planets between the star and much bigger planets outside: as the Mediocrity Principle asserts, the solar system was thus a mundane system. But the known exoplanets are mostly giant ones very close to their sun, and therefore the solar system is not as mundane as it was thought. Only one conclusion can be drawn: for the time being, we don't know; so we must await for future developments (a point where I agree with Franck Boitte).

>Moreover, Mauge's oblique reference to parapsychology and
>cryptozoology is an old trick frequently used by his peers to
>muddy waters and discredit ufology. Cryptozoology put aside,
>even if I recognize there actually are some psy aspects in some
>- yet not all - ufological events, they are only anecdotic and
>serious ufology doesn't need to presently bother with them.

Boitte misunderstand what I had said about other disciplines

such as cryptozoology or parapsychology: my purpose was only to compare the status of several "parasciences" (or "marginal sciences" if one prefers), not to tackle the place of psi within ufology (parapsychological effects or hypotheses), which is a totally different question, nor to discredit ufology by the comparison itself.

>From: Jerome Clark jkclark.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:02:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>We "senior ufologists" discount conspirational allegations of
>the sort you [Eleanor White] mention because they're manifestly
>unnecessary, for

>one thing, and there's no evidence supporting them, for another.

I agree fully, as obviously many people too, either proponents or "pelicanists". However, two interesting questions arise immediately. First, how can you explain that other proponents, even among respected ufologists, are firmly convinced that there is a conspiracy and that they have enough proofs of it?

Second, how may you use this argument while implicitly refusing to the skeptics (and even the debunkers) the right to say: "We skeptics discount UFO existence allegations of the sort you [the proponents] mention because they're manifestly unnecessary, for one thing, and there's no really convincing evidence supporting them, for another"? I'm not saying here that the skeptics are necessarily right (I think it's so, no more), but that your argument can be used against you.

>From: Gerald O'Connell gac.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:20:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>Why should the whole of the rest of the world bend both its
>media and academic structures out of shape in order to go along
>with an American desire to retain a secret monopoly on alien
>technology retrieved at Roswell? Why doesn't Castro's Cuba
>embarrass the NSA by offering university degrees in Ufology in
>the same way that it embarrasses the USA by offering high
>quality cut-price medical degrees to impoverished American
>students? - The list of awkward questions like this is as
>genuinely endless as America is friendless.

>In short, the argument is far more narrow-minded than any
>supposed suppression of scientific truth on the part of the
>secrecy conspirators upon whose far-reaching actions it depends.
>They can bribe/influence Fox, ABC etc., but China? Iran? India?
>Russia? Venezuela? France? For sixty years? Are they all queuing
>up to do the bidding of the Secrecy Group and make sure that
>their limbo lighting meets standards of spooky luminescence set
>by the Pentagon?

>How long before somebody is trying to persuade us that the (most
>recent) invasion of Iraq was really precipitated by Saddam
>Hussein's intention to make an impartial documentary about
>Roswell, or to offer doctorates in the Ufological Sciences at
>Baghdad Technical Institute?

Yes! Hundred times yes!! Thousand times yes!!! The answers (if any) by the proponents of the "cosmic Watergate" to Gerald O'Connell's arguments will probably be instructive...

Here is now the part entitled "The reasons for the disinterest of scientists in UFOs" of a letter I had sent on 23 May 1999 to some persons after the 1997 Pocantico meeting organized by Peter A. Sturrock. It is very slightly edited (e.g. for the numbering), and with a very few changes in double parentheses ((...)). SR means "Sturrock Report", in the Journal of Scientific Exploration version and pagination (vol 12 No 2, Summer 1998).

1. In order to solve a problem, whatever its nature, we must

first analyze it. If the ufologists want to interest scientists in UFOs, they must thus try to understand why scientists are not generally interested in UFOs. A possible way could be to try to understand why some scientists are interested in UFOs. As far as I know, we don't have any general answer, but only the reasons why a few of them became interested (e.g. James McDonald: to see if reports of rare meteorological phenomena were hidden in UFO reports; Claude Poher: to convince a friend that UFOs did not exist). But let us now return to the original question.

2. In the IUR vol. 23 No 3, Michael Swords and Mark Rodeghier give two partial reasons (in French, I should have written "partiel et partial", "in part and biased"):

2.1 "As a historian of this subject I [Swords] know how much damage wrong-headed travesties like the Robertson Panel and the Condon summary of the Colorado Project have done to the field. I know how much damage that apparently obsessed debunkers like Donald Menzel or public relations magicians like Carl Sagan have done to the academic community's openness to the subject". This is of course true, but this is only a small part of the truth.

2.2 Likewise, Rodeghier is only partly right when he writes:

... "why we seem to have made so little progress in understanding the UFO phenomenon after 50 years..."

There is a simple answer to this criticism: UFOs have rarely been studied scientifically with a concerted effort because the subject has never been given the resources and personnel it needs to attack the problem properly".

3. Peter Sturrock is more judicious in his analysis when he notes (SR 185) that "This may be due in part to the fact that there are no public funds to support research into this issue, in part to the assumption that there are no data worth examining, in part to the belief that the Colorado study has effectively settled the question, and possibly in part to the perception that the topic is in some sense 'not respectable'. The relative importance of these four causes is unclear". He adds immediately that "the general perception in the scientific community is that, if UFO reports pose a scientific problem at all, it has more to do with psychology and the science of perception than with physical science", which can be seen as a variant of his second reason ("no data").

Sturrock returns later (SR 211-212) to the problem and writes that "There is no doubt that this lack of curiosity is due in part to a lack of reliable and accessible information". He calls thus for a change in policy on the part of scientific journal editors and of scientific societies' leaders.

4. In his really remarkable UFO Handbook (p. 13-16), Allan Hendry gave the following answer to a slightly different problem:

"If ufology has failed to take its place with accepted disciplines like astronomy, meteorology, or mathematics, it is not without reasons. Here are six of the most important:

[4.]1 Stories =3D Data. Most of the information we possess on UFOs is anecdotal in nature, and UFO cases that are built solely on human testimony form 'soft data' indeed. Just how soft should be a matter of primary concern for those who promote the importance of the UFO reports. Yet no direct experiments have been performed by them in thirty years to verify witness reliability... [Did the situation change since 1979?].

[4.]2 Too much variety, too few patterns.

Attempts to force apparently unrelated events under a single umbrella have effectively warded off the scientific community

[4.]3 UFOs belong to no branch of science exclusively. [... therefore, necessity of an interdisciplinary effort...]

[4.]4 UFOs =3D Aliens from space.

...this unproven explanation scheme has become such a handy and popular cliché that even the scientific community is inclined to

equate the two automatically .

[4.]5 IFOs overwhelm UFOs - in numbers. The poor signal-to-noise ratio of UFOs to IFOs has always been a tough problem to surmount. When you consider the very definitions of the terms 'UFO' and 'IFO', it becomes clear that their separate identities will always be based on judgment. [...]

[4.]6 UFOs vs. the laws of physics

... UFOs violate them."

4.7 In the same pages, Hendry mentions too the lack of reliability of the UFO milieu, its links with the occult, its methodological inadequacies. For instance: "While previous accounts in the literature have been provocative, they have failed to serve as solid research data [an equivalent of what the Pocantico Scientific Panel said 18 years later!]. Some of the reasons are readily apparent. The information has been second- or third-hand and thus vulnerable to generation errors. It is hard to compare the cases in the literature when standard investigation methods have not been adopted. Many reports are cursory at best and lack important information about apparent size, direction, weather, etc."

There are of course numerous reports which contain many informations, particularly with complex affairs. But if we take into account the fact that most of their authors are strong proponents of the extraterrestrial hypothesis, we must wonder if they ((to be replaced by: a large part of them)) are as objective as it appears at first (Hendry's point 4).

5. I agree totally with Hendry's views, and I think that ufologists ought to make their own examination of conscience before to impute the lack of interest of scientists only to causes external to the ufological milieu. After all, Laurance Rockefeller and Peter Sturrock "agreed that the problem is in a very unsatisfactory state of ignorance and confusion" (SR 182), as well as the Pocantico Scientific Panel in other terms.

Other reasons exist too. I tried to classify them in a few categories, but this can be seen only as a provisional attempt because the picture is incomplete and because the categories are not fully independant.

6. Reasons linked with the UFO phenomenon.

6.1 The nature of the UFO data: *They are essentially testimonies, reports, with all the correlated problems (cf. Hendry 4.1), worsened by the low reliability of the ufologists (7). *They concern events which appear to be essentially unpredictable (with a few exceptions: Hessdalen Valley) and which cannot be reproduced. *The harder data present their own problems, as it was said several times by the Panel.

6.2 "Too much variety, too few patterns" (with Hendry's words). *Moreover, the presence or absence of a given feature, for instance an "electromagnetic" effect, seems to be totally due to pure chance.

6.3 The "poor signal-to-noise ratio of UFOs to IFOs", perhaps due to the phenomenon itself but also in a big part to 7.1. This could be a possible explanation for 6.2. *Plus the apparent indistinguishability of UFOs and IFOs.

6.4 The aberrant features of the UFO phenomenon taken as a whole and of many cases. For instance: *The violation of laws of physics. *Many cases seem to be a stage prepared for the witness (or even for a specific witness). *UFOs and the phenomenon as a whole do not behave as we expect from advanced beings ((yes, it's anthropomorphism; the point here is that this behaviour can antagonize certain scientists)).

6.5 The UFO phenomenon presents features which are obviously linked with our human minds (features present in little known science-fiction stories prior the '40s; strong symbolic content of several cases; cases with a content linked to the personal concerns of the witness).

7. _Reasons linked with the ufologists_.

7.1 Low reliability of the UFO milieu taken as a whole. ((5 lines deleted. See previous post "A Skeptical View of UFOs"))).

7.2 As a consequence, we lack (despite several interesting attempts) a good definition, a good classification scheme, etc. (Hynek's six types have only a circumstantial value and do not describe all the possible cases, even with the additions of contacts, CE4 and CE5). These are yet the basic elements of any science.

7.3 The "UFOs =3D Aliens from space" equation, which shaped many consciences and innumerable writings.

8. _Reasons linked to science (as a knowledge system)_.

8.1 "UFOs belong to no branch of science exclusively" (Hendry). See also 9.1.

8.2 Science has implicate presuppositions (postulates) which shape our general views about the universe, life, consciousness, etc., and which can be incompatible with what we perceive from the UFO phenomenon (only one example: the immensity of cosmic distances).

8.3 Particularly, the usual perception of UFOs as extraterrestrial devices poses very serious problems.

9. _"Philosophical" reasons linked to scientists_.

9.1 We don't really know the field(s) of science to which UFOs belong (cf. 8.1)., we don't have an acceptable theoretical frame for rendering the UFO phenomenon.

9.2 The UFO problem can be rejected because of philosophical prejudices, particularly when it is perceived through the E.T. interpretation/worldview ((but also through parapsychological or religious hypotheses, or others)). *Many people can fear to have to reintroduce supranormality in our world.

9.3 Subject perceived as "not respectable" (Sturrock), because both philosophical reasons and a poor knowledge of it.

9.4 Belief that the UFO problem has more to do with human sciences than with physical (or natural) sciences (from Sturrock), and thus that "there are no data worth examining" (Sturrock).

10. _"Material" reasons linked to scientists, to science as a social institution_.

10.1 Lack of reliable information, because of: *Lack of time. *Phenomenon perceived essentially through general and ufological medias, which are not really reliable (7). *Negative influence of Condon's biased summary of the Colorado study, and possibly of other "noisy negativists" (true, but we must not forget that "noisy positivists" are far numerous!).

10.2 ((Shifted to 9.4. Was previously here because it could be due to the lack of information)).

10.3 Career constraints (such reasons apply particularly in physical sciences, but ((except for the third point)) lesser in human sciences): *Very difficult and pluridisciplinary subject, therefore little compatible with the "publish or perish" commandment, and with a very uncertain payback. *Difficulty to find a manager tolerant enough (because of this uncertain output and of 9.3). *Scientific research has its own fashions.

10.4 Lack of (public) funding (at least partly a consequence of some above reasons). (Proponent ufologists ought to be aware that such an argument could be contradictory with some of their favorite claims: if "the government" positively knows that aliens are among us, that we possess some of their craft, etc., I cannot imagine that numerous top level scientists are not paid to study the problem in high priority structures; but who are these scientists (Corso ((Lazar))???)!!!)? What are these structures?).

As for the "noisy positivists", may I add the following remark? Possibly because I tend to share the basic tenet of "noisy negativists" (there are no true-UFOs) and can thus have a biased

view, I think sincerely that the former are far more dangerous than the latter for the UFO Cause and its perception among the general public and the scientists. A very recent post on this List is a good illustration. Can an ufologist claiming to be serious take at face value the announcement, even in an interrogative form, of the involvement in the Roswell crash of Nazis who wanted to steal an A-bomb? And it will not be enough to laugh and to say "it's a Science Fiction book". For it is well possible that several medias will later promote the book (probably most often only to make money, but possibly for some for ideological reasons). O.K., I can admit freely here that the author of the book is not a respected ufologist and perhaps not an ufologist. But will that matter among the public? Alas, this is only one example among hundred or thousand others, many of which by acknowledged ufologists...

Best regards,

Claude Mauge

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Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 14:44:08 -0400
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:11:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 11:00:24 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>After a second airplane crashed into the other 110 story WTC
>skyscraper, Giuliani decided to abandon his re-enforced and
>fire-proofed command center in the undamaged WTC Building 7 -
>just before his friend Larry Silverstein, the landlord of the
>WTC complex, decided to "pull" this building, a 47 story
>skyscraper. The quick and clean collapse of WTC Building 7 would
>have only been possible if explosives were already in place in
>this building where Giuliani's command center was located and
>this could only have been set up weeks if not months before 911.
>I wonder if New York Mayor Giuliani's office issued the city
>work permits for these explosives to be pre-placed in Building 7
>where he had his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center.

>If there ever is an alien invasion, past UFO incidents lead me
>to believe that this invasion would be to protect us from our
>own dangerous and evil leaders such as Giuliani who now has set
>his sight in ruling the world as President of the U.S.!

Good grief! What cartoon existence are you inhabiting, Nick?
Please take the WTC demolition nonsense to some other list. I
was under the impression that this one attempts to deal with
reality (yes, i can hear the snickering from the UFO-skeptics).

Cordially,

Brian

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 14:53:42 -0400
Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:13:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 21:33:41 +0000
>Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>Dear List:

>Jerry Smith is working on a new book. Please see the attached
>announcement.

Is this a joke? What a lot of rubbish! It's surprising, the things that some people will assert, seemingly unaware of how simple it is to check facts. Holloman AFB is home to the 49th Fighter Wing of the USAF, btw.

Brian

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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 08:39:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 16:38:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>[Press release for Roswell: The Nazi Connection by Jerry E. Smith]

>>For more information see:

>>www.bibliotecapleyades.net/tierra_hueca/esp_tierra_hueca_6.htm

>Highly recommended for lovers of fantasy and science fiction.

Richard,

I'm really sorry, but your recommendation is an insult to lovers of true fantasy and true science fiction, because the site gives absolutely no indication that the story about the so-called "Operation High-Jump" is to be taken as fiction.

Worse, it is perhaps too an insult to the victims of nazism if the story is another disguised neo-nazi attempt to indirectly restore some despicable ideas and/or people.

I hope very sincerely that your formulation was only too rapid, all the more so since it is contradictory with for use of "Scheisskopf" and your agreement with Joachim Koch in your preceding post.

Regards,

Claude

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Secrecy News -- 10/17/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:00:02 -0400
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ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND THE JEWS

In a remarkable episode from the Civil War that is not as widely known as it might be, General Ulysses S. Grant issued Order No. 11 on December 17, 1862 expelling all Jews from Kentucky, Tennessee, and Mississippi, where his forces had taken the field.

Equally remarkable, President Lincoln did not say he would "stand by" his generals or that "we must give the military the tools it needs" to accomplish its mission. Instead, he rescinded the Order.

A century-old account of General Grant's short-lived ban on Jews has recently been published online.

During the Civil War, President Lincoln repeatedly suspended habeas corpus and authorized other serious infringements on civil liberties. But there are some things that are not done in America, it appears, even when the survival of the nation is at stake. This was one of them.

General Grant's action was not entirely irrational and prejudice-driven. An estimated 25,000 of the nation's 150,000 Jews lived in the South and were loyal to the Confederacy, according to a 2005 Library of Congress exhibition. And some Jewish merchants would "roam through the country contrary to government regulations," Grant complained.

"The President has no objection to your expelling traitors and Jew peddlers which I suppose was the object of your order," wrote Gen. Henry Halleck to Gen. Grant, somewhat inelegantly. "But as it in terms proscribed an entire religious class, some of whom are fighting in our ranks, the President deems it necessary to revoke it."

The story received only cursory, two-sentence treatment in the preeminent Lincoln biography ("Lincoln") by David Herbert Donald, which mistakenly attributed Halleck's "Jew peddler" phrase to Grant (p. 409).

And Grant himself did not mention Order No. 11 in his Memoirs. He deliberately omitted it, his son explained in a 1907 letter, because "that was a matter long past and best not referred to."

To the contrary, however, this principled exercise of restraint by the President in time of war seems well worth remembering and pondering today, when basic civil liberties are again in dispute. (At his confirmation hearing today, Attorney General-nominee Michael Mukasey was unable or unwilling to categorically reject the possibility of indefinite detention of an American citizen without trial.)

The most detailed account of the origins and aftermath of General Grant's Order No. 11 expelling the Jews from the areas under his control seems to be a 1909 book entitled "Abraham Lincoln and the Jews," self-published by author Isaac Markens (pp. 10-17).

That book, long out of print, was recently digitized and published by Google Books and is now freely available here:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=-OxmJGRkFXwC&printsec=titlepage>

In 1876, President Ulysses S. Grant was an honored guest at the dedication of Adas Israel, which is now the largest Conservative synagogue in Washington, DC.

NSA SIGINT SEMINARS FOR THE PRESS

In an attempt to convey to reporters the sensitivity of classified signals intelligence information and to discourage unnecessary disclosure of intelligence sources and methods, the National Security Agency held a series of by-invitation-only seminars for reporters and editors dubbed "SIGINT 101."

The seminars, which were apparently held on several occasions between 2002 and 2004, were first reported by Josh Gerstein in the New York Sun. See "Spies Prep Reporters on Protecting Secrets," September 27:

<http://www.nysun.com/article/63465>

The course outline and supporting documents that were first obtained by Mr. Gerstein under the Freedom of Information Act provide some additional insight into NSA concerns about the loss of SIGINT sources and the possibility of voluntary steps by the press to help protect them.

"We want to emphasize that we deplore 'leaks' or other unauthorized disclosures of properly classified material," the NSA course module states.

However, given the fact of leaks, "we also want you to understand that in many instances, we believe that reporters can deal with the content of leaks in a way that does not expose intelligence sources and methods."

"We ask that when intelligence information is reported, fragile intelligence source and method information, which is unnecessary to informed debate, not be disclosed along with it."

See SIGINT 101 Seminar Course Module, National Security Agency (2002?):

<http://www.fas.org/blog/secrecy/docs/seminar.pdf>

REPORTERS' SHIELD LAW ADVANCES IN THE HOUSE

By an overwhelming majority, the House of Representatives voted yesterday to approve a limited federal shield law that would enable reporters to protect the confidentiality of their sources from compulsory disclosure under most circumstances. See the record of the October 16 House debate here:

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

The White House issued a strong statement of opposition and suggested the President would veto the reporter's shield bill if adopted by Congress as written. "The legislation would make it

extremely difficult to prosecute cases involving leaks of classified information and would hamper efforts to investigate and prosecute other serious crimes," the October 16 statement said.

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/news/2007/10/wh101607.pdf>

VARIOUS DOD DOCS

Noteworthy legal, regulatory and other publications from the Department of Defense include the following.

"Forged in the Fire: Legal Lessons Learned During Military Operations, 1994-2006," Center for Law and Military Operations, September 2006 (439 pp, 28 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/forged.pdf>

"Defense Civilian Intelligence Personnel System (DCIPS)," DoD Directive 1400.35, September 24, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/d1400_35.pdf

"Minimum Security Standards for Safeguarding Biological Select Agents and Toxins," Air Force Instruction DODI 5210.89_AFI 10-3901, 24 September 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/usaf/biosecur.pdf>

"Limitation of Authority to Deputize DoD Uniformed Law Enforcement Personnel by State and Local Governments," DoD Instruction 5525.13, September 28, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/i5525_13.pdf

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 07:13:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 00:59:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>This one is for Mr. Sandow: Greg, do you know what happened to
>the writing samples that Budd submitted to Stuart Appelle at
>Cornell?

>Last I heard it was all collecting dust on a shelf in Stuart's
>office. Any thing new?

To rewind the film a little further:

For many years, Budd Hopkins has collected reports of alien symbols from abductees he's worked with. Some of them say they've seen symbols, or writing, and have drawn them. I've spoken to two of the abductees who say they've seen the symbols.

I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that, speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have independently seen these things. I've promised not to describe the symbols, because that could contaminate future reports. But they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew alphabet. They'd be distinctly different from the Russian alphabet, or from our own, and distinctly similar to each other. I'm not saying these symbols from the abductees look anything like Hebrew. They don't. But they truly resemble each other, just as letters from the Hebrew alphabet resemble each other.

Here's where Stuart Appelle comes in. Budd hadn't wanted to publish these symbols, to avoid contaminating future reports. But when you have quite a large number of reports, maybe this isn't a consideration any more. Maybe it's more valuable to reveal the data, and have it studied scientifically. Budd never did that. But finally he agreed to send his collection of these things to Stuart Appelle, the editor of the Journal of UFO Studies, the only peer-reviewed scientific journal in the UFO field. Stuart said he'd look at them, and try to find scientists to conduct a study.

The value of the study is somewhat limited, but not trivial. It's limited, because of course no one can say anything about what the symbols mean. And also because we have to take Budd's and the abductees' word for how the symbols were collected. Budd says he never showed the abductees the collection of symbols before each abductee drew his or her own recollections, and I'm sure that's true. But still we have to take his word for it. Ideally he'd at least have not looked at the drawings. He'd have had the abductees seal them in an envelope, and then given the sealed envelopes to some third party.

We also only have anecdotal accounts of how similar the symbols are. That is, you can believe me or not, and I can tell you that

you should. But this isn't scientific. A better process would be to find a panel of unbiased judges, and ask them to decide how similar the symbols are, and given the similarity a numerical score. Then the scores are averaged, and we have an overall score for how similar a group of people with no connection to UFO research or abductions think the symbols are. These people also wouldn't be told where the symbols came from. This would start to approach a scientific treatment of the data, and I think that's what Stuart had in mind. (He's a psychology professor at a branch of the State University of NY.)

I don't know what happened to the plan for this. For a while, the Journal didn't publish, because of lack of funds. Maybe this plan got lost in the long gap between one issue and the next. Also, I was the one really pushing for this study, and I drifted out of UFO research, and didn't pursue it.

Finally, there were different views about how the data should be presented to Stuart. Out of respect for everyone's privacy, I won't go into details. But there were some things to figure out about the presentation, and maybe they were never resolved.

Hope that answers John's question at least a little.

Greg Sandow

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UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:39:38 -0500
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 07:14:12 -0400
Subject: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

Has anyone else had a chance to look at this?? It's look like the real deal, unless all of these bystanders were participating in a hoax.

Thanks to Victor Martinez for the lead.

UFO FLY-BY CAUGHT ON THE NEWS IN TURKEY!

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

K. Wilson
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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:10:45 -0400
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 07:17:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 19:48:49 EDT
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

<snip>

>... I believe it would be quite possible to produce results which
>would prove to be a scientific-foundation for the further and
>mainstream research of the Ufological/Abduction field.

Well at least one abductee reports repeated power outages,
matching abduction dates and times - which supposedly would have
been seen on the CUFOS (?) study data - have happened in one
case, maybe more.

That alone should interest bona fide scientists who don't have
some other agenda, or who aren't fearful.

It would be relatively inexpensive for an abductee to simply log
abduction experiences, and note whether a frequent time
announcement and an AC clock show the same time after each
experience. I would recommend that after each abduction
experience, the abductee tune to an all-news channel for the
time, instead of relying on a battery-operated clock.

The AC clock should have a relay in series which drops out
(prevents further power from getting to the clock after the
power is restored.) I will personally assemble these power-off
relay boxes for any abductee who wants one for an actual power
outage study. (Because I'm not well off, I'd ask to be
reimbursed for the cost of materials and shipping. The units
will be fused for additional safety.)

Also make sure the AC clock is of the 'hands' type - a digital
clock loses time when the power goes out, and can also have an
internal battery or capacitor backup which can make accurate
time of an outage not recoverable. A battery-operated clock with
hands would also work - the battery would be replaced with a
'wall mount' style plug-in power supply.

How about a few abductees do that on their own, since clearly
there is no interest in asking CUFOS, or whoever owns the data,
in doing that simple quick check of the data.

At least then, repeated reports of power outages matching the
dates and times of logged abduction experiences would pile up,
and might become useful as a "crowbar" to budge those who like
to cuddle up to the idea that abductions are really just "mental
aberrations." (Are you reading this, Susan Clancy?)

Maybe that simple exercise could get an actual study going, and
this time, abductees, make sure you get in writing that you
will get to see the raw data immediately, and that the public
also gets to see it immediately.

Make sure you keep photocopies of all log sheets you turn in.
Maybe even getting a receipt would be a good idea, since in one

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case, the person the log sheets were turned into "forgot" they were turned in.

There has been _far_ too much UFO secrecy in the last 60 years!

Eleanor White

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:20:33 -0500
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:22:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 16:38:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 21:33:41 +0000
>>Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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Also:

Antarctica and Subglacial Lake Vostok

<http://www.ldeo.columbia.edu/~mstuding/vostok.html>

http://www.esa.int/esaEO/SEM913VZJND_index_2.html

12 December 2003

A lost world sealed off under tonnes of ice

More recently, German researchers have used ERS interferograms to establish that - despite their distance from the surface - the waters of Lake Vostok are stirred by daily tides.

During the FRINGE ice session, Anja Poetzch of the Dresden Technical University presented details on how pair of interferograms acquired during ERS-1 and 2 tandem operations in 1996 demonstrated a maximum vertical displacement of 15 mm above Lake Vostok, corresponding to tidal motion. Results from in-situ GPS observations carried out during the last two Antarctic summers confirm the conclusion.

http://www.world-mysteries.com/sar_1.htm

The most puzzling however is not so much how Piri Reis managed to draw such an accurate map of the Antarctic region 300 years before it was discovered, but that the map shows the coastline under the ice. Geological evidence confirms that the latest date Queen Maud Land could have been charted in an ice-free state is 4000 BC.

Who was here 4000 years BC, being able to do things that now are possible with the modern technologies?

Piri Re's own commentary indicates that some of his source maps

were from the time of Alexander the Great (332 B.C.).

John

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:12:03 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:26:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 16:19:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

<snip>

>>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCA8E

<snip>

>I fully agree with you Martin in your analysis and with your
>conclusion that these "saucers" are just video camera
>artefacts of distant out-of-focus point light sources.

Sure. But I don't think question is about form of lights. It
obvious that camera don't have clear focus.

>first thought that these UFOs are landing lights of
>distant planes is the correct one

<snip>

>There are many, including Bristol International Airport a few
>miles to the west and Heathrow International Airports - one of
>the busiest passenger airports in the world - to the east.
>Living below one of the flight paths to nearby Toronto's
>Pearson
>International Airport, what was depicted in this "UFO" video
>is a common sight for me.

If these are landing lights, then how to explain sudden
appearances in direction from-top-to-bottom of some of the
lights? Most clear such appearances starts at 3:46min and
05:43min at the right side of the screen.

Also, landing lights do not appear as orange-yellow in color. I
can see Toronto airport from my balcony every evening, there are
many landing lights but none of them are orange as on this
video.

If these lights was landing lights, then they should be visible
every evening. But description of this video says:

"Atleast 2 other people witnessed it (guest house owners)."

I think guest house owners should know that there is airport and
these lights are just airplanes, not unknown lights in the sky.

Sergey

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From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:31:51 -0700
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:28:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 08:39:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>>Ed

>Highly recommended for lovers of fantasy and science fiction.

Dick,

Then you haven't read the article. Was there some reason you decided to form and express an opinion without reading the article? There's more to Byrd's mission than "fantasy and science fiction". Are you saying that Operation High Jump didn't take place?

"This invasion of the continent of Antarctica was named 'Operation High Jump' and comprised of some 4700 military personnel, six helicopters, six Martin PBM flying boats, two seaplane tenders, fifteen other aircraft, thirteen US Navy support ships and one aircraft carrier; the USS Philippine Sea (right).

It seems incredible that so shortly after a war that had decimated most of Europe and crippled global economies, an expedition to Antarctica was undertaken with so much haste (it took advantage of the first available Antarctic summer after the war), at such cost, and with so much military hardware - unless the operation was absolutely essential to the security of the United States."

www.bibliotecapleyades.net/tierra_hueca/esp_tierra_hueca_6.htm

Most of this article is pure history. If folks want to

understand the basics of Operation High Jump, and Byrd's missing time, and the German connection, this is a good introductory article.

I have no idea if there are or ever were German bases in Antarctica, but I do know that Byrd believed that there was something there we needed to deal with:

"Adm. Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the United States to initiate immediate defense measures against hostile regions. The Admiral further stated that he didn't want to frighten anyone unduly but it was a bitter reality that in case of a new war the continental United States would be attacked by flying objects which could fly from pole to pole at incredible speeds.

Admiral Byrd repeated the above points of view, resulting from his personal knowledge gathered both at the north and south poles, before a news conference held for International News Service."

Ed

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Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

From: James Molesworth <jtmoll.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 12:44:01 +1000
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:29:25 -0400
Subject: Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

G'day All

Just a quick question for the list. Is anyone able to direct me to any research on misidentifications and similar 'mistaken'/'false' UFO reports? Also, which groups, if any, keep records of all their reports, including mistaken ones, and make at least the number of them which they receive available? Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

James T. Molesworth

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:51:32 -0700
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 16:30:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude MAUGE <claudemaugue.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Franck Boitte <franckboitte.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 12 Oct 2007 12:34:20 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>As far as I know, cosmology itself offers no clue about the
>question of the life in the universe, except at a very general
>level such as in the discussions (not very recent) about the
>anthropic principle. They are however far closer to philosophy
>than to science. As for the probability of life elsewhere, it is
>far from being evident that it was increased by the recent
>discoveries. First, because there are still huge uncertainties
>about many parameters which are fundamental for the questions of
>the origin and evolution of life. And second, because the many
>discovered exoplanets are "wrong" planets at the "wrong" place.
>In the '70s and the '80s, several scientific papers had "proved"
>by simulations that there were probably in the universe many
>planetary systems basically as ours, that is with "little"
>planets between the star and much bigger planets outside: as the
>Mediocrity Principle asserts, the solar system was thus a
>mundane system. But the known exoplanets are mostly giant ones
>very close to their sun, and therefore the solar system is not
>as mundane as it was thought.

This last conclusion doesn't yet follow. It's well known that
the key method, presently, by which exoplanets are detected is
through their gravitational pull upon their star, giving it a
slight wobble in its orbit that's detected spectroscopically.
This detection method, though it has improved quite a lot in the
past several years, still can only detect large planets close to
their star; they can't yet detect them farther out, anywhere
close to Jupiter's orbit in distance, for example. The other
reason for this is that the observations have to be carried out
over a time period of two or three cycles (years) of the planet
and its induced wobble upon the star. Jupiter's orbit once
around takes about 12 years, so some 30 years of observations
would be required to discern such a planet's effect upon its
parent star even if the distance effect of reduced gravitational
influence is overcome by ever more sensitive spectroscopic
measurements.

The other present method involves searching for periodicities in
very slightly reduced stellar intensity, of rather short time
interval, as the planet passes in front of the star, for those
rather rare cases where the exoplanetary orbits lie in a plane
that intersect us. This also suffers from the huge time periods
of observation required for planets far from the star, like
Jupiter is from the sun.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 01:09:29 -0400
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>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 14:44:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 11:00:24 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

<snip>

>>After a second airplane crashed into the other 110 story WTC
>>skyscraper, Giuliani decided to abandon his re-enforced and
>>fire-proofed command center in the undamaged WTC Building 7 -
>>just before his friend Larry Silverstein, the landlord of the
>>WTC complex, decided to "pull" this building, a 47 story
>>skyscraper. The quick and clean collapse of WTC Building 7 would
>>have only been possible if explosives were already in place in
>>this building where Giuliani's command center was located and
>>this could only have been set up weeks if not months before 911.
>>I wonder if New York Mayor Giuliani's office issued the city
>>work permits for these explosives to be pre-placed in Building 7
>>where he had his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center.

>>If there ever is an alien invasion, past UFO incidents lead me
>>to believe that this invasion would be to protect us from our
>>own dangerous and evil leaders such as Giuliani who now has set
>>his sight in ruling the world as President of the U.S.!

>Good grief! What cartoon existence are you inhabiting, Nick?
>Please take the WTC demolition nonsense to some other list. I
>was under the impression that this one attempts to deal with
>reality (yes, i can hear the snickering from the UFO-skeptics).

<snip>

Greetings Brian - or is it Charlie Brown? ;o)

Since ufology, as any science, is an integral part of this world one cannot study or fully understand it in total isolation from everything else, including politics. What little we know about UFOs and the intelligence behind it has largely been through the logical and rational deductions made by researchers, no matter how silly or unlikely they may seem. One should never allow the fear of ridicule, including from our colleagues on this List, to prevent them from voicing their observations and sharing their own deductions. It hasn't prevented me! This is how human knowledge advances, and by challenging accepted views, this is also a way that we can eventually uncover the "real" truth from the official truth.

Today I purchased a copy of the book Skunk Works for only \$2 at a downtown thrift shop which I started reading tonight. It was written by Ben Rich, the former secretive head of Lockheed's Skunk Works. Things that were once thought to be possible only in the realm of fiction or cartoons such as Buck Rogers, is revealed in this book to be much closer to reality than any of

us self-professed experts and snickering UFO-skeptics ever suspected.

Now that the American people are preparing to cast their ballots for the next President which will directly or indirectly impact the lives of over 6 billion Earthlings, one should not just listen to the words of the candidates as to what they would do during a hostile attack on the U.S., alien or otherwise, but to also reflect on the actions of these candidates on 9/11 when America was attacked by its enemies, foreign and/or domestic.

Although you may care to differ, should there ever be a hostile alien attack, I would prefer to have someone like President Thomas Whitmore (in the movie 'Independence Day' or 'ID4' played by actor Bill Pullman) or President Ronald Reagan (playing himself) rather than the more dubious President James Dale (in 'Mars Attacks!' played by actor Jack Nicholson) or the less sincere President Rudy Giuliani.

Nick Balaskas

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It Fell From Outer Space?

Officials At Loss To Explain Falling Metal

UFO watchers have a new topic for their internet forums. The FAA has ruled a 16-inch-long piece of metal, which fell from the sky in Delaware Monday, was not part of an airplane.

The object landed with enough force to blow right through the roof of an SUV, and was hot enough to still be smoldering when firefighters arrived.

"The metal was still too hot to handle," Delaware State Police spokesman Cpl. Jeff Whitmarsh told the Wilmington News-Journal. No one was injured.

Photos from the scene show a metal object that looks a little like a piece of construction rebar bent into the shape of the Greek letter omega. A witness told police the impact on the SUV sounded like an explosion.

Could it be a piece of space junk which re-entered after its orbit decayed?

Or is it a cotter pin from a huge alien spacecraft?

The FAA will investigate.

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UFO Network Meeting Saturday
By Jacob Bennett

Strange lights are still flashing above the Midwest, so Jerry Sievers and his friends with the Mutual UFO Network of Indiana are getting together again to try to figure out why.

Sievers is the state director of the network, which gets together twice a year to discuss recent cases and, sometimes, to hear witness accounts.

They're meeting from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Blue Jeans Community Center, 1242 Main St., in Monroe City, Ind.

The guests this time include a Central Indiana woman who says she has been abducted numerous times since she was 5.

She doesn't want to be identified, but she told Sievers that she has been abducted from her bedroom window and examined by little gray beings.

"She's had quite a history of stuff happening to her," Sievers said. "I asked her to give me a rundown. She filled up three audio tapes."

Attendees at this year's meeting could also hear from Roger Sugdon, a Fort Wayne, Ind., man who investigates crop circles, and from witnesses of a February UFO incident near paranormal hot spot Lucky Point, Ind.

"The first witness said it came down like an airplane on fire from eight miles away from her," Sievers said.

"Within about half an hour we had 10 different witnesses from all over the area calling in, said it was playing around the tree line, then went down below the tree line and disappeared. They said it must have been 100 feet along, disc-shaped with three orange triangle lights underneath.

"It lasted about 10 minutes. It just disappeared. Nobody could find any wreckage or evidence of a crash."

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>From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

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>[4.]1 Stories =3D Data. Most of the information we possess on UFOs
>is anecdotal in nature, and UFO cases that are built solely on
>human testimony form 'soft data' indeed.

Excuse me but this is a bunch of crap. It's pretty slick that by simply never discussing non-anecdotal UFO cases a skeptic can pretend that these do not exist and that the UFO phenomenon is merely unscientific anecdotes and folklore tales.

It is then quite shattering to be confronted with military UFO cases with scientific measurement data such as the missile tracking cameras that tracked a UFO moving from azimuth 86=B0 9' 9.2" to 85=B047' 9.2" and elevation 25=B048' 0" to 25=B0 7'50" over the course of 14.6 seconds of phototheodolite film. This is not a vague sighting of a light in the sky by some housewife or truck driver! There is no comparison. And when I point out these cases to skeptics such as here on UFO UpDates they go silent and disappear from the discussion and wait to reappear again after everyone has forgotten all about the dumbfounding UFO cases I presented earlier.

For years now I have posted details on UFO UpDates of such strong multiple-witness UFO Daylight Disc triangulation cases in Air Force files as the following, where the triangulation determines size, speed and distance - supposedly never known in UFO cases according to skeptics and debunkers. There is no possibility whatsoever of hoax or so-called "misperception" here in these daylight sightings:

World renowned astronomer and meteoriticist Lincoln LaPaz, July 10, 1947 (4 witnesses, 200 ft object maneuvering at up to 1,400 mph in and out of a cloud bank at known distance). Daylight sighting.

World's leading aircraft designer Kelly Johnson (of U-2 and later SR-71 fame) and Cal Tech aerodynamicist and test pilots in the Lockheed triangulation case of Dec 16, 1953 (7+ independent air-ground witnesses, 200 ft hovering object suddenly accelerating to 25,000 mph into space). Daylight sighting.

Pentagon R&D Director's Oct 7, 1958, triangulated observation (2+ independent air-ground witnesses, 500 ft hovering object suddenly accelerating to 36,000 mph into space). Daylight sighting.

Are these world's top scientists and engineers deluded morons who don't know what they were doing or talking about?? Were these religious cranks, kooks, or esoteric nutballs? Were they alien contactees or abductees?

They were the world's leading experts on astronomy, meteoritics, aircraft design, aerodynamics, visual observation,

experimental test piloting of advanced aircraft, with inside knowledge of leading edge advanced R&D aircraft and missile designs in classified projects (or were personally involved in such projects such as Kelly Johnson's now famous ultrasecret CIA "U-2" Aquatone).

You could not possibly pick out a better set of UFO observers, as these are the best possible UFO observers one could ever conceive of. If you dispute that then name any better top world experts to be witnesses of a UFO!

LaPaz was an expert in personal short-period nighttime visual observation of meteors and the planet's leading expert in investigating witness sightings to track and find fallen meteorites. LaPaz knew how to sift the wheat from the chaff in assessing the quality and accuracy of witness reporting, which was calibrated and proven by his success in using this analysis to actually find the needle-in-a-haystack meteorites on the ground, little rocks found in miles and miles of vacant wastelands. LaPaz was more than just a cliched "trained observer."

One of the Lockheed test pilots actually had unusual training in testing his visual estimates of distance to remote aircraft against actual radar tracking data, which helped him calibrate his visual cues to arrive at his distance estimates - which turned out to be correct in the UFO case in any event when checked against the triangulation data.

Air Force files contain numerous cases of special UFO and missile tracking networks of military observers who triangulated the locations, sizes and distances to UFO's. Numerous cases of special highly classified SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) flights and equipment detecting and tracking UFO's emitting radar and radio signals - not just the famed RB-47 case of July 17, 1957. Stop talking about worthless "anecdotes"!

The RB-47 case is one of a number of supposed IFO cases seemingly disposed of by skeptics which have been stunningly rescued from oblivion and turned into some of the strongest Unexplained UFO cases on record. There are few if any genuine UFO Unknowns that have ever been resolved into IFO's contrary to debunker dogma that this UFO-turned-IFO is some kind of inexorable trend that proves the nonexistence of a real UFO phenomenon. The exact opposite is the actual trend - IFO to UFO. The case for the UFO gets stronger not weaker with continued investigation.

Deal with it!

>[4.]5 IFOs overwhelm UFOs - in numbers. The poor signal-to-noise >ratio of UFOs to IFOs has always been a tough problem to >surmount.

No they don't! UFO Unknowns vastly overwhelm IFO's in numbers. This is a debunking statistical trick that Project Blue Book borrowed from its predecessors and made a permanent false fixture in the ongoing UFO controversy. Most sightings are not reported as "UFO" or "flying saucer" or "spacecraft" sightings, as these are false and misleading labels slapped on by reporting agencies and UFO investigators, and never even mentioned by the vast majority of witnesses, who are so slandered by the debunkers for being sloppy and careless morons - yet are so careful to not used loaded or biased phrases like "UFO." Witnesses are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

Before Blue Book revived the statistical trick they were finding Unknowns running at 27% of all reports and IFO's at only 11%, so UFO Unknowns outnumbered IFO's by almost a factor of 3 to 1. Then BB chief Ruppelt saw that his staff was not looking like they were doing their jobs if they couldn't "solve" or even figure out what to do with over 60% of their cases so they seized on a Project Sign/Grudge trick of calling these 60% IFO's instead of Insufficient Info or Insufficient Investigation as they should have done if they were honest. (They reduced Insufficient Info from about 20% to 10% and from here on I will ignore this dishonestly reduced category for simplicity of argument.)

Blue Book's newly devised contribution to this statistical trick was to separate out "Probable" and "Possible" IFO categories and

then shove those 50-60% indeterminate cases into one or the other and then treat the whole bunch as 100% Certain or "Known" IFO's. At this point Blue Book could claim that at least 60-70% of its caseload were IFO's. But they were not done yet.

Then Blue Book started working on whittling down the still high 27% Unknowns by use of another grossly dishonest dirty trick. They made up a one-sided double standard by which Unknowns could not include "Probable" Unknowns or "Possible" Unknowns like the bloated IFO categories were permitted. From then on a UFO Unknown had to be Certain and could not be "Possible" or "Probable."

Thus the UFO Unknowns were treated with unfair discrimination and treated differently than the IFO statistical categories. From then on Blue Book turned those "Probable" Unknowns and "Possible" Unknowns into "Possible" and "Probable" IFO's. The stats for Unknowns suddenly dropped to less than 10% as a result and soon to less than 5%.

As an historical footnote though, I should mention that while struggling to destroy that 27% Unknown figure, Ruppelt came up with one of the most incredibly dishonest lying sleazy tricks of all, which was apparently too much to get away with (or maybe someone caught him redhanded cooking the books this way and called him on it). This dirty rotten deceit did not last long and was wisely omitted from his book written in 1955.

In Ruppelt's Air Defense Command Briefing of January 1953 he mendaciously took the 7% unexplained radar cases out of the 27% Unknowns so that the latter figure dropped to only 20% Unknowns. Then he created a new IFO category of explanation called "Radar" - as if "Radar" is an explanation and Radar = 3D "IFO"!!! All this 7% "Radar" category was actually unexplained but now was categorized as explained!

This travesty of deceit and statistical lies is not science! But the debunking trickery continues to haunt us to this day.

>7.2 As a consequence, we lack (despite several interesting >attempts) a good definition, a good classification scheme, etc. >(Hynek's six types have only a circumstantial value and do not >describe all the possible cases, even with the additions of >contacts, CE4 and CE5). These are yet the basic elements of any >science.

Excuse me but this is just plain ridiculous! I have never heard of any astrophysicist complain that another astrophysicist must not investigate pulsars because he has not developed "a good classification scheme" of "all possible cases" of astrophysical phenomena such as, say, quasars, galaxies and supernovas!!! I have never heard of any such thing!! Never heard anyone say that you can't study pulsars because you don't also study quasars.

I have never heard of any cetologist protest that cetologists cannot study humped-back whales because they didn't also study and classify the sperm whales!!! This is madness!!!

It's also self-contradictory on your part because in sections 4.7, 6.4 and 6.5 you complain that UFO researchers turn off mainstream scientists because they do include "all possible cases," including everything but the kitchen sink. You complain that UFO researchers include UFO cases with discrediting "links with the occult," "aberrant features," "violation of laws of physics," "science-fiction" features, "strong symbolic content," "cases ... linked to the personal concerns of the witness" or seemingly designed special for the witness, etc.

Either the UFO field is right to include "all possible cases" or it is wrong to do so. You can't have it both ways. In fact, science does not advance by mindlessly incorporating all kinds of disparate phenomena. That is a prescription for utter chaos and confusion.

Science is fundamentally reductionistic - it reduces complex problems to simpler elements and attempts to explain and solve the simpler problems first before proceeding to tackle the more difficult. Why on earth would anyone want to deliberately ignore the easiest puzzles to solve and insist that everything no matter how complex must be explained all at once or not at

all??? That is sheer pseudoscience and insanity.

And if you don't like Hynek's UFO classification system there is Vallee's classification system which preceded his, and is based on UFO shape and motion rather than on Hynek's combining of UFO behavior and observational circumstances.

A headsup on Allan Hendry's fatally flawed 1979 book The UFO Handbook. As I have been pointing out for years on UFO UpDates (in 2001, 2004, etc.) Hendry proves that he didn't know the difference between azimuth and elevation angles and completely confused one with the other, didn't have a very good grasp of angular size, and overall demonstrates a profound ignorance of basic scientific concepts. You rely on Hendry to your peril.

Hendry absurdly tried to prove that UFO's were exactly the same as IFO's by preposterously and fallaciously slapping together completely improper visual comparison drawings that were never drawn to a common scale. This is like someone "proving" that microscopic bacteria are the same things as 30-foot octopuses by printing "similar" drawings of each side by side!

Brad Sparks

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>"Scheisskopf" and your agreement with Joachim Koch in your
>preceding post.

Claude,

Apparently my sarcasm did not translate into French! Let me
restate it this way:

Anyone looking for serious, factual data about the real world
will not find it here [at the furnished link].

- Dick

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>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
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>>This one is for Mr. Sandow: Greg, do you know what happened to
>>the writing samples that Budd submitted to Stuart Appelle at
>>Cornell?

>>Last I heard it was all collecting dust on a shelf in Stuart's
>>office. Any thing new?

>To rewind the film a little further:

>For many years, Budd Hopkins has collected reports of alien
>symbols from abductees he's worked with. Some of them say
>they've seen symbols, or writing, and have drawn them. I've
>spoken to two of the abductees who say they've seen the symbols.

>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>independently seen these things. I've promised not to describe
>the symbols, because that could contaminate future reports. But
>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew alphabet.
>They'd be distinctly different from the Russian alphabet, or
>from our own, and distinctly similar to each other. I'm not
>saying these symbols from the abductees look anything like
>Hebrew. They don't. But they truly resemble each other, just as
>letters from the Hebrew alphabet resemble each other.

<snip>

>Greg Sandow

I concur with what Greg says here, including his remarks that I
snipped about scientific study. I know about the symbols, know
some of the people who have drawn them, and once during my
active years working with abducrees obtained a "hit" of my own.
The similarities are, indeed, chilling.

In my case I had the person draw a sketch of what he had seen,
recognized the symbol immediately, and as I recall - after my
goosebumps faded - didn't say a word. A mistake that some
researchers make in their excitement over a discovery is to
blurt out what amounts to a strong confirmation of the person's
worst fears, without regard to their psychological well-being.

- Dick

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Claude, that was sarcasm, not praise.

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From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:33:29 -0400
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:39:38 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:39:38 -0500
>Subject: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

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I say hoax. It appears that several of those people are looking
in the wrong direction. Not bystanders but participants.

Brian

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From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:35:03 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:41:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

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Hello Katharina,

1. Why is the cameraman never centering the UFOs? It would be the natural reaction if they were there.
2. The 3 object grow rapidly in apparent size then stop just behind above the skyscrapers.
3. Why such a short footage? Did the cameraman run out of power?
4. This is a public walk. If you check in the distance (right, towards the end of the movie) there is no commotion. The commotion happens only in the vicinity of the camera.

I think this a prank.

Vincent

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:49:14 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:42:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Eleanor White >To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:10:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>From: Jason Gammon
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 19:48:49 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>... I believe it would be quite possible to produce results which
>>would prove to be a scientific-foundation for the further and
>>mainstream research of the Ufological/Abduction field.

>Well at least one abductee reports repeated power outages,
>matching abduction dates and times - which supposedly would have
>been seen on the CUFOS (?) study data - have happened in one
>case, maybe more.

>That alone should interest bona fide scientists who don't have
>some other agenda, or who aren't fearful.

Hello Eleanor and List,

I think that, unfortunately, the abductee-part of the UFO
problem is what is keeping the lid on UFOs.

Personally, I cannot go through the abductee literature because
it is too much. I tried Jacob, but I could not finish the book.

My mind can think about and reflect on abductions, provided it
stays in the grey basket. I do not think I am the only one to do
so.

"Flying saucers" has always had a romantic tone to it (I
think?).

Call it the Star Trek syndrome: "New life and new
civilizations..."

Abductions are much too sinister.

On a practical point of view, could governments recognize UFOs
and ignore abductions?

I do not think so.

And if abductions are recognized, what are the implications?

It is difficult for me to get my head around this.

Vincent

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 10:26:18 -0600
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:43:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>As far as I know, cosmology itself offers no clue about the
>question of the life in the universe, except at a very general
>level such as in the discussions (not very recent) about the
>anthropic principle. They are however far closer to philosophy
>than to science. As for the probability of life elsewhere, it is
>far from being evident that it was increased by the recent
>discoveries. First, because there are still huge uncertainties
>about many parameters which are fundamental for the questions of
>the origin and evolution of life. And second, because the many
>discovered exoplanets are "wrong" planets at the "wrong" place.
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>as mundane as it was thought. Only one conclusion can be drawn:
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>developments (a point where I agree with Franck Boitte).

This is a common misconception. As is clear from examination of the exoplanet studies, and as stated by the researchers themselves, the preponderance of close-range giant planets is a selection effect of the most common technique used to find them, namely, detecting the gravitational wobble induced in the parent star. There is no evidence to suggest that our own planetary system is somehow unusual.

Mike

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:43:47 +0000
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:45:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 14:53:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 21:33:41 +0000
>>Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>>Jerry Smith is working on a new book. Please see the attached
>>announcement.

>Is this a joke? What a lot of rubbish! It's surprising, the
>things that some people will assert, seemingly unaware of how
>simple it is to check facts. Holloman AFB is home to the 49th
>Fighter Wing of the USAF, BTW.

Brian:

I have forwarded your comment to Jerry Smith. KK

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Re: Roswell: The Nazi Connection

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:45:58 +0000
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:46:56 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell: The Nazi Connection

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:44:15 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: Roswell: The Nazi Connection

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:12:45 +0000
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:49:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 23:07:37 +0200
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>>Subject: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>Hello List,

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>cannot believe that this Neo-Nazi-Offspring made his way into

>What I read - and what I will not quote here again! - is so
>incredible that I started to research a bit about this 'author'
>on the Internet - and very soon stopped.

>The German word for shit is "Scheisse" - and what I read here
>from Kathy Kasten (or Trully Tuty or Peter Pan's sister about
>Jerry Smith or Jeremias Schneider or Peter Pan's brother)is
>simply Scheisse.

Greertings from America, Joachim:

One must be careful not to confuse the messenger posting the
Press Release with the author of the book.

Why not send off an e-mail comment directly to Jerry Smith at
Adventures Unlimited Publishing. But, please make sure that
Jerry understands you based your opinion on his Press Release
and not after reading his book.

KK

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>- Dick

Dick, Ed and Everybody:

I have sent all your comments on to Jerry Smith. Here's my take on the 'genre' - this type of literature: It's all good fun. Everybody gets to have their opinion. This statement includes everybody on this List who ever wrote a book discussing 'fringe' subjects. I know, I know, you all want to be taken seriously. But, let's face it. The reality is something else. I hope we can agree on this fact. Among ourselves... well, I hope we all maintain our sense of humor in the fact of all the critics sneering.

KK

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 13:29:15 -0500
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:59:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemaugue.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Archived: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 21:09:41 -0400
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The fact that the exoplanets discovered up til now are not Earth-like only demonstrates the "observer selection" effect. Most of the planets that have been discovered have been detected only because they are very large and close to their parent stars, producing a gravitational attraction strong enough to give the stars a wobbling motion large enough to be detected from Earth. These planets are very different from not only Earth, but from the gas giants in our own solar system (Jupiter, Saturn, etc.), which are too far from the sun to sufficiently affect its motion. Another method is to detect the dimming of the parent star when the planet passes between it and observers on Earth. That, too, requires a very large planet orbiting very close to its parent star. But as the detection methods and technology have improved, gas giants farther away from their central stars have been detected as well as at least one rocky planet only a few times larger than Earth. I think its only a matter of time before astronomers discover Earth-sized rocky planets at distances far enough from their stars for surface temperatures in the range that could support life. There is still no reason as yet to suppose that our solar system is anything special.

However, a better argument can be made that the Earth is special because its moon is unusually large in relation to its parent planet, a situation thought to be the result of a chance collision between Earth and a proto-planet in the early years of the solar system. The "rare-earthers" think that this is responsible for the evolution of advanced life forms on Earth because the moon is large enough to stabilize the Earth's rotational axis, preventing drastic climate changes of the sort that can occur on Mars, which has a much larger axial wobble than Earth. Since the moon's size is probably uncommon for Earth-like planets, that would also make advanced life uncommon - assuming the evolution of advanced life really requires a planet with a stable rotational axis. Whether that's actually true is another question.

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From: **Ryan S. Wood - UFO Crash Conference Chairman** <rswood.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 14:41:26 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:09:30 -0400
Subject: Daniel Sheehan To Speak At UFO Crash Conference

Greetings!

This year's banquet keynote will be a real must see. Daniel Sheehan, will present a lively talk about his first-hand experience with official still-classified documents that reveal crashed UFO hardware and lead a discussion about our ultimate responsibility, rights and course of action. He is speaking Saturday evening November 10.

This year's 5th annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference will be held Friday November 9 at 4:00 PM, to Sunday November 11 at the Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. The speakers and abstracts are posted at the conference website.

Reserve the Weekend of Friday November 9 from 4:00 PM to Sunday November 11 at 5:00 PM, at the Tuscany Suites Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas. Call and Book your room now!

Daniel Sheehan
CC-CETI Executive Director
Keynote Banquet Speech

On November 10th of 2007, Harvard College, Harvard Law School and Harvard Divinity School-trained Comparative Social Ethicist and Constitutional Trial Lawyer, Daniel Peter Sheehan (the Director of the new, Mexico City-based Center for The Development of Extra-Terrestrial Public & Private Policy) will present to The 5th Annual UFO Crash Retrieval Conference his Saturday Evening Keynote Address setting forth not only Attorney Sheehan's direct, first-hand personal experience in reviewing, in the still-classified portions of the United States Air Force's Project Blue Book Files, official United States Air Force photographs of a crashed UFO vehicle in the direct possession of the United States Air Force, but also his professional analysis (both as a professional Comparative Social Ethicist and as a highly-experienced professional Constitutional Trial Attorney veteran of such high-profile American legal cases as: The Pentagon Papers Case; The Karen Silkwood Case; The American Sanctuary Movement Case; The Three-Mile Island Case and The Iran/Contra Case) of the tactical importance played by the sound and responsible professional investigation of UFO Crash Retrievals in the larger Strategic Field of the investigation into the existence of - and the professional inquiry into the potential physical and metaphysical nature of - the inhabitants of another, NON-Human, Highly-Technologically-Developed, Extra-Terrestrial Intelligent Civilization located within our Milky Way Galaxy and capable of reaching, and visiting our planet Earth.

In his remarks, Mr. Sheehan will reveal the latest metaphysical research in which he and Dr. John Mack were mutually engaged, when, in September of 2004, Dr. Mack was tragically struck and killed by a drunken British cabdriver on the streets of London bringing this research to a premature end.

Attorney Sheehan will also, in his remarks, explain, to our Conference, the perceived importance or the surprising perceived relative lack of importance of the ultimate success of this Quest to establish whether or not our American Government either

has or has NOT : (A) been engaged, for over 60 years, in an effort to bring down (through one violent form of action or another) a UFO, Extra-Terrestrial Vehicle from which to retrieve samplers of Extra-Terrestrial technology from which to back-engineer 21st Century space weapons with which to attempt to prosecute an aggressive war against the extra-terrestrial civilization from which these UFO vehicles originate and (B) either has or has NOT succeeded in this effort to retrieve such an extra-terrestrial flying saucer - to one portion of our Human Family or another - depending entirely upon which worldview one chooses to embrace from among the eight potentially-available worldviews from amongst which we have to choose, as educated human beings.

Attorney Sheehan will explain why, in his opinion, (given the particular Worldview to which he adheres) the present tactical Quest to determine:(A) Whether or not our United States Government has or has not been engaged, for over 60 years, in an effort to bring down (through one violent form of action or another) a UFO, Extra-Terrestrial Vehicle from which to retrieve samplers of Extra-Terrestrial technology from which to back-engineer 21st Century SPACE WEAPONS with which to attempt to prosecute an aggressive war against The Extra-Terrestrial Civilization from which these UFO vehicles originate and (B) Whether or not our Government has or has not succeeded in this effort to retrieve such an extra-terrestrial flying saucer.

Indeed, of absolute Paramount importance to us, as American voters and as members of our Human Species because - IF the answer to these two questions is determined to be in the affirmative - then we, as American voters, in this particular decade, find ourselves to be the 6% of our entire Human Species who possess any real, functional ability to stop the militaristic element within our human species from potentially setting our entire Human Species onto an absolutely irretrievable path into our human future of warfare against a vastly technologically-superior extra-terrestrial species which future can lead us only to either an un-ending future existence of violence, fear, death and perpetual hiding, here on our own planet - or to the absolute extinction of our species.

Such a state of factual Affairs - if determined to be true - Daniel Sheehan will argue, would, of course, in turn, confront WE 6% with the concomitant - and absolutely unavoidable - responsibility to do absolutely whatever it is that is necessary - within our human capabilities - to stop such an eventuality from coming to pass no matter what the potential personal consequences might possibly be for each one of us.

For we would owe it to our entire Species, both to those who have preceded us and all of those who stand to come after us - to prevent SUCH a future from being called down upon our Species by a mere handful of our species who adhere to the outmoded dialectical worldview which characterizes the present administration of our United States Government.

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>Admiral Byrd repeated the above points of view, resulting from
>his personal knowledge gathered both at the north and south
>poles, before a news conference held for International News
>Service."

Five minutes on Google led me to this, from Answers.com:

A report in the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio of Santiago on 5 March 1947 sheds some possible light onto the strategic importance of polar reconnaissance. The article by Lee van Atta entitled Admiral Richard E Byrd Refers To The Strategic Importance Of The Poles had been sent from "On Board Mount Olympus on the High Seas". It is often misquoted in translation by occult enthusiasts, the usual interpolations in the text being of "flying objects" having the ability "to fly from pole to pole at incredible speeds", but a better translation is:

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This is at <http://www.answers.com/topic/richard-evelyn-byrd>

As for International News Service, it existed. It was a wire service, founded by Hearst, that competed with the Associated Press and the United Press. Finally it merged with UP to form a new company called United Press International. I haven't yet found anything about any Byrd interview with INS, but I'll observe that something's definitely wrong with the account Ed quotes. You can't give a news conference for a particular press organization. You can give an interview to them, or you can hold a news conference on your own, to which you'll invite every press organization (and, today, all the media) you can get.

Assuming that INS/Byrd story actually was printed, it may simply have been a rehash of the El Mercurio interview. I'm just guessing, of course. But since the first part of this story apparently disappears when examined closely, maybe the second part will, too.

Oddball tidbit: INS was also the shortened name of the press service Carl Kolchak worked for, in the fabulous old science fiction TV series, Kolchak The Night Stalker. Though there the letters stood for Independent News Service.

Further tidbit: When I was growing up in the '50s, at the height of the Cold War, it was widely assumed that the Soviet Union might attack the US with fleets of bombers flying over the North Pole. But now we know, from Soviet archives, that the USSR didn't have any bombers back then that could fly that far. In fact, not until late in the '50s did the Soviet Union have any way at all to drop nuclear bombs on the US. They didn't have bombers, they didn't have missiles, and they didn't even have aircraft carriers, to bring bombing planes close enough to reach the US. A nuclear attack from the Soviet Union - which Americans in that era were so afraid of - could never have happened.

Greg Sandow

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>>Highly recommended for lovers of fantasy and science fiction.

>Dick,

>Then you haven't read the article. Was there some reason you
>decided to form and express an opinion without reading the
>article? There's more to Byrd's mission than "fantasy and
>science fiction". Are you saying that Operation High Jump didn't
>take place?

>"This invasion of the continent of Antarctica was named
>'Operation High Jump' and comprised of some 4700 military
>personnel, six helicopters, six Martin PBM flying boats, two
>seaplane tenders, fifteen other aircraft, thirteen US Navy
>support ships and one aircraft carrier; the USS Philippine Sea
>(right).

>It seems incredible that so shortly after a war that had
>decimated most of Europe and crippled global economies, an
>expedition to Antarctica was undertaken with so much haste (it
>took advantage of the first available Antarctic summer after the
>war), at such cost, and with so much military hardware - unless
>the operation was absolutely essential to the security of the
>United States."

Incredible? Hardly. The old European imperial powers were
temporarily in hiatus, so there was a brief window of
opportunity for Uncle Sam to prospect a potential long-term
asset. Real haste arising from a genuine military imperative
would have seen a trip in 1945/6.

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>Most of this article is pure history.

A highly dubious assertion. To give but one example: it is quite misleading to state that 'one of Martin Bormann=E2=80=99s last messages from the bunker in Berlin to D=C3=B6nitz also mentioned Tierra del Fuego' without also pointing out that 'Tierra del Fuego' was the code-name for the Nazi plan, initiated by Bormann in August1944, to shift German financial and intellectual property assets into neutral territories.

>If folks want to
>understand the basics of Operation High Jump, and Byrd's missing
>time, and the German connection, this is a good introductory
>article.

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>Antarctica, but I do know that Byrd believed that there was
>something there we needed to deal with:

No, you know what we all know: that Byrd said as much - but then, as a polar explorer on the lookout for funding, he would say that wouldn't he?

>"Adm. Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the United
>States to initiate immediate defense measures against hostile
>regions.

Byrd was right about that. Antarctica is extremely hostile. But as the historical record and subsequent USA actions demonstrate, it is only hostile if you go there!

--
Gerald O'Connell

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From: **Richard Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:50:34 -0400
Archived: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:37:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

>From: James Molesworth <jtmoll.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 12:44:01 +1000
>Subject: Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

>G'day All

>Just a quick question for the list. Is anyone able to direct me
>to any research on misidentifications and similar
>'mistaken'/'false' UFO reports? Also, which groups, if any, keep
>records of all their reports, including mistaken ones, and
>make at least the number of them which they receive available?
>Any assistance would be greatly appreciated.

>Sincerely,

>James T. Molesworth

James,

Jenny Randles in the UK has studied this issue and presented papers on it. Sorry that I can't give you specific references, but if you look up her writings you will find relevant information.

Dick

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 11:54:13 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 13:48:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>>>Strange Sky Sights Pick Up
>>>UFO reports near-triple average

>>>"Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to 5% that don't
>>>have an easy explanation," said Rutkowski.

>>That's a pretty safe but tired estimation of unsolved cases in
>>my estimation and there's no research to prove that only 3-5
>>percent are unsolved. I make it more like 25 -30 percent in
>>cases I've looked into over the last 15 years. I think it's time
>>to throw out that throw-back to Project BlueBook reference. Even
>>their cases are proving to reflect more like 30 percent unknown
>>as was the case with the Condon report.

I absolutely agree with Don Ledger here, thank you for pointing
this out Don! I have been protesting this debunking Blue Book
statistical trick for years on this list to little avail. Kudos
Don.

No less an outstanding scientist UFO investigator than James
McDonald after extensive research in the BB files estimated the
true percentage of Unknowns as 30% to 40% not 5%.

And for you Canadians McDonald announced this finding in his
CASI lecture in Toronto on March 12, 1968, where he also tore
apart Phil Klass who was also listening in the audience. CASI is
the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute and McDonald's
paper was entitled, UFOs - An International Scientific Problem.
McDonald published and disseminated his CASI paper which has
been available on the Internet and/or from Stan Friedman in
Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada for decades.

Methinks Canadians have no excuse for not knowing this. If you
disagree with McDonald then you should have published your
disagreement with him decades ago. The UFO field continually
loses sight of basics like this and again, thank you Don for
calling this highly appropriate corrective to our attention.

>>But if it makes researchers feel safe in using this bogus and
>>unproven percentage of 3-5 percent when dealing with the press,
>>so be it.

>Geez, Don...

>We've spent the better part of 20 years going through Canadian
>UFO report data and publishing it as the Canadian UFO Survey
>every spring. We even make the raw data available for anyone to
>look at and use themselves.

Tell me then what you do to comply with the Hynek screening process as explained in his basic textbook of UFO science, The UFO Experience in 1972? No sighting report according to Hynek should get the "UFO" label until after a scientifically competent investigation has eliminated IFO's and other conventional explanations (for simplicity I call all conventional explanations including hoaxes "IFO's"). Do you do that first on all your cases before you call them all "UFO's"?

The UFO skeptic position is that there is no real difference between UFO's and IFO's, that the "very few" so-called UFO's are really misperceptions of random IFO phenomena reported anecdotally and unscientifically, and that even UFO researchers cannot tell the difference between UFO's and IFO's without an elaborate and tendentious analysis that merely plays up minor differences based on preconceived ideas and subjective biases and then calls that proof of ET visitation.

The skeptic position would be defeated if we used objective criteria to screen cases, stopped misrepresenting UFO case statistics, and stopped shamelessly promoting anecdotal cases as if there was no other kind of data. It's a choice and all we have to do is make the choice.

>This is pure research, scientific and justifiable, and there is >no question that when you actually look at the data - what is >actually being reported by witnesses - only about 3 to 5 per >cent are what we call "high quality unknowns." It's NOT that the >rest are explainable; most have insufficient information or are >judged as having possible or probable explanations based on the >information available. (This is outlined in our studies.)

Justifiable? Scientific? Who actually slaps the "UFO" label on 95% of the reports that come in when the witnesses have not ever used the word or term "UFO"? You have thus artificially inflated the "UFO" stats so the proportion of true Unknowns among this vast bloated collection of reports becomes tiny in comparison -- in fact later on in your posting you admit that this "drops the percentage of 'real' UFOs." Why play into the hands of debunkers like that?

Why do that to the honest witnesses who in the vast majority of reports are careful not to label what they saw as "UFO" or "spacecraft" even though they don't realize how much hyped controversy rides on such labeling tricks? It is a credit to the vast majority of witnesses who exercise such care and a discredit to them to crassly ignore their caution just to inflate the "UFO" statistics so one can boasting of so many thousands of "UFO" reports in Canada by a trick of mislabeling.

If the witness does not use the term "UFO" isn't it a form of misquotation to say or imply that they did? Or if the UFO investigator plants the "UFO" label on the witness in interviewing him or her by using leading questions so the witness starts using the "UFO" term when they had not done so previously in regard to their sighting?

Surely you know that some honest witnesses of integrity are lambasted by debunkers and raked over the coals publicly when their alleged "UFO" sightings actually turn out to be alleged IFO's -- when the witness himself or herself never said it was a "UFO" in the first place! We are the ones who called it a "UFO" but it's the witness who suffers for it. Is that fair?

We have an obligation to the witnesses to handle their reports with more respect than this. They may well be reporting IFO's but we should not set them up to be criticized for it. Witnesses are not PhD investigators of their own cases and should not be made to feel guilty or stupid for that.

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From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
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>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

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>I think that, unfortunately, the abductee-part of the UFO
>problem is what is keeping the lid on UFOs.

You're probably right, which is why it is mind-blowingly
inconceivable, to me, that all that effort went into a very
promising abductee study, and not a peep out of anyone hinting
that a mere \$50 on the part of 100 interested people, was needed
to finish the job. One would expect on the day the \$5,000 need
became obvious, all the UFO magazines, sites, blogs and email
lists would have swung into action to raise that money.

Instead, I got one answer saying "We don't know how to analyze
the data." Well, fine, roll it out and let us all see what we
can come up with if you can't.

Add to this the report of evasiveness of "forgetting" log sheets
were handed in, and not even showing the abductees their own
data, and even pretending to not know the study happened.

This from private communications from abductees to me recently.
These were not anonymous communications.

It's one thing, expected actually, for government to cover up.
They do it all the time. But when ufologists appear to be
covering up, what the heck is going on??

<snip>

>Abductions are much too sinister.

That's why they need to be exposed as actually happening,
physical events, to physical people, so our species can start
dealing with the issue! When a UFO organization or group of orgs
goes silent instead of looking for funds to finish an abduction
study, that is gross injustice to all the abductees, and equally
gross injustice to the rest of our species!

Ufology is unlike any other hobby, and should not be treated as
just a hobby, specifically because of the abductions. It is a
major crime issue!

>On a practical point of view, could governments recognize UFOs
>and ignore abductions?

>I do not think so.

Tough bananas for those poor government officials.

They are scooping in incomes, benefits, and pensions beyond the
dreams of most non-government workers. They took on the job
which involved serving the public. That includes major crimes.
No excuses.

>And if abductions are recognized, what are the implications?

Until we get it out in the open that this crime is going on, and investigated as best our species can, we don't know. That's why we need that data, as step one to get it out in the open.

Since when are ufologists afraid of differing opinions?

If the public sees the data, and draws conclusions different from "qualified scientists", so what? That's life.

>It is difficult for me to get my head around this.

It's kidnapping, and very likely involuntary medical experimentation. Not hard to get your head around that!

Eleanor White

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Dick:

Like I said. If you want to criticize the author of the book,
please contact Adventures Unlimited Publishers. I have no idea
what the hell the Nazis did or didn't do in Antarctica and don't
care.

I stand by my evaluation though. Most of the posters to this
List lack a sense of humor about the subject they write about.
Look how grumpy you got when you thought you were being
criticized. Jeezh!

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>by occult enthusiasts, the usual interpolations in the text
>being of "flying objects" having the ability "to fly from pole
>to pole at incredible speeds", but a better translation is:

Hi, Greg,

As long as there's an endless supply of the endlessly gullible -
as there is, alas, endlessly - occult legends associated with
Richard E. Byrd will live on. The one you're addressing here is
entrenched in hollow-earth lore, where Byrd, through no choice
of his own, figures prominently. Somebody even went to the
trouble of forging (albeit poorly) a purported Byrd diary of his
experiences inside the hollow earth. One prominent theme, as
many Listfolk will know, has Nazis and their saucer technology
fleeing to Antarctica and escaping into the hollow earth through
the big hole/entrance (allegedly) there.

Any good book on hollow-earth traditions tells the whole story,
which owes much to such reliable sources - that's sarcasm, folks
- as Ray Palmer and Raymond Bernard (pseudonym of the very
strange Walter Siegmeister). A good account of how the innocent
Adm. Byrd got hijacked into this nuttiness can be found in
Walter Kafton-Minkel's Subterranean Worlds (1989). In his recent
Hollow Earth (2006) David Standish remarks on how innocent

statements made by Byrd got interpreted by hollow-earthers in ways that are "positively daffy."

Anyway, Greg, just a note to let you know that this sort of silliness is nothing new, but simply the product of the endless recycling that so occupies the energies of the impressionable.

Jerry Clark

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UFO Sightings In Eden NSW

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Source: The Magnet - Eden, New South Wales, Australia

<http://eden.yourguide.com.au/articles/1048349.html?src=topstories>

06 September 2007

UFO Sightings In Eden

Eden residents Margaret McDonald and her grandchildren are wondering about life in space after seeing an strange object in the sky three nights in a row.

From Friday night to Sunday night on the last weekend in August, Mrs McDonald, her husband Greg and two of her five grandchildren, Tim and April Keft, watched the antics of an orange star shaped object in the night sky.

Miss Keft was the first to spot the unidentified flying object [UFO] as it approached from the north at about 9.30pm on Friday night when she took the dog outside for a stretch, and called out Mrs and Mr McDonald outside.

"When I first saw it I thought it was a star," she said.

"It was like it could see us as it did a little dance.

"Timothy [Keft] got binoculars out and saw flashing lights.

"It was very high up when it started to move and it was heading south and then it just sort of turned gradually and left in an easterly direction over the sea."

At about the same time over the next two nights the family piled outside again.

"It looked like it was more above us and it looked like it had a cross on it, it wasn't round but more like a star," Miss Keft said.

"On Sunday night it did a little dance and went south."

Astrologer David Reneke has researched UFOs for more than 10 years and currently contributes to Sky and Space Magazine.

He said there was a list of possibilities to work though before an object could be called a UFO.

"Mrs McDonald's explanation was very vivid and descriptive," he said.

He said without further investigation it was impossible to regard the UFO.

"One of top five things I ever saw came from the Ben Boyd National Park, and it was in daylight," he said.

There was more than one witness and they had evidence."

The story Mr Reneke mentioned was the filmed sighting of five or six flying objects over the sea by three Sydney men who were in Eden to film an eclipse of the sun in 1976.

Mr Reneke examined the film frame by frame and sent it to the United States for analysis where it was confirmed to be unidentified.

So is there pattern of UFO sightings in our skies at the time of an eclipse?

"No," said Mr Reneke.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:04:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 16:31:51 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>I have no idea if there are or ever were German bases in
>>Antarctica, but I do know that Byrd believed that there was
>>something there we needed to deal with:

>>"Adm. Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the United
>>States to initiate immediate defense measures against hostile
>>regions. The Admiral further stated that he didn't want to
>>frighten anyone unduly but it was a bitter reality that in case
>>of a new war the continental United States would be attacked by
>>flying objects which could fly from pole to pole at incredible
>>speeds.

>>Admiral Byrd repeated the above points of view, resulting from
>>his personal knowledge gathered both at the north and south
>>poles, before a news conference held for International News
>>Service."

>Five minutes on Google led me to this, from Answers.com:

Hi Greg,

Well, five minutes is five minutes. You get what you pay for.

>A report in the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio of Santiago on 5
>March 1947 sheds some possible light onto the strategic
>importance of polar reconnaissance. The article by Lee van Atta
>entitled Admiral Richard E Byrd Refers To The Strategic
>Importance Of The Poles had been sent from "On Board Mount
>Olympus on the High Seas". It is often misquoted in translation
>by occult enthusiasts, the usual interpolations in the text
>being of "flying objects" having the ability "to fly from pole
>to pole at incredible speeds", but a better translation is:

Better, maybe. There was still concern, correct?

>"Admiral Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the
>United States to initiate defence measures against the possible
>invasion of the country by hostile aircraft operating from the
>polar regions.

Who could that be? Come on Greg. Who could attack us?

>The Admiral stated, "I don't want to frighten
>anyone unduly

Exactly!

>but it is a bitter reality that in the case of a

>new war the continental United States will be attacked by
>aircraft flying in from one or both poles."

Sure. Conventional aircraft?

>As regards the
>recently terminated expedition, Byrd said that the most
>important result of the observations and discoveries made is the
>current potential effect which they will have on the security of
>the United States."

>This is at <http://www.answers.com/topic/richard-evelyn-byrd>

I think my article is a better representation of the truth. I understand your qualms, but I don't agree.

>As for International News Service, it existed. It was a wire
>service, founded by Hearst, that competed with the Associated
>Press and the United Press. Finally it merged with UP to form a
>new company called United Press International. I haven't yet
>found anything about any Byrd interview with INS, but I'll
>observe that something's definitely wrong with the account Ed
>quotes.

I quoted the article I posted.

>You can't give a news conference for a particular press
>organization. You can give an interview to them, or you can hold
>a news conference on your own, to which you'll invite every
>press organization (and, today, all the media) you can get.

I don't have anything to say about this. What should I say?
The info is interesting but relevant.

>Assuming that INS/Byrd story actually was printed, it may simply
>have been a rehash of the El Mercurio interview. I'm just
>guessing, of course. But since the first part of this story
>apparently disappears when examined closely, maybe the second
>part will, too.
Or it may be true. Again, interesting but irrivalent.

>Oddball tidbit: INS was also the shortened name of the press
>service Carl Kolchak worked for, in the fabulous old science
>fiction TV series, Kolchak The Night Stalker. Though there the
>letters stood for Independent News Service.

>Further tidbit: When I was growing up in the '50s, at the height
>of the Cold War, it was widely assumed that the Soviet Union
>might attack the US with fleets of bombers flying over the North
>Pole. But now we know, from Soviet archives, that the USSR
>didn't have any bombers back then that could fly that far. In
>fact, not until late in the '50s did the Soviet Union have any
>way at all to drop nuclear bombs on the US. They didn't have
>bombers, they didn't have missiles, and they didn't even have
>aircraft carriers, to bring bombing planes close enough to reach
>the US. A nuclear attack from the Soviet Union - which Americans
>in that era were so afraid of - could never have happened.

Yes it's nice to walk down memory lane, but I thought this discussion was about Byrd and his trip to Antarctica

Ed

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Re: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 17:12:37 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:39:38 -0500
>Subject: UFO Fly-By Caught On The News In Turkey

>Has anyone else had a chance to look at this?? It's look like
>the real deal, unless all of these bystanders were participating
>in a hoax.

>Thanks to Victor Martinez for the lead.

>UFO FLY-BY CAUGHT ON THE NEWS IN TURKEY!

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

I wouldn't put too much faith in this vid Katharina, it looks
about as legitimate as a leprechaun riding a unicorn bareback.

I've got three approaches to any ufo sighting:

1. Don't lose your cool
2. Don't get too excited
3. Don't excite others and don't let them excite you.

Follow that and you won't get caught off guard.

I admit it's good special effects work. Yet just common sense
shows if several mega sized saucers appeared over a city more
than just one camera would have caught them and all the Turkish
Americans, especially in my neighborhood would have been out in
the streets screaming and yelling about it.

Best,
Greg
ufomafia.com

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Ask The Pilot

The worst thing about hotel rooms? It's not the ugly carpeting.
Plus: Why don't planes carry parachutes for passengers?

By Patrick Smith

There are lots of things to dislike about hotel rooms: temperamental air conditioning, ugly carpeting, toe-breaking doorjamb. Here's another one: cardboard brochures. Nowadays, every hotel amenity, from room service to Wi-Fi, is hawked through one or more annoying cardboard advertisements displayed throughout the room. You can hardly put your bag down without knocking over a pile of them. They're everywhere - on the dresser, in the closet, on your pillow. To be perfectly honest, I'm a bit compulsive when it comes to clutter, but a dozen or more of these things in the typical single room is ridiculous. I resent having to spend five minutes, checking in after an exhausting red-eye, gathering up these diabolical doodads and heaving them into a corner where they belong. The photograph that accompanies this column was taken a couple of weeks ago at the Hilton in Athens, Greece. It shows a particularly bountiful harvest of at least 15 laminated cards, signs, menus and assorted promotional materials. About the only useful item is the notepad. (This in a hotel that charges 6 euros for a Coke from the minibar and 26 euros for Internet access.)

I wouldn't mind if this litter was placed unobtrusively, but it tends to be exactly in the way - plastered across the desk, for instance, or hogging up what limited shelf space exists in the bathroom. My favorites are the signs boasting of the hotel's dedication to the environment. It has become trendy to offer guests the option of reusing their sheets and towels instead of receiving a freshly laundered stack every morning. To request a new, water-hogging set laden with caustic detergents, throw your barely used towels on the bathroom floor. Placing them over the back of a chair or hanging them on the rack, on the other hand, is a gesture of earthly stewardship to be respected and appreciated by the underpaid housekeepers. Notice Hilton's "We care!" card in the photo. That one is pretty basic compared with Holiday Inn's oversize, three-panel triptych, which is half the size of the television set. Never mind the waste of paper and ink; I've yet to stay in a hotel that actually honored my attempts to reuse a towel. Try it sometime. Unless one hides the towels in a drawer, the housekeepers inevitably hunt them down and wash them, placard or no placard.

But I digress...

After landing, the rule to remain seated with belts fastened

until the plane has come to a complete stop seems antiquated and petulant. How about allowing people to stand sooner?

I'd be somewhat open to the idea of relaxing the seat belt rule, but allowing passengers to stand during taxi-in would be chaotic and unsafe. Currently, the familiar "ding" of the seat belt sign after docking results in clogged aisles and a frenzied grab for luggage. This same chaos during taxi would greatly impede an emergency evacuation. Taxiing might seem to be the lowest-risk portion of any flight, but there have been several incidents and accidents involving slow-moving aircraft on aprons and taxiways. (Consider the recent fire that broke out aboard a Chinese 737 after landing in Okinawa.) The risk of a full-blown emergency is extremely slight when maneuvering close to the gate, but sudden stops are very common thanks to the proximity of airplanes, vehicles, workers and equipment. True, the aircraft isn't moving very quickly, but jamming on the brakes at even a few miles per hour will send passengers toppling, bags falling, ankles breaking. Moreover, letting people stand would offer no real advantage other than providing a few extra seconds to get your things together. People have nowhere to go, obviously, until the door is opened.

Maybe this will sound like a crazy question, but why don't commercial planes carry parachutes for each passenger? Life jackets are pointless, but wouldn't parachutes occasionally save the day? Granted, a novice skydiver would be risking life and limb, but it's a better option than hitting the ground at 400 miles per hour.

A reasonable idea on the surface, but fraught with complications. Ignoring for a moment the issues of cost and weight and the extreme danger the average passenger would face while leaping from a plane with no prior experience, the nature of aviation disasters - they tend to happen suddenly, with little warning, and usually during takeoff or landing - means that chutes would seldom be helpful. In the majority of crashes, elapsed time from awareness of an impending accident to the impact itself is a measure of seconds. And as those who've done it can attest (I am not one of them), normal skydiving takes place under tightly controlled parameters. To even entertain the idea of jumpers making it safely to the ground, a plane would need to be in stable flight, and at a low enough speed and altitude - yet high enough for a chute to properly deploy. How many times, in the whole history of civil aviation, has a crew known for certain that a serious crash was imminent, yet still had time, in theory, to prepare for a coordinated mass evacuation? Very few. One that comes to mind, maybe, is the 1985 Japan Airlines catastrophe. After a bulkhead rupture and rudder failure, the Boeing 747 floundered about for several minutes before going down near Mount Fuji. (With 520 fatalities, the disaster still stands as the second worst on record.) Had chutes been aboard, we can speculate that at least some of the passengers might have survived. Many would have been killed in the process of jumping, including those who'd slammed into the 747's wings, engines and empennage, making a bad situation worse. It'd be an awfully risky proposition unless a crew feels for certain that a problem is nonsurvivable, and has the time to prepare. That rarely, if ever, is the case.

A few single-engine private planes have built-in parachutes for use in certain emergencies - an engine failure over rough terrain, etc. I know what you're thinking - imagine that crippled JAL 747 floating to the ground under a giant chute. Unfortunately, the size and weight of jetliners make any commercial application extraordinarily difficult (a fully laden 747 weighs nearly a million pounds), in addition to the factors discussed above. The four-seater piloted by New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle was equipped with such a parachute. Lidle and his flight instructor never had time to deploy it before slamming into a Manhattan apartment building in 2006.

As for the pointlessness of life jackets, yours is a widely held opinion, though not an accurate one. The facts and fallacy of the proverbial "water landing" were covered in this column previously.

Looking out the window on a flight from Helsinki, Finland, to New York's JFK, I noticed a long, dark streak trailing across the surface of the cloud bank below - the shadow of the jet's contrail. But there was no shadow of the plane itself. Instead,

a giant optical bloom appeared where the shadow should have been. It was a circular halo with two concentric colored rings, like a lens flare.

(Special thanks to Gregory Dicum's enjoyable book "Window Seat" for help with this one.) The phenomenon described is called a "glory." As those (few) passengers who still look out the window have probably noticed, glories are quite common under the right conditions of cloud cover and sunlight angle. The aura of colored bands is caused by sunlight diffracted and reflected back toward its source by water droplets inside a cloud. Sometimes you do see the airplane's shadow directly in the halo's center; other times, as seemed to be the case during your flight from Helsinki, one sees only the rings.

I have heard that pilots often see strange things in the sky, i.e., UFOs, but through tacit agreement will not openly discuss these sightings out of fear of embarrassment and possible career suicide. True or false?

I have to laugh at the notion of there being a tacit agreement among pilots over anything, let alone UFO sightings. And although plenty of things in aviation are tantamount to "career suicide," withholding information about UFOs isn't one of them. For the record, I have never met a pilot who claims to have had a UFO sighting, and the topic is one that almost never comes up - even during those long, dark flights across the ocean.

A friend of mine was waiting for a flight at LAX and noticed an El Al plane taxiing for takeoff, flanked by a firetruck that was spraying the plane with water. Any idea what they were doing? This was midsummer in Los Angeles, so deicing fluid it wasn't. Neither was there a fire, since the airplane kept taxiing, and promptly departed.

It sounds to me as if the El Al captain was retiring. Often, when a crew member is making his or her final flight, the fire department comes out and sprays the airplane with water - much the way firefighting boats spray incoming ships during special events.

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Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 11:54:13 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 13:48:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Strange Manitoba Sky Sights Pick Up

>>>Strange Sky Sights Pick Up
>>>UFO reports near-triple average

>>>"Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to 5% that don't
>>>have an easy explanation," said Rutkowski.

>>That's a pretty safe but tired estimation of unsolved cases in
>>my estimation and there's no research to prove that only 3-5
>>percent are unsolved. I make it more like 25 -30 percent in
>>cases I've looked into over the last 15 years. I think it's time
>>to throw out that throw-back to Project BlueBook reference. Even
>>their cases are proving to reflect more like 30 percent unknown
>>as was the case with the Condon report.

>>But if it makes researchers feel safe in using this bogus and
>>unproven percentage of 3-5 percent when dealing with the press,
>>so be it.

>Geez, Don...

>We've spent the better part of 20 years going through Canadian
>UFO report data and publishing it as the Canadian UFO Survey
>every spring. We even make the raw data available for anyone to
>look at and use themselves.

I'm not taking away from your research Chris, or Geoff's for
that matter. But do you think it's objective where it's dealt
with with your criteria? None of us can be experts in all fields
necessary to determine for sure what another has seen in the sky
is in fact one thing or another-not having been there to begin
with.

>This is pure research, scientific and justifiable, and there is
>no question that when you actually look at the data - what is
>actually being reported by witnesses - only about 3 to 5 per
>cent are what we call "high quality unknowns."

Actually you said, "Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to
5% that don't have an easy explanation." Suggesting that with
more data these too would be explained as prosaic in nature.

I know that you get a good cross section of reports from across
the country each year - I've sent in cases myself on occasion -
but I wasn't aware that you investigated each to determine the
cause of each event or the lack of cause. Over 700 last year if
memory serves.

>It's not that the
>rest are explainable; most have insufficient information or are

>judged as having possible or probable explanations based on the
>information available. (This is outlined in our studies.)

There again it subject to your interpretation

>>I just don't think the public are as unsophisticated as they are
>>often purported to be, aided and abetted by researchers that
>>have nothing to back up this claim.

>All we have to back this up is facts, and it's not a claim.

>My guess the reason you're estimating the percentage of unknowns
>to be higher is because you're being selective about your cases.

No. Actually I don't throw much out without at least a preliminary look. Over the years I've been involved in about 50 odd cases. Very few of these were easy to solve or even solvable. I didn't filter them, they just came in that way. Most were up close and personal and in fact probably 70 percent were of high strangeness with no links to the usual suspects.

>You probably aren't interested calls or emails about simple
>"lights in the sky" or reports that sound like planes, stars and
>planets.

You are correct, I'm not... but I rarely get these calls

But when these are reported as UFOs, which they are in
>great numbers on Vike's site, directly to us via Transport
>Canada and other ways, we include them in our data, and that
>drops the percentage of "real" UFOs. (Again, this is all
>explained in our annual studies.)

>>It should be remembered that the only reason that the 3-5
>>percent claim as "Unknown" was allowed in the first place was
>>that there wasn't enough data to explain it away as a known but
>>presumably would be when all of the data was in.

>In our case, we're just being thorough.

>>I'm not sure why today's researchers still buy into such a low
>>percentage. Is it just in hopes they can slip a figure that low
>>[and perhaps safe] past the media and science? To me it does
>>more harm than good.

>I disagree. It's a fact. And even if it's only 5 per cent,
>that's still significant and worth pursuing. 5 per cent of 5,000
>(about how many Canadian cases are in the database now) is still
>about 250 "real" UFOs.

>That's pretty good, I'd say!

Well it's nothing to sneeze at but I'm convinced the numbers are greater than that. Of course it goes without saying that you aren't receiving all of the reports either.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 07:41:59 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 00:59:59 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>This one is for Mr. Sandow: Greg, do you know what happened to
>>>the writing samples that Budd submitted to Stuart Appelle at
>>>Cornell?

>>>Last I heard it was all collecting dust on a shelf in Stuart's
>>>office. Any thing new?

>>To rewind the film a little further:

>>For many years, Budd Hopkins has collected reports of alien
>>symbols from abductees he's worked with. Some of them say
>>they've seen symbols, or writing, and have drawn them. I've
>>spoken to two of the abductees who say they've seen the symbols.

>>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>>independently seen these things. I've promised not to describe
>>the symbols, because that could contaminate future reports. But
>>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew alphabet.
>>They'd be distinctly different from the Russian alphabet, or
>>from our own, and distinctly similar to each other. I'm not
>>saying these symbols from the abductees look anything like
>>Hebrew. They don't. But they truly resemble each other, just as
>>letters from the Hebrew alphabet resemble each other.

><snip>

>>Greg Sandow

>I concur with what Greg says here, including his remarks that I
>snipped about scientific study. I know about the symbols, know
>some of the people who have drawn them, and once during my
>active years working with abducrees obtained a "hit" of my own.
>The similarities are, indeed, chilling.

>In my case I had the person draw a sketch of what he had seen,
>recognized the symbol immediately, and as I recall - after my
>goosebumps faded - didn't say a word. A mistake that some
>researchers make in their excitement over a discovery is to

>blurt out what amounts to a strong confirmation of the person's
>worst fears, without regard to their psychological well-being.

Hi Greg, Dick, All,

Mr. Sandow:

Thanx for taking time out of what I know to be a very busy
schedule to respond to my post. I kinda figured as much myself.
I thought 'maybe' you had some new bit of info to share.

It's a shame isn't it how opportunities seem to slip through our
fingers like sand. You are not alone in your opinion BTW, it was
a bone-chilling experience for me too. Worse for me was the fact
that I was directly involved. It was a very powerful
confirmation for me for something I desperately hoped was a
psychological glitch I could possibly get help with. Who ya
gonna call when aliens are kidnapping you at will?

Maybe one day the material will get the attention it deserves.

Mr. Hall:

You wrote,

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>recognized the symbol immediately, and as I recall - after my
>goosebumps faded - didn't say a word. A mistake that some
>researchers make in their excitement over a discovery is to
>blurt out what amounts to a strong confirmation of the person's
>worst fears, without regard to their psychological well-being.

I wish that had been the case with me. I was presented with a
chilling confirmation that had a deeply profound effect on me.
I've always had a strong foundation so I quickly regained my
equilibrium. But it wasn't easy. Not by a long-shot.

* I'll try real hard to make the conference at the end of the
month, Dick. I'll be in touch. Bev and I are both looking
forward to seeing you.

Warmest regards to you both,

John

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 09:35:13 +0100
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:51:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:12:03 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

<snip>

>I think guest house owners should know that there is airport and
>these lights are just airplanes, not unknown lights in the sky.

So do guest-house owners now join the exhalted ranks of 'trained
observers'?

--
John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Secrecy News -- 10/19/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 12:00:01 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:54:41 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/19/07

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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WANTED: ISOO DIRECTOR

It's an impossible job, and perhaps it was meant to be.

The Director of the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) has "responsibility for security classification, safeguarding and declassification policy and oversight throughout the Executive Branch of the United States Government." Ability to leap tall buildings in a single bound is preferred but not required.

Except for the last part, that is the job description that was posted online yesterday as the search for a new ISOO Director commenced in earnest.

Bill Leonard, the highly regarded current Director, announced his retirement last month, to the surprise and dismay of many (Secrecy News, 09/28/07).

See the Job Announcement for the position of ISOO Director here:

<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=64097696>

CLASSIFICATION CLASH OVER IRAQI CORRUPTION

"It is an abuse of the classification process to withhold from Congress and the people of the United States broad assessments of the extent of corruption in the Iraqi Government."

Remarkably, that complaint was endorsed Tuesday by a large majority of the House of Representatives, which voted 395-21 to condemn the Administration's restrictions on disclosure of information about Iraqi corruption.

The resolution condemning the restrictions, sponsored by Rep. Henry Waxman, emerged from the conflict between his Oversight Committee and the State Department over access to and disclosure of government records on this topic.

See the October 16 floor debate on House Resolution 734 here:

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

One of the assessments of Iraqi corruption that was retroactively classified after Rep. Waxman's committee requested it has been made widely available on the Federation of American Scientists web site (Secrecy News, 09/26/07).

State Department official David Satterfield disputed allegations that the Department had improperly withheld information in an October 16 conference call:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/10/state101607.html>

POST OFFICE BOX 1142

A resolution has been introduced in the House of Representatives to honor the participants in "Post Office Box 1142," a military intelligence interrogation program from World War II.

"In advancing the Nation's interests and uncovering vital secrets, the interrogators at P.O. Box 1142 never resorted to tactics such as sleep deprivation, electrical shock, or waterboarding. Their captives were never sexually abused, humiliated, or tortured. They never resorted to the methods that have recently branded our Nation so negatively," said Rep. Jim Moran (D-VA).

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_cr/hres753.html

See also "Fort Hunt's Quiet Men Break Silence on WWII" by Petula Dvorak, Washington Post, October 6:

<http://tinyurl.com/2grzr7>

CHUCK HANSEN'S SWORDS OF ARMAGEDDON

The late Chuck Hansen, a relentless and resourceful researcher, worked for decades to document the history, technology, design and development of nuclear weapons. His findings helped nurture a continuing wave of scholarship and historical reflection on nuclear policy and technology.

An extensive new collection of his most valuable and important acquisitions has recently been published on compact disk under the title Swords of Armageddon, Version 2. It is a veritable encyclopedia of nuclear weapons history.

More details about the collection and ordering information can be found here:

<http://www.nuclearweaponhistory.com/coldwar/>

ARMY WEAPON SYSTEMS, 2007-2008

Earlier this year, the U.S. Army updated its Handbook on Weapon Systems. A copy of that illustrated and annotated catalog is now available online.

Along with basic system data, each entry includes information about program contractors and foreign military sales, and other useful reference material.

See "2007-2008 Army Weapon Systems" here:

<http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/land/wsh2007/index.html>

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Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 13:54:11 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:59:19 -0400
Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 01:09:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 14:44:08 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 11:00:24 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Rudy Giuliani On 'Alien Attack'

><snip>

>>>After a second airplane crashed into the other 110 story WTC
>>>skyscraper, Giuliani decided to abandon his re-enforced and
>>>fire-proofed command center in the undamaged WTC Building 7 -
>>>just before his friend Larry Silverstein, the landlord of the
>>>WTC complex, decided to "pull" this building, a 47 story
>>>skyscraper. The quick and clean collapse of WTC Building 7 would
>>>have only been possible if explosives were already in place in
>>>this building where Giuliani's command center was located and
>>>this could only have been set up weeks if not months before 911.
>>>I wonder if New York Mayor Giuliani's office issued the city
>>>work permits for these explosives to be pre-placed in Building 7
>>>where he had his re-enforced and fire-proofed command center.

>>>If there ever is an alien invasion, past UFO incidents lead me
>>>to believe that this invasion would be to protect us from our
>>>own dangerous and evil leaders such as Giuliani who now has set
>>>his sight in ruling the world as President of the U.S.!

>>Good grief! What cartoon existence are you inhabiting, Nick?
>>Please take the WTC demolition nonsense to some other list. I
>>was under the impression that this one attempts to deal with
>>reality (yes, i can hear the snickering from the UFO-skeptics).

>Greetings Brian - or is it Charlie Brown? ;o)

>Since ufology, as any science, is an integral part of this world
>one cannot study or fully understand it in total isolation from
>everything else, including politics. What little we know about
>UFOs and the intelligence behind it has largely been through the
>logical and rational deductions made by researchers, no matter
>how silly or unlikely they may seem. One should never allow the
>fear of ridicule, including from our colleagues on this List, to
>prevent them from voicing their observations and sharing their
>own deductions. It hasn't prevented me! This is how human
>knowledge advances, and by challenging accepted views, this is
>also a way that we can eventually uncover the "real" truth from
>the official truth.

Agreed. I think it's a mistake to look at these things in
isolation.

>Today I purchased a copy of the book Skunk Works for only \$2

>at a downtown thrift shop which I started reading tonight. It
>was written by Ben Rich, the former secretive head of Lockheed's
>Skunk Works. Things that were once thought to be possible only
>in the realm of fiction or cartoons such as Buck Rogers, is
>revealed in this book to be much closer to reality than any of
>us self-professed experts and snickering UFO-skeptics ever
>suspected.

I have a copy and it's a fine book, indeed. It is true that
advances in aerospace technology - as with computing, medicine,
and physics - over the past 100 years or so have been quite
astounding.

>Now that the American people are preparing to cast their ballots
>for the next President which will directly or indirectly impact
>the lives of over 6 billion Earthlings, one should not just
>listen to the words of the candidates as to what they would do
>during a hostile attack on the U.S., alien or otherwise, but to
>also reflect on the actions of these candidates on 911 when
>America was attacked by its enemies, foreign and/or domestic.

Agreed. The attacks of 2001-09-11 were shocking enough without
the craven deer-in-the-headlights display put on by the supposed
Decider-in-Chief. Of course, he's always been simply a puppet,
so what more could we expect? The people who really do run
things in the US were already busy down in their bunker as the
smoke poured from the Pentagon.

So, yes, i agree that citizens should pay more attention to what
it is they are casting their votes for.

>Although you may care to differ, should there ever be a hostile
>alien attack, I would prefer to have someone like President
>Thomas Whitmore (in the movie 'Independence Day' or 'ID4' played
>by actor Bill Pullman) or President Ronald Reagan (playing
>himself) rather than the more dubious President James Dale (in
>'Mars Attacks!' played by actor Jack Nicholson) or the less
>sincere President Rudy Giuliani.

Well, the thing is, i was responding to your suggestions that
the WTC was taken down with explosives. These are tired
arguments that - in my mind - serve only to help those people
who would rather not have their actions on, and leading up to,
that day be scrutinised. These ridiculous charges that the
buildings were rigged with explosives and breathless
pronouncements that the buildings could not have otherwise
collapsed at "near free-fall speeds" (see: gravity) cause *any*
demands that certain authorities be brought to account over the
failures on that day be treated as so much hand-waving
"conspiracy theories".

I know that, if I were one of those people trying to avoid that
spotlight of accountability, I'd be busily posting graphic
"scientific proof" to all of the various "Loose Change"
affiliated websites out there in order to keep the pot stirred.
In that regard, the "9-11 Truth Movement" has come to resemble
the sort of disinformation campaigns we've seen aimed at the UFO
question (my attempt to bring this back toward the purpose of
this list, as I really don't want to encourage a "WTC
demolition" thread).

Sorry, Nick, I should have snipped out that last bit of your
comment so as to make myself clear.

Brian

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Oregon Couple Claim They Saw UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:01:48 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:01:48 -0400
Subject: Oregon Couple Claim They Saw UFO

Source: KOIN-TV - Portland, Oregon, USA

<http://www.koin.com/Global/story.asp?S=7238265>

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Oregon Couple Claim They Saw UFO

ALBANY, Ore. - A couple in a rural area east of Albany claim they saw what appeared to be UFOs - and they want to know if anybody else saw the same thing.

Raye Laufer and her husband, Derral, say they were smoking in their forested backyard last month in the Cascade Range foothills.

That's when they saw two long, silver, bullet-shaped objects flying side-by-side across the sky.

The couple says that neither object had lights or made a sound before they split up, with one heading east and the other toward the northeast.

The Laufers say they next saw what appeared to be a large orb silently glowing red and orange floating above treetops before it hovered over their home and then headed north.

Raye Laufer says she filed a report with the National UFO Reporting Center, which encouraged her to ask whether anybody else saw the objects.

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 15:43:43 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:05:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 12:47:56 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>Physical trace cases, radar trackings, photography, E-M effects,
>burns, etc. obviously could be studied systematically by
>physicists, biologists, meteorologists, and many other scientific
>specialties. Also by engineers, psychologists, and sociologists.
>What is lacking is the recognition of UFOs as a reality with
>important potential implications and the requisite funding.

>Some time ago I laid out a program of how science could study
>UFOs in The UFO Evidence: Vol. II. When I get the time I will
>excerpt that and post it here on this list.

Music to my ears!

Eleanor White

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 15:46:15 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:07:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 00:00:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>As for 'professionalism' - I think you know as well as me that
>modern professions are mostly composed of rote-learners - with
>little desire to make enemies by making a real discovery. The
>more prestigious the post, the greater the need to keep things as
>they are.

Amen! The thing is, all those 'prestigious posts' are paid_for
by people who really like keeping us peasants in the dark!

Eleanor White

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 16:03:01 -0400
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:10:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:20:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>Sorry Eleanor, but this kind of argument only starts to get any
>traction in the minds of the most uncritically USA-centric of
>thinkers.

>Why should the whole of the rest of the world bend both its media
>and academic structures out of shape in order to go along with an
>American desire to retain a secret monopoly on alien technology
>retrieved at Roswell?

I don't know the inner workings of the world's power structure,
but it is obvious to me there is a cover up.

> Why doesn't Castro's Cuba embarrass the NSA
>by offering university degrees in Ufology in the same way that it
>embarrasses the USA by offering high quality cut-price medical
>degrees to impoverished American students? - The list of awkward
>questions like this is as genuinely endless as America is
>friendless.

My guess would be the usual list of things that influence
people, threats, bribes and blackmail. I'm sure every world
leader is compromised in some way.

>In short, the argument is far more narrow-minded than any
>supposed suppression of scientific truth on the part of the
>secrecy conspirators upon whose far-reaching actions it depends.
>They can bribe/influence Fox, ABC etc., but China? Iran? India?
>Russia? Venezuela? France? For sixty years?

Yessir. It is obvious to me.

>Are they all queuing up to do the bidding of the Secrecy Group
>and make sure that their limbo lighting meets standards of spooky
>luminescence set by the Pentagon?

I don't know the details of the control mechanisms, though my
experiences as a 27-year target of organized stalking
(COINTELPRO-like) and electronic harassment (something like some
of the MKULTRA programs) certainly have given me some clues.

All I do know is that the incredible consistency and sometimes
clumsiness (like the 'explanations' officially tendered for the
Roswell incidents) are facts that anyone can see. Anyone, that
is, who isn't terrified of the idea that governments can be
massively criminal. I've met many who are.

In our group of organized stalking/electronic harassment
targets, we have new people who simply can't see the many
government crimes in plain sight (which I won't debate here) at
first, because of their assumption that "government just
wouldn't do that." So your similar apparent position is not a
surprise to me.

The assumption that 'government just wouldn't do that' may stem from failure to reflect that governments are made up of human beings with human failings and vulnerabilities, and that 'wearing two faces' is what many people do all the time.

In fact, I doubt if there is anyone on the planet who has reached adulthood, is not developmentally challenged, that doesn't wear more than one face.

>How long before somebody is trying to persuade us that the (most >recent) invasion of Iraq was really precipitated by Saddam >Hussein's intention to make an impartial documentary about >Roswell, or to offer doctorates in the Ufological Sciences at >Baghdad Technical Institute?

I've never thought that or made such a claim. Doesn't seem to bear on the obvious cover up of UFO information.

Eleanor White

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 22:36:30 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 07:28:26 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell: The Nazi Connection

<snip>

>Apparently my sarcasm did not translate into French! Let me
>restate it this way:
>Anyone looking for serious, factual data about the real world
>will not find it here [at the furnished link].

Richard,

Please accept my apologies for my wrong interpretation (even with doubts) for what you said so cryptically (at least for me), I'm fully reassured now.

Thanks also to Brian Ally for having pointed out the true nature of Richard's words.

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:18:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>I have sent all your comments on to Jerry Smith. Here's my take
>on the 'genre' - this type of literature: It's all good fun.
>Everybody gets to have their opinion. [...] well, I hope we all
>maintain our sense of humor in the fact of all the critics
>sneering.

Kathy,

At a general level, you are right. But are there not domains where we must be cautious? Could for instance an openly nazi propaganda, or a deeply racist speech, or an extreme anti-feminism giving to men the right to rape women because they are under-human be "good fun"? Are these opinions entitled to be held publicly?

I don't know if the future book by Jerry E. Smith or the "Operation High-Jump" page on the bibliotecapleyades.net site are really disguised neo-nazi enterprises, but they border dangerous lands (which is not a crime by itself) and thus need a clear disclaimer by their authors. "Fringe subjects", why not? But not any fringe subject only because it is fringe...

The entertainment industry is able to offer us splendid works, but more often it offers stupidities. I fear that too much "studies" on fringe subjects are in the same situation...

Best regards,

Claude

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 17:23:38 -0500
Archived: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 19:26:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:17:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:04:43 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>>>It's really rather simple. How many legitimate sciences are
>>>conducted 95% or better by part-time, weekend hobbyists and
>>>enthusiasts who simply appoint themselves as 'experts', as
>>>opposed to people professionally trained and educated?

>>>There is not a single real physical or social science out there
>>>which has no budget, and no cadre of professionals to carry out
>>>the research and provide peer review.

>>Absolutely spot on, Dick. Furthermore, it is really quite
>>delusional to try to pretend otherwise.

>>All of which raises the question as to why this state of affairs
>>pertains. Obviously, any halfway sensible answer will call on a
>>wide range of contributory factors, ranging from sociological,
>>through institutional to scientific. The issue is a complex one,
>>and will not be resolved by approaches that fail to acknowledge
>>this fact.

>I suggest the number one factor is that since Roswell or
>thereabouts, there has been a very slick but powerful campaign
>to make ufology look like a synonym for mental illness.

Several of the posts relating to Eleanor's comments below were
written as if she were coming across as being conspiratorial or
worse. This is just not the case. Here's a few examples off the
top of my head of why Eleanor is absolutely correct with her
list. There are many more I could cite, but here are some quick
examples.

>Some clues:

>The mandatory reference to "little green men" in all
>mainstream articles about UFOs (virtually all.)

Anyone who has listened to the news over the past 40 years has
heard this exact line with the "laugh" from news broadcasters. I
heard it on my local news just a couple of months ago. Someone
was reporting that someone saw a UFO and there went the news
anchors, "Oh (snicker, snicker) do you believe in 'little
green men'? [snicker, laugh... cut to commercial...]

As recently as last night on the Keith Olberman Show, MSNBC:

He ridiculed the subject of UFOs and repeatedly showed a group
of people sitting in an audience laughing in a strained, over-
rehearsed sort of way. He began making fun of Spielberg's movie

ET and the entire time he was talking about the movie ET (a friendly alien) MSNBC was showing highly destructive scenes from the movie Independence Day. They then repeated the footage at the end of the piece while making fun of Guliani's statement that he would be able to protect us from an invasion by extraterrestrials (if he were to become President).

This all centered around the fact that a little boy asked Guliani if he could protect us against an ET invasion. Can you imagine how the little boy feels about his question relating to whether or not his government can protect him (us) against an ET invasion? Not only is this young boy being made fun of, he, and other young people who were watching this pathetic display, will probably not want to ever ask anyone about this subject again. And, that's the point, isn't it? See how it works?

Yes, the media has and continues to ridicule, laugh at and mislead the American public about UFOs.

Have we forgotten this?

"Through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe that unidentified flying objects are nonsense. To hide the facts, the Air Force has silenced its personnel."

-- Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Former Director of the CIA, February 28, 1960.

>The substantial avoidance of physical trace cases in
>media presentations on the subject

One example that quickly comes to mind is when NOVA refused to show physical evidence that Budd Hopkins wanted to present during a program about abductions. The director at the time said to do so, "...would open a can of worms."

>The consistent use of "skeptics" in media presentations
>who have not researched UFOs and whose backgrounds
>don't qualify them to offer an informed opinion

Wasn't this the subject (and a long discussion on this List) of the Larry King interview with Stanton Friedman, and CNN's invited debunker, etc....?

Here's a look at something from Ufology's own "backyard" regarding "expert" opinions about abductions and abductees.

"...'Abduction Enigma' is a half-baked affair so far as its assessment of psychological issues. Books such as Randle's serve as distractions from the all-too-real effort of people like my clients who hold trauma and its transformation - in their very real physical bodies.

-- Janet Colli, Ph.D.

Please read other people's opinions regarding this:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_I/keithenigma.html

>The mandatory use of "limbo lighting", weird music and
>other ridicule gimmicks when UFO experiencers or
>researchers appear in documentaries, while the skeptic
>is usually presented in a credible setting.

I've seen this just recently on the Mystery Channel, oh, I'm sorry, that would be the History Channel. The music was so utterly strange and loud that I could barely hear the narrator. They totally blurred the message because the topic was controversial.

>The mandatory denial of the UFO researchers in
>documentaries the chance to rebut the skeptics' claims
>on camera.

Again, I refer to the latest such event, the Larry King interview with Stan Friedman. Stan did a great job, but look at how he had to fight to get a word in edgewise and we're still talking about who's a credible observer? To some on this list, pilots are no longer credible observers? Give me a break.

>The mandatory last word in documentaries and other
>media presentations being given to the skeptic.

Absolutely, with the exception of the "news anchors."
Usually they are given the last laugh. One day they
will realize, those who laugh last don't laugh the longest,
they are just the last to "get it."

>It amazes me that some senior ufologists seem to discount
>this very well coordinated campaign of discreditation by both
>government and the media. Those things above are not
>coincidence, folks. -- Eleanor White

Does anybody remember these guys?

"The debunking aim would result in reduction of public interest
in flying saucers, which today evokes a strong psychological
reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media
such as television, motion picture, and popular articles...."

From The (1953) Robertson Panel
(IMHO, a CIA-sponsored debunking initiative.)

The following are excerpts from a letter to Major Keyhoe's
publishers from the Air Force. The letter is printed on the back
cover of "Flying Saucers From Outer Space:"

[Second paragraph]

"We in the Air Force recognize Major Keyhoe as a responsible,
accurate reporter. His long association and cooperation with the
Air Force, in our study of unidentified flying objects,
qualifies him as a leading civilian authority on this
investigation."

[Fourth Paragraph]

"The Air Force, and its investigating agency, 'Project
Bluebook,' are aware of Major Keyhoe's conclusion that the
'Flying Saucers' are from another planet. The Air Force has
never denied that this possibility exists...if the apparently
controlled maneuvers reported by many competent observers are
correct, then the only remaining explanation is the
interplanetary answer." - The letter was signed 'Very Truly
Yours, Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk.' "

Yes, I too am amazed that some ufologists seem to discount this
very well co-ordinated campaign of discreditation by both
government and the media.

K. Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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>From: Ed Gehrman<egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:38:26 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:04:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>"Admiral Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the
>>United States to initiate defence measures against the possible
>>invasion of the country by hostile aircraft operating from the
>>polar regions.

>Who could that be? Come on Greg. Who could attack us?

The Soviets. Did you miss the latter-half of the 20th century?
Preparations for an antagonistic stance against the Soviet Union
began well **before** the end of the Second World War.

Now, some may argue that that was unnecessary, but that's a wholly
different matter from what **was** done.

>>but it is a bitter reality that in the case of a
>>new war the continental United States will be attacked by
>>aircraft flying in from one or both poles."

>Sure. Conventional aircraft?

Yes, conventional aircraft. Flying over the poles has been a
time and fuel-saving tactic for quite some time now. The
aeronautical advances achieved during the 40s were not expected
to suddenly peter out with the end of the war. In fact, with the
capture of scientists and equipment from the Germans (and it was
known that the Russians had gotten a sizable share for
themselves), it was expected to speed up considerably. The
ability to track aircraft coming over the northern or southern
horizons was a priority. And being able to do so as soon as
possible was a given.

Brian

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 10:30:17 -0400
Archived: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 10:30:17 -0400
Subject: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

I've had a few mails/calls about mail not getting through over the past 24-hours. I've sent myself messages, some make it, some don't...

If you've submitted posts for the List that don't appear by this time tomorrow please re-send.

Thanks,

ebk

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From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 01:14:44 +0200
Archived: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 21:11:34 -0400
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From: lists.nul <Joachim Koch>
To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:12:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>Greetings from America, Joachim:

Greetings from Germany, Europe, Kathy Kasten:

So where in "America" does your greetings come from?

>One must be careful not to confuse the messenger posting the
>Press Release with the author of the book.

One must be very careful not to be regarded as to be a sympathizer of an author of a book if one posts Press Releases. So what is your intention to post this "press release" (which is nothing more than the text from Mr. Smith's ("Herrn Schmidts") website) here to this list?

What is your background to UFO research?

>Like I said. If you want to criticize the author of the book,
>please contact Adventures Unlimited Publishers. I have no idea
>what the hell the Nazis did or didn't do in Antarctica and don't
>care.

So why are you advertising here for something you have "no idea about"?

>Why not send off an e-mail comment directly to Jerry Smith at
>Adventures Unlimited Publishing. But, please make sure that
>Jerry understands you based your opinion on his Press Release

>KK

As far as I understand it, the book will be published in 2009 and we are invited to send facts to "Herrn Schmidt" to fill his pages meanwhile.

This List lived from the contributions of men and women who were deeply involved in serious self-conducted research of the so-called "UFO-Phenomenon". I would like to invite everyone here to have a look at the bio of "Herrn Schmid" at:

<http://www.jerryesmith.com/index.php/31>

to make up one's own mind. Just one example from the bio:

"11/82 CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION Hubbard Academy of Scientology, Los Angeles, California."

No further comment.

Joachim Koch

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>More back-pedaling, Kathy. You're now suggesting that your post
>about this book was just a joke? I must have missed the punch
>line, unless it was your condescension.

More like she got caught out here. She was hoping to get a
serious discussion going that she could trash the gullible
researchers on later, but it backfired. Why would anyone expect
less from KK considering her past contributions. Waste of
bandwidth particularly when you are on dial-up like me.

Good call Brian. She's red-faced from the get go when after
reading her submission I classed it as Science Fiction. She
called herself the messenger while posting tripe in the first
place. It's a popular ploy amongst debunkers, like Condon
insisting on investigation concrete landing pads built by the
public for "saucer landings" or other silly reports so that he
could mix that noise into the signal. He was trying to make the
bottom line look better. Didn't work scientifically but sucked
in the press.

Isn't there a debunking site you can haunt somewhere KK?

Don Ledger

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Correct Me If I'm Wrong

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Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 21:42:13 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 21:22:56 -0400
Subject: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

Ladies and Gentlemen, please stop your petty bickering and do some UFO investigating. The World is laughing at you.

What has happened to Ufology? Correct me if I'm wrong, but once upon a time Ufologists went into the field and investigated UFO sighting claims, and reported their findings back to their various groups, to friendly media sources, the friendly government contacts, or the public. Thousands of non-investigators such as my self, lurk on the dozens of UFO websites hoping to find something that will support what we already believe, which the government (in our humble opinion will not admit).

But it (and most of us are not uneducated or stupidity) has become obvious to many of us that the top names in who claim to be UFO investigators, actually do little if anything as far as field work, It appears they have at some point in time found friendly MSM out-lets to get their material published, appearing on radio, TV programs, and making the lecture circuit, have now become household names and their every word is believed as the gospel in UFO matters.

Now to my point, and IMHO, some have become not wealthy but comfy, and now we see a hoard of new comers, jealous and striving to obtain a piece of the pie, but is anyone actually doing UFO investigation other than taking witness reports via the keyboard, and phone? How the heck does one truly investigate a UFO sighting claim (it's gone long before said investigator arrives on sight)

The big guns are so busy fighting and defending among themselves on the various forums and sites such as UFO UpDates, that E.T. could land, kick our butts, and the likes of Maccabee, Boudreau, Friedman, etc would never be aware until they read about it online.

So what will it actually prove, other than some of us were right? Not knowing your religious beliefs (none of my beeswax) but my Bible has convinced me that 'no, we are not alone in the Cosmos' but... the truth will not be known until this creation has ended.

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In The Orbit Of UFO Enthusiasts
Operating in a Galaxy of Doubt, Disbelief and Dismissal, UFO
Buff's Make Their Case That... We Are Not Alone

By Joe Heim
Washington Post Staff Writer

As a meeting spot for UFO enthusiasts, Logan's Roadhouse might seem a tad unlikely. But once a month or so, the back room of the bustling, busily decorated chain restaurant in Fairfax becomes the mother ship for area ufologists (yes, that's what they prefer to be called). They gather there to snack on chicken tenders and chili, and exchange sightings and extraordinary stories in the company of like-minded people who won't think they've completely lost their marbles.

"When I first started 20 years ago, it was a bunch of old guys with their pocket protectors, but now the meetings are getting more diverse," organizer Sue Swiatek says.

Swiatek, a software analyst by day, is the state director of the Virginia chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), a private organization that investigates and compiles data on reports of unidentified flying objects. She and her husband, Rob Swiatek, an oft-cited UFO expert, are, for lack of a better term, the first couple of Virginia ufologists.

On Saturday, they will be among the featured speakers at Mysteries of Space and Sky IV: Sixty Years of UFOs, a daylong conference open to the public at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold. Rob Swiatek's talk, "Sacre Bleu! UFOs Over France," alone seems well worth the conference's \$30-\$40 admission fee.

For UFO buffs, 2007 is a multiple anniversary year. It was 60 years ago that whatever happened in Roswell, N.M., happened. It was 60 years ago that the term "flying saucer" entered the lexicon. And it was 55 years ago that reports of UFOs flooded the Washington region. This very newspaper ran stories with such headlines as " 'Saucer' Outran Jet, Pilot Reveals" and "D.C. Girl Sees Saucer Float Under Clouds."

Five years ago, a new case arose when F-16 fighter jets were scrambled from Andrews Air Force Base to pursue what turned out to be - dum-de-dum-dum - an unknown craft. Spooky, huh? And because it happened exactly 50 years to the day of saucers being reported over the region, the event prompted a flurry of local ufological activity. (And, no, don't insert a "we all know how painful that can be" joke here).

Of course, UFO enthusiasts are used to having their ideas about aliens and intergalactic spacecraft ridiculed. Those who opine

that there are "others" out there are bound to hear they're more than a little out there themselves. If you talk to enough of them, you realize they have heard all of the insults before: nut job, wacko, loony, space case. But perhaps the most insulting thing to call a UFO believer is, well, a believer.

To believe, they argue, is to imply that there is room for doubt. But, they tell you, if you study the cases, follow the facts, examine the evidence, there is no room for doubt. "We're not believers; we're concluders," says Paul Nahay of Silver Spring. Meet him and find out what he and other local concluders have to say about UFOs.

Paul Nahay, 49, Silver Spring

Job: Computer consultant

I recall being in fifth grade and getting a book on UFOs called something like "Is Anybody Out There?" I had the usual teenage-boy interest in the subject. Living in Indiana in 1993 renewed my interest when somebody very close to me described a very close encounter. A few years later in Takoma Park, an apartment mate described a close encounter with a flying saucer, a giant machine sitting in the air. Another friend had an astounding close encounter along the Atlantic City Expressway. He and the people in the car saw beings looking out at them from a flying saucer. None of them were into UFOs. None of them pursued the issue at all.

Ever had a UFO experience?

Mine was Nov. 10, 2002. It was a rectangular, impossibly large, dark object, with a strange texture, miles away in the sky. There was not a cloud in the sky; it was about 1:30 in afternoon on Route 295 in New Jersey. It was much larger than any man-made thing. Slightly moving. Extremely weird, and I didn't go and report... You're so confused by it that you sort of doubt yourself. But I saw it as clearly as I saw a building.

What is it that most convinces you that UFOs exist?

I'm not interested in the unidentified objects. I'm interested in ones that are clearly identifiable and piloted by things that are not human and are clearly intelligent. The volume and quality of the evidence is what's convincing.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

"Why is this happening?" is a very loaded and dangerous question. Any answer is in danger of being shot down... Many people, including my wife, view the abduction phenomenon as complete fiction and as a psychological aberration... The implication, and this is dangerous to extrapolate and somewhat fringe theory, is that they are in the process of integrating with us. I know it sounds crazy and like the movies, but that seems to be the case.

How do you deal with skeptics?

I personally try not to because they [tick] me off so much. It doesn't have to be a matter of belief; there are studies that can be read. There's no end of reputable books. Most skeptics either know nothing about the field or they simply echo back the bogus reports that have been made.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

I am reluctant to talk about it. It's the one subject that you can't talk about in polite company. [Laughs.] I've been lucky because I've been a freelancer. I know people who have full-time jobs, particularly with government or military, and they have to be more careful. It has caused some rough edges in some personal areas. [Laughs.]

What would it take to make acceptance of UFO phenomena more widespread?

There are highly credible witnesses, people who we entrust, and when they say, "I saw this thing"... you can't just whisk this

away. I mean, even Jimmy Carter saw one. [Laughs.]

Don Berliner, 77, Alexandria

Probably not, which is not the answer you want. I saw something that seems to be related to UFOs. There was a great flurry back in the late '40s and early '50s of green fireballs. They looked like giant meteors, and I had a good sighting of one of those. I long ago gave up looking. Though I still always get a window seat on an airliner.

Two things. One, the consistency of sightings by expert witnesses -- professional pilots, military and airline -- of oddly shaped vehicles seen in the broad daylight. Vehicles whose shapes are not familiar and whose technical performances are right off the scale... The other is the federal government's very suspicious behavior of putting outlandish explanations on UFO reports, explanations and interpretations that don't reflect the body of the report.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

Well, if indeed they are and aren't explainable in some other way, I have absolutely no idea. It's very risky to use human reasoning when you're dealing with something you have defined as nonhuman.

How do you deal with skeptics?

That's a tricky word. The people who are convinced that UFOs don't exist or can't be of any consequence call themselves skeptics, but they have a carved-in-stone belief. I don't know what the right word is to describe them; we have some unkind words. [Laughs.] Hey, maybe they're right; I don't know. But if you're going to claim to be scientific in your outlook, you should be scientific in your outlook.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

Not that I'm aware of. In the early days, when I was still in the Air Force, occasionally I would try to get people interested and people would poke fun, but nothing serious.

What would it take to make acceptance of UFO phenomena more widespread?

I've got a long list of things. Live video footage of a classic disc performing amazing maneuvers. Physical evidence, say, from the Roswell crash so that we could analyze the material. Something solid.

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What about alien abductions? Do you believe in those?

Oh, is that a bag of worms. It is far beyond anything else in the UFO field for bizarreness, but the reports we get from all over the world are highly consistent... It's something that deserves a lot more study. I'm certainly not going to brush it off, but it is really far out.

Antonio Huneeus, 57, Fairfax

Job: Freelance science reporter and editor

When did you first get interested in UFOs?

There was a very interesting case in Chile in 1977, and I was a reporter and I wrote it up. That was my first UFO article. I had no idea at the time that this was going to consume years of my life.

Ever had a UFO experience?

Well, I would only say that I have had a UFO sighting, not an experience or close encounter. In the Chilean Andes, I did see some strange lights that were zigzagging in the sky and moving in unexplained fashion. This was in 1988.

What is it that most convinces you that UFOs exist?

Well, there's just a lot of great evidence, once you filter all the noise and the wild allegations. Unfortunately, the field is contaminated by a lot of unsubstantiated rumors and sensationalism. Anybody that wants to get involved in this has to realize this and filter it and get to the good cases.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

We have no idea, to tell you the truth. That's why they are a mystery.

How do you deal with skeptics?

I understand them, because I used to be skeptical... A certain degree of skepticism is healthy. And that applies to the believers' side as well.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

Perhaps in the early years, I could sense that people would have kind of a funny reaction... But in the last 10 to 15 years, I understand that it's still not treated seriously, but it has become part of the culture. People think it's an exciting subject, and they want to know more. In some foreign countries, the culture is much more disposed to accepting information about UFOs. In America, it's mostly thought of as entertainment.

What would it take to make acceptance of UFO phenomena more widespread?

It would help if we had a very dramatic, solid case with multiple witnesses. Some case that could bring the phenomenon back to the front page.

Sue Swiatek, 49, Fairfax

Job: Software analyst and publishing specialist; Virginia state director of the Mutual UFO Network

When did you first get interested in UFOs?

I was 8 years old, and I read about the Betty and Barney Hill abduction case in Look magazine. I took it very seriously; it had the ring of truth. I thought if they can pick up one couple, they can pick up more. That's what led me to have a lifelong interest.

Ever had a UFO experience?

Well, apparently. I was just driving along and saw something for five to seven seconds, and I couldn't resolve it. It was a stubby fuselage, fatter than a plane, and it wasn't tapered like a plane would be. It didn't have a tail or wings. But you know as well as I do, if a plane's at a certain angle, you can't tell. I'm very skeptical, so that's still in my gray basket. It was a big object... It was weird, I will say that.

What is it that most convinces you that UFOs exist?

When I get involved with local people in local cases and I see the fear in their eyes and how serious they are about what they've seen. When you meet real people and you know that they don't want publicity, they don't want their name in the paper, it's very powerful when you meet them... People who have close encounters feel threatened. They think the UFOs might be coming back, they fear the government and they feel their friends and family are going to ridicule them.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

I believe they are coming here to explore and glean some kind of resources from our planet. Whether that's DNA material or something more prosaic, who can say? Maybe it's just knowledge.

How do you deal with skeptics?

I personally don't mind skeptics. I don't get my feelings hurt. I am who I am. Some people ask me questions about the fact that I'm a Christian. A guy once said, "How can you believe in God and UFOs when there's no proof in either one?" I think he thought my brain was going to explode.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

So far, no. This article may change that. [Laughs.] A lot of my friends are in the UFO field. If people can't tolerate me believing this, then we're probably not going to be that close anyway.

What would it take to make acceptance of UFO phenomena more widespread?

We have meetings about just this thing. The thing that would work the best we have no control over, and that would be a major sighting or a wave of sightings that involved a large geographic area. Or if there was a major disclosure by our government, that would help.

Norm Gagnon, 47, Springfield

Job: Graphic and architectural designer, UFO investigator

When did you first get interested in UFOs?

In 1995, I started investigating, researching, reading about it. I started to make a little noise so that people could contact me if they have unusual sightings.

What is it that most convinces you that UFOs exist?

I did observe at least three sightings. I saw something, looked up and thought it was very unusual. When I observed these I didn't think, "Hey, UFOs," I just thought, "Wow, that's unusual." On one sighting, my wife and I saw two unusual floating-type objects. I don't mean flying saucers or ships, I just mean unidentified floating, flying objects.

There's too many sightings out there. Something is going on. There is also a lot of fraud out there, and I've seen a lot of pranks and movies on YouTube that are fakes. One of my interests is trying to determine fakes by looking at photos and visiting with people.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

There's so much to say. I can't give you a simple sentence. I believe there are formidable forces outside our physical realm of time-space and these extra-dimensional beings have been hovering our skies and even visiting us since the beginning of human history. One of my objectives as a ufologist is to not only document these sightings but, most important, to help the folks that may have been affected by these encounters.

How do you deal with skeptics?

Well, myself, I'm a skeptic sitting almost on the fence. I do believe what people say they see are manifestations and aerial phenomena. However, I cannot point the finger and say that these are absolutely from another universe. I say these are manifestations that could have been created on Earth. I also believe that our government has vehicles that they test which are top secret which sometimes fly away from where they are supposed to be. They are futuristic, man-made vehicles that we don't know about. But as to aliens, I do not believe, personally, that there is any alien visitation.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

Um, not really. As to my work, my regular day job, I really don't talk about it. Most people don't talk about it. My involvement is usually outside work and with groups like MUFON. My passion is that I love investigating, just getting down to the ground level and looking for evidence that can be collected.

My wife is aware of what I'm doing, and she's not too crazy about what I do. But I'm not going to stay in this [field] for the rest of my life. I'm collecting reports or photographs for a book I'd like to write.

Ben Moss, 52, Annandale

Job: Information technology consultant

How old were you when you first started exploring ufology?

I was a kid. Probably 7 or 8. Walter Cronkite did a UFO show, and I was fascinated from that point forth. The media was a lot more open than it is now.

Ever had a UFO experience?

There's one thing I saw in college that looked like a cruise missile prototype. I heard a whistle and then rockets fired on its side, and it started climbing away at rapid speed. This was in the mountains of Virginia. In Key West, I saw two objects that looked like meteorites that crossed the sky and then stopped. Then they caught up to each other and then turned at a right angle.

What is it that most convinces you that UFOs exist?

Well, I think Roswell was the crash of an extraterrestrial spacecraft... I've talked to individuals, several military people, who were out at Roswell at the time, and there's a lot of evidence. The danger is if we find evidence of other life out there, we have to keep it a secret.

Why do you think UFOs are visiting Earth?

Well, if you know anything about astronomy, you know we have a fairly young sun. The more we look, the more we see that there are systems out there that are like ours but much older. Anything that's of a high technology, say 500 years advanced from what we have, will look like magic to us. Perhaps like things that our minds can't process.

It makes sense that we're being monitored by other beings. The theory is that man is a very aggressive race and that they want to put restraints on us or to prevent us from attacking them. We're a warlike race, and if you're studying it, you need to figure out how to control it.

How do you deal with skeptics?

I'll just logically try to argue the point. A reporter or someone in public office is not going to talk about UFOs because of the ridicule, and that's tough to overcome. If someone firmly believes that none of this is true, then it's never going to be true to them.

Has your involvement with the subject of UFOs hampered your relationships or career plans?

I pretty much do my own thing. But, no, I don't blurt it out a lot. I don't mind talking to friends about it. I can argue in a logical way and point to evidence.

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 16:16:00 +0000
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:01:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:51:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 22:56:07 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>Like I said. If you want to criticize the author of the book,
>>please contact Adventures Unlimited Publishers. I have no idea
>>what the hell the Nazis did or didn't do in Antarctica and don't
>>care.

>I haven't the faintest inclination to contact this author. If
>you don't care about the subject of the book then why did you
>post a recommendation here to read it?

>If you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen.

>>I stand by my evaluation though. Most of the posters to this
>>List lack a sense of humor about the subject they write about.
>>Look how grumpy you got when you thought you were being
>>criticized. Jeezh!

>More back-pedaling, Kathy. You're now suggesting that your post
>about this book was just a joke? I must have missed the punch
>line, unless it was your condescension.

Hah! Hah! Like I said, humorless.

Some on the List seem to have difficulty understanding a
post is not a recommendation.

Once again, I am not interested what the Nazi's did or didn't
do.

I don't know how much clearer to make it. A press release is not
a recommendation.

That is not back pedalling. That is trying to explain to the
confused lister the difference. Got it?

KK

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From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

Listers:

Please note this is from Jerry Smith. I am simply posting it.

KK

From: Jerry Smith <jerryesmith.nul>
To: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:43:29 -0500
Subject: Re: FW: UFO UpDate: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

Kathy,

>>Is this a joke? What a lot of rubbish! It's surprising, the
>>things that some people will assert, seemingly unaware of how
>>simple it is to check facts. Holloman AFB is home to the 49th
>>Fighter Wing of the USAF, btw.

>>Brian

Brian obviously doesn't know how to check his facts. he would have found that Holloman is not only home to the 49th Fighter Wing but also 46th Test Group and a stealth fighter (F-117) unit, the only F-117 training unit in the country, and a famous test track for acceleration and deacceleration impact studies is also located there. It is also home to the German Air Force Tactical Training Center, a luftwaffe training facility, used by 300 German Air Force personnel, with 12 German fighter jets. I have read in the local newspaper that the German side of the base flies the German flag and is regarded as German soil. I don't have citations for that handy, as that material is still on storage in Reno. I hear that many local restaurants now have menus in German and English. And there is a whole lot more there. In researching HAARP I discovered that Holloman was home to the Hermes III, a battlefield EMP generator that some believe was used in Gulf War I.

From: The official website for the base:

<http://www.holloman.af.mil/>

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE DATA

Established: Holloman AFB was originally established in 1942 as Alamogordo Air Field six miles west of Alamogordo, New Mexico. Initial construction began at the airfield February 6, 1942.

The base was re-named in 1948 after Col. George Holloman, a Rich Square, N.C., native, who was a pioneer in early rocket and pilot-less aircraft research.

Land: 59,639 acres

Altitude: 4,093 feet

Supported population: Holloman AFB supports about 21,000 Active Duty, Guard, Reserve, retirees, DoD civilians and their family

members.

Past aircraft flown at Holloman AFB: B-17, B-24, B-29, B-57, P-47, AT-38B, F-4D, F-15, F-84, F-100, HH-60G, QF-106, F-4F

Present aircraft flown at Holloman AFB: T-38 Talon, F-117A Nighthawk, QF-4 drone, German Air Force Tornado

The world's first operational aircraft to exploit low observable (stealth) technology, the F-117A officially arrived at Holloman AFB May 9, 1992.

Holloman is home to the world's longest (50,788 feet, or almost 10 miles) and fastest (approaching 10,000 feet per second, or Mach 9) test track. The 846th Test Squadron set the world land speed record for a railed vehicle with a recent run of 6,453 mph, or Mach 8.5.

Missions supported: Personnel from Holloman AFB have participated in numerous operations and conflicts such as: Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, Operation Allied Force, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Northern Watch, Operations Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and many more. Holloman personnel also provided presidential support for President Clinton's visit to China in June 1998 and the 49th Medical Group deployment of an air transportable hospital to Guyana to support deployed U.S. military personnel and Guyana citizens in July 1997. Holloman personnel also assist White Sands Missile Range personnel in supporting the White Sands Space Harbor as an alternate runway for NASA space shuttle missions. The space shuttle Columbia landed at WSSH March 30, 1982 and 1,400 Holloman personnel supported that landing.

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
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>From: Ed Gehrman<egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:38:26 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>A report in the Chilean newspaper El Mercurio of Santiago on 5
>>March 1947 sheds some possible light onto the strategic
>>importance of polar reconnaissance. The article by Lee van Atta
>>entitled Admiral Richard E Byrd Refers To The Strategic
>>Importance Of The Poles had been sent from "On Board Mount
>>Olympus on the High Seas". It is often misquoted in translation
>>by occult enthusiasts, the usual interpolations in the text
>>being of "flying objects" having the ability "to fly from pole
>>to pole at incredible speeds", but a better translation is:

>Better, maybe. There was still concern, correct?

>>"Admiral Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the
>>United States to initiate defence measures against the possible
>>invasion of the country by hostile aircraft operating from the
>>polar regions.

>Who could that be? Come on Greg. Who could attack us?

Ed, try a thought experiment. Put yourself back in 1946.

World War II had ended the previous year. During the war, dramatic new inventions came to light. Radar, jet engines, nuclear bombs. And more. There were new inventions affecting everyday life, too. People, the military included, took for granted that this was a time of great, sometimes surprising progress in technology. Huge, sudden, unexpected leaps wouldn't have surprised anyone. One year later, when flying saucer reports exploded, most people (including most in the military) thought that they were secret weapons, either our own or Russia's.

You and I can look back, and say with confidence that no one could have attacked the US over the poles in 1946. But that's not how it seemed back then. People were ready for anything.

Besides, the US had entered the war after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. So etched into our national consciousness was the understanding - and fear - that another such attack might come someday. During the war, there was serious preparation for air raids (as they were called) from Germany or Japan. My father was an air raid warden during the war, and when I was a kid, I used to read his air raid warden's manual, quite a thick little book with information about the types of planes that might attack, and the weapons they might use (types of bombs, and types of poison gas).

The idea of an air attack on the US buried into American minds during the war years, and then was reinforced during the cold war years.

Now cut to Admiral Byrd. Mr. Polar Explorer, par excellence. A man of great fame and great charisma. And also a man who was always looking for opportunities for himself. A man not

unfamiliar with self-promotion.

The war ends. America is absurdly prosperous, because the war kickstarted our economy. The depression of the 1930s is, finally, a thing of the past. Money abounds. Suburbs start springing up around cities, in a surge of construction. New consumer products flood the market. The huge WW II military is partially demobilized, leaving the government plenty of money to play with, especially with the economy expanding.

What a perfect time for Byrd to use his fame to get the government to fund a huge project for him. It's not surprising in the least. And of course he talked about attacks that his project might help prevent. That's an example of his self-promotion. Of course he said the attacks would come over the poles. The poles were his specialty. If he'd been the admiral of the Pacific fleet, looking for more battleships and aircraft carriers, he would have said the attacks would come from Asia, especially the Asian part of the Soviet Union.

Of course, the North Pole makes more sense as a route for air attack on the US than the South Pole does. But Byrd said this to a Chilean newspaper! Nobody's going to attack Chile from the North Pole, but maybe - if South America was their target - they'd approach from the South Pole. And why include Chile in fears of an attack on the US? Because in those days, all of Latin America was, politically and economically, just about owned by the US.

When the UN was being formed, one angry debate between the US and the Soviet Union concerned Latin America. The USSR maintained that the US would have an unfair advantage, because in effect it would have well over a dozen votes, because all the Latin American countries would vote with the US as a matter of course. This led to one of the most curious oddities of the Cold war - the Soviet Union literally had three votes in the UN. That's because, as a way of settling the dispute of Latin American votes, the Ukraine and what then was called Byelorussia (it's now Belarus) were granted separate UN membership, even though they weren't even nominally independent of the USSR. Thus the USSR directly controlled three UN votes, as a way of placating them in the face of their not incorrect belief that the US controlled more than a dozen.

So Chile, in effect, was an American protectorate. That's one reason Byrd could talk about attacks on all of America there.

But doesn't it ring any bells that Byrd only said this to a Chilean newspaper? Why didn't he trumpet it in press conferences in America? Why did only INS report his words? That doesn't make any sense. Given the public platform the man had, if attacks over the poles were something he was gigantically concerned about (or even if talking about them was nothing more than part of his ongoing self-promotion), surely we'd have quotes from many US newspapers. But no. All we have is this one quote from Chile, and something in the smallest of the three wire services. (Which at that date was losing money, and was kept alive only because the Hearst Corporation, which owned it, didn't want to admit failure in public. I know something about this habit of theirs. I worked in 1988 and 1989 for the Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, which was the first Hearst paper. When I worked there, it had been losing money for well over 20 years, and the Hearst Corporation kept it alive only out of unwillingness to admit defeat. In November of 1989, they finally did close it.)

To return to one of your points, Ed - you asked with some incredulity who could have attacked us over the poles. And from any rational point of view, any point of view based on the actual facts of planes available around the world in 1946, it's a very good question.

But in 1946, people didn't have the facts. The average person, and very likely even the average military person, had no idea what the range of new bombers were, especially since the old B-29s of the war era would soon be replaced with jet bombers. Presumably that was also going on in Russia. Who could say what a Russian bomber would be able to do?

That's the relevance of my final footnote, about the fear of Soviet air attack in the 1950s. The USSR had no bombers that

could have reached the US. But our military didn't know that! Nor did the CIA. Nobody had accurate information on Soviet capabilities, and so our military simply assumed the worst. You think that some military people weren't ready to do the same in 1946? Especially when our military had been partially demobilized, and it was now in the military's interest to promote reasons for Congress to give them more money, so they could build their strength and power back up again?

Greg Sandow

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:07:26 +0200
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:15:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 11:21:15 +0100
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 00:50:24 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 15:32:46 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 08:24:26 +0200
>>>>Subject: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>>Splendid UFO video from Avebury Engeland. 9.54 minutes.

>>>>The area is shown by daylight in last portion of video.

>>>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INes_SDCa8E

>><snip>

>>>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during
>>>a military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>>>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

>>As I wrote in a previous post, I am familiar with the area of
>>Avebury due to our crop circle research there.

>>I have seen similar lights in 1994 during a night when we
>>started with larger meditation experiments on ancient sacred
>>sites around Avebury. It was not far away, on Knap Hill,
>>looking south.

>>In the distance, on the Salisbury Plains, the English Army has
>>their large training grounds and performed a nightly training.
>>We heard the noise in the far distance. Suddenly bright orange
>>lights appeared in the sky, one after another. At the end, there
>>were 9 lights in the sky in a fine row, some disappeared, some
>>appeared. They all floated through the air, it was a marvellous
>>sighting. These all were military flares.

>Thanks Joachim

>These particular lights don't look orange, but there are
>different types of flare. They appear to flicker erratically in
>intensity. I suppose that could be due to atmospheric turbulence
>near the horizon if they were very distant landing lights, but
>it does tend to suggest flares doesn't it.

After downloading this movie with YouTube downloader as a MPEG
file and examining it frame after frame with VirtualDub there

remains a big question!

It is impossible that those lights belong to aircraft due to the fact that those lights sometimes drop down very fast etc and flares don't hover around like those lights?

Bert (A W RvB)
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Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 11:43:08 -0700
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:19:52 -0400
Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

Fellow Listers,

>I've had a few mails/calls about mail not getting through
>over the past 24-hours. I've sent myself messages, some
>make it, some don't...

>If you've submitted posts for the List that don't appear
>by this time tomorrow please re-send.

>Thanks,

>ebk

Although most of us view this 'electronic void' we call 'the Internet as the New Frontier in terms of freedom of speech and a means to unlock the chains that bind us all by the corporate controlled mainstream media (CCMM), unbeknownst to most is that it is not without fault in that regard.

There exists a form of censorship in the worst degree that most Internet users are ignorant of; this censorship falls under the guise of SPAM, to which most of us who've spent anytime on the net are keenly aware of!

Some ISPs e.g., Comcast use RBL's (Real Time Blacklists) and filter your mail without you even knowing it. This is analogous to your neighborhood mailman withholding your letters from Aunt Hildagard because he knows she is last in the pecking-order of your favorite aunts.

Some might think, "well hell, I don't want mail from anyone on a RBL list anyway!" Getting on an RBL list is quite easy, and in many instances is as automated as Comcast's mail censorship.

No one should have the right to dictate to anyone else what mail they should receive, and in my view the penalties for e-mail tampering should be as stiff as they are for snail-mail.

Any filtering should be done by one's own software, and should be completely under their own control. RBL's should be banished, just as Nazism was, and people need to be "enlightened" about these dastardly deeds!

Regards,

Frank Warren

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Queensland Invaded By UFOs

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Subject: Queensland Invaded By UFOs

Source: The Melbourne Herald Sun - Australia

<http://www.news.com.au/heraldsun/story/0,21985,22619493-662,00.html>

October 21, 2007 01:00am

Queensland Invaded By UFOs
By Anooska Tucker-Evans

Queenslanders are leading reporters of unidentified flying objects, with more than 100 of the 128 recorded official sightings around Australia in the past two years coming from the Sunshine State.

And according to a Queensland UFO specialist, while many sightings were ruled out as stars, planets, meteors and planes, a "significant number" remained unexplained.

UFO Research Queensland's Lee Paqui said the state's hotspots for sightings included the Glass House Mountains, Toowoomba, Warwick, Ipswich and the far north.

"The most common sightings are the orange balls, and white balls that look like stars but move and display very erratic behaviour, like they'll make right-hand turns," she said.

Ms Paqui said many people were still wary of reporting their sightings for fear of public humiliation.

The Queensland research centre began operating in 1956 and was originally called the Queensland Flying Saucer Bureau.

It receives 1000 hits each day on its website www.uforg.asn.au and has sightings dating back to 1939.

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More 'Exopolitical' Idiocy?

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Subject: More 'Exopolitical' Idiocy?

Alfred Webre, now appears to be building membership of the 'Exopolitical Movement' by staking claim, for Exopolitics, of not only the work of others but also those who did the work!

See:

<http://www.mediaforfreedom.com/ReadArticle.asp?ArticleID=5160>

While I'm on the subject it seems to me that Politics requires both an 'Us' & 'Them' across a 'table'. There many of 'Us' but none of 'Them' sitting down and talking. So what is the point of 'Exopolitics' other than to add silt to the already muddied Ufological waters?

ebk

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 14:16:18 -0700
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:44:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:38:06 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Ed Gehrman<egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:38:26 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:04:58 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>"Admiral Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the
>>>United States to initiate defence measures against the possible
>>>invasion of the country by hostile aircraft operating from the
>>>polar regions.

>>Who could that be? Come on Greg. Who could attack us?

>The Soviets. Did you miss the latter-half of the 20th century?
>Preparations for an antagonistic stance against the Soviet Union
>began well *before* the end of the Second World War.

Brian, Yes there was some antagonism, but we were still allies
and the Soviet Union didn't have the capability to support bases
in Antarctica. There certainly wasn't any obvious need for a
rushed project this size.

I brought information to the discussion because I thought it was
relevant. Did you thoroughly read the article I sent to the
List?

>Now, some may argue that that was unnecessary, but that's a
>wholly different matter from what was done.

What does this mean?

>>>but it is a bitter reality that in the case of a
>>>new war the continental United States will be attacked by
>>>aircraft flying in from one or both poles."

>>Sure. Conventional aircraft?

>Yes, conventional aircraft. Flying over the poles has been a
>time and fuel-saving tactic for quite some time now.

You must realize that "fuel-saving" isn't what he was
referencing.

>aeronautical advances achieved during the 40s were not expected
>to suddenly peter out with the end of the war. In fact, with the
>capture of scientists and equipment from the Germans (and it was
>known that the Russians had gotten a sizable share for
>themselves), it was expected to speed up considerably. The
>ability to track aircraft coming over the northern or southern
>horizons was a priority. And being able to do so as soon as

>possible was a given.

There was no apparent need for Operation High Jump but it's hard not to believe that our government didn't have an explicit purpose in mind. That purpose has never been revealed.

I don't know whether the Nazi connection was the purpose for the maneuvers, but there's no reason to conclude that this mystery has been solved.

One bit of information that would be especially helpful is the un-translated message contained in the article by Lee van Atta titled Admiral Richard E Byrd Refers To The Strategic Importance Of The Poles. Then we could translate it ourselves. I think there's a copy contained in Reich Of The Black Sun by Joseph P. Farrell. Do you know this book? Does anyone?

Ed

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 19:09:23 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:46:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 22:56:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:20:54 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:18:50 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>Dick, Ed and Everybody:

>>>I have sent all your comments on to Jerry Smith. Here's my take
>>>on the 'genre' - this type of literature: It's all good fun.
>>>Everybody gets to have their opinion. This statement includes
>>>everybody on this List who ever wrote a book discussing 'fringe'
>>>subjects. I know, I know, you all want to be taken seriously.
>>>But, let's face it. The reality is something else. I hope we can
>>>agree on this fact. Among ourselves... well, I hope we all
>>>maintain our sense of humor in the fact of all the critics
>>>sneering.

>>Anyone who knows me personally can assure you that I have a
>>sense of humor second to none. So, just exactly what are we
>>supposed to think is funny here? Since I take UFOs very
>>seriously, I don't find it funny when this kind of blatant crap
>>dominates the discussion, and serious, factual, scientific
>>research is pushed into the background. Please enlighten me.

>>When you say "The reality is something else. I hope we can agree
>>on this fact," I have no idea what you are talking about. What
>>"reality"? Nazis escaping to Antarctica and building flying
>>saucers?

>Dick:

>Like I said. If you want to criticize the author of the book,
>please contact Adventures Unlimited Publishers. I have no idea
>what the hell the Nazis did or didn't do in Antarctica and don't
>care.

>I stand by my evaluation though. Most of the posters to this
>List lack a sense of humor about the subject they write about.
>Look how grumpy you got when you thought you were being
>criticized. Jeezh!

Kathy,

You did not answer my questions, and furthermore you are being
disingenuous as hell with this sort of evasive non-answer.

I didn't "think I was being criticized," and for that matter
could care less if you did criticize me.

-Dick

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:36:21 EDT
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:54:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

Non-Investigated Flying Objects (NFOs) - Neither UFO or IFO

I suggest naming the category of non-investigated or uninvestigated sightings "NFOs" or Non-investigated Flying Objects (NFOs). This is an indeterminate catchall category for initial incoming sighting reports prior to any Hynek screening or investigation. Most cases will fall into this category and never get reclassified as either IFOs or UFOs. The 'NFO' term falls nicely in between IFO and UFO alphabetically which is conceptually where it belongs.

For simplicity I include all conventional explanations within the scope of the term IFO including cases where there is no object at all, such as some hallucinations and hoaxes. I don't quibble over hypertechnicalities of the 'flying' term, where purists complain that we usually don't know if the object is flying using aerodynamic principles, and celestial bodies are not 'flying' at all, etc. The traditional 'UFO' term uses the word 'flying' and everyone has a rough idea what 'UFO' and 'IFO' mean and they don't take it so literally. 'NFO' nicely and logically alliterates with IFO and UFO so it will suggest the others.

Trying to replace the term "UFO" because of quibbles over the word 'flying' will simply lose 99% of the people who have an interest in the UFO subject.

The Hynek screening process is explained in his basic textbook of UFO science, *The UFO Experience*, published in 1972 and endlessly reprinted in numerous editions ever since. You can buy paperback copies on Amazon.com for less than the cost of shipping so there is no excuse for serious UFO researchers not have it and read it.

No sighting report according to Hynek should get the 'UFO' label until after a scientifically competent investigation has eliminated IFOs and other conventional explanations.

Whenever it is unclear what we mean by 'UFO' or if there is a possibility of some confusion then simply say UFO Unknowns or 'real UFO' or Unexplained UFOs or the like, just as we now do anyway.

With this new terminology the AF Project Blue Book statistics would transform to something like this (these are extremely rough approximations subject to refinement and more thorough statistics after Will Wise's BlueBookArchives can get all the BB files online so a more thorough analysis can finally be done):

NFOs - 10,500 (approx.)
IFOs - 1,500 (approx.)
UFOs - 3,000 (approx.)
Total - 15,000 (approx.)

I am being very conservative on the number of UFO Unknowns, as 20% of the total, whereas it is more likely as McDonald estimated, about 30% to 40% or about 4,500 to 6,000 Unknowns.

UFO's thus outnumber IFOs by at least 2 to 1 when we stop

bastardizing the statistics by including non-investigated NFO's. Using Hynek's definition an investigation must be scientifically competent, hence very few BB investigations would qualify in his opinion and in the estimation of McDonald and others who have reviewed BB's work.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Ask The Pilot

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 21:54:20 -0300
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 09:55:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>Source: Salon Internet - San Francisco, California

><http://www.salon.com/tech/col/smith/2007/10/19/askthepilot250/>

>Oct. 19, 2007

>Ask The Pilot

>Looking out the window on a flight from Helsinki, Finland, to
>New York's JFK, I noticed a long, dark streak trailing across
>the surface of the cloud bank below - the shadow of the jet's
>contrail. But there was no shadow of the plane itself. Instead,
>a giant optical bloom appeared where the shadow should have
>been. It was a circular halo with two concentric colored rings,
>like a lens flare.

>(Special thanks to Gregory Dicum's enjoyable book Window Seat
>for help with this one.) The phenomenon described is called a
>"glory." As those (few) passengers who still look out the window
>have probably noticed, glories are quite common under the right
>conditions of cloud cover and sunlight angle. The aura of
>colored bands is caused by sunlight diffracted and reflected
>back toward its source by water droplets inside a cloud.
>Sometimes you do see the airplane's shadow directly in the
>halo's center; other times, as seemed to be the case during your
>flight from Helsinki, one sees only the rings.

I have a shot of one of these 'Glories' forwarded by another
pilot. If anyone wants to see it, email me offline and I'll send
an attachment - unless Errol can think of another way that's
more accessible.

Pilots have seen them or are aware of them and they are not
likely to be reported by pilots as a UFO. They are nothing new.

Don Ledger

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Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 00:23:45 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 12:04:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul> <ab5sy.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 21:42:13 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

Hello William and List,

<snip>

>Ladies and Gentlemen, please stop your petty bickering and do
>some UFO investigating. The World is laughing at you.

<snip>

<snip>

>Now to my point, and IMHO, some have have become become not
>wealthy but comfy, and now we see a hoard of new comers, jealous
>and striving to obtain a piece of the pie, but is anyone
>actually doing UFO investigation other then taking witness
>reports via the keyboard, and phone? How the heck does one truly
>investigate a UFO si! ghting claim (it's gone long before said
>investigater arrives on sight)

>The big guns are so busy fighting and defending among themselves
>on the various forums and sites such as UFO UpDates, that E.T.
>could land, kick our butts, and the likes of Maccabee, Boudreau,
>Friedman, etc would never be aware until they read about it
>online.

<snip>

This may be my fourth post ever published on UFO UpDates or on
any UFO forum for that matter. To have my name mentioned in the
same sentence as Maccabee and Friedman seems to indicate that
you are new to the field.

No offense intended.

As for the bickering, is that the impression my 3 posts have
left on you so far?

If this is the case, I am sorry. This was not my intention. I
like to describe what I feel and avoid scratching egos in the
process, save maybe for the debunkers who preach clarity but
muddy the waters.

You do have a point in stating that the big guns may be fighting
among themselves. But I look at it as a normal state of affairs.
We all play in the same team, but it is normal to have
differences of opinion.

If you think this is endemic to ufology, you should attend
seminars and conferences at universities and count the punches.
I have seen a lot in my time and it is only healthy to have
divergent point of views.

Now for UFO investigations: Bruce Maccabee has made many
significant contributions to the UFO field. His site is worth

checking for many case studies. Stanton Friedman makes a living with UFO conferences and might be the first and last guy you'd ever need to send to the witness box if ever one would be prosecuted for acknowledging the existence of UFOs.

Instead of Boudreau, you could have mentioned Davenport, Ledger, Sparks, Bourdais, Rudiak. Haines and a dozen others. They may be grumpy at times. They are all getting older.

(I was wise enough not to put Jerome Clark on the grumpy list.)

I would be flattered if I had one tenth of the pedigree, and one fifth of the knowledge of these gentlemen, and to have my name mentioned in the same sentence would then have meant a lot.

This is not the case. I am embarrassed. As we speak, I am looking for a hole to bury myself in. :)

I have the impression that you are looking for a fight.

What would be the use?

I hope I am mistaken.

It would only be, as always, a waste of time.

Vincent

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Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 01:01:12 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 13:21:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul> <ab5sy.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 21:42:13 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>Ladies and Gentlemen, please stop your petty bickering and do
>some UFO investigating. The World is laughing at you.

>What has happened to Ufology? Correct me if I'm wrong, but once
>upon a time Ufologists went into the field and investigated UFO
>sighting claims, and reported their findings back to their
>various groups, to friendly media sources, the friendly
>government contacts, or the public. Thousands of non-
>investigators such as my self, lurk on the dozens of UFO
>websites hoping to find something that will support what we
>already believe, which the government (in our humble opinion will
>not admit).

<snip>

>The big guns are so busy fighting and defending among themselves
>on the various forums and sites such as UFO UpDates, that E.T.
>could land, kick our butts, and the likes of Maccabee, Boudreau,
>Friedman, etc would never be aware until they read about it
>online.

I hadn't intended to comment on this but then I saw my name...

I don't think I have been fighting and defending myself
recently, but anyway, it is true. I probably would not know if a
UFO landed and started kicking butts until some message came
over the internet, or by phone, or whatever. Even the "big guns"
don't get messages straight from the UFOs... "We're going to
abduct Sue Jones who lives at 12345 Numerology Street in
Kickbutt, New Jersey, so, Maccabee/Boudreau/Friedman: be
there!!"

However, thanks to the internet, we get reports in a couple of
days instead of the previous weeks or months.

And I do get lots of reports, many nowadays with photos or
videos attached. Very often I get something like this.

"I started taking videos of UFOs a few months ago and now I have
hundreds of videos. Would you please look at them and tell
me what they are?"

If I went to the site of every photo and video that I have been
sent to do an "on site investigation" I'd have to quit work and
would hardly ever be home.

I don't intend to rest on my laurels, as they say. If new sightings
occur that demand intense investigation of specialized types
I'll be there. IN the meantime I'll submit my investigations
of older cases as examples of real investigation.

And I may as well take this opportunity to announce that I
will, soon, have an analysis of the Skylab 3 photos (Sept 1973)
of an unidentified space object (USO) (not to be confused with a

Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

USO - unidentified submerged object).

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:08:05 +0100
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 13:23:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 16:03:01 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:20:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

><snip>

>>Sorry Eleanor, but this kind of argument only starts to get any
>>traction in the minds of the most uncritically USA-centric of
>>thinkers.

>>Why should the whole of the rest of the world bend both its media
>>and academic structures out of shape in order to go along with an
>>American desire to retain a secret monopoly on alien technology
>>retrieved at Roswell?

>I don't know the inner workings of the world's power structure,
>but it is obvious to me there is a cover up.

>> Why doesn't Castro's Cuba embarrass the NSA
>>by offering university degrees in Ufology in the same way that it
>>embarrasses the USA by offering high quality cut-price medical
>>degrees to impoverished American students? - The list of awkward
>>questions like this is as genuinely endless as America is
>>friendless.

>My guess would be the usual list of things that influence
>people, threats, bribes and blackmail. I'm sure every world
>leader is compromised in some way.

>>In short, the argument is far more narrow-minded than any
>>supposed suppression of scientific truth on the part of the
>>secrecy conspirators upon whose far-reaching actions it depends.
>>They can bribe/influence Fox, ABC etc., but China? Iran? India?
>>Russia? Venezuela? France? For sixty years?

>Yessir. It is obvious to me.

This exactly what I mean by uncritically USA-centric thinking.
You have no basis whatsoever for your belief that the influence
of the USA government and its various agencies extends as far as
'every world leader' in this matter - a belief that flies in the
face of any sane interpretation of world events over the past
sixty years - and yet it is obvious to you.

No evidence. No argument. No connection at all with established
fact. So it must be 'obvious'. Is that how you arrive at your
conclusions?

>>Are they all queuing up to do the bidding of the Secrecy Group
>>and make sure that their limbo lighting meets standards of spooky
>>luminescence set by the Pentagon?

>I don't know the details of the control mechanisms,

No, you won't know these details. Because they don't exist.

>though my
>experiences as a 27-year target of organized stalking
>(COINTELPRO-like) and electronic harassment (something like some
>of the MKULTRA programs) certainly have given me some clues.

Well, the forces of darkness, omnipotent as they are with the full weight of the black budget behind them, haven't done a very good job of silencing you have they? In fact, all they've done is hamfistedly shown their hand and left you with a set of clues as to their modus operandi.

Does it not occur to you that if they cannot silence you, then what chance would they have against a Castro, Chavez, Mao Tse Tung etc. etc.? Doesn't that one simple thought make you want to reconsider the absurdity of the views that you are promulgating?

<snip>

>>How long before somebody is trying to persuade us that the (most
>>recent) invasion of Iraq was really precipitated by Saddam
>>Hussein's intention to make an impartial documentary about
>>Roswell, or to offer doctorates in the Ufological Sciences at
>>Baghdad Technical Institute?

>I've never thought that or made such a claim.

No, not yet. But as the rumour gradually spreads, I'm sure you eventually will.

>Doesn't seem to bear on the obvious cover up of UFO information.

No? Surely it's obvious...

--

Gerald O'Connell

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>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 17:23:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:17:22 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 13 Oct 2007 20:04:43 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

><snip>

>>>>It's really rather simple. How many legitimate sciences are
>>>>conducted 95% or better by part-time, weekend hobbyists and
>>>>enthusiasts who simply appoint themselves as 'experts', as
>>>>opposed to people professionally trained and educated?

>>>>There is not a single real physical or social science out there
>>>>which has no budget, and no cadre of professionals to carry out
>>>>the research and provide peer review.

>>>Absolutely spot on, Dick. Furthermore, it is really quite
>>>delusional to try to pretend otherwise.

>>>All of which raises the question as to why this state of affairs
>>>pertains. Obviously, any halfway sensible answer will call on a
>>>wide range of contributory factors, ranging from sociological,
>>>through institutional to scientific. The issue is a complex one,
>>>and will not be resolved by approaches that fail to acknowledge
>>>this fact.

>>I suggest the number one factor is that since Roswell or
>>thereabouts, there has been a very slick but powerful campaign
>>to make ufology look like a synonym for mental illness.

>Several of the posts relating to Eleanor's comments below were
>written as if she were coming across as being conspiratorial or
>worse. This is just not the case.

I must dispute this.

Eleanor refers to a 'well co-ordinated campaign of
discreditation by both the government and the media', while you
yourself reiterate and endorse this assertion. How could such a
thing arise or exist without there being some form of secret
agreement in place that would amount to a conspiracy?

There is a more realistic explanation for what actually happens,
and one that does not require any form of conspiratorial
agreement to be in place and maintained over time between a vast
array of individuals and organisations,

I refer to the simple social dynamics of fear and embarrassment:

1. We have a set of elusive phenomena that are real, appear to systematically evade explanation and analysis, and which imply the existence of a fugitive agency at a stage of technical evolution (and, more threateningly, intelligence) far in advance of our own.

2. This, in turn, implies a dramatic factual shortfall in the world-view offered to us by all the organs of human authority - political, religious, academic and military.

3. A standard human response in such circumstances is to go into denial in order to cover embarrassment, and treat the problem with humour in order to release the tension occasioned by fear.

4. As with so many standard human responses, the actions and behaviour of both individuals and groups in these circumstances tend to be consonant, reinforcing and feeding off each other. It may look orchestrated, but that is the way of things with social animals: collective behaviour gives the appearance of there being a 'group mind.'

5. This can easily be misinterpreted by the naive observer as denoting the existence of some background 'agreement' or conspiracy, while all that is really happening is that groups and individuals are going with the social flow, driven by their common emotional experience.

6. Hence my original reference to 'the simple social dynamics of fear and embarrassment.'

Look again at the various examples given below, and think about them again in the terms I have set out.

>Here's a few examples off the
>top of my head of why Eleanor is absolutely correct with her
>list. There are many more I could cite, but here are some quick
>examples.

>>Some clues:

>>The mandatory reference to "little green men" in all
>>mainstream articles about UFOs (virtually all.)

>Anyone who has listened to the news over the past 40 years has
>heard this exact line with the "laugh" from news broadcasters. I
>heard it on my local news just a couple of months ago. Someone
>was reporting that someone saw a UFO and there went the news
>anchors, "Oh (snicker, snicker) do _you_ believe in 'little
>green men'? [snicker, laugh... cut to commercial...]

I haven't conducted a statistical analysis, but the 'little green men' dismissal strikes me as something of a ufological myth. What proportion of the worldwide media reporting of UFOs actually uses that phrase? These days it seems to be most prevalent in the paranoid whining of those who believe that there is indeed a global conspiracy to suppress the truth. In a separate but concurrent post on this issue I address the fundamental untenability of that view.

>As recently as last night on the Keith Olberman Show, MSNBC:

>He ridiculed the subject of UFOs and repeatedly showed a group
>of people sitting in an audience laughing in a strained, over-
>rehearsed sort of way. He began making fun of Spielberg's movie
>ET and the entire time he was talking about the movie ET (a
>friendly alien) MSNBC was showing highly destructive scenes from
>the movie Independence Day. They then repeated the footage at
>the end of the piece while making fun of Guliani's statement
>that he would be able to protect us from an invasion by
>extraterrestrials (if he were to become President).

>This all centered around the fact that a little boy asked
>Guliani if he could protect us against an ET invasion. Can you
>imagine how the little boy feels about his question relating to
>whether or not his government can protect him (us) against an ET
>invasion? Not only is this young boy being made fun of, he, and
>other young people who were watching this pathetic display, will
>probably not want to ever ask anyone about this subject again.
>And, that's the point, isn't it? See how it works?

>Yes, the media has and continues to ridicule, laugh at and

>mislead the American public about UFOs.

>Have we forgotten this?

>"Through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to
>believe that unidentified flying objects are nonsense. To hide
>the facts, the Air Force has silenced its personnel."
> -- Admiral Roscoe H. Hillenkoetter, Former Director
> of the CIA, February 28, 1960.

>>The substantial avoidance of physical trace cases in
>>media presentations on the subject

>One example that quickly comes to mind is when NOVA refused to
>show physical evidence that Budd Hopkins wanted to present
>during a program about abductions. The director at the time said
>to do so, "...would open a can of worms."

>>The consistent use of "skeptics" in media presentations
>>who have not researched UFOs and whose backgrounds
>>don't qualify them to offer an informed opinion

>Wasn't this the subject (and a long discussion on this List) of
>the Larry King interview with Stanton Friedman, and CNN's
>invited debunker, etc....?

>Here's a look at something from Ufology's own "backyard"
>regarding "expert" opinions about abductions and abductees.

>"... 'Abduction Enigma' is a half-baked affair so far as its
>assessment of psychological issues. Books such as Randle's serve
>as distractions from the all-too-real effort of people like my
>clients who hold trauma and its transformation - in their very
>real physical bodies.

> -- Janet Colli, Ph.D.

>Please read other people's opinions regarding this:

>http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Part_I/keithenigma.html

>>The mandatory use of "limbo lighting", weird music and
>>other ridicule gimmicks when UFO experiencers or
>>researchers appear in documentaries, while the skeptic
>>is usually presented in a credible setting.

>I've seen this just recently on the Mystery Channel,
>oh, I'm sorry, that would be the History Channel. The
>music was so utterly strange and loud that I could barely
>hear the narrator. They totally blurred the message
>because the topic was controversial.

>>The mandatory denial of the UFO researchers in
>>documentaries the chance to rebut the skeptics' claims
>>on camera.

>Again, I refer to the latest such event, the Larry King
>interview with Stan Friedman. Stan did a great job, but look at
>how he had to fight to get a word in edgewise and we're still
>talking about who's a credible observer? To some on this list,
>pilots are no longer credible observers? Give me a break.

>>The mandatory last word in documentaries and other
>>media presentations being given to the skeptic.

>Absolutely, with the exception of the "news anchors."
>Usually they are given the last laugh. One day they
>will realize, those who laugh last don't laugh the longest,
>they are just the last to "get it."

>>It amazes me that some senior ufologists seem to discount
>>this very well coordinated campaign of discreditation by both
>>government and the media. Those things above are not
>>coincidence, folks. -- Eleanor White

>Does anybody remember these guys?

>"The debunking aim would result in reduction of public interest
>in flying saucers, which today evokes a strong psychological
>reaction. This education could be accomplished by mass media
>such as television, motion picture, and popular articles...."

> From The (1953) Robertson Panel
>(IMHO, a CIA-sponsored debunking initiative.)

>The following are excerpts from a letter to Major Keyhoe's
>publishers from the Air Force. The letter is printed on the back
>cover of "Flying Saucers From Outer Space:"

>[Second paragraph]
>"We in the Air Force recognize Major Keyhoe as a responsible,
>accurate reporter. His long association and cooperation with the
>Air Force, in our study of unidentified flying objects,
>qualifies him as a leading civilian authority on this
>investigation."

>[Fourth Paragraph]
>"The Air Force, and its investigating agency, 'Project
>Bluebook,' are aware of Major Keyhoe's conclusion that the
>'Flying Saucers' are from another planet. The Air Force has
>never denied that this possibility exists...if the apparently
>controlled maneuvers reported by many competent observers are
>correct, then the only remaining explanation is the
>interplanetary answer." - The letter was signed 'Very Truly
>Yours, Albert M. Chop, Air Force Press Desk.' "

Presumably Al Chop was writing before the 'very well co-ordinated campaign of discreditation' got under way. Alternatively, it could be argued that he was an honest individual who failed to see the potential embarrassment that his words would create. If he had known that the USAF would still be getting beaten with this stick in 2007, then I suspect he would not have been suckered into giving a publisher a golden endorsement for a new title.

On the embarrassment question: never underestimate the angst felt by military chiefs over being forced into public admission that, despite their billion dollar budgets and vast military infrastructure, they are utterly impotent in the face of aerial phenomena that outperform a mountain of fancy hardware and come and go as they please.

>Yes, I too am amazed that some ufologists seem to discount this
>very well co-ordinated campaign of discreditation by both
>government and the media.

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Inexplicata Mourns A Loss

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 08:36:10 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 13:41:13 -0400
Subject: Inexplicata Mourns A Loss

Dear Friends and Readers of Inexplicata -

"I heard the news today, oh boy.." -- The Beatles

Juan Antonio Cebrian, one of Spain's most popular radio personalities, passed away yesterday from a heart attack.

Cebrian's "La Rosa de los Vientos" radio show, broadcast on Spain's Onda Cero network, was his country's most popular paranormal broadcast, branching out into all areas of paranormal endeavor and great moments in world history. News of this shocking, sudden loss reverberates throughout Spain's UFO/paranormal community even as these words are typed.

Our condolences to the Cebrian family and to the members of the La Rosa de los Vientos team.

Scott Corrales
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<http://inexplicata.blogspot.com>

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:16:15 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 13:45:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:36:21 EDT
>Subject: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>Non-Investigated Flying Objects (NFOs) - Neither UFO or IFO

>I suggest naming the category of non-investigated or
>uninvestigated sightings "NFOs" or Non-investigated Flying
>Objects (NFOs). This is an indeterminate catchall category for
>initial incoming sighting reports prior to any Hynek screening
>or investigation. Most cases will fall into this category and
>never get reclassified as either IFOs or UFOs. The 'NFO' term
>falls nicely in between IFO and UFO alphabetically which is
>conceptually where it belongs.

>For simplicity I include all conventional explanations within
>the scope of the term IFO including cases where there is no
>object at all, such as some hallucinations and hoaxes. I don't
>quibble over hypertechnicalities of the 'flying' term, where
>purists complain that we usually don't know if the object is
>flying using aerodynamic principles, and celestial bodies are
>not 'flying' at all, etc. The traditional 'UFO' term uses the
>word 'flying' and everyone has a rough idea what 'UFO' and 'IFO'
>mean and they don't take it so literally. 'NFO' nicely and
>logically alliterates with IFO and UFO so it will suggest the
>others.

<snip>

Brad & List,

I think this is an excellent idea and I heartily endorse it. Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated former NFOs). This is a vitally important distinction that often is not understood by either 'believers' or 'debunkers.' Obviously this does not mean that you would ignore or fail to consider promising NFO cases.

It would not be a label that implies a final answer or a final categorization. It would be a 'gray basket' categorization that would include both potential IFOs and UFOs. From whatever reported details are available on a case, we might strongly suspect a resolution one way or the other based on knowledge and past experience. But without careful investigation our suspicions would remain only that.

Dick

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:18:06 +0100
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 16:55:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 14:16:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>There was no apparent need for Operation High Jump but it's hard
>not to believe that our government didn't have an explicit
>purpose in mind. That purpose has never been revealed.

Well there was a need, and I pointed it out in a recent post
which you chose to ignore. So, here it is again:

'The old European imperial powers were temporarily in hiatus, so
there was a brief window of opportunity for Uncle Sam to
prospect a potential long-term asset. Real haste arising from a
genuine military imperative would have seen a trip in 1945/6.'

Nothing remarkable or unusual about it - just a standard piece
of geopolitical positioning. There was an enormous amount of it
going on after 1945, most of it revolving around access to or
control over long-term strategic assets.

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Gerald O'Connell

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Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems? - Kaeser

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:29:41 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 16:58:14 -0400
Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems? - Kaeser

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 11:43:08 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>Fellow Listers,

>>I've had a few mails/calls about mail not getting through
>>over the past 24-hours. I've sent myself messages, some
>>make it, some don't...

>>If you've submitted posts for the List that don't appear
>>by this time tomorrow please re-send.

>Although most of us view this 'electronic void' we call 'the
>Internet as the New Frontier in terms of freedom of speech and a
>means to unlock the chains that bind us all by the corporate
>controlled mainstream media (CCMM), unbeknownst to most is that
>it is not without fault in that regard.

>There exists a form of censorship in the worst degree that most
>Internet users are ignorant of; this censorship falls under the
>guise of SPAM, to which most of us who've spent anytime on the
>net are keenly aware of!

>Some ISPs e.g., Comcast use RBL's (Real Time Blacklists) and
>filter your mail without you even knowing it. This is analogous
>to your neighborhood mailman withholding your letters from Aunt
>Hildagard because he knows she is last in the pecking-order of
>your favorite aunts.

>Some might think, "well hell, I don't want mail from anyone on a
>RBL list anyway!" Getting on an RBL list is quite easy, and in
>many instances is as automated as Comcast's mail censorship.

>No one should have the right to dictate to anyone else what mail
>they should receive, and in my view the penalties for e-mail
>tampering should be as stiff as they are for snail-mail.

>Any filtering should be done by one's own software, and should
>be completely under their own control. RBL's should be banished,
>just as Nazism was, and people need to be "enlightened" about
>these dastardly deeds!

Hi Frank,

I had to give up the freedom of accepting everything in my own
mail server when email at the rate of 20 to 30 thousand messages
an hour began to clog the system. These originated in China, for
the most part, but a filter had to be installed to block them.
The freedom and openness of the Internet will be tempered by
factors over which we have little control, and its functionality
is at stake here.

Let's also be clear in that all email (unless encrypted) is
scanned at the primary mail hosts and thus there is no real
"privacy" of communications on the "net".

Steve

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Chance UFO Over Islas Ballestas Peru

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:18:51 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:02:49 -0400
Subject: Chance UFO Over Islas Ballestas Peru

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Source: CIUFOS-LaPampa
Date: October 21, 2007

Peru: Chance UFO Over Islas Ballestas
A Report from Raul Oscar Chaves

The photograph was taken over Islas Ballestas to the south of Lima, in the vicinity of the Paracas Peninsula.

At this location, Mariano P. undertook an effort to capture the particular characteristics of these islands, where water drills through solid rock, creating tunnels and natural arches. This task was accomplished by boat, due to the difficulty of accessing the site from the shore, and more importantly, the ban on landing to avoid affecting the natural habitat of numerous animals and seabirds.

Upon returning to La Pampa and after having processed the photographic material, Mariano detects the presence of an unidentified flying object (UFO) on the upper right hand corner of the image. This photo was taken on July 8, 2007.

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Strange Object Reported Over Ponce Puerto Rico

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:25:37 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:05:00 -0400
Subject: Strange Object Reported Over Ponce Puerto Rico

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Source: ARGUS-PR
Date: 10.21.07

Puerto Rico: Strange Object Reported Over Ponce
A report from Jose A. Martinez E.

As of the time of this writing, the Puerto Rico Police and the Rangers Department of Natural Resources of the City of Ponce (southern P.R.) have advised us that a strange fiery object has fallen from the sky before the startled eyes of hundreds of witnesses in the Anon District of the Ponce. The exact nature of these events is unknown; lights are emerging out of thin air in Guanica and travel across back yards, and now this object has fallen out of the sky in Ponce. We will see what the local press has to say about this in coming minutes. For the time being, authorities are classifying the strange fiery object as "a private plane."

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Startling Light Appears In Guanica Puerto Rico

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:36:54 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:06:40 -0400
Subject: Startling Light Appears In Guanica Puerto Rico

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Source: ARGUS-PR
Date: October 20, 2007

Puerto Rico: Startling Light Appears in Guanica's Vivones District
A report from Jose A. Martinez E.

A strange yellow light was reported today (Saturday, October 20th) in the Vivones District of the city of Guanica. Mr. Dolores Toro and his wife, accompanied by a niece, were chatting calmly when they suddenly heard a sound described as "when a damaged hen's egg explodes." Shortly after, the witnesses reported seeing a reddish light appearing from the balcony to the house, and then passed in front of them. A neighbor [interviewed by J.A. Martinez] remarked that she had seen the strange light that lit her house "like daylight", according to Mrs. Diana Santiago, a neighbor of Mr. Toro.

Mrs. Santiago thought at first that Mr. Toro was shining a flashlight into her home, and he quickly told her that no, that it was that strange light that came out of nowhere and vanished. Another local resident was able to see the luminous object as it descended from the sky and according to her, the object that caught everyone unawares had something like "two tails".

Weather conditions: It had rained earlier in this area, not torrential however. As many people are aware, electric power lines may have a reaction to the rain which causes them to buzz, becoming only louder with the rainfall. When the case involving the reddish light took place, the rain had stopped for a number of hours and the night sky was completely clear and starry by 6:56 p.m., when Mr. Toro allegedly heard the buzzing sound. The possibility that the event was a natural phenomenon cannot be dismissed.

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Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:34:33 -0500
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:08:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 00:23:45 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>>From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul> <ab5sy.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 21:42:13 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Correct Me If I'm Wrong

>Instead of Boudreau, you could have mentioned Davenport, Ledger,
>Sparks, Bourdais, Rudiak. Haines and a dozen others. They may be
>grumpy at times. They are all getting older.

>(I was wise enough not to put Jerome Clark on the grumpy list.)

Hey, Vincent, I'm as grumpy as anybody! Jeez....

Seriously, argument and debate, of which grumpiness is a natural part, are also a natural part of dialogue and discovery (as you astutely point out; without them, there would be no academic and intellectual discourse). There's a lot of silliness on Updates, but also much of value.

Besides that, everybody mentioned above, including me, is involved in investigation and research all the time, as those who pay attention to what I'm doing can attest. The complainant seems to have the strange idea that our entire ufological energy is focused on Updates spats.

My own current research project is as exciting to me as anything I've done in years, and when the evidence is gathered and finalized, I will be publishing it. Meantime, I look forward to reading about other research projects, when finished, from those ufologists who are still working on them and not ready to declare results prematurely.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Exoplanets and Exosystems [was: Is Ufology]

From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 10:26:18 -0600
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Exoplanets and Exosystems [was: Is Ufology]

>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 20:51:32 -0700
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 19:13:06 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>the origin and evolution of life. And second, because the many
>>discovered exoplanets are "wrong" planets at the "wrong" place.
>>In the '70s and the '80s, several scientific papers had "proved"
>>by simulations that there were probably in the universe many
>>planetary systems basically as ours, that is with "little"
>>planets between the star and much bigger planets outside: as the
>>Mediocrity Principle asserts, the solar system was thus a
>>mundane system. But the known exoplanets are mostly giant ones
>>very close to their sun, and therefore the solar system is not
>>as mundane as it was thought.

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 10:26:18 -0600
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>This is a common misconception. As is clear from examination of
>the exoplanet studies, and as stated by the researchers
>themselves, the preponderance of close-range giant planets is a
>selection effect of the most common technique used to find them,
>namely, detecting the gravitational wobble induced in the parent
>star. There is no evidence to suggest that our own planetary
>system is somehow unusual.

>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 13:29:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>planet only a few times larger than Earth. I think its only a
>matter of time before astronomers discover Earth-sized rocky
>planets at distances far enough from their stars for surface
>temperatures in the range that could support life. There is
>still no reason as yet to suppose that our solar system is
>anything special.

Thanks to Jim Deardorff, Lan Fleming and Michael Tarbell for
their comments, which basically offer the same argument, that is
the detection of exoplanets is dependent on the observational
methods we have and thus that the already detected planets or
systems are not necessarily the standard for all exoplanets. I
fully agree with this observation.

My argument was however slightly different, by confronting
recent discoveries (however in a rapid and incomplete version)
to the statistical models of the '70s and the '80s: scientists
had then been able to make models which fitted rather fairly the
global structure of the solar system, which did mean that our
system could be really perceived as mundane.

But the theorists were later surprised by the numerous exo-Jupiters very close to their stars, something they had not expected (at least, as far as I know; I'm not a specialist on these matters). As they thought that giant planets cannot form so close to their sun, they had thus to build migration scenarios for explaining their actual position. In such a spirit, the solar system is perhaps a not so rare configuration, but it is not as mundane as it would be if any exosystems were as ours. To use Ian's word, "special", perhaps not, but in any case not the model for all other systems. Conclusion: we must wait for more complete data.

>However, a better argument can be made that the Earth is special
>because its moon is unusually large in relation to its parent
>planet, a situation thought to be the result of a chance
>collision between Earth and a proto-planet in the early years of
>the solar system. The "rare-earthers" think that this is
>responsible for the evolution of advanced life forms on Earth
>because the moon is large enough to stabilize the Earth's
>rotational axis, preventing drastic climate changes of the sort
>that can occur on Mars, which has a much larger axial wobble
>than Earth. Since the moon's size is probably uncommon for
>Earth-like planets, that would also make advanced life uncommon
>- assuming the evolution of advanced life really requires a
>planet with a stable rotational axis. Whether that's actually
>>true is another question.

Yes. I noted this hypothesis in the point 5.3.1 about the Principle of Mediocrity in my post "A Skeptical View Of UFOs" of September 20, as well as the possibility that planets inhabited by advanced intelligent beings are necessarily on the borders of galaxies. Theorists have also claimed that giant planets must be present outside the inhabitable zone in order to eliminate the danger of many asteroids (this hypothesis has been disputed recently); that a strong "planetomagnetism" is necessary for trapping the most part of the dangerous charged particles emitted by the sun (seems very possible); and so on. Once again: we don't really know what is necessary and what is contingent to the case of Earth. Thus, time is needed to see better.

I have no competence for judging of its real value (the book is questioned by some), but Peter Ward and Donald Brownlee's Rare Earth: Why Complex Life Is Uncommon in the Universe offers interesting views on such matters (it is well possible it had been discussed earlier on this List).

Regards,

Claude

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Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:38:20 -0600
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Hi Brad,

While I agree this approach is well-motivated, it may be erring in the other direction. One must at least consider, how would NFOs be distributed if in fact they were all investigated? The reasonable default presumption would seem to be that they would follow the distribution of the investigated cases, i.e., a 2-to-1 ratio of UFOs to IFOs. The implication is that a full investigation of every report would reveal that fully 67% of them represent genuine unknowns. I think this would strike most people, including UFO researchers, as unreasonable.

Of course, we may suppose (correctly, I think) that the cases that get investigated do not represent a random sampling from the entire body of reports. Indeed, it is reasonable to think that the more anomalous cases would get higher priority for investigation, with the result that genuine unknowns are over-represented in the UFO/IFO group and under-represented in the NFO group. However, without some way to quantify this bias, it is difficult to estimate the actual fraction of unknowns in the entire data set.

Mike

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Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 18:47:21 +0100
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:19:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>From: Bert Reijersen van Buuren <a.w.r.v.b.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:07:26 +0200
>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 11:21:15 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Splendid UFO Video From Avebury Engeland

>>>>50 miles away. A better candidate might be a flare drop during
>>>>a military exercise over the Army Training Estate on Salisbury
>>>>Plain about 15-20 miles SW of Avebury.

<snip>

>After downloading this movie with YouTube downloader as a MPEG
>file and examining it frame after frame with VirtualDub there
>remains a big question!

There does: Why did you not measure anything, preferring instead
to rely on vague assertions (below) that you could as well have
made without bothering to examine it?

>It is impossible that those lights belong to aircraft due to the
>fact that those lights sometimes drop down very fast etc and
>flares don't hover around like those lights?

As I already explained I don't favour the theory that these are
aircraft lights. Several times we do see the lights descend
relatively fast, for moment, then slow up. Each time this
happens it is just when the light first appears. The behaviour
seems to me to be evidence in favour of magnesium flares.

The typical flare mechanism is that when dispensed a timer sets
off a detonator which expells the flare candle and the parachute
from the pod. As soon as the parachute encounters drag it jerks a
lanyard which ignites the flare. So what you'd expect to see is
that as soon as the burning flare appears it slows rapidly from
the initial velocity of the free-falling pod to that of the
parachute. See e.g.

<http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/sys/dumb/luu2.htm>

http://compass.seacadets.org/pdf/nrtc/an/14014_ch8.pdf.

As for "flares don't hover around like those lights" I think it
is up to you to prove to us that this is true. What is the
angular scale of the film frame in the different zoom modes used?
What are the angular sizes of the horizon features? What are the
vertical and horizontal angular rates of the lights? What
velocities do these rates correspond to at different ranges, and
how do those velocities fit known wind speeds and flare-drop
rates etc?

Since you don't bother to address any of these questions I can
only make my own guesstimates. At maximum wide-angle when the
camera pulls back at the end to show the whole scene in daylight
I reckon that the tree visible in the "UFO" sequences is about

1/40 of the frame width. Not knowing the camera system I'd guess that this might mean the tree is in the region of 1.0 degree across. At least that's the right order of magnitude. Viewing the light sequences again with an eye on the second timer I'd judge that the typical horizontal angular rates of the lights are in the order of 1.0 deg/min and the vertical rates somewhat less, say 0.5deg/min (these are figures that you can refine precisely from your "frame by frame examination" but they'll do for now).

Say the Salisbury Plains Army Training Estate (in the right direction) where a flare drop occurs is 20 miles away; 0.5 deg @ 20 miles is about 1000 ft and a rate of 1000ft/min works out to about 17 ft/sec. The specification rate of a flare of an LUU-2 magnesium flare (e.g.) is about 15ft/sec. That seems pretty close to me. The lateral rate could be somewhat greater. 1.0deg/min @ 20 miles is about 20 knots, i.e. Beaufort 5-6 or "fresh to strong breeze". The direction of motion (from SW towards the S) would not be inconsistent with prevailing wind direction.

If you have better figures and accurate weather data that challenge these prima facie indications then by all means let's have them.

Martion Shough

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Re: Ask The Pilot

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:05:41 -0400
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:24:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 21:54:20 -0300
>Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>>Source: Salon Internet - San Francisco, California

>><http://www.salon.com/tech/col/smith/2007/10/19/askthepilot250/>

>>Oct. 19, 2007

>>Ask The Pilot

>>Looking out the window on a flight from Helsinki, Finland, to
>>New York's JFK, I noticed a long, dark streak trailing across
>>the surface of the cloud bank below - the shadow of the jet's
>>contrail. But there was no shadow of the plane itself. Instead,
>>a giant optical bloom appeared where the shadow should have
>>been. It was a circular halo with two concentric colored rings,
>>like a lens flare.

>>(Special thanks to Gregory Dicum's enjoyable book Window Seat
>>for help with this one.) The phenomenon described is called a
>>"glory." As those (few) passengers who still look out the window
>>have probably noticed, glories are quite common under the right
>>conditions of cloud cover and sunlight angle. The aura of
>>colored bands is caused by sunlight diffracted and reflected
>>back toward its source by water droplets inside a cloud.
>>Sometimes you do see the airplane's shadow directly in the
>>halo's center; other times, as seemed to be the case during your
>>flight from Helsinki, one sees only the rings.

>>I have a shot of one of these 'Glories' forwarded by another
>>pilot. If anyone wants to see it, email me offline and I'll send
>>an attachment - unless Errol can think of another way that's
>>more accessible.

>>Pilots have seen them or are aware of them and they are not
>>likely to be reported by pilots as a UFO. They are nothing new.

Hi Don!

The few times I get to fly these days is as a passenger in a commercial airliner. When I do fly, I always ask for a window seat on the side opposite the Sun since I like to take pictures of things on the ground and in the sky. I have many pictures of glories taken from airplanes such as the one in the URL below found on Google Images.

<http://www.thephysicsguy.com/pixfolder/HomePage/757glory3X.jpg>

Of course, glories are not only seen from the air but also from the ground. Here is another example, also found on Google Images, of an eerie glory in a misty forest produced by rays of sunlight passing through the trees directly behind the person who took the photo.

<http://tinyurl.com/2jno67>

One of my own favourite personal sightings from the air was when I got to see the thin crescent Sun projected inside the darkened airplane cabin during my flight to Cuba during a solar eclipse. The passengers sitting by the windows on the side with the Sun had pulled down their window covers so as not to be blinded by the direct rays of the setting Sun. The sunlight that passed through a pinhole opening in one of the closed window covers projected an image of the eclipsed Sun on my side of the cabin. I don't think any other passengers noticed this amazing image of the eclipsed Sun inside the darkened cabin, and if they did, they did would not appreciate what this cresecent shaped sliver of light represented.

Later in that same flight I saw the projected image of the eclipsed Sun, our pilot made a rapid change in the airplane's descent as he aborted our landing approach in Cuba. Speaking with witnesses on the ground after we landed, they told me of seeing a mysterious red light moving over the runway at the same time they saw our plane abort its landing. When I reboarded my flight after our brief stopover I mentioned about this UFO sighting to some fellow passengers, including a flight attendant standing next to the opened entrance to the cockpit where the flight crew were seated and looking my way. I am sure the flight crew heard my loud comments about our near collision we had with a UFO but they said nothing. The flight crew stuck to their story that the sudden and unexpected g forces the passengers and I experienced was their immediate response to a false signal from faulty equipment in the cockpit.

Don, did you ever get a chance to "Ask The Pilot" about just what that mysterious red light over the runway in Cuba was?

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 21:16:29 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:27:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:36:21 EDT
>Subject: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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>conceptually where it belongs.

>For simplicity I include all conventional explanations within
>the scope of the term IFO including cases where there is no
>object at all, such as some hallucinations and hoaxes. I don't
>quibble over hypertechnicalities of the 'flying' term, where
>purists complain that we usually don't know if the object is
>flying using aerodynamic principles, and celestial bodies are
>not 'flying' at all, etc. The traditional 'UFO' term uses the
>word 'flying' and everyone has a rough idea what 'UFO' and 'IFO'
>mean and they don't take it so literally. 'NFO' nicely and
>logically alliterates with IFO and UFO so it will suggest the
>others.

<snip>

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Brad Sparks rarely says something uninteresting. This is another example.

NFOS - or, perhaps NIFOs - could be a good term to standardise the statistics, in addition to UFOs and IFOs. Usually, most case review tables include a third category for not-investigated reports, but everybody name them their own way, for example, as far as the 122 reports proceeding from the declassified UFO archives of the Spanish Air Force, I had:

Declassified Events by Nature
IFOs: 99 (cases solved, 81.1%)
Insufficient information: 14 (cases with not enough data for evaluation, 11.5%)
UFOs: 9 (cases with no clear-cut solution, 7.4%)

Insufficient information, lack of data, not-evaluable cases, etc. were terms used before that could now be now superseded by NFOs (or NIFOs).

There is a small comment. There are cases with no investigation that become IFOs (typically, astronomical, because these are so obvious). But these will be under IFOs. anyway. The concept of NIFOs then would be not only lack of investigation but also lack of data quantity enough to permit an identification.

Best regards,

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Piri Reis Redux [was: Roswell The Nazi Connection]

From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 14:21:08 -0500
Archived: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:33:31 -0400
Subject: Piri Reis Redux [was: Roswell The Nazi Connection]

>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 17:20:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 16 Oct 2007 16:38:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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List I have a follow-up:

<http://nabataea.net/ottomanmaps.html>

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is probably his map compiled in 1521 when he was 50 years old.

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The signal from the scan hits the Earth bounces back with equal but opposite accelerations, has the scanner accounted for the left side being some kind of a reflection that is nothing more than a signal that lags the right side ? Clearly that's what my Google analysis shows anyway that solid land mass which if to be Australia a simply half a mirror image that is shown in the map.

John

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 21:35:17 +0000
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:25:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:52:38 -0400
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:49:14 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

<snip>

>It's one thing, expected actually, for government to cover up.
>They do it all the time. But when ufologists appear to be
>covering up, what the heck is going on??

><snip>

>>Abductions are much too sinister.

>That's why they need to be exposed as actually happening,
>physical events, to physical people, so our species can start
>dealing with the issue! When a UFO organization or group of orgs
>goes silent instead of looking for funds to finish an abduction
>study, that is gross injustice to all the abductees, and equally
>gross injustice to the rest of our species!

<snip>

>It's kidnapping, and very likely involuntary medical
>experimentation. Not hard to get your head around that!

Oh, oh, Eleanor:

By claiming abduction is kidnapping - which I agree with you -
you are stepping on a few toes of abductees who have turned
their victim-hood into a badge of honor. The first person that
comes to mind is Katherina Wilson.

She had declared herself "the way". The go between. Wilson has
set herself up as the interpreter and official speaker for the
phenomena. You think I am making this up? Check out her website
and writings.

As the song says: "she gone too far; she come undone."

I am sure she has contacted you privately and been very
intelligent in her comments. However, after years of interacting
with TIs, I would have to say this woman has a severe case of
Stockholm Syndrome.

KK

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Can everyone see that ?

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What appears to have taken place that would cause a mirror image of Australia ? The signal from the scan hits the Earth bounces back with equal and opposite acceleration.. Earth's rotation opposite that of the object scanning scanning becomes an echo from right side Australia...to left side forming a mirror image ?

My Google analysis shows it to be something like this, the solid land mass that forms the bottom of the map when if realized to be Australia one half is simply a mirror image of the other half.

John

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>>There was no apparent need for Operation High Jump but it's hard
>>not to believe that our government didn't have an explicit
>>purpose in mind. That purpose has never been revealed.

>Well there was a need, and I pointed it out in a recent post
>which you chose to ignore. So, here it is again:

>'The old European imperial powers were temporarily in hiatus, so
>there was a brief window of opportunity for Uncle Sam to
>prospect a potential long-term asset. Real haste arising from a
>genuine military imperative would have seen a trip in 1945/6.'

>Nothing remarkable or unusual about it - just a standard piece
>of geopolitical positioning. There was an enormous amount of it
>going on after 1945, most of it revolving around access to or
>control over long-term strategic assets.

I don't recall exactly when Gerald came on the scene and joined
us here on this list, but I find him to be a delightful and
well-informed and most welcome Lister. That is not to say that I
agree with him 100% of the time, but who does with anyone else,
ever.

We need more participation by people like him, Jenny Randles
(whom I admire and respect while disagreeing with her some of
the time), Claude Mauge the skeptic (if only he could be a
little more concise), and John Rimmer (who shows flashes of
humor and at his best can be a worthy person on the other side
of the argument from mine).

Dick

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 18:37:28 -0400
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:30:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:38:20 -0600
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:36:21 EDT
>>Subject: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>I suggest naming the category of non-investigated or
>>uninvestigated sightings "NFOs" or Non-investigated Flying
>>Objects (NFOs). This is an indeterminate catchall category for
>>initial incoming sighting reports prior to any Hynek screening
>>or investigation. Most cases will fall into this category and
>>never get reclassified as either IFOs or UFOs. The 'NFO' term
>>falls nicely in between IFO and UFO alphabetically which is
>>conceptually where it belongs.

>Hi Brad,

>While I agree this approach is well-motivated, it may be erring
>in the other direction. One must at least consider, how would
>NFOs be distributed if in fact they were all investigated? The
>reasonable default presumption would seem to be that they would
>follow the distribution of the investigated cases, i.e., a 2-to-
>1 ratio of UFOs to IFOs. The implication is that a full
>investigation of every report would reveal that fully 67% of
>them represent genuine unknowns. I think this would strike most
>people, including UFO researchers, as unreasonable.

>Of course, we may suppose (correctly, I think) that the cases
>that get investigated do not represent a random sampling from
>the entire body of reports. Indeed, it is reasonable to think
>that the more anomalous cases would get higher priority for
>investigation, with the result that genuine unknowns are over-
>represented in the UFO/IFO group and under-represented in the
>NFO group. However, without some way to quantify this bias, it
>is difficult to estimate the actual fraction of unknowns in the
>entire data set.

Mike,

I see no point at all in considering or assuming or trying to
calculate how uninvestigated cases might turn out without
actually investigating them! The whole point is the need to
investigate before assuming anything.

Dick

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Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping]

From: **Harper Carlotto** <harpc.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:52:33 +0200
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:33:48 -0400
Subject: Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping]

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:49:14 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>On a practical point of view, could governments recognize UFOs
>and ignore abductions?

>I do not think so.

Hello Vincent, List

I can think of several scenarios where this would be the best
choice for the governments:

a) They know this is happening, but they don't know why and they
can't do anything about it. Imagine what would happen if Bush or
Putin or Merkel would go public on TV saying: "...by the way we
know there is alien scum out there that kidnaps you from your
cars, bedrooms or wherever. We're sorry this is happening, but
we don't know who they are doing it and we can't stop them."
5min later all hell would break loose on this planet.

b) They know it is happening and they might still be gathering
information to see if anything can be done.

c) They know it is happening, and they have some sort of plan
cooking to try a countermeasure, this might require extreme
secrecy.

d) The aliens might simply force them to keep the secret. (This
is the explanation I like least but find most probable).

As a matter of fact, as hard as this is for the abductees, I can
think of many more reasons for the governments to keep this
secret, than to do not, if they indeed know it (and maybe why
it) is happening.

Even if they don't know what is going on, I can't see them come
forward saying: "... oh by the way, either 5% of you is
delusional, or there are alien intruders performing ghastly
experiments on you, until we know more that's your choice"...

Either way not a pleasant situation they are in.

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Best Regards
Harper Carlotto

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Byrd Antarctica & Operation High Jump [was:

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 17:08:57 -0700
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:36:59 -0400
Subject: Byrd Antarctica & Operation High Jump [was:

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:18:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 14:16:18 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>There was no apparent need for Operation High Jump but it's hard
>>not to believe that our government didn't have an explicit
>>purpose in mind. That purpose has never been revealed.

>Well there was a need, and I pointed it out in a recent post
>which you chose to ignore.

No, you ignored the link I posted and started another discussion
to take us off the track, as you often do. Stick to Byrd,
Antarctica, and Operation Highjump. Then you won't be ignored.

So, here it is again:

Why do you think I need a history lesson? Where or when have I
been factually incorrect? Give me one example.

>'The old European imperial powers were temporarily in hiatus, so
>there was a brief window of opportunity for Uncle Sam to
>prospect a potential long-term asset. Real haste arising from a
>genuine military imperative would have seen a trip in 1945/6.'

Because they waited for the first Antarctic summer and took the
first opportunity. Why can't you discuss the information in the
link I posted. I'll answer when you deal with what was posted.

>Nothing remarkable or unusual about it - just a standard piece
>of geopolitical positioning.

This is of course, total BS.

>There was an enormous amount of it
>going on after 1945, most of it revolving around access to or
>control over long-term strategic assets.

Why not give an example of this "enormous amount"? Why are you
even in this discussion? You've contributed nothing but watered
down pap, and still expect some consideration?

Ed

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Re: Exoplanets and Exosystems

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 20:47:33 -0600
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:38:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Exoplanets and Exosystems

>From: Claude Mauge <claudemauge.nul>
>To: UFO UpDate <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 10:26:18 -0600
>Subject: Exoplanets and Exosystems [was: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?]

<snip>

>My argument was however slightly different, by confronting
>recent discoveries (however in a rapid and incomplete version)
>to the statistical models of the '70s and the '80s: scientists
>had then been able to make models which fitted rather fairly the
>global structure of the solar system, which did mean that our
>system could be really perceived as mundane.

>But the theorists were later surprised by the numerous
>exo-Jupiters very close to their stars, something they had not
>expected (at least, as far as I know; I'm not a specialist on
>these matters). As they thought that giant planets cannot form
>so close to their sun, they had thus to build migration
>scenarios for explaining their actual position. In such a
>spirit, the solar system is perhaps a not so rare configuration,
>but it is not as mundane as it would be if any exosystems were
>as ours. To use Lan's word, "special", perhaps not, but in any
>case not the model for all other systems. Conclusion: we must
>wait for more complete data.

The failure of early theoretical models to explain close-range
giant planets has no useful application to the question of how
common the configuration of our own planetary system is. The
only 'conclusion' is that the spectrum of possible
configurations is broader than we had surmised.

>>However, a better argument can be made that the Earth is special
>>because its moon is unusually large in relation to its parent
>>planet, a situation thought to be the result of a chance
>>collision between Earth and a proto-planet in the early years of
>>the solar system. The "rare-earthers" think that this is
>>responsible for the evolution of advanced life forms on Earth
>>because the moon is large enough to stabilize the Earth's
>>rotational axis, preventing drastic climate changes of the sort
>>that can occur on Mars, which has a much larger axial wobble
>>than Earth. Since the moon's size is probably uncommon for
>>Earth-like planets, that would also make advanced life uncommon
>>- assuming the evolution of advanced life really requires a
>>planet with a stable rotational axis. Whether that's actually
>>>true is another question.

>Yes. I noted this hypothesis in the point 5.3.1 about the
>Principle of Mediocrity in my post "A Skeptical View Of UFOs" of
>September 20, as well as the possibility that planets inhabited
>by advanced intelligent beings are necessarily on the borders of
>galaxies. Theorists have also claimed that giant planets must be
>present outside the inhabitable zone in order to eliminate the
>danger of many asteroids (this hypothesis has been disputed
>recently); that a strong "planetomagnetism" is necessary for
>trapping the most part of the dangerous charged particles
>emitted by the sun (seems very possible); and so on. Once again:
>we don't really know what is necessary and what is contingent to
>the case of Earth. Thus, time is needed to see better.

There are a variety of parameters, and combinations of parameters, that have been proposed as essential for "advanced intelligent beings". Our limited understanding of intelligence, let alone life itself, renders these proposals unconvincing. They are essentially an open-ended extension of the anthropic principle in cosmology. While the latter is plausibly applied to the 'observability' of our universe in general, it is an idea that is easily abused.

Regards,

Mike

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 23:40:18 -0400
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:41:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 14:16:18 -0700
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:38:06 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>From: Ed Gehrman<egehrman.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:38:26 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 17:04:58 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>>"Admiral Byrd declared today that it was imperative for the
>>>>United States to initiate defence measures against the possible
>>>>invasion of the country by hostile aircraft operating from the
>>>>polar regions.

>>>>Who could that be? Come on Greg. Who could attack us?

>>>>The Soviets. Did you miss the latter-half of the 20th century?
>>>>Preparations for an antagonistic stance against the Soviet Union
>>>>began well *before* the end of the Second World War.

>>>>Brian, Yes there was some antagonism, but we were still allies
>>>>and the Soviet Union didn't have the capability to support bases
>>>>in Antarctica. There certainly wasn't any obvious need for a
>>>>rushed project this size.

>>>>I brought information to the discussion because I thought it was
>>>>relevant. Did you thoroughly read the article I sent to the
>>>>List?

The US and Russia were only very tenuously allies during the
last months of the second world war. There was a great deal of
mistrust.

>>>>Now, some may argue that that was unnecessary, but that's a
>>>>wholly different matter from what was done.

>>>>What does this mean?

It was just a throw-away line to get the jump on anyone who
might want to argue whether or not the US's antagonistic stance
toward the Soviet Union was necessary. Because that's beside the
point; their actions are what's important. I probably should
have left it out. Sorry for any confusion.

>>>>>but it is a bitter reality that in the case of a
>>>>>new war the continental United States will be attacked by
>>>>>aircraft flying in from one or both poles."

>>>Sure. Conventional aircraft?

>>Yes, conventional aircraft. Flying over the poles has been a
>>time and fuel-saving tactic for quite some time now.

>You must realize that "fuel-saving" isn't what he was
>referencing.

Saving fuel was what I was referencing. That is, saving fuel
or time are pretty much the only reasons one would fly over the
pole to get to the other side of the planet. This was well
understood in the late 40s. During the war, the US built several
airfields in Greenland because their planes did not yet have the
range to go the whole way non-stop. But the principle is the
same. The US knew that, with aeronautical advances, the North
Pole was likely to be the route those dirty Russkies would take.

As for the South Pole, I can only surmise that they wanted to
have a look for themselves, being mostly uncharted territory at
the time. One has to remember that the US had suddenly become a
"global superpower." As such, it makes sense that they would
want to patrol the block a bit.

Brian

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:26:52 -0400
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 07:46:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 16:19:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>Listers:

>Please note this is from Jerry Smith. I am simply posting it.

>KK

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>From: Jerry Smith <jerryesmith.nul>
>To: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>Date: Fri, 19 Oct 2007 18:43:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: FW: UFO UpDate: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>Kathy,

>>>Is this a joke? What a lot of rubbish! It's surprising, the
>>>things that some people will assert, seemingly unaware of how
>>>simple it is to check facts. Holloman AFB is home to the 49th
>>>Fighter Wing of the USAF, btw.

>>>Brian

>Brian obviously doesn't know how to check his facts. he would
>have found that Holloman is not only home to the 49th Fighter
>Wing but also 46th Test Group and a stealth fighter (F-117)
>unit, the only F-117 training unit in the country, and a famous
>test track for acceleration and deacceleration impact studies is
>also located there.

And that rebuts my response how, exactly?

>It is also home to the German Air Force Tactical Training
>Center, a luftwaffe training facility, used by 300 German Air
>Force personnel, with 12 German fighter jets. I have read in the
>local newspaper that the German side of the base flies the
>German flag and is regarded as German soil.

Blah, blah, blah... Jerry can copy & paste... Blah...

Silly me! I must have misread the part that said, "Holloman is
currently the only military base operated by a foreign power on
US soil ..."

Brian

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RAF Brass Worried By UFO Radar Immunity

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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The Unexplained: The Cosford Incident -
Royal Air Force Brass Worried By UFO Radar Immunity
By Nick Pope

On 30 and 31 March 1993 there was a series of UFO sightings in the UK involving over a hundred witnesses. Many of these were police officers and military personnel. The UFO also flew directly over two RAF bases. What follows is the extraordinary story of what has been dubbed The British UFO Mystery.

Overview

The first sighting took place on 30 March at around 8.30pm in Somerset. This was followed by a sighting at 9pm in the Quantock Hills.

The witness was a police officer who, together with a group of scouts, had seen a craft that he described as looking "like two Concorde flying side by side and joined together=94.

The reports came in thick and fast and when I arrived at work the following morning I received a steady stream of reports. It was soon clear that I had a major UFO event on my hands.

One of the most interesting reports came from a member of the public in Rugely, Staffordshire, who reported a UFO that he estimated as being 200 metres in diameter. He and other family members told me how they had chased the object in their car and got extremely close to it, believing it had landed in a nearby field. When they got there a few seconds later, there was nothing to be seen.

Many of the descriptions related to a triangular-shaped craft or of the lights perceived as being on the underside of such a craft. Indeed, in an apparent coincidence these sighting occurred three years to the very day after the famous wave of sightings in Belgium that had led to F-16 fighters being scrambled to intercept a UFO being tracked on radar.

RAF Cosford

The UFO was seen by a patrol of RAF Police based at RAF Cosford. Their official police report (classified Police In Confidence) stated that the UFO passed over the base "at great velocity =85 at an altitude of approximately 1000 feet=94. It described two white lights with a faint red glow at the rear, with no engine noise being heard. The RAF Police report also contained details of a number of civilian UFO sightings that they had been made aware of in the course of making enquiries with other military bases, civil airports and local police.

RAF Shawbury

Later on that night, the Meteorological Officer at RAF Shawbury saw the UFO. He described to me how it had moved slowly across the countryside towards the base, at a speed of no more than 30 or 40 mph. He saw the UFO fire a narrow beam of light (like a laser) at the ground and saw the light sweeping backwards and forwards across the field beyond the perimeter fence, as if it were looking for something. He heard an unpleasant low frequency humming sound coming from the craft and said he could feel as well as hear this - rather like standing in front of a bass speaker. He estimated the size of the craft to be midway between a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft and a Boeing 747. Then he told me that the light beam had retracted in an unnatural way and that the craft had suddenly accelerated away to the horizon many times faster than a military aircraft. Here was an experienced RAF officer who regularly saw aircraft and helicopters, telling me about something he said was quite unlike anything he=92s ever seen in his life. The MOD party line about UFOs being of "no defence significance=94 was looking decidedly shaky. What was I supposed to say to him, I wondered - "don=92t worry, it was probably just a weather balloon=94! I corresponded with him recently about this but, unlike some sceptics, I intend to respect witness confidentiality and won=92t name him.

How Many Reports?

For a number of reasons UFOs are notoriously under-reported. The two main factors here are fear of disbelief and/or ridicule, and the fact that many people do not know who to contact with details of their sightings.

While there were standing instructions that UFO reports sent to military bases, civil airports and police stations should be forwarded to the MOD for investigation, this national reporting system did not always work.

The casefile on the 30/31 March 1993 UFO incident makes it clear that there were many more sightings than ever reached the Department. One throwaway line from a signal reporting how police officers in Liskeard, Cornwall, had seen a UFO stated that the object was "seen by other police officers throughout Devon and Cornwall=94.

We can only guess at the number of sightings that went unreported that night.

Radar

I launched a detailed investigation into these sightings, working closely with the RAF, colleagues in the Defence Intelligence Staff and personnel at the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at RAF Fylingdales.

One of the first things that I did was order that radar tapes be impounded and sent to me at MOD Main Building in Whitehall. The radar data was downloaded onto standard VHS video cassettes and arrived shortly thereafter.

I watched it with the relevant RAF specialists who told me that there were a few odd radar returns, but that they were inconclusive. Radar is not an exact science and in certain circumstances, false returns can be generated.

Aircraft

Later, a more formal assessment of the radar data was made.

Unfortunately, one of the radar heads was not working on primary radar during the reporting period, so only aircraft working Secondary Surveillance Radar could be seen. But with this and with other checks, what we were able to do was build up a picture of all aircraft and helicopters activity over the UK, so that we could factor them into the investigation and eliminate them from our enquiries if appropriate.

RAF Fylingdales and Cosmos 2238

The Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at RAF Fylingdales, with its powerful space-tracking radars, was an important part

of my UFO investigation.

They quickly alerted me to the fact that there had been a re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere of a Russian rocket carrying a communications satellite, Cosmos 2238.

We postulated that this was a possible explanation for a cluster of UFO sightings that occurred at around 1.10am on 31 March.

As an interesting footnote, ufologists such as Jenny Randles have previously claimed that some UFOs may be interested in re-entries!

Ufologists

Most ufologists had not even heard about this case until I wrote about it in 1996, in my first book, Open Skies Closed Minds. One ufologist who had been very closely involved was Doug Cooper.

I worked closely with him during the course of my official investigation, as part of a new more open policy that I had instigated. Some ufologists like Doug had welcomed this but others, sadly, saw me as a sinister Man in Black and refused to have anything to do with the MOD, believing that we were part of a conspiracy to cover-up the truth about UFOs. Doug shared with me his own report into the wave of sightings.

Like us, he had concluded that the Cosmos 2238 re-entry was the probable explanation for the cluster of sightings at 1.10am.

But there were some interesting gems in his report, including a reference to one of the UFO sightings having unnerved cattle in a field, which were reported as having been restless somewhere between midnight and 1am. The witnesses then described their absolute astonishment at seeing all the cows standing in a circular formation in the middle of the field, all completely silent.

The British UFO Mystery

On 1 November 2006 Channel Five showed a one hour documentary on this case, entitled "The British UFO Mystery".

The investigative documentary was part of Channel Five's second "Stranger Than Fiction" series. The production company, Steel Spyda, had adopted an unusual approach when making this documentary.

All too often, UFO documentaries rely on an endless series of talking heads, with witnesses telling their stories, followed by believers and sceptics from the world of ufology expressing their contrasting views. Steel Spyda tried a new approach.

They obtained the MOD's case file on the incident (which ran to 105 pages of documentation) and based the programme around that. As I led the investigation, they asked me to front the programme, giving viewers an unprecedented insight into the methodology of an official MOD investigation.

The programme drew just over one million viewers - a strong showing for Channel Five.

Ufologists were pleased to see their subject back on one of the national networks at primetime. In September 2007 the popular German TV series Galileo Mysteries devoted an episode to this case.

Sceptics

Sceptics soon jumped on the bandwagon and some lengthy analyses of the case (actually little more than a reproduction of material from the MOD casefile) appeared, following the broadcast of the Channel Five documentary.

These were conclusion-led and marred by misunderstandings about the way in which the military record time and the way in which aircraft heights are recorded.

Sceptics leapt on the Cosmos 2238 explanation (which MOD had known about at the time) to explain the cluster of 1.10am sightings and promptly tried to shoehorn all the other sightings

into this, suggesting that witnesses who had seen the UFO at any other time must have got the time wrong - sometimes by several hours!

Black Projects

A theory often put forward to explain some of the most spectacular UFO sightings is that they might be prototype aircraft or UAVs.

Of course, at any time we will be test flying various things that you won't see at the Farnborough airshow for several years, but the bottom line is that we test fly such things in certain areas so at least within government we can differentiate between black projects and UFOs.

In view of the controversy about Aurora (an alleged hypersonic replacement for the SR-71 Blackbird) we did, in the case of the March 1993 UFO sightings, raise the issue with the US authorities, through the British Embassy in Washington.

Was it possible that something had gone wrong with the normal processes for overflight of another country and could our UFO sightings be attributable to some US prototype?

The answer I got back was extraordinary.

The Americans had been having their own sightings of these large, triangular-shaped UFOs and wanted to know if the RAF might have such a craft, capable of moving from a virtual hover to speeds of several thousand mph in an instant. We wish we had! The interesting thing about this was that somebody in the US was still clearly taking an interest in UFOs, despite the apparent disengagement from the subject in 1969 with the closing down of Project Blue Book.

Sadly, a letter to the US Embassy about Aurora was the only document missing from the casefile released to Steel Spyda following their FOIA request for documents relating to the March 1993 UFO sightings.

Jodrell Bank Observatory

Intriguingly, even the cluster of 1.10am sightings might not all be explained by the Cosmos 2238 re-entry.

The sceptics were torpedoed by Professor Ian Morrison, Director of the Jodrell Bank Observatory (and hardly a believer in UFOs!) who in speaking about these sightings on "The British UFO Mystery=94 said "Sometimes people see a pattern of lights that stay pretty much in formation for maybe several minutes at a time and to be honest I don't believe that can be the break up of space junk or anything else. Those things are short-lived and they all leave streaks, and the relative positions may well change as they travel=94.

Conclusion

Given the MOD=92s "no defence significance=94 conclusion on UFOs, it seems fitting to conclude with quotes from MOD documents which contradict the usual stance.

In a briefing that I prepared for my Head of Division on 16 April 1993 I wrote:

"It seems that an unidentified object of unknown origin was operating in the UK Air Defence Region without being detected on radar; this would appear to be of considerable defence significance, and I recommend that we investigate further, within MOD or with the US authorities=94.

My Head of Division was normally sceptical about the UFO phenomenon, but on this occasion he agreed with my conclusion. His 22 April 1993 brief to the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (one of the UK=92s most senior RAF officers) stated:

"In summary, there would seem to be some evidence on this occasion that an unidentified object (or objects) of unknown origin was operating over the UK.=94

This is about as close the MOD will ever get to saying that

there=92s more to UFOs than misidentifications or hoaxes.

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Saturday, October 20, 2007

Ben Bova: Hello? Why Isn't Anybody Answering?

By Ben Bova

Last week we talked about intelligent alien civilizations. Are there any?

Since 1959 astronomers have been searching the heavens with radio telescopes, seeking evidence that intelligent aliens exist, trying to catch a signal from an extraterrestrial civilization.

To no avail. Except for one brief =93Wow!=94 signal that was never repeated, nothing even faintly resembling ET signals has been discovered. There was a brief flurry of excitement in 1967 when very regular radio pulses were picked up, but they turned out to be natural radio emissions from collapsed stars, called pulsars.

No little green men. No intelligent signals.

Why not?

Are we alone in the universe?

Our sun is one of more than 100 billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy. Our galaxy is a vast pinwheel-shaped assemblage of stars and loose dust from which new stars are made, about 100,000 light years in diameter. One light year is a distance of about 6 trillion miles.

Our sun is placed about 30,000 light years from the Milky Way's center, well out in the suburbs. It moves around that center in an orbit that takes 200 million years to complete. The last time we were at this position in the galaxy, the dinosaurs hadn't even appeared yet.

Our sun is a relative newcomer in the Milky Way, barely 5 billion years old. The galaxy is two to three times older than that. Its oldest stars are in the core of the Milky Way, where very ancient stars are packed thickly. Out here in the suburbs the nearest star, Alpha Centauri, is some 4.3 light years away from us.

If life and intelligence are commonplace in the universe, you would expect the earliest civilizations to arise on planets orbiting the oldest stars. But you would be wrong.

According to what we know today, the universe began some 12 to 15 billion years ago in a cosmic explosion we call the Big Bang. Out of nothingness came all the matter and energy of our

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universe. The matter, though, was in the form of hydrogen and helium, the two lightest elements, with perhaps a spattering of lithium, the third lightest.

Those light elements were all that was available to build the first stars. That means that the earliest stars could not harbor life. Living creatures require more complex elements, such as carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, etc.

The first stars had no such heavier elements. If the first stars had planets accompanying them, those planets were balls of hydrogen, helium and possibly lithium. Life could not have arisen from those ingredients.

But stars are cosmic cookers. Deep in their incredibly hot and dense cores they brew heavier elements through the alchemy of nuclear fusion. Those first stars produce oxygen, carbon and other elements in their cores.

Stars go through life cycles. They are born out of interstellar gas and dust. They cook up heavier elements inside of themselves. And when they die, they spew those elements back into the interstellar clouds.

New stars have heavier elements to begin with, and brew even-heavier elements as they go through their life cycles.

By the time our sun coalesced out of an interstellar cloud, its building-block elements included oxygen, carbon, potassium, even iron. Our planet Earth was built of those elements. So were we.

In the truest sense, we are stardust. The atoms of our bodies were manufactured inside ancient stars, now long dead.

This means that the very oldest stars cannot be the sites of ancient civilizations. They didn't have the elements necessary for life. Stars of our sun's age do.

So there's no sense expecting to find vastly older and wiser civilizations existing around the oldest stars in the Milky Way. Besides, the core of the galaxy, where the oldest stars are, is drenched with lethal radiation =97 the outpourings from a giant black hole at the heart of the Milky Way.

Don't expect to find benign UFO pilots from the center of the Milky Way. That region must be a lifeless desert. It's out here in the suburbs, safely away from the core's radiation, where young stars rich in the heavier elements exist, that life can arise.

While the heart of the Milky Way may be barren, there are still millions of stars like the sun, young enough to contain the elements necessary for life and far enough away from the galaxy's radiation-drenched core to allow life to flourish.

Why haven't we detected any radio signals from them?

The simple answer could be that there aren't any other intelligent civilizations. We take it for granted that if life takes root on a planet, an intelligent species will eventually arise. All it takes is time.

But is that true? Planets can be scrubbed clean of life. Earth has gone through major extinction events in the past. A fair-sized asteroid, about the size of Manhattan Island, could clobber this planet and extinguish the human race entirely.

Or maybe intelligence is not as inevitable as we assume. After all, Earth existed for almost all of its nearly 5 billion years without an intelligent species. Maybe intelligence is just a special kind of adaptation, not an inexorable end point of evolution. Of all the myriads of species on Earth, only one has produced true intelligence.

Considering our propensities toward war and conflict, perhaps intelligence isn't all that much help in a species' long-term prospects for survival.

On the other hand, maybe there are intelligent species out among the stars who don't use radio to communicate. Perhaps they're a century or two behind us in technological development and simply

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haven't invented radio yet.

Or maybe they're a century or two ahead of us and no longer use radio. Maybe they're far ahead of us and don't care to communicate with primitives such as us.

Maybe they're waiting for us to grow up and stop killing each other before they say hello.

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It's A Bird, It's A Plane
The new UAV is the coolest thing since sliced bread

By Editorial Board

You've gotta keep up with the acronyms: UAV is the new UFO, and the U.S. and British militaries might be putting it to use.

UAV stands for unmanned aerial vehicle. Developed by GFS Projects in England, it looks eerily like the unidentified flying objects of yore.

Weighing in at just 15 pounds and a measly two feet across, the UAV can travel about 40 mph over any terrain, and if it hits an obstacle, it just bounces off.

We are excited at the possible advantage such an invention surely will provide to the U.S. and British militaries.

The UAV is piloted by remote control radio signals and, researchers hope, eventually autonomously by GPS. Without a human pilot inside, that means no more U-2 spy planes being shot down over Russia and pilots being captured.

Its functioning was described as resembling a woman's skirt: A propeller atop the aircraft pushes air down around the saucer-shaped UAV's body, creating a large base of air extending downward and outward that keeps the craft airborne.

It's simple, yet effective. If only all things could be as such.

The price only makes the thing even cooler. Production costs would be in the low thousands of pounds - far less than, say, a spy helicopter - although because of the rather dismal exchange rate, it would be almost twice as much in U.S. dollars.

The only real problem we see with the UAV is that American foreign relations might take a hit. After all, we don't imagine other countries - including, but most certainly not limited to, North Korea, Iran, Cuba and Russia - would appreciate being spied on continuously.

But the good news is that with the UAV, we can spy on them clandestinely, so they probably won't ever find out about it.

The UAV also can be used for civil activities such as search and rescue.

The creation of such a versatile piece of equipment just goes to illustrate the value of innovation. Innovation, however,

deserves a much cooler name. We recommend the Uber-Sweet Spy Reconnaissance (USSR) Satellite.

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CE: Peruvian Meteorite Closure

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Subject: Re: More On Meteorite: Police Officers Hospitalized
After Collecting Meteorite Samples in Peru

Just for some closure on this meteor event, here is a link with good photos (including the smoke trail) by a visitor to the site:

<http://meteoriteguy.com/carancasfall.htm>

Tom

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Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

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Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 08:14:58 -0400
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Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

>From: Harper Carlotto <harpc.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:52:33 +0200
>Subject: Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens]

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:49:14 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>On a practical point of view, could governments recognize UFOs
>>and ignore abductions?

>>I do not think so.

>I can think of several scenarios where this would be the best
>choice for the governments:

>a) They know this is happening, but they don't know why and they
>can't do anything about it. Imagine what would happen if Bush or
>Putin or Merkel would go public on TV saying: "...by the way we
>know there is alien scum out there that kidnaps you from your
>cars, bedrooms or wherever. We're sorry this is happening, but
>we don't know who they are doing it and we can't stop them."
>5min later all hell would break loose on this planet.

>b) They know it is happening and they might still be gathering
>information to see if anything can be done.

>c) They know it is happening, and they have some sort of plan
>cooking to try a countermeasure, this might require extreme
>secrecy.

>d) The aliens might simply force them to keep the secret. (This
>is the explanation I like least but find most probable).

>As a matter of fact, as hard as this is for the abductees, I can
>think of many more reasons for the governments to keep this
>secret, than to do not, if they indeed know it (and maybe why
>it) is happening.

>Even if they don't know what is going on, I can't see them come
>forward saying: "... oh by the way, either 5% of you is
>delusional, or there are alien intruders performing ghastly
>experiments on you, until we know more that's your choice"...

>Either way not a pleasant situation they are in.

There's that famous Vincent Boudreau again, raising a very
interesting question that has already spurred some pertinent
thoughts from Harper Carlotto. As a notorious gatekeeper,
fearful of new ideas and fighting to maintain the status quo, I
cannot allow this to happen. ;-}

Since my UFO abduction studies (in the past) were in and around
the Washington, D.C., area I had occasion to work with some
people with connections in prominent agencies and in high
places. One such made inquiries at one of the household-name
medical institutions to determine the medical staff's awareness

of abduction reports. The result was complete awareness, not blank stares.

This is only one anecdote from one person, and the skeptibunkers are permitted to chortle amongst themselves and to ignore it. In fact, I agree that it is only hearsay and proves absolutely nothing. To me it is more meaningful because I know the people involved and have been a guest in their homes.

Over my 40 years or so in this geographical area I have picked up other tidbits of information which cannot be documented for general consumption about UFO-related activities at various agencies. I have made it a practice to report these in my writings anyway so that better informed and more aware 'ufologists' who know me can factor them into their thinking. Several of these appear in my book Uninvited Guests.

- Dick

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:10:08 -0400
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 12:49:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:08:05 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>>Yessir. It is obvious to me.

>This exactly what I mean by uncritically USA-centric thinking.
>You have no basis whatsoever for your belief that the influence
>of the USA government and its various agencies extends as far as
>'every world leader' in this matter - a belief that flies in the
>face of any sane interpretation of world events over the past
>sixty years - and yet it is obvious to you.

Sorry - you are free to interpret the last 60 years as you wish.
What I've learned in that time frame doesn't lead me to your
conclusion. I've also probably come across information you
haven't, which isn't unusual.

This isn't a forum for world events, but evidence to
support my opinion is abundantly available.

It works like this:

No leader arrives in their position without considerable
support of others. Leadership is always a group effort.

Human motives are a very mixed bag, some in support of the
general good, some not. Because holding power is always a group
effort, when the group engages in activity not in support of the
general good, that is criminal and is by definition, a
conspiracy.

Conspiracies are just as normal to human groups as are actions
in support of the general good. "As common as pigeons in a
park", in other words.

And holding the power of government is extremely tempting to
personality components which are interested in things other than
supporting the general good.

To deny that isn't engaging reality, in my opinion. But you are
free to hold to your ideas, I won't try to stop you.

Eleanor White

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 13:21:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>>>I suggest the number one factor is that since Roswell or
>>>thereabouts, there has been a very slick but powerful campaign
>>>to make ufology look like a synonym for mental illness.

>>Several of the posts relating to Eleanor's comments below were
>>written as if she were coming across as being conspiratorial or
>>worse. This is just not the case.

>I must dispute this.

>Eleanor refers to a 'well co-ordinated campaign of
>discreditation by both the government and the media', while you
>yourself reiterate and endorse this assertion. How could such a
>thing arise or exist without there being some form of secret
>agreement in place that would amount to a conspiracy?

The point is, there is a conspiracy. Conspiracies are common among people in power. Government and the media today are particularly conspiratorial, i.e. the media furthers government goals, and does little honest investigative reporting. (Unless, maybe, tracking down an epidemic of littering on Elm Street.)

The reason it can't easily be "proven" is the entities charged with society's well being, government and the media, are the only sources of the evidence needed, and they're denying it.

>There is a more realistic explanation for what actually happens,
>and one that does not require any form of conspiratorial
>agreement to be in place and maintained over time between a vast
>array of individuals and organisations,

>I refer to the simple social dynamics of fear and embarrassment:

Embarrassment clearly isn't a worry to government or the media.

Just look at the ridiculous cover stories put out to 'explain' Roswell. Or making a big deal out of the Phoenix "lights" while blocking any mention of the huge V-shaped craft seen by thousands, (I believe?)

Or other events which I won't debate here but most Listers will be aware of at least some of them.

Embarrassment is easily overcome anyway, by letting one group of leaders leave office over time, then putting the blame on them.

Embarrassment does not explain the intense obfuscation we've seen over the past half century.

Eleanor White

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'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 13:13:28 -0400
Subject: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

Dear Listers,

In a recent message posted here it was said that "little concrete evidence is known about the Operation Saucer". Nothing could be more far away from the truth.

For those who don't know, Operation Saucer was the biggest military operation conducted in Brazil to officially and secretly investigate UFOs. Probably the biggest in the world as well. It started in September 1977 by direct order from the command of the First Regional Aerial Command (COMAR) of the Brazilian Air Force in Bel-Ém, Para state, in the Amazon.

The main reason to initiate Operation Saucer were the several tragic attacks on people from mysterious balls of light and other objects, first at night - in 1974, 1975 and late 1976 - that soon started to happen almost all day long, especially early and mid-1977. Operation Saucer was prematurely ended in December 1977 for the reasons that we now know and is described below.

According to the best source we once had available, the commander of the Operation, Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, who gave a detailed and in-depth exclusive interview to the Brazilian UFO Magazine, to me and to my co-editor Marco Antonio Petit, the objectives of the Operation Saucer were:

- 1) To collect as many witness reports as possible about the lights and objects being seen and that performed the strange attacks.
- 2) To register the lights and objects in the jungle (called suck-suck) with the highest photo and film technology available.
- 3) To engage, if possible, in a co-ordinated attempt to contact the "intelligences behind the phenomena".

On the contrary of what the post suggests, yes, there is an enormous amount of information about Operation Saucer already available, and lot of very concrete evidence of it and its amazing results. As for the objectives mentioned above, it is also widely known that they were fully accomplished:

- 1) Over 2,000 witness reports were collected by the 30+ military that took part in Operation Saucer, and before and after that. It is estimated that at least 400 people were attacked by the balls of light, of which 3 died - and maybe a 4th - were recorded. Brazilian UFO Magazine has dozens of those reports and conducted personal interview, on-site, with witnesses, military, pilots and the doctor who treated the patients.
- 2) It is estimated that over 500+ B&W pictures of lights and objects in the jungle were taken, along with several rolls of film in super 8 and super 16mm. It is estimated that at least 16 hours have been recorded. Brazilian UFO Magazine has also dozens of such pictures and has extensively published them in several editions. Although the films are not available, they have been watched by several people in Brazil and we have their personal accounts of what they saw. Pilot Gerson Maciel the Britto, for

instance, described having watched a film shown to him by the military, in the 80s, where there was a huge mother-ship with small objects over the Amazon River.

3) The third objective, according to Hollanda, it was also fully accomplished when, by mid-December 1977, he and a few of his men were in a small boat in the river close to Colares Island and they all saw a 300+ feet long cylinder-like object that almost landed on the other side of the river, in a standing position. =46rom its upper part, a door was open and a humanoid-like creature in a uniform floated from it to the river level and stood just a few feet from the military, and kept staring at them.

That was a genuine close encounter with an alien entity, performed by a military team from the Brazilian Air Force, officially! It was part of Hollanda's official orders to attempt such contact.

Through the helmet glass Hollanda and his men could see the alien's eyes. No sound was every emitted by any of the involved, nor by the creature. It stood there for a few minutes and went back to the ship, that took off.

As part of his duties, when Hollanda reported that he had a direct contact with the "intelligences behind the phenomena", his superiors at the First Regional Aerial Command (COMAR) of the Brazilian Air Force in Belem, ordered him to immediately shut down Operation Saucer. So he did. He was also ordered to give to his superiors every piece of material, report, photo, film, etc., obtained during the Operation, which he did.

So, it is believed that the Operation was shut-down because the military feared loosing control of the situation, if the direct contacts continued. This has also been reported to the Brazilian UFO Magazine by a number of people who were directly and indirectly connected to the Operation.

Throughout the years, with hard work, we have managed to get a large number of pages and many pictures produced by the military's Operation Saucer. There is in no way "little concrete evidence known about Operation Saucer", but rather very solid material that confirms what has been published before and shown in programs such as Linha Direta and Brazil's Roswell (the correct name). I took part along with Marco Petit in both productions, and I served as a consultant for them. What they show is accurate.

I give you this:

Here you can find 400+ pages of official documents related to UFOs in Brazil, most of them secret pieces:

<http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documents/>

Here you can find some 200+ pages of official documents produced by Operation Saucer, all of them secret pieces:

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Relatorios_da_Operacao_Prato_01/

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Relatorios_da_Operacao_Prato_02/

Here you can find about a dozen photos obtained officialy by the Operation Saucer and a few reporters at same time:

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Fotos_da_Operacao_Prato/

Here you can find some pictures I took of Colonel Uyrange Hollanda (died October 02, 1997, just a few weeks after he gave us the interview):

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Fotos_de_Hollanda/

Here you can find Hollanda's exclusive drawings of UFOs and ETs given to the Brazilian UFO Magazine:

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Desenhos_de_Hollanda/

Pay extra careful attention at this one:

Operaco Prato 10.jpg ----> Shows the alien seen by Hollanda in mid-December 1977 and the "gun" he was using.

Operaco Prato 06.jpg ----> Shows the close encounter with the cylindrical object (although it says "Nov 77", it was then corrected as "Dec 77")

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As for the declarations made by Sergeant Flavio Costa=92s son, I will comment after I meet the man in person, to get a clearer picture of what he now claims.

In the next weeks I will post here an English transcription of a recent interview with another military service person that decided to speak about Operation Saucer, Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Brasil, who I discovered on a recent visit to Belem, during one of my many trips to that area to investigate all the situations involved in the military mission in the 70s. He has contributed a lot with new info.

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:41:00 -0600
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 15:54:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 18:37:28 -0400
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:38:20 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 20:36:21 EDT
>>>Subject: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>>I suggest naming the category of non-investigated or
>>>uninvestigated sightings "NFOs" or Non-investigated Flying
>>>Objects (NFOs). This is an indeterminate catchall category for
>>>initial incoming sighting reports prior to any Hynek screening
>>>or investigation. Most cases will fall into this category and
>>>never get reclassified as either IFOs or UFOs. The 'NFO' term
>>>falls nicely in between IFO and UFO alphabetically which is
>>>conceptually where it belongs.

>>While I agree this approach is well-motivated, it may be erring
>>in the other direction. One must at least consider, how would
>>NFOs be distributed if in fact they were all investigated? The
>>reasonable default presumption would seem to be that they would
>>follow the distribution of the investigated cases, i.e., a 2-to-
>>1 ratio of UFOs to IFOs. The implication is that a full
>>investigation of every report would reveal that fully 67% of
>>them represent genuine unknowns. I think this would strike most
>>people, including UFO researchers, as unreasonable.

>>Of course, we may suppose (correctly, I think) that the cases
>>that get investigated do not represent a random sampling from
>>the entire body of reports. Indeed, it is reasonable to think
>>that the more anomalous cases would get higher priority for
>>investigation, with the result that genuine unknowns are over-
>>represented in the UFO/IFO group and under-represented in the
>>NFO group. However, without some way to quantify this bias, it
>>is difficult to estimate the actual fraction of unknowns in the
>>entire data set.

>I see no point at all in considering or assuming or trying to
>calculate how uninvestigated cases might turn out without
>actually investigating them! The whole point is the need to
>investigate before assuming anything.

Dick,

From your response of 21 Oct to Brad Sparks' proposal:

"Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion
is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated
former NFOs)."

This certainly seems to entail an assumption about NFOs in the

absence (by definition) of investigation. How does one reconcile this with the last sentence of your reply to me?

In any case, I think we are in agreement that Brad's overall point is well-taken. The essential point of my reply to him is that, by adjusting the 'filter' on what constitutes a case worth investigating, one can obtain just about any desired number for the fraction of genuine unknowns in the investigated set. However, a debunker can similarly expand the overall 'report' database such that the fraction of unknowns tends to zero.

Mike

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Secrecy News -- 10/22/07

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INTELLIGENCE BUDGET WILL BE DISCLOSED, ODNI SAYS

Within a week, the Director of National Intelligence will formally disclose the size of the National Intelligence Program budget for fiscal year 2007, an ODNI spokeswoman said.

The anticipated disclosure marks the culmination of decades of advocacy, debate and litigation.

Last July Congress enacted an intelligence budget disclosure requirement over White House objections as part of a bill to implement the recommendations of the 9/11 Commission.

"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.

But on August 3 President Bush nevertheless signed the final bill, which allows the (next) President to waive the disclosure requirement on national security grounds, if necessary, starting in 2009.

The disclosure requirement states (in section 601 of H.R. 1):

"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."

Since fiscal year 2007 ended on September 30, the legal deadline for budget disclosure is October 30.

Will the DNI comply?

"That's what the law requires," said Vanee Vines of the ODNI public affairs office today, "and we're going to follow the law."

The aggregate intelligence budget (a broad term which included "tactical" as well as "national" intelligence spending) was first officially disclosed ten years ago, in October 1997, in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit filed by the

Federation of American Scientists. At that time, the (FY 1997) budget figure was \$26.6 billion. The last officially authorized disclosure was in March 1998, when the budget was \$26.7 billion.

TREATMENT OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS CASUALTIES

The treatment of injuries caused by chemical weapons and other chemical agents is addressed in a new military field manual.

The manual, issued jointly by the Army, Navy, Marines and Air Force, characterizes the threat from chemical weapons, describes the diagnosis of chemical injuries and outlines preventive and remedial measures.

See "Multiservice Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Treatment of Chemical Agent Casualties and Conventional Military Chemical Injuries," FM 4-02.285, September 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm4-02-285.pdf>

Last week, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 21 on "Public Health and Medical Preparedness," which is intended to advance "preparedness for all potential catastrophic health events."

<http://www.fas.org/irp/offdocs/nspd/hspd-21.htm>

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 12:37:44 -0500
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 15:57:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 23:40:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>The US and Russia were only very tenuously allies during the
>last months of the second world war. There was a great deal of
>mistrust.

How sad it is that today the mistrust stands at pre-cold war conditions. At a press conference Bush used his hawkish words to describe the nuclear tension with Iran. Clearly referring to Putin, Bush had told reporters, "If you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing Iran from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon."

For folks that spent all there late night hours in the pursuit of table negotiation working beside dedicated folks in hopes to create a world of peace for trade-profit between Russia-US, now with that hard work nearly dismantled, the world has never been a more dangerous place since WW2.

Some good news:

Russian-German relations at one period used to be exceptionally good, cultural and economic ties going back centuries, appear to be heading in that direction once and forever more.

http://www.eng.rzd.ru/page.html?nav_id=97

The Russian people are strong, capable and ingenious, like the German people, both peoples have been inclined from struggle and the human willpower to succeed. The good news now future signs indicate that both the Russian-German people will profit from their growth of industry, strengthening ties of their people then spread the word of peace for profit.

John

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:45 +0100
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 15:59:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:10:08 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:08:05 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

><snip>

>>>Yessir. It is obvious to me.

>>>This exactly what I mean by uncritically USA-centric thinking.
>>>You have no basis whatsoever for your belief that the influence
>>>of the USA government and its various agencies extends as far as
>>>'every world leader' in this matter - a belief that flies in the
>>>face of any sane interpretation of world events over the past
>>>sixty years - and yet it is obvious to you.

>Sorry - you are free to interpret the last 60 years as you wish.
>What I've learned in that time frame doesn't lead me to your
>conclusion. I've also probably come across information you
>haven't, which isn't unusual.

>This isn't a forum for world events, but evidence to
>support my opinion is abundantly available.
>It works like this:

>_No_ leader arrives in their position without considerable
>support of others. Leadership is always a group effort.

>Human motives are a very mixed bag, some in support of the
>general good, some not. Because holding power is always a group
>effort, when the group engages in activity not in support of the
>general good, that is criminal and is by definition, a
>conspiracy.

>Conspiracies are just as normal to human groups as are actions
>in support of the general good. "As common as pigeons in a
>park", in other words.

>And holding the power of government is extremely tempting to
>personality components which are interested in things other than
>supporting the general good.

>To deny that isn't engaging reality, in my opinion. But you are
>free to hold to your ideas, I won't try to stop you.

Eleanor,

First of all, I must say how reassuring it is to be able to have
a fundamental disagreement with somebody on the List without it
descending into personalised invective. I have nothing but
respect for your manner of conducting the discussion, and will
do my utmost to return the compliment.

I would be the last person to deny that conspiracies exist, that they are endemic, and that they have a far-reaching effect on human affairs. The problem I have with your position is one of sheer practicality: the long-term global conspiracy implied by your views would be impossible to sustain in a situation where the USA has a host of political enemies. Do saucers only crash in the USA? Are crashed saucers only retrieved in the USA? There is an almost endless series of questions such as these, and we all know that the UFO phenomenon is truly global. Therefore, the most credible answers to these questions will inevitably, given their political context, lead to the conclusion that there is something profoundly wrong with the idea that there is a worldwide stack of hard evidence that the USA government and its secret agencies have been successful in suppressing for the past sixty years.

I am sure that you have sound reasons of your own for suspecting that there is such a grand conspiracy in place. All I can ask is that you reconsider the conclusions you have drawn, and that you do this by stopping to think for a while about how the world looks from Teheran, Havana, Moscow, Damascus or Tripoli (if that is too general an invitation, think about it in terms of 'opportunities for de-stabilisation'). I believe that if you conduct such an exercise, your views on the grand conspiracy will be tempered, and it is also my opinion that once this happens you will be a little closer (I'm talking about a yard or two closer to something a hundred miles away - no great claim, I admit!) to a true understanding of the nature of the bewildering and elusive phenomena that so intrigue us both.

-- Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 20:46:56 +0200
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 16:02:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:26:52 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>It is also home to the German Air Force Tactical Training
>>Center, a luftwaffe training facility, used by 300 German Air
>>Force personnel, with 12 German fighter jets. I have read in the
>>local newspaper that the German side of the base flies the
>>German flag and is regarded as German soil.

>Blah, blah, blah... Jerry can copy & paste... Blah...

>"Holloman is currently the only military base operated by a
>foreign power on US soil ..."

>Brian

Hi Brian and List,

I have issued a request to the Bundesluftwaffe (German Air Force) to clear this issue and will let you know as soon as I will have received an answer.

Joachim Koch

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Re: True Percentage Of UFO Unknowns Is High

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 14:10:02 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 16:04:13 -0400
Subject: Re: True Percentage Of UFO Unknowns Is High

Brad:

>>>>"Every year, it's whittled down to about 3% to 5% that don't
>>>>have an easy explanation," said Rutkowski.

>No less an outstanding scientist UFO investigator than James
>McDonald after extensive research in the BB files estimated the
>>true percentage of Unknowns as 30% to 40% not 5%.
>Methinks Canadians have no excuse for not knowing this. If you
>disagree with McDonald then you should have published your
>disagreement with him decades ago. The UFO field continually
>loses sight of basics like this and again, thank you Don for
>calling this highly appropriate corrective to our attention.
>>>But if it makes researchers feel safe in using this bogus and
>>>unproven percentage of 3-5 percent when dealing with the press,
>>>so be it.

I don't disagree with McDonald on the percentage of unknowns in
Blue Book files. I do disagree with you on your view of the
Canadian UFO files.

>>We've spent the better part of 20 years going through Canadian
>>UFO report data and publishing it as the Canadian UFO Survey
>>every spring. We even make the raw data available for anyone to
>>look at and use themselves.
>Tell me then what you do to comply with the Hynek screening
>process as explained in his basic textbook of UFO science, The
>UFO Experience in 1972? No sighting report according to Hynek
>should get the "UFO" label until after a scientifically
>competent investigation has eliminated IFO's and other
>conventional explanations (for simplicity I call all
>conventional explanations including hoaxes "IFO's"). Do you do
>that first on all your cases before you call them all
>"UFO's"?

No. We lay this out carefully in the body of our annual study.
Please take a look at one.

What we do is collect all the UFO reports made to various
agencies and compile the data. These are almost all labelled
"UFO" by the witnesses themselves or the "investigators" (to use
the term rather loosely), long before we get them.

>The UFO skeptic position is that there is no real difference
>between UFO's and IFO's, that the "very few" so-called UFO's are
>really misperceptions of random IFO phenomena reported
>anecdotally and unscientifically, and that even UFO researchers
>cannot tell the difference between UFO's and IFO's without an
>elaborate and tendentious analysis that merely plays up minor
>differences based on preconceived ideas and subjective biases
>and then calls that proof of ET visitation.

We do statistical analyses of the data. Geoff even separates out
the unknowns and compares them with the full data set just to
see if these are any differences. We do not make any claims or
statements about alien visitation. Are you sure you've actually
looked at our Canadian UFO Survey?

>The skeptic position would be defeated if we used objective

>criteria to screen cases, stopped misrepresenting UFO case
>statistics, and stopped shamelessly promoting anecdotal cases as
>if there was no other kind of data. It's a choice and all we
>have to do is make the choice.

We're about as objective as ufology can be. That's why we seem to be so skeptical. We use actual case reports, not anecdotes. If we do use an anecdotal source, the case likely is listed as "Insufficient Info."

>Justifiable? Scientific? Who actually slaps the "UFO" label on
>95% of the reports that come in when the witnesses have not
>ever used the word or term "UFO"? You have thus artificially
>inflated the "UFO" stats so the proportion of true Unknowns
>among this vast bloated collection of reports becomes tiny in
>comparison -- in fact later on in your posting you admit that
>this "drops the percentage of 'real' UFOs." Why play into the
>hands of debunkers like that?

As I noted, we don't slap labels on anything. We use data that has been labeled "UFO" by our sources. Take a look at the online websites for people to report sightings. They all say something like: "Report your UFO here." Even the govt/military cases we get are sent in on forms titled "UFO Report."

The semantics issue is not trivial, though. If the average citizen sees something, the term "UFO" is usually thought of by him or her, and if that person has the courage to report it at all, it will likely be to a UFO website. In practice, I find that few witnesses hesitate to call their observed object a UFO. I think we have to be realistic and understand that most people don't get the subtle difference between "UFO" and "weird object that after investigation may be considered a UFO."

>Why do that to the honest witnesses who in the vast majority of
>reports are careful not to label what they saw as "UFO" or
>"spacecraft" even though they don't realize how much hyped
>controversy rides on such labeling tricks? It is a credit to the
>vast majority of witnesses who exercise such care and a
>discredit to them to crassly ignore their caution just to
>inflate the "UFO" statistics so one can boasting of so many
>thousands of "UFO" reports in Canada by a trick of mislabeling.

Take the issue up with "investigators" then, not us. We're simply looking at reported data.

>If the witness does not use the term "UFO" isn't it a form of
>misquotation to say or imply that they did? Or if the UFO
>investigator plants the "UFO" label on the witness in
>interviewing him or her by using leading questions so the
>witness starts using the "UFO" term when they had not done so
>previously in regard to their sighting?

Again, take a look at all the UFO online reporting websites. They all call the observed objects UFOs, even if they seem to be stars or planes.

>Surely you know that some honest witnesses of integrity are
>lambasted by debunkers and raked over the coals publicly when
>their alleged "UFO" sightings actually turn out to be alleged
>IFO's -- when the witness himself or herself never said it was a
>"UFO" in the first place! We are the ones who called it a "UFO"
>but it's the witness who suffers for it. Is that fair?

I don't know. Is it fair to lambaste us for doing scientific studies on reported data?

By the way, I agree with you on the lack of investigation in ufology. In fact, I made this point at the Edmonton UFO Conference last month. Investigative ufology is essentially dead. Most ufology buffs seem content with posting and sharing stories about UFO sightings without bothering to check facts or even try and come up with possible explanations. And the earnest and reputable UFO reporting people like Peter Davenport admit that they are too overwhelmed with cases to investigate themselves. Some websites post reports from around the world and maybe talk on the phone or email back and forth with witnesses in other provinces, states or in other countries who sent them the info on automated report forms, without passing along the contact info to regional investigators so that thorough investigation can actually occur.

In effect, UFO investigation is dead, and a lost art.

(To clarify: when I or my local colleagues get a sighting report, we actually investigate, but this is barely a few handfuls of cases each year within our geographical region. I pass on distant cases to individuals whom I know are still investigating in a particular region. But you know, there are fewer and fewer good investigators every year, and they are getting farther and farther apart.)

I disagree with your new "NFO" or "NIFO" label, however. We already have "Insufficient Info" and "Possible/Probable Explanation" in place. NFO seems to imply one or the other. It also wouldn't change the stats on the Unknowns. All it seems to be is a regrouping or relabeling of the "gray basket." I'd love to see the Insufs or NFOs get more investigation so that they can be either explained or deemed unexplained.

In summary, we cite 3 to 5 percent of all reported UFOs as higher-quality unknowns because that's what they are. Insufs or NIFOs still comprise the vast majority of cases, largely due to the increasing lack of proper investigation of sighting reports.

Besides, 3 to 5 per cent of the more than 5,000 cases accumulated in our data files since 1989 is still quite a few good UFO reports. Those are the ones we should be focusing our energies on, not on bickering over data analyses or semantics.

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Kilgallen's Death At 52 Is A Mystery

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Source: The Belleville News-Democrat - Illinois, USA

<http://www.bnd.com/430/story/158364.html>

Sun, Oct. 21, 200

Kilgallen's Death At 52 Is A Mystery

Q. A few months ago, Vanity Fair columnist Dominick Dunne was on Larry King and mentioned that he was doing research for a book on the life and suspicious death of What's My Line panelist Dorothy Kilgallen. I was never aware of the many conspiracy theories surrounding her death and what she knew about the Kennedy assassination. I've not heard anything about the progress of the book, and I would love to know more about it.

- S.C., of Belleville

A. I'm afraid you misunderstood the soon-to-turn-82-year-old writer and film producer. According to a CNN transcript of the show, Dunne gave no indication he was working on a book when asked whether he was considering investigating Kilgallen's death at age 52 just hours after she had appeared on the Nov. 7, 1965, What's My Line.

"I think she had some material, something, something that they didn't want, somebody didn't want to come out," Dunne said, referring to Kilgallen's probe into JFK's assassination. "And, you know, I don't think we'd ever find anything this many years later. But it's a mysterious death."

Those who knew of Kilgallen only from what they saw of her on the game show hadn't even scratched the surface. This was one tough cookie who covered some of the biggest stories of her day (Lindbergh-baby kidnapping suspect Bruno Hauptmann, murderess Anna Antonio, etc.), In 1936 - then just 23 - she raced two other New York reporters around the world, an event memorialized in her book "Girl Around the World" and the film "Fly Away Baby."

She wasn't afraid to speak her mind, either.

"They didn't prove he was guilty any more than they proved there are pin-headed men on Mars," she said in a column during Dr. Sam Sheppard's trial in 1954. Some say her comment "Flying saucers are regarded as of such vital importance that they will be the subject of a special hush-hush meeting" is proof of an alleged secret UFO conference known as Majestic 12. She often wrote about Frank Sinatra's alleged connections to organized crime. (In return, Old Blue Eyes called her "the chinless wonder.")

So, it's no wonder that tongues began wagging as soon as her death was announced. After an interview with Jack Ruby, she had written in the New York Journal-American, "That story (the assassination) isn't going to die as long as there's a real reporter alive, and there are a lot of them alive." A story in

the Dallas Times-Herald said she was preparing a series of stories on the events of November 1963 for publications in Europe.

She was found dead in bed on the morning of Nov. 8, 1965, clutching a book by Robert Ruark in her hand. An autopsy found a combination of alcohol and the barbiturate Seconal in her blood, although not an overly excessive amount. Doctors theorized she may have suffered a heart attack as well. There was no sign of a disturbance.

But the cause of death remains undetermined. And, making matters more suspicious, reports say, was that Kilgallen was not wearing her reading glasses and her hairdresser said she had finished that book weeks earlier. If that weren't enough, her husband, who slept on a different floor in their townhouse, reportedly gave police contradictory statements and a Brooklyn medical examiner signed off on the Manhattan death.

But right now, that's where it will stand because the book you thought you heard about is no Dunne deal. If you want to read another recent in-depth look into the case, see:

www.midtod.com/new/articles/7_14_07_Dorothy.html

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Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 15:31:39 -0300
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 06:08:37 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 13:27:02 -0300
>Subject: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>For those who don't know, Operation Saucer was the biggest
>military operation conducted in Brazil to officially and
>secretly investigate UFOs. Probably the biggest in the world
>as well. It started in September 1977 by direct order from the
>command of the First Regional Aerial Command (COMAR) of the
>Brazilian Air Force in Bel=E9m, Para state, in the Amazon.

According to Hollanda, as you interviewed him, the Operation involved him, a captain, and five agents, sergeants. Six men. It also lasted less than four months. It's amazing you may call this "probably the biggest in the world". It may not have been even the biggest in Brazil, as the officers interested on investigating the Barra da Itjuca hoax - which they actually endorsed as authentic - may have involved more than six men, though it probably didn't last for four months.

Also, regarding Operation Saucer, for the first couple of months they severely lacked resources, as Hollanda himself told he bought film with his own money. Now we now that Fl=Elvio Costa also set up a photographic lab in his own house, on the maid's room, and asked his son to develop some of the photos. Even after things got better, it could hardly be described as the biggest in the world.

>On the contrary of what the post suggests, yes, there is an
>enormous amount of information about Operation Saucer already
>available, and lot of very oncrete evidence of it and its
>amazing results.

If you call the reports and the leaked photographs, plus the testimony, "concrete evidence", then one wonders why you didn't quote the conclusion listed in one of the reports:

"Our filmed and photographical records don't portrait our certainty, because we were lacking much technical resources, equipment and personnel (only at the end of the period we used a kind of film with high sensibility), it was not satisfactory. On the other times we lost the chance, photographing inappropriate material; we believe that with better resources we may quickly get to the reasonably satisfactory."

That can be read on the very same reports you openly publicized, but nobody seems to have actually read them, because no one quotes this - not even you -, which is probably the most important paragraph of the hundreds of pages in question.

And the reports are mostly descriptive, not analytical, i.e., there's almost no actual investigation reported, only countless descriptions of the testimonies. Valuable, yes, conclusive, "concrete", no.

>As part of his duties, when Hollanda reported that he had a
>direct contact with the "intelligences behind the phenomena",
>his superiors at the First Regional Aerial Command (COMAR) of

>the Brazilian Air Force in Belem, ordered him to immediately
>shut down Operation Saucer. So he did. He was also ordered to
>give to his superiors every piece of material, report, photo,
>film, etc., obtained during the Operation, which he did.
>So, it is believed that the Operation was shut-down because the
>military feared losing control of the situation, if the direct
>contacts continued. This has also been reported to the Brazilian
>UFO Magazine by a number of people who were directly and
>indirectly connected to the Operation.

But Hollanda himself didn't claim that, or did he? If he did, I would like to know, because on the interview you conducted with him, we can read:

"... Why the COMAR and the Air Force terminated Operation Saucer after just three or four months of work?

HOLLANDA - Look, maybe because of the speculation from the population. Those are questions that can't be answered..."

And when you further asked Hollanda:

"...And you agreed [to the termination] and saluted them?

HOLLANDA: Yes, because I was already done..."

How can you make such speculations when the commander himself didn't even hint in that direction? Or did he, unofficially?

>Here you can find 400+ pages of official documents related to
>UFOs in Brazil, most of them secret pieces:

><http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documents/>

>Here you can find some 200+ pages of official documents produced
>by Operation Saucer, all of them secret pieces:

>http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Relatorios_da_Operacao_Prato_01/

>http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Relatorios_da_Operacao_Prato_02/

>Here you can find about a dozen photos obtained officially by the
>Operation Saucer and a few reporters at same time:

>http://www.ufo.com.br/public/documentos/Fotos_da_Operacao_Prato/

Those are indeed valuable documents, and your work as a vehicle - including the interview with Hollanda - is valuable and a reference for the case.

Nevertheless, that doesn't change the fact that all this evidence is actually not at all "concrete", and little analytical work has been done over them. That no one quotes one of the few conclusions listed in the reports is but one example.

You already claimed that the "Chupa-chupa" phenomenon has no parallel in history. But the actual phenomenon described bears striking resemblance to the "Muchnowa" hysteria in India, a few years back. Did you contact those that investigated the Muchnowa? I did, and I publicized the link. Did anyone get interested over it? No one contacted me about it.

There're also discrepancies between the testimony of some key witnesses of Operation Saucer, between what's on the reports, and what they now claim. But that can't be seen anywhere on the uncritical reporting done after the renewed interest over the events.

Finally, it's ironic how you claim these are the "real evidence", suggesting Fernando Costa's interview is not... real? Or evidence? It's ironic because testimonial evidence is mostly all there is, as the reports are just descriptive, and the physical evidence known so far is close to useless, with their cropped images with no visual reference and terrible quality.

And both the reports and Hollanda's claims suggests even the classified evidence in possession of the Air Force may not change that. Again and again, little analytical work, or in other terms, little thought is given to the evidence. Which, in all, is not very concrete.

Mori

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Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 16:39:57 -0400
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 06:10:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

>From: Harper Carlotto <harpc.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:52:33 +0200
>Subject: Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens]

<snip>

>a) They know this is happening, but they don't know why and they
>can't do anything about it. Imagine what would happen if Bush or
>Putin or Merkel would go public on TV saying: "...by the way we
>know there is alien scum out there that kidnaps you from your
>cars, bedrooms or wherever. We're sorry this is happening, but we
>don't know who they are doing it and we can't stop them." 5min
>later all hell would break loose on this planet.

I can't agree there, Harper, any more than if government revealed that UFOs seen in the sky are visitors from other planets. In my view, the response would be the usual bell-shaped curve thing, a few (very few in my view) would freak out, most would show varying degrees of interest including demanding a plan from government, and a few would hail this as a wonderful thing.

Eleanor White

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 17:15:43 -0400
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 06:13:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:41:00 -0600
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 18:37:28 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:38:20 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

<snip>

>Dick,

>>From your response of 21 Oct to Brad Sparks' proposal:

>"Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion
>is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated
>former NFOs)."

>This certainly seems to entail an assumption about NFOs in the
>absence (by definition) of investigation. How does one reconcile
>this with the last sentence of your reply to me?

Mike,

I think that all we have is a minor semantical confusion in trying to understand each other's comments. I see no problem of 'reconciliation' or any assumption on my part one way or the other about NFOs. To the contrary, my main point was that no assumption should be made one way or the other.

>In any case, I think we are in agreement that Brad's overall
>point is well-taken. The essential point of my reply to him is
>that, by adjusting the 'filter' on what constitutes a case worth
>investigating, one can obtain just about any desired number for
>the fraction of genuine unknowns in the investigated set.
>However, a debunker can similarly expand the overall 'report'
>database such that the fraction of unknowns tends to zero.

I would reply to this by saying that as former head of the NICAP investigation network and later a MUFON officer, I have decades of practical, hands-on experience in screening raw reports (as do many of my contemporaries), and it is rather easy to screen out highly likely IFOs (fireball meteors, advertising planes, aircraft strobe lights, bright astronomical objects such as Venus, atmospheric rocket launches among the most common).

The rest of your argument about a filtering process skewing the percentage of unknowns completely eludes me. In the first place, I consider the 'percentage of unknowns' argument to be totally meaningless (as does Brad Sparks). Once you scree out the (highly likely) obvious IFOs, some of the residuum does turn out, after careful and thorough investigation mind you, to be

explainable by some unique or unusual local event.

The UFO phenomenon, if there is a real and non-trivial one as I am convinced there is, lies in the fully investigated and unexplainable cases or "True UFOs." Very importantly, this body of hardcore, fully investigated cases shows strong patterns of appearance and behavior.

- Dick

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Watertown Hosts UFO Conference

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Watertown Hosts UFO Conference

Jillian Fennimore
Staff Writer

Watertown, MA - John Horrigan said ufologists, those who study UFOs, can be pretty humble people. And Big Foot believers? Well, they are real party animals.

During a two-day conference at Hibernian Hall last weekend, people from 14 states and three countries joined together to share their passions for the paranormal.

Horrigan, a Watertown resident and organizer of the UFO Show and Mass Monster Mash, said the event is catered to the true believers. And he is one of them, having studied the phenomena of UFOs and Big Foot encounters since 1990.

"There are prima donnas and charlatans when it comes to UFOs," he said. "But these are the humble people. I wanted to give a New England flavor to ufology."

On Friday, speakers skilled in the investigation of crop circles, flying black triangles and other unidentified objects took the stage to share their discoveries.

Nancy Talbott, described as one of the foremost authorities on crop circles in the world today, told the crowd about her bizarre encounters with "an energy unknown to science."

Talbott claims a man from Holland with whom she studies with can predict when and where crop circles will occur. And one night during a visit to that country, it did.

"I saw three tubes of light," she said. "It was like Broadway in my bedroom."

The next morning, a crop circle was discovered in a nearby string bean harvest.

"There is evidence that this is happening by something other than us," Talbott said. "It's a consciousness."

Don Ledger can say the same for his studies.

As a global authority on flying black triangles - massive yet silent UFOs seen in the skies around the world - Ledger is both a pilot and author of three books, cataloguing UFO sightings and investigating the Shag Harbour incident of 1967, the purported crash of an unidentified flying object in Nova Scotia.

He told the audience of another instance he studied in Nova Scotia, where a 3,600-foot black triangle was seen hovering over Cow Bay, reported as a "low flying object". Ledger came armed with a tape measure and a compass when he heard the news.

He squashes the skeptics who say such phenomena are secret military aircraft.

"As a pilot, it offends me that anything would fly around without any clearances," Ledger said. "Even the military can't fly around like that."

Dennis Briefer came from Berlin, Mass., to experience the UFO conference.

"Not for any purpose other than a conscious changing," he said. "People need to be aware that we are not alone in this universe."

The event also welcomed lectures from Carl Feindt, a retired member of the Air Force who later studied UFOs, particularly ones underwater, along with Matt Moniz, and Chris Styles, who has dedicated his life to researching the Shag Harbour drama.

Horrigan said at the rate such discoveries are made, ufology will not be a dying line of inquiry.

"One out of 10 people have seen a UFO," he said. "But only one out of 100 have reported it. It's something that's not going away, but only getting bigger."

In preparation for the next conference the following night, posters of the world's most famous monsters were hung on the wall: King Kong, Bride of Frankenstein, Dracula, King of the Lizards, The Mummy, and The Curse of the Werewolf.

Horrigan noted the importance of hosting the conferences in two parts.

"The UFO people do not mix with the ghost [enthusiasts] or cryptologists," he said. "They might do the saber dance, but they [could] co-exist nicely."

Thanks to Don Ledger of

www.donledger.com

for the lead.

Don wrote in his 'heads-up':

"Certainly the organizer of this event, John Horrigan and his wife Jenny deserve to be complimented on the set-up and smooth operation of this event."

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Zamora Redux [was: Boston's Own Robot-Plane]

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:13:42 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:02:49 -0400
Subject: Zamora Redux [was: Boston's Own Robot-Plane]

>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 14 Oct 2007 17:59:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Boston's Own Robot-Plane Skunk Works

<snip>

>Sergey,

>If we try and interpret the meaning about the symbols
>construction but using the symbols above, by human standards,
>when the symbols are joined together we should get a new symbol
>that looks like this. The octagon is a frame of reference.. no

>part to Zamora's actual sighting?

<http://home.comcast.net/~johnscheldroup/082207/jpeg/zamora/symbol.htm>

Yes, and I see that all of this is very little close to what Zamorra described. I think that symbols similarity not necessary means something. For example Sheriff's six pointed star and Jewish Star of David are very similar but have absolutely different meanings.

The same with Zamora's symbol. It can have different meanings, depends on what system we use for interpretation. We can see it as modified cross inside the ark, as stylized figure of man standing inside the stylized spacecraft, as some kind of airplane in capsule etc. It can be anything. Is it similar to what we know? Yes. Is it evidence of something? I think No. In combination with another details of that case, which was already mentioned before, I think it gives very little space for possibility, that it was our experimental craft or platform.

Sergey

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Re: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:21:56 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:05:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

>From: Stephen Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:13:13 -0400
>Subject: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

>PRG
>Paradigm Research Group

>Open Letter to Albert Gore, Jr. - Redux

>This letter resides at:

>www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letters_Gore.htm

>October 15, 2007

>Dear Mr. Gore:

>On January 29 of this year PRG published an open letter to you

>in anticipation of your winning the Best Documentary Oscar for

>An Inconvenient Truth at the 79th Annual Academy Awards. That
>letter made two essential points: 1) your political career and

>areas of specialty as a senator and vice president were such
>you are aware of and/or have been briefed on some or all of the
>facts surrounding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the
>human race for at least the past sixty years

<snip>

Is it necessary that Al Gore, because of his political career
and areas of specialty as a senator and vice president, aware
about extraterrestrials and technologies?

Sergey

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul.com>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:41 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:12:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:10:08 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>I am sure that you have sound reasons of your own for suspecting
>that there is such a grand conspiracy in place. All I can ask is
>that you reconsider the conclusions you have drawn, and that you
>do this by stopping to think for a while about how the world
>looks from Teheran, Havana, Moscow, Damascus or Tripoli (if that
>is too general an invitation, think about it in terms of
>'opportunities for de-stabilisation'). I believe that if you
>conduct such an exercise, your views on the grand conspiracy
>will be tempered, and It is also my opinion that once this
>happens you will be a little closer (I'm talking about a yard or
>two closer to something a hundred miles away - no great claim, I
>admit!) to a true understanding of the nature of the bewildering
>and elusive phenomena that so intrigue us both.

Gerald:

You seem to be ignoring the fact that opposing forces may take similar actions but for different reasons and without conspiring. The United States didn't go public with its blatantly illegal U-2 flights over the USSR, because it did not want to fess up to the illegal behavior. The Soviets protested through diplomatic channels, but not publicly because they did not want to admit they could do nothing to stop the flights. Once they shot down Gary Powers and displayed him, the wreckage, camera etc. they made much noise.

In 2001 The US finally admitted to families of 166 crew members of military recon aircraft that had been shot down while heading towards or over North Korea, China, or the USSR. Some events had happened more than 50 years earlier. The families had all been lied to. We shot down some Soviet planes... again without publicity... or conspiracy. See William Burrows fine book *By Any Means Necessary*.

The third reason I give for the cover up in my UFO Why Questions at my website is that any public announcement of the reality of alien visitors could well move the younger generation to start thinking of themselves as Earthlings instead of as Americans, Russians, Cubans etc. I know of no country that wants its citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet instead of to that country. It seems to me that Nationalism is the only game in town. People in power want to stay in power.

Stan Friedman

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>From: Eleanor White <eleonor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:31:03 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<Snip>

>Embarrassment does not explain the intense obfuscation
>we've seen over the past half century.

Why not? It doesn't explain all of it, but it certainly explains a great deal.

Political and military leaders hold their positions on the basis that they are the people with the answers, and that they are in control of the situation. There is always some kind of social contract in place whereby we give them power (the thing they want, the thing that pleases them most) or allow them to have it, while, in return, they use that power to protect us and our best interests (the thing we want, the thing we most need). Even those who have taken power and kept it by force tend to find that they are subject to this kind of contract.

In these circumstances, the UFO phenomenon, if taken as seriously as it ought to be, represents an appallingly difficult challenge to those in power. If they are at all honest about it, then they are, in the same breath, admitting something worse than mere breach of the social contract: their utter inability to know where to start in keeping their side of the bargain.

The 'intense obfuscation' to which you accurately refer seems to be just about the only realistic course of action available to our leaders if they wish to avoid this embarrassment and retain power.

At the same time, they are assisted by many willing helpers further down the food chain whose intense fear of the unknown can be counted upon as the motivation to direct ridicule at those who would address the issue seriously and rationally.

It's always good to give an example, even if only a hypothetical one. That phrase 'food chain' has triggered an awful thought: imagine being the American President who had to front up at the United Nations and say 'Sorry everybody, but after investing enough tax dollars in our military to cure cancer, eradicate poverty and give everybody in the world a life expectancy of 100 years, the bad news is that we're all being farmed and there's nothing we can do about it!'

How's that for embarrassment?

--

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 20:41:08 -0400
Archived: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:16:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 20:46:56 +0200
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:26:52 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>>It is also home to the German Air Force Tactical Training
>>>Center, a luftwaffe training facility, used by 300 German Air
>>>Force personnel, with 12 German fighter jets. I have read in the
>>>local newspaper that the German side of the base flies the
>>>German flag and is regarded as German soil.

>>Blah, blah, blah... Jerry can copy & paste... Blah...

>>"Holloman is currently the only military base operated by a
>>foreign power on US soil ..."

>>Brian

>Hi Brian and List,

>I have issued a request to the Bundesluftwaffe (German Air
>Force) to clear this issue and will let you know as soon
>as I will have received an answer.

>Joachim Koch

Thanks Joachim. But my point was just that the Bundesluftwaffe
does not run the base in its entirety, they are merely tenants
of one portion of it.

Brian

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 11:38:20 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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>Dick,

>From your response of 21 Oct to Brad Sparks' proposal:

>"Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion
>is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated
>former NFOs)."

>This certainly seems to entail an assumption about NFOs in the
>absence (by definition) of investigation. How does one reconcile
>this with the last sentence of your reply to me?

You lost me here. Dick was not assuming anything about the NFO reports. His last sentence of his reply to you said "The whole point is the need to investigate before assuming anything." I don't see how he or I could be any clearer than that.

You seem to not want to just leave the uncertain in the "gray basket." But you are also unwilling to personally conduct the massive amount of investigation of each such NFO case to try to resolve them into either IFO or UFO categories. Instead you seem to want to find a way to pin an IFO/UFO label on the NFO reports regardless of the fact you have insufficient data. You need to face the fact that many thousands of sightings simply cannot be used for any valid scientific purpose without an actual investigation or a Hynek screening. And in some of these cases, even after investigation it may still not be possible to resolve them into IFO or UFO, due to insufficient data, poor witness observation, poor memory of long past events, etc.

I would propose the NFO label to be flexible enough to include Non-investigated Flying Objects, Non-sufficient data Flying Objects, No-info Flying Objects, etc. V-J has already seen that this is implied.

>In any case, I think we are in agreement that Brad's overall
>point is well-taken.

At least we have achieved some "overall" agreement! :)

>The essential point of my reply to him is
>that, by adjusting the 'filter' on what constitutes a case worth

>investigating, one can obtain just about any desired number for
>the fraction of genuine unknowns in the investigated set.
>However, a debunker can similarly expand the overall 'report'
>database such that the fraction of unknowns tends to zero.

Now you are implying that the creation of an NFO category is some kind of "filtering" trick. But you ignore my historical review showing that the vast expansion of the IFO category to include what we would now call NFO's was the actual and quite dishonest statistical trick devised by Project Blue Book in 1952-3. We are simply trying to undo this trickery. That doesn't make it a "filtering" trick itself, it's the negation of the statistical trick. Is stopping a crime now a crime itself??

We aren't talking about definitions of a case "worth investigating" or not worth investigating. We are talking about cases that are uninvestigated, something that is an objective fact that is readily determinable -- was the case investigated or not? That is an objective question.

Cases that are not investigated should be NFO's and not assumed to be IFO's or UFO's for whatever reasons of prejudice and bias. I have seen the preconceptions go both ways where debunkers claim 95% to 98% of all "UFO's" (as misdefined) are solved, and extreme advocates claim just the reverse, that 89% to 93% are Unidentifieds.

No, the debunker cannot legitimately adjust the filtering to make the proportion of UFO Unknowns approach zero percent. It is a misrepresentation of the witnesses who in some 95% of sighting reports never use the term "UFO" or the like. This is not a figure taken out of the air but comes from my analysis of several years of NUFORC sighting reports and from many BB file reports.

Falsifying the definitions is what Blue Book did for most of two decades and it was dishonest and deceitful. Unknowns were not allowed to have degrees of certainty, Probable Unknowns and Possible Unknowns. Thus, UFO Unknowns were treated completely differently from the IFO's, with a one-sided double- standard which gave preferential treatment to the IFO's despite not an iota of any new data to justify it. .

As I have been pointing out on this List for years, the original IFO category, which only included identifications that were certain, were expanded by Blue Book to encompass these Probable and Possible UFO Unknowns which were falsely relabeled Possible and Probable IFO's.

If an Unknown had any doubt and had been called (or would have been called) a "Probable" Unknown, Project Blue Book decided that it could possibly be an IFO. Then they relabeled it a Possible IFO and in the overall stats it was treated as a flatout IFO, period, with no qualifiers of "possible" or "probable."

This trick was first caught by Keyhoe and NICAP in the 1950's but has been forgotten about in the many years since. However, literature endures and is required in any intellectual endeavor to be searched prior to any study, so the passage of time here is no excuse for UFO researchers who seem unaware of what Keyhoe/NICAP discovered.

Others since the 1950's have also commented on this statistical trick including an Air Command and Staff College review of BB in 1974 (see CUFON website), Herbert Strentz in his 1968 doctoral dissertation at Northwestern Univ, and Hynek in his UFO Experience book in 1972 where he states the following, quoting from his detailed critique of BB sent to FTD Commander Col. Raymond S. Sleeper on Oct. 7, 1968 (Ballantyne paperback ed. pp. 289-293):

"In the evaluation of cases it has been the [Blue Book] custom to employ the terms 'possible' or 'probable' as modifiers to a given evaluation; thus 'possible aircraft' or 'probable meteor' are often used. However, in the year-end compilation of cases these modifiers are quietly and conveniently dropped. Thus 'possible aircraft' becomes simply 'aircraft' ... and the public will be led to believe that there was no possible question....

"For what else does 'possible' or 'probable' [aircraft] mean

other than one is not sure they were aircraft? But so ingrained is the hypothesis of the 'deluded observer' in Blue Book thinking that any other possibility is not examined for. That is hardly the scientific method....

"[On] the general cases bearing the mark, 'Insufficient data': it is most interesting to note that such cases are carried in the statistics as having been solved, as though giving a case the Insufficient Data label constituted solving it! Here again the public is misled....

"I quote now directly from the [Strentz] doctoral dissertation ...: 'The problem [with Blue Book's statistics] was underscored in an October 6, 1958, Department of Defense press release on Blue Book activity from July 1, 1957, through July 31, 1958. The release said, "More than 84% of the reported UFO sightings were definitely established (emphasis added) as natural phenomena ... or man-made objects."

" 'Not only had the probably and possibly labels been deleted from the statistics, but sightings previously considered only possibly explained were now "definitely established" - not because of further investigation, but because of book-keeping procedures.

" 'Lt. Col. Hector Quintanilla ... acknowledged that the "definitely established" phrase was "misleading" [in his conversation with Strentz reported here in Hynek's concluding quote from Strentz's dissertation]....'

"No scientist would consider an 'Insufficient Evidence' case as 'solved.' These simply should not be included in the data."

Hynek's answer is that Insufficient Data cases, which I would include within the NFO category, should be excluded from the scientific data to be studied. They are noise not signal of any sort. IFO's can be scientifically investigated as a control study to calibrate witness reliability in the UFO Unknown cases. I have done that with the Condon Report's IFO's. NFO reports cannot be studied that way because one does not know if they are really IFO's or UFO's, so the data samples are therefore contaminated.

The Blue Book trick was one-sided and totally dishonest. If it was in any way honest it would have been explained at least in some fine-print footnoting to AF publicity statements, but was not. It is only discoverable by historical research into the BB files and analyzing the shift in IFO/UFO category labeling in 1952-3. This confirms the impressions of Keyhoe/NICAP looking at it from the outside with scant pieces of the puzzle, and is a tribute to their astuteness in having figured it out with so little back then to go on.

Another objection I have to the continued misuse of NFO's to contaminate "UFO" data, and debates about the data, is that it helps perpetuate the obsession with anecdotal reports. The vast majority of NFO's are brief newspaper stories in various files, and are simply worthless or next-to-worthless anecdotes.

All we need to do to stop fixating on anecdotes and whining about how supposedly that's all we have for "UFO evidence" is to make a conscious choice, a policy decision, a new strategy. Make a choice, the right choice, to stop talking about UFO anecdotes and start concentrating on instrument UFO data and technical observations such as triangulations and UFO reports made by special UFO tracking networks that the government has operated. I have cataloged many of these cases in my Comprehensive Catalog of Blue Book Unknowns on various web sites for the last several years, as well as summarizing some on UFO UpDates many times.

Brad Sparks

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>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 12:37:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 23:40:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

>><snip>

>>The US and Russia were only very tenuously allies during the
>>last months of the second world war. There was a great deal of
>>mistrust.

<snip>

Quite so - indeed, that fundamental mistrust was there throughout the entire war. The Anglo-Americans and the Soviets were Allies of convenience, facing a common enemy. By the time 1944-45 had rolled around, more than a few leading British and American policy makers had already begun to seriously consider how they would deal with the USSR at the end of the war.

>Some good news:

>Russian-German relations at one period used to be exceptionally good, cultural and economic ties going back centuries, appear to be heading in that direction once and forever more.

>http://www.eng.rzd.ru/page.html?nav_id=97

>The Russian people are strong, capable and ingenious, like the German people, both peoples have been inclined from struggle and the human willpower to succeed. The good news now future signs indicate that both the Russian-German people will profit from their growth of industry, strengthening ties of their people then spread the word of peace for profit.

This is a misreading of Russian - German relations, at least in the past century. There was either unremitting hostility (two world wars, the Cold War) or, for a brief period, close cooperation. Of course, that close cooperation was between the Weimar Republic and the USSR, and then Nazi Germany and the USSR from 1939 until the German invasion in 1941. The Soviets played a key role in German efforts to rebuild their military in the 1920s and early 1930s, in contravention of the Treaty of Versailles (while I generally dislike citing Wikipedia, see: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet-German_relations_before_1941, which is a reasonably accurate summary), and then enabled Hitler to make his move on Poland and then defeat France without having to worry about a two front war.

And I'm pretty sure that Russia under Putin is not terribly interested in spreading "the word of peace for profit" - whatever that means.

Of course, none of this really has anything to do with UFOs,
does it?

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB
Meg Power

A declassified FBI memo, dated March 22, 1950, states that 'flying saucers' had been recovered in New Mexico, after a crash landing. That document is just one of the pieces of evidence Robert Hastings uses in his lecture, UFOs: The Secret Story. Hastings will be at UNH this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the Strafford Room.

Hastings became interested in unidentified flying objects, or UFOs, when, in March 1967, he "witnessed the radar tracking of five UFOs at Malmstrom [Air Force Base], Montana." Hastings later learned the UFOs "had been maneuvering near, and hovering over, nuclear missile sites near the base, and had outrun the jet fighters sent up to intercept them."

Ever since, Hastings has made it his goal to inform the public about UFOs and the related government cover-ups. Hastings obtained the previously classified documents, which he bases his lecture on, through the Freedom of Information Act.

"I will present declassified Air Force documents which verify that this type of nuclear missile-related UFO incident has occurred on other occasions," said Hastings. Hastings noted that these incidents were recorded near nuclear weapon sites over a six-decade period.

Hastings said reactions to the lecture have a "very positive response." He credits this to the fact that he documents what he says in the lecture as well as providing other sources that anyone can access on UFOs.

The event, sponsored by MUSO, is part of the one-two punch of family weekend, said Assistant Director of the MUB Dave Zamansky. The Evasons, renowned psychic mentalists, are visiting earlier that day. Zamansky also said the lecture is right along the lines of the Ghost Hunters, a group which is coming to UNH tomorrow.

"I have to admit it happened at the right time," said Zamansky. "People are interested in the topic and government cover-ups."

Students should expect to see a lot of evidence. "He's going to talk a lot about proof out there," Zamansky said. "He's going to show slides on government documents on cover-ups. He'll show fake pictures and what he believes is real stuff."

The lecture is both education and entertainment, Zamansky said,

something he calls "edutainment."

Hastings does not try to convert skeptics to believers in his lecture, he said. Instead he hopes to share the information he has collected. As Zamansky says, "When watching the lecture, it's pretty hard to dispute it's not out there."

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October 22, 2007

Kucinich Sees UFO New Book Claims
by Mark Naymik

Democratic Presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich has seen a UFO, writes Shirley MacLaine in her new book, "Sage-Ing While Age-Ing."

Kucinich, she writes on pages 143-144 of the book, "had a close sighting over my home in Graham, Washington, when I lived there. Dennis found his encounter extremely moving. The smell of roses drew him out to my balcony where, when he looked up, he saw a gigantic triangular craft, silent, and observing him. It hovered, soundless, for ten minutes or so, and sped away with a speed he couldn't comprehend. He said he felt a connection in his heart and heard directions in his mind."

Representatives of Kucinich's presidential campaign and congressional office have not responded to calls and e-mail asking whether the Cleveland Democratic congressman in fact saw a UFO or if there is another explanation for MacLaine's recollection.

MacLaine is a well-known believer of UFOs and reincarnation. And she's been close to Kucinich for decades. MacLaine is the godmother of Kucinich's daughter and attended Kucinich's 2005 Cleveland wedding to third wife, Elizabeth, who's often campaigning by his side.

MacLaine also recommended in the 1980s that Kucinich visit New Mexico spiritual adviser Chris Griscom, whom MacLaine featured in her then-best-selling book, "Dancing in the Light," describing how Griscom helped her communicate with trees. (Kucinich has insisted that Griscom was not his spiritual adviser but a "teacher and a very good friend.")

MacLaine, who shares Kucinich's opposition to using weapons in space, doesn't shed any more light in her book on Kucinich's close encounter, including when it happened. But to read more about MacLaine's beliefs, pick up a copy of the book. It goes on sale next month - on Election Day.

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Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
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>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 16:39:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

>>From: Harper Carlotto <harpc.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 00:52:33 +0200
>>Subject: Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens]

>>a) They know this is happening, but they don't know why and they
>>can't do anything about it. Imagine what would happen if Bush or
>>Putin or Merkel would go public on TV saying: "...by the way we
>>know there is alien scum out there that kidnaps you from your
>>cars, bedrooms or wherever. We're sorry this is happening, but we
>>don't know who they are doing it and we can't stop them." 5min
>>later all hell would break loose on this planet.

>I can't agree there, Harper, any more than if government
>revealed that UFOs seen in the sky are visitors from other
>planets. In my view, the response would be the usual bell-
>shaped curve thing, a few (very few in my view) would freak
>out, most would show varying degrees of interest including
>demanding a plan from government, and a few would hail this as a
>wonderful thing.

Having discussed this issue with my brother who is a retired
professor of sociology and social psychology who even taught
classes about panic, and also having edited a monograph about
the implications of ET contact, I agree with Eleanor on this
point. The popular reaction depends a lot on how authority
figures release information and deal with the issues.

However, this does not mean that people in high places who
withhold information are sophisticated enough to make sound
decisions. All the historical evidence suggests that a largely
unfounded fear of panic has been the justification for
withholding information.

My brother argues that the often cited alleged panic following
Orson Welles' invasion from Mars broadcast has been grossly
exaggerated, and he even presented a paper at a MUFON conference
on that and the panic issue.

As I have stated before (and probably will again on appropriate
occasions), there may be a cover-up of some evidence (vitaly
important evidence if Roswell is real) but mostly my studies
indicate that authorities simply can't digest the bizarre data
(can't get their heads around it) and so hide their heads in the
sand and pretend it isn't happening.

Abductions, of course, would be the hardest part to deal with in
all respects. If authorities do have direct knowledge of
abductions, then I sympathize with them and agree with Harper on
the difficulty of telling the truth. Still, if that is the
reality that we will need to deal with I think the authorities
must be forthcoming eventually.

Dick

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>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:01:25 +1000
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 09 Oct 2007 20:15:02 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Believers Turn Into Sceptics After Conference

>>>From: Diane Harrison <auforn06.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 8 Oct 2007 07:35:42 +1000
>>>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

<snip>

>>>Wake up Velez YOU ARE A GOOSE

>>>It's foolish comments like yours that scare scientists and other
>>>professionals from even approaching the subject. (Yes, we must
>>>question credibility and research methods - but you haven't
>>>looked at both sides of the coin!)

>>>S. Blanch

>>Well, well, now I think the reason more academic and medical
>>professionals don't want to get involved with ufology is the
>>chance they take by having to suffer through being called names
>>by people who claim they want to be taken seriously.

>>Gosh, Velez was not even afforded an intelligent rebuttal; just
>>called a name from someone - I assume is a ufologist - signing
>>off as "S. Blanch". It gives one pause to decide who is the
>>"goose" in this situation.

>I agree, S Blanch is obviously swayed by Leirs first book which
>hit the market after his remarkable claims of alien implant
>removals. I do recall a TV doco about Leir speaking of what had
>been found as normal_ anomalies_ often found in humans which
>can get covered with a coating supplied by the body as a means
>of stopping infection, if the object couldn't be ejected
>naturally.

>I've had experience with something similar when my wife had an
>inch long sewing needle removed from her knee seven years after
>kneeling on it. This broken needle was offered to us as a
>souvenir after the surgery and it looked nothing_ recognizable
>as a broken sewing needle, it looked more like a "matchstick".
>Very similar to pics I've seen of Leirs objects. I'm sorry but
>Leir just doesn't cut it for me either, so John shall we
>migrate north or south for the winter?

William,

I have some trouble trying to grasp what you are saying. Do you
mean that you saw Roger Leir explain on TV that he had found, in
fact, normal objects, with just a coating stopping infection ?

Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

If Roger Leir said that, and nothing else, it would mean that he is a total idiot to believe he had removed a dozen anomalous objects.

Is that what you mean?

Gildas Bourdais

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 15:31:39 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 13:27:02 -0300
>>Subject: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>>For those who don't know, Operation Saucer was the biggest
>>military operation conducted in Brazil to officially and
>>secretly investigate UFOs. Probably the biggest in the world
>>as well. It started in September 1977 by direct order from the
>>command of the First Regional Aerial Command (COMAR) of the
>>Brazilian Air Force in Bel=E9m, Para state, in the Amazon.

>According to Hollanda, as you interviewed him, the Operation
>involved him, a captain, and five agents, sergeants. Six men. It
>also lasted less than four months. It's amazing you may call
>this "probably the biggest in the world". It may not have been
>even the biggest in Brazil, as the officers interested on
>investigating the Barra da Itjuca hoax - which they actually
>endorsed as authentic - may have involved more than six men,
>though it probably didn't last for four months.

>Also, regarding Operation Saucer, for the first couple of months
>they severely lacked resources, as Hollanda himself told he
>bought film with his own money. Now we now that Fl=Elvio Costa
>also set up a photographic lab in his own house, on the maid's
>room, and asked his son to develop some of the photos. Even
>after things got better, it could hardly be described as the
>biggest in the world.

<snip>

Dear Listers:

I am replying to this post for the Listers who are actually
interested in knowing what the truth is about Operation Saucer
(OS).

What I see in this post is a person with more doubts than real
information. A person who hasn't made one single trip to the
affected areas to check the facts for himself. A person who
hasn't spoken with one single witness of the phenomena, to
evaluate their emotional status for himself. A person whose only
knowledge of the whole OS comes from what other people
investigated and reported. And by doing so, is a person who
presumes too much but knows too little.

OS is not an ordinary Ufological event and much more work had to
be done during the investigations. Nor was the suck-suck
phenomena.

Most Brazilian UFO researchers are aware that Captain (then
Colonel) Uyrange Hollanda was our main source of information
about OS, but not the only one. He was the person who triggered,
with his sincere interview, a process of deepening the
investigation about OS, but many other first-hand witnesses came

after him, and they keep coming. All of them bringing different (or not) and new (or not) pieces of this big _puzzle_.

For instance, one of them is Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Brasil, retired from the Brazilian Air Force, that we just found. He was interviewed _personally_ by our team - not through e-mail. Brasil is another military to confirm seeing lots of documents of OS in First Regional Aerial Command in Belem, including many pictures and films. Yes, several people saw the films obtained by OS team, that show small, medium and big UFOs hovering over the affected areas and even landing. Brasil reported that one film he watched had a UFO landed with a stairway out of it, used by the occupants to leave the object.

Listers should know that such a _puzzle_ exists only because the Brazilian Air Force insists in keeping the OS results under wraps even after 30 years. And if there is a great deal of information already available to the World UFO Community and to the public about OS, it is thanks to the hard work of real UFO researchers that decided to make every effort they could to go to the affected areas, to locate and personally interview the victims, the witnesses, the journalists that covered the events, the doctor that treated the patients burned by the suck-suck, and so on.

This is real investigation, directly with the involved people and has been seriously conducted for almost 20 years now.

Most Brazilian UFO researchers are fully aware that Hollanda added more details to his original interview in the weeks afterward, as he remembered them (despite the fact that he seemed to me to have a clear and objective memory of the events). He even lectured in public on occasion. His original statements and his additions, along with other military and civilian information helped us to build a bigger scenario of OS. For instance, we know that North American military not only took part in a few missions in the jungle, they served as consultants to OS team.

And, on more than one occasion, North American military provided high sensibility films to the OS team. Because Hollanda and his men were somehow frustrated with the fact that they couldn't get good, clear pictures of the UFOs at close range even with the best equipment they had available. Some of the most interesting picture obtained by OS was thanks to North American military.

It is my suspicion, and also my colleague's opinion, that North American military had a big influence in the decision to terminate OS after the close encounter.

It is not correct, as affirmed in this post, that the OS team only had a few men. It was so in the very beginning, but with the increase of the UFO activity in the area, when they started to come closer and closer to the military - "as if they knew what we were doing there and wanted us to know about them", said Hollanda to me - many more men joined to original team. Over 30+ military camped on the main beaches of Colares by November and December 1977, everybody in Colares will tell you so. But someone would only know that after doing a proper check, after talking to many people, after cross-checking witnesses' reports.

The poster doesn't believe that OS was the biggest military operation ever conducted to investigate UFOs. Well, it is a matter of his lack of knowledge of the situation and how much the poster is capable to evaluate it with his limited info. However, I give you this: if it is not be the biggest military operation ever conducted to investigate UFOs in _number_ of people involved (even counting 30+ men), at any point of view, considering the fantastic results of OS, it definitely was the biggest military operation ever conducted to investigate UFOs at any time. The biggest military operation ever conducted to investigate UFOs that we know of.

The poster may not be fully aware of the many details that led us to this conclusion, but he could get himself better informed at any time by reading the material available. And there is a lot of it.

However, I should emphasize that reading is not everything. Personal investigation is very much necessary here.

Again, more misunderstanding of the situation is shown when the post compares the suck-suck phenomena with the Muchnowa hysteria in India. It only happens because of the lack of information of the poster, that evaluates the suck-suck phenomena from a very limited and biased point-of-view and without considering going personally to the sites where the witnesses live and where the attacks happened, to talk to them. Or perhaps the poster should talk to Dr. Wellaide Cecim Carvalho, who treated dozens and dozens of people burned and wounded by the suck-suck. Hysteria? Hardly!

We are not talking of a mere ball of light in sky at some distance. We are talking about a consistent pattern of observations that happened daily and many times during the day, of some very specific types of objects (during the day, and lights during the nights), that also had an specific behavior in approaching the witnesses and finally had an specific m. o. when attacking them. Also, victims had wounds in a very consistent pattern, confirmed and investigated by a Dr. Wellaide, sent by Para state Government to Colares to help.

Anyone interested in more about the OS should study the several extensive and in-depth interviews that my colleagues and I personally conducted (not e-mail interviews) with that doctor, with the several military and civilian witnesses, with a few journalists that covered the facts at that time etc. They describe, in detail, what happened in 1974, 1975, 1976 and specially at the second semester of 1977.

Again, these are all pieces of a big puzzle, to be put in proper place to give someone an idea of the whole scenario.

Many other UFO researchers that conducted personal interviews should also be consulted or have their works known. As for the Fernando Costa's interview, as I stated in my previous post, I will only comment on that after I speak with the man face to face. I am the kind of UFO researcher that prefers a close encounter with witnesses when interviewing them, rather than using the internet to do so, because I consider this a much better way to evaluate his/her answers and tell his/her emotions about the subject they are discussing.

In closing this, I should add that I was the head of the Brazilian UFO Researchers Commission (CBU) that from March 2004 to May 2005 conducted the first movement in the country to publicly and strongly request that Brazilian authorities open their files to the UFO Community and to the public. The other members of the Commission where Claudeir Covo, Marco Petit, Rafael Cury, Fernando Ramalho, Reginaldo de Athayde and Roberto Beck, some of the finest and most experienced UFO researchers in the country.

After a lot of hard of work during the campaign, we finally got the attention of our military authorities, and on January 2005 I got a call from the Brazilian Air Force spokesman with a formal invitation for us to check their secret files at Brazilian Airspace Defense Command (Comdabra) and other installations, in Brasilia. After many contacts from us to them and from them to us it was decide that such a visit =96 the very first official contact among UFO researchers and military to discuss the UFO Phenomena in Brazilian history =96 was scheduled to May 20, 2005.

When my associates and I visited Comdabra, May 20, and we entered the most secure military area in the country, we were given the opportunity to extensively exam some of the secret files of the Brazilian Air Force regarding UFOs. Among them was a folder pertaining to OS, with dozens and dozens of original documents and photos of the UFOs seen in the Amazon.

We were not allowed to copy or to take that material off the premises, but we were given enough time to analyze it pretty detailedly, which we did.

Some of the documents and photos we already knew from several leaks in the past, but most of them were totally new to us. If what we saw at that May 20 and before that, while talking to so many first-hand witnesses involved in the procedures of the OS is, according to the poster, "little evidence" then I cannot figure out what he would consider otherwise.

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Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

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In 1995, London businessmen, Ray Santilli and Gary Shoefield unleashed a phenomenon on the world. The Alien Autopsy film created a storm of controversy and split the UFO community right down the middle. Was it real footage or was it just an elaborate hoax?

Ten years later, Santilli and Shoefield would admit that the film was a fabrication, although according to them, it was based upon genuine footage that they had obtained from an elderly, American military cameraman. Unfortunately, that film from 1947 had degraded to such an extent when they brought it back to England that it was unusable.

A recent movie, produced by Warner Bros and Qwerty Films was made with the full cooperation of Santilli and Shoefield, was subsequently released. Alien Autopsy told their story, albeit in a comedic format, with popular British duo, Ant & Dec in the starring roles, and depicted the huge amounts of money they made from the autopsy video.

On Sunday, 21st October 2007, a new player entered the game.

Filmmaker and magician, Spyros Melaris, appeared in public for the first time at the hugely-successful Roswell 60 conference in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, in the north of England. The conference, hosted by renowned Alien Autopsy researcher, Philip Mantle, was the largest UFO event in the UK for years and was organised by UFO Data Magazine. Melaris' surprise appearance reconfirmed the controversy and stirred more debate into the Alien Autopsy fiasco.

Melaris claimed that it was he who created the autopsy films not Santilli and Shoefield. They merely commissioned him to create the greatest hoax of the 1990s. Bound by a confidentiality agreement, Melaris was unable to speak of his involvement, but the release of the Ant & Dec movie negated that contract due to the fact that Santilli and Shoefield had finally admitted that the film which was released to the public was a fake and by so doing, placed that fact firmly in the public domain.

There was no original footage. There was no Roswell cameraman. There was no alien on a mortician's slab.

Melaris wanted to pull off an illusion that would fool the world on an unprecedented scale. The plan was to release the footage, with the alien created by master sculptor, John Humphries. It was agreed that Santilli and Shoefield would not make any representation as to 'what' the film was about, and broadcasters should make their own conclusions. After a few weeks or when Santilli had a sufficient monetary return, Melaris would be allowed to come clean and reveal to the world that it was just an illusion. Melaris would take a bow and then explain

in detail how the effect was achieved.

Santilli did not allow that to happen, leaning hard on the confidentiality agreement signed by Melaris and his team. Instead of the agreed 33% of all revenues which Santilli made, all that Melaris received were expenses to cover the costs of producing the autopsy footage and wages for his crew.

With legal action against Santilli and formal notice being served to stop Santilli further representing his copyright Melaris is soon to release a book and DVD about the affair, Melaris wants the world to know the true story of the Alien Autopsy film.

UFO Data Magazine will continue to follow this astonishing, breaking story and report any developments in the pages of the UK's only full-size, glossy UFO publication.

One thing is for certain, after more than a decade, the Alien Autopsy controversy is far from over!

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Re: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

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>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:21:56 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

>>From: Stephen Bassett <PRG.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 02:13:13 -0400
>>Subject: Open Letter to Al Gore, Jr. - Redux 10/15/07

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>>Open Letter to Albert Gore, Jr. - Redux

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>Is it necessary that Al Gore, because of his political career
>and areas of specialty as a senator and vice president, aware
>about extraterrestrials and technologies?

>Sergey

Gore was an involved Vice President under Clinton and was fully aware of the Rockefeller Initiative (March 1993 -1995).

His top priority issues as a Senator included nuclear weapons, SALT and other national security matters.

He had extensive connections into the military and was generally respected for his views and service in Viet Nam as a journalist.

It is often forgotten he comes from a very well connected political family. His father was a powerful Senator and Congressman.

People with these kinds of connections get briefed in one way or the other, on the record or otherwise. The ET presence is not unknown to Washington insiders.

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Re: Kilgallen's Death At 52 Is A Mystery

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>Subject: UFO UpDate: Kilgallen's Death At 52 Is A Mystery

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>Kilgallen's Death At 52 Is A Mystery

Ah, yes, the "mysterious" death of Dorothy Kilgallen - yet another of the undying legends of our time. Did she die because she was about to blow the lid on the JFK assassination, or was it crashed saucers? Or was it a top-secret mac-and-cheese recipe? I forget. Oh, yeah:

Last evening, by coincidence (or was it something more sinister?), I was reading Vincent Bugliosi's account of the claim, in his richly documented Reclaiming History: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy (2007), pp. 1014-17 (not a typo; it's a huge book which the author spent more than two decades researching). Here is what Bugliosi, former Los Angeles County District Attorney and experienced homicide prosecutor, has to say on the matter:

Perhaps the most prominent mysterious death the conspiracy theorists have cited is that of 52-year-old New York Journal-American newspaper gossip columnist Dorothy Kilgallen, who died in her New York City townhouse in the early morning hours of November 8, 1965. The reason for her prominence in conspiracy lore is that according to the theorists, she had interviewed Jack Ruby [murderer of Lee Oswald] alone in the judge's chambers during his trial and was about to break the case wide open; that is, assuming she had a story to tell, she had not yet told it....

It should be pointed out that the only source for all the factual allegations surrounding Miss Kilgallen's death (other than her actually dying, of course) is [small-town newspaper editor and lurid conspiracy writer] Penn Jones Jr., the original and leading proponent of the mysterious-deaths allegation. Jones writes in his Forgive My Grief series that "shortly before her death, Miss Kilgallen told a friend in New York that she was going to New Orleans n five days and break the case wide open."

Therefore, Jones says, Miss Kilgallen had to be silenced. But Jones gives no source for his allegation.

It should be noted that even if Kilgallen had interviewed Ruby (more on this later), for him to tell her anything that would break the case wide open presupposes that Ruby had anything to say. But since there's no evidence whatsoever that the mob or anyone else got Ruby to kill Oswald for them (in fact, being who he was, he would be among the very last people to employ for such a mission) [Bugliosi devotes considerable space elsewhere

in the book to documenting this assertion, I think to the full satisfaction of any reasonable, open-minded reader], other than his psychotic ramblings ("Chief [Justice] Warren, your life is in danger in this city, do you know that"; "The Jewish people are being exterminated at this moment ... a whole new form of government is going to take over our country"; etc.), what valid, earth-shaking thing could Ruby possibly have told Kilgallen? And even if he did have something to say, if he didn't want to tell it to the Warren Commission, or to any of his brothers and sisters whom he spoke to while in custody, why would he want to tell it to Miss Kilgallen, a gossip columnist?

Bill Alexander, the Dallas assistant district attorney who was the lead trial prosecutor at the Ruby trial, told me that the story that Kilgallen had a private interview with Ruby during the trial was "pure bull--. The sheriff's office never let any of the reporters talk to Ruby."

When I asked Hugh Aynesworth, veteran investigative reporter for the Dallas Morning News and Newsweek magazine who was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1964 for his coverage of the Kennedy assassination, Warren Commission, and Ruby trial, what he knew about Kilgallen's supposed interview with Ruby, he said, "I know it didn't happen, and there was never any belief by the press corps in Dallas that it did."

I asked Aynesworth whether Kilgallen herself had ever claimed to anyone or in any of her articles to having had a private interview with Ruby. "No," he said, "never, not in any of her articles on the case, all of which I believe I've read, or to any of us who covered the trial. This allegation surfaced for the first time after Dorothy's death when her New York hairdresser supposedly told [gossip columnist] Walter Winchell that Dorothy had told her she spoke to Ruby and was going to blow the case wide open." Aynesworth, being a local reporter, knew the judge ("We were drinking buddies"), the DA, and the sheriff, and said if anyone had been allowed to speak with Ruby alone, it would have been he (he was the first member of the media to be granted an exclusive interview with Marina [Oswald, Lee's widow]), but he added that no one in the media was allowed to speak with Ruby. "I and everyone else was turned down. The best we could do was shout questions to Ruby when he was being brought to the courtroom from the lockup." When Sheriff Bill Decker (now deceased), whose office had custody of Ruby, heard of Kilgallen's alleged claim to her hairdresser that she had spoken alone to Ruby, Aynesworth said Decker told him, "Hugh, it didn't happen. These New York folks just make up stories." Aynesworth said that the late district attorney Henry Wade also told him it didn't happen. Aynesworth said the only person outside of Ruby's family and close friends who did get into Ruby's cell was a Los Angeles film producer who "somehow snuck in with Earl" (Ruby's brother) and provided the audio equipment for Earl questioning Ruby for a documentary.

Aynesworth said if the authorities had ever granted any reporter an interview with Ruby, "like flies on a horse-dropping, they would have had to let all the rest of us in the media talk to him. It didn't happen," he reiterated.

However, in her biography of Kilgallen, author Lee Israel says that Ruby's co-defense counsel, Joe Tonahill, wrote her on January 12, 1978, that sometime in March of 1964, Kilgallen requested a private interview with Ruby. She told Tonahill she had a message to give to Ruby from "a mutual friend," who Tonahill was led to believe was a singer from San Francisco. Tonahill made arrangements with Judge Joe B. Brown, who Israel writes was "awestruck by Dorothy," for the interview to take place in a small office behind the judge's bench. Kilgallen and Ruby spoke alone for about eight minutes. Israel wrote that "Dorothy would mention the fact of the interview to close friends, but never the substance. Not once, in her prolific published writings, did she so much as refer to the private interview."

In any event, Jones's story about Kilgallen having a story about the case from her interview with Ruby that would blow it wide open is wholly uncorroborated and very suspect. To make the tale even more malodorous, there wasn't anything suspicious or mysterious about Miss Kilgallen's death. Dr. James L. Luke, the Manhattan assistant medical examiner who conducted the autopsy, concluded in his report on November 15, 1965, that the cause of

death was from "acute ethanol [medical term for alcohol] and barbiturate intoxication." The quantity of alcohol and barbiturates in her bloodstream had not been excessive, but the combination had caused a fatal "depression on the central nervous system, which in turn caused her heart to stop." There was no indication of violence, but it was "undetermined" whether the overdose was accidental or suicide. Dr. Luke told the New York Times that "it could have simply been an extra pill. We really don't know. All we know is that depressants such as alcohol and barbiturates, one on top of another, are dangerous." About Kilgallen's legendary drinking, Aynesworth said, "Dorothy was a very heavy drinker. I remember one night at one of Belli's [Mel Belli, Ruby's main defense lawyer] parties, she joked to me, 'Hugh, you may have to write my story tomorrow.'" Bill Alexander told me, "Whatever Dorothy Kilgallen said, she said through the bottom of a bottle of booze."

At the time Miss Kilgallen died on November 8, 1965, her husband, Richard, and twelve-year-old son, Kerry, were asleep in other rooms in the townhouse. When you are alleging murder, as Penn Jones was in his book, this is a rather important detail, one that Jones didn't bother, naturally, to include. Did the conspirators somehow gain entry into Miss Kilgallen's townhouse and bedroom in the middle of the night and force alcohol and barbiturates down her throat without her making any noise that would alert her husband and son? Kilgallen's body was found by the maid, a copy of Robert Ruark's Honey Badger by her side. So there was absolutely nothing suspicious and no evidence of foul play. Or are we expected to believe that Miss Kilgallen was murdered by the conspirators who killed the president, but that these conspirators "reached" the Manhattan police and medical examiner and threatened them not to write her death up as murder?

Finally, assuming that Kilgallen did have a private interview with Ruby, it took place at the Ruby trial in Dallas during March of 1964. But wait awhile, folks. Didn't Miss Kilgallen die in November 1965, one year and eight months later? You mean to tell me a gossip columnist, or any columnist, would wait twenty months to break a sensational story? They wouldn't even wait twenty minutes, would they? Wouldn't they report it immediately so they wouldn't be "scooped" by some other reporter? Yet her biographer confirmed what Hugh Aynesworth said, that Kilgallen never wrote any article about her alleged interview with Ruby.

There is a footnote to all of this. Mrs. Earl E. T. Smith was a New York City society figure who wrote a Sunday column in the Living Section of the Journal-American under her maiden name, Florence Pritchett. When she died of a cerebral hemorrhage (Penn Jones tells his readers that the cause of death was "unknown") at her Fifth Avenue home just two days after Miss Kilgallen, it simply was too much of a coincidence for Penn Jones, who ominously linked the two deaths to the Kennedy assassination cover-up. Jones said the two were "close friends" ("Possibly," he speculates, "Mrs. Smith was the trusted friend" to whom Kilgallen allegedly said she was going to break the case wide open; Penn doesn't mention, or didn't know about, the hairdresser story), but again offers not one scrap of evidence to support this assertion of friendship. Other than their working at the same paper (Kilgallen, full-time, Mrs. Smith, probably mailing her column in once a week) and most likely at least being acquaintances, they certainly moved in different worlds. The tart-tongued and aggressive Miss Kilgallen, described by a colleague as a "newspaperman in a \$500 dress," worked in the rough-and-tumble field of investigative journalism, almost exclusively male at the time. Mrs. Smith, a member of the Four Hundred in New York, was very active in the arts and in charity work and mingled with the swells from the Social Register. Per her obituary in the New York Times, she and her husband (the American ambassador to Cuba just before Castro took power) were close friends to President Kennedy and his wife, were frequent White House guests, and were Palm Beach, Florida, neighbors. In the absence of any evidence presented by Jones that they were "close friends," the assumption (even if they had lived in the same apartment and worked everyday for the same company) has to be they were not. And in Lee Israel's 485-page biography of Kilgallen, there isn't even a single reference to her. Indeed, she writes that Kilgallen had very few female friends, her closest being Jean Bach and Lillian Boscovity. But even if they were friends, so what?

Jones, naturally, doesn't bother to tell his readers that Mrs. Smith, per the New York Times, "had been in ill-health since mid-August" (almost three months before Miss Kilgallen's death) and "had recently been discharged from Roosevelt Hospital." It should finally be noted that even [the now-defunct left-leaning, conspiracy-championing] Ramparts magazine, which so effusively endorsed Penn Jones's powerful imagination, could not swallow his claim that Kilgallen was silenced, conceding that "we know of no serious person who really believes that the death of Dorothy Kilgallen was related to the Kennedy assassination."

Jerry Clark

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 11:43:08 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>>>I've had a few mails/calls about mail not getting through
>>>over the past 24-hours. I've sent myself messages, some
>>>make it, some don't...

>>>If you've submitted posts for the List that don't appear
>>>by this time tomorrow please re-send.

>>Although most of us view this 'electronic void' we call 'he
>>Internet as the New Frontier in terms of freedom of speech and a
>>means to unlock the chains that bind us all by the corporate
>>controlled mainstream media (CCMM), unbeknownst to most is that
>>it is not without fault in that regard.

>>There exists a form of censorship in the worst degree that most
>>Internet users are ignorant of; this censorship falls under the
>>guise of spam, to which most of us who've spent anytime on the
>>net are keenly aware of!

>>Some ISPs e.g., Comcast use RBL's (Real Time Blacklists) and
>>filter your mail without you even knowing it. This is analogous
>>to your neighborhood mailman withholding your letters from Aunt
>>Hildagard because he knows she is last in the pecking-order of
>>your favorite aunts.

<snip>

>I had to give up the freedom of accepting everything in my own
>mail server when email at the rate of 20 to 30 thousand messages
>an hour began to clog the system. These originated in China, for
>the most part, but a filter had to be installed to block them.
>The freedom and openness of the Internet will be tempered by
>factors over which we have little control, and its functionality
>is at stake here.

You realizing you have a problem, and you taking measures to
remedy that problem by whatever means you see fit re. spam, or
an attack are certainly acceptable and appropriate.

>Let's also be clear in that all email (unless encrypted) is
>scanned at the primary mail hosts and thus there is no real
>privacy of communications on the net.

Privacy is another bone of contention; my concerns in this
instance are censorship and manipulation of one's mail without
their knowledge.

Because I have a mailing List (not unlike Errol's) for the
Knowledge is Power web-site, I inadvertently ended up on an RBL
list; at the time I didn't have a clue as to what all of it

meant, and how or why I was put on it.

I quickly found out it was analogous to Identity Theft, i.e., easy to effectuate, but very difficult to undo!

Early on I became cognizant that friends and colleagues were not receiving my e-mail; although, I was made aware that my e-mail wasn't getting through, the recipients hadn't a clue!

After some in-depth research, I found out that I was initially put on the RBL list in an automated fashion, by a third party spam company that C2C uses.

Now to be clear, C2C often links to articles at the Knowledge is Power web-site and the webmasters have been on my mailing List for years - as well as George and Art for that matter - there were no humans involved in this action!

Now trying to get a human involved at this point, is almost impossible! Although, I have lightened the problem, it is not entirely fixed to this day!

While, I'm sure the level of frustration would have been the same no matter the case, I was neck-deep in research at the time, and unrestricted communication was vital! On the other hand, I'm always neck-deep in research.

So the synopsis is this:

The current methodology for restricting spam is flawed, to say the least, and in my view unlawful if we regard e-mail with the same discretion as we do snail mail delivered to us by the US Postal service.

There are two victims i.e., the sender as well as the recipient.

There is no easy means to remedy mistakes!

These third party companies do this for profit and in some cases are most arrogant in their acts!

Finally, the e-mail sending public is sick and tired of spam, and is desperate for solutions; however, the afore-mentioned means is certainly not the answer, and most are ignorant of these specifics.

Education on these matters is paramount, and censorship and manipulation, of ones e-mail is intolerable, and should be treated as such!

Regards,

Frank

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 22:38:32 +0100
Archived: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 07:31:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul.com>
>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:41 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

<snip>

>>I am sure that you have sound reasons of your own for suspecting
>>that there is such a grand conspiracy in place. All I can ask is
>>that you reconsider the conclusions you have drawn, and that you
>>do this by stopping to think for a while about how the world
>>looks from Teheran, Havana, Moscow, Damascus or Tripoli (if that
>>is too general an invitation, think about it in terms of
>>'opportunities for de-stabilisation'). I believe that if you
>>conduct such an exercise, your views on the grand conspiracy
>>will be tempered, and it is also my opinion that once this
>>happens you will be a little closer (I'm talking about a yard or
>>two closer to something a hundred miles away - no great claim, I
>>admit!) to a true understanding of the nature of the bewildering
>>and elusive phenomena that so intrigue us both.

>Gerald:

>You seem to be ignoring the fact that opposing forces may take
>similar actions but for different reasons and without
>conspiring. The United States didn't go public with its
>blatantly illegal U-2 flights over the USSR, because it did not
>want to fess up to the illegal behavior. The Soviets protested
>through diplomatic channels, but not publicly because they did
>not want to admit they could do nothing to stop the flights.
>Once they shot down Gary Powers and displayed him, the wreckage,
>camera etc. they made much noise.

>In 2001 The US finally admitted to families of 166 crew members
>of military recon aircraft that had been shot down while heading
>towards or over North Korea, China, or the USSR. Some events had
>happened more than 50 years earlier. The families had all been
>lied to. We shot down some Soviet planes... again without
>publicity... or conspiracy. See William Burrows fine book *By
>Any Means Necessary*.

>The third reason I give for the cover up in my UFO Why Questions
>at my website is that any public announcement of the reality of
>alien visitors could well move the younger generation to start
>thinking of themselves as Earthlings instead of as Americans,
>Russians, Cubans etc. I know of no country that wants its
>citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet instead
>of to that country. It seems to me that Nationalism is the only
>game in town. People in power want to stay in power.

Stan,

Your argument here feels to me as though it is a last ditch
post-rationalization of a position that just doesn't stack up

against the evidence. And, once again in this discussion, there is a great deal of USA-centric thinking at the root of it.

It makes a lot of sense if you are the world's number one superpower to work hard to conceal evidence that you are actually highly vulnerable. But if you are an also-ran in the power stakes, there is much to be gained by revealing that vulnerability - not least a levelling of the global playing field. Smart strategists would pick up on that and take the chance. This is especially true of smart strategists who have established a strong degree of control over their own national media. They could easily decide to back their own ability to 'manage' the situation domestically while the media in the USA and other western democracies went berserk in an orgy of sensationalist de-stabilization.

This in turn undermines your argument about a younger generation starting to think of themselves as earthlings: in California, yes; in North Korea, no. 'The reality of alien visitors' might play well in Berkeley and Dallas, but in Beirut and Damascus it would be the latest instalment in a catalogue of decadent imperialist machinations.

All of which is to argue the point from a tacit acceptance of your view that those in power will always behave cynically in order to preserve that power. I'm not convinced, however that that is always the case. Leaders are capable of acts of altruism, and in Chavez you have a leader who has raised the altruistic gesture almost to an art form. While the CIA labours unsuccessfully to engineer his downfall, he funds children's orchestras and offers cheap fuel to financially challenged American city councils during cold weather. If he could, I think he would derive enormous enjoyment from blowing the lid off UFO secrecy in a way that would undermine the existing global status quo - and he's got his own weekly TV show on which to showcase all the smoking guns, saucer wreckage and charred alien remains!

-- Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 16:14:42 -0600
Archived: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 07:33:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 22:17:48 EDT
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:41:00 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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>>Dick,

>>From your response of 21 Oct to Brad Sparks' proposal:

>>"Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion
>>is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated
>>former NFOs)."

>>This certainly seems to entail an assumption about NFOs in the
>>absence (by definition) of investigation. How does one reconcile
>>this with the last sentence of your reply to me?

>You lost me here. Dick was not assuming anything about the NFO
>reports. His last sentence of his reply to you said "The whole
>point is the need to investigate before assuming anything." I
>don't see how he or I could be any clearer than that.

Yes, it is crystal-clear that Dick's reply to me contradicts his
previous comment to you (with which I agree). How can you
characterize the uninvestigated cases as a waste of time, and in
the same breath say the whole point is to investigate before
assuming anything? It makes my head hurt.

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>>The essential point of my reply to him is
>>that, by adjusting the 'filter' on what constitutes a case worth
>>investigating, one can obtain just about any desired number for
>>the fraction of genuine unknowns in the investigated set.
>>However, a debunker can similarly expand the overall 'report'
>>database such that the fraction of unknowns tends to zero.

>Now you are implying that the creation of an NFO category is
>some kind of "filtering" trick. But you ignore my historical
>review showing that the vast expansion of the IFO category to
>include what we would now call NFO's was the actual and quite
>dishonest statistical trick devised by Project Blue Book in
>1952-3. We are simply trying to undo this trickery. That doesn't
>make it a "filtering" trick itself, it's the negation of the
>statistical trick. Is stopping a crime now a crime itself??

I agree that a statistical 'swindle' occurred in the
categorization of the Blue Book reports that had the effect of
suppressing the apparent fraction of unknowns. That knob can be
turned in both directions. Why not simply ignore this
parameter? The debunker talking-point that "98(or whatever)% of

all reports are found to have prosaic causes" is vacuous precisely because of subjective definitions for terms like "identified", or even what constitutes a genuine 'UFO report'.

>We aren't talking about definitions of a case "worth
>investigating" or not worth investigating. We are talking about
>cases that are uninvestigated, something that is an objective
>fact that is readily determinable -- was the case investigated
>or not? That is an objective question.

An equally objective question is whether the investigated cases represent a random sample of all reports. I think it's clear they do not. With finite time and resources, there is unquestionably a selection bias in favor of the more 'anomalous' cases. Consider two separate cases involving a visually indistinct object, one traveling at airline speed on a linear trajectory, the other at Mach 9 with a right-angle turn. Even though they could very well be the same object, if resources are limited, which case gets investigated? Is the first case not a 'real' UFO report?

I do not dispute the need or the wisdom for such filtering. I merely observe that it serves to enrich the population of unknowns among the investigated cases relative to the entire data set.

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>Another objection I have to the continued misuse of NFO's to
>contaminate "UFO" data, and debates about the data, is that it
>helps perpetuate the obsession with anecdotal reports. The vast
>majority of NFO's are brief newspaper stories in various files,
>and are simply worthless or next-to-worthless anecdotes.

I must agree, but see your statement above: "We aren't talking about definitions of a case worth investigating or not worth investigating". You are (accurately, I believe) characterizing the dominant component of the UFO report database as inherently worthless, much less worth investigating. Should we thus remove this component from the database entirely, at least for the purposes of 'statistics'? Perhaps. The numbers will be 'sexier', but the evidence no stronger.

>All we need to do to stop fixating on anecdotes and whining
>about how supposedly that's all we have for "UFO evidence" is to
>make a conscious choice, a policy decision, a new strategy. Make
>a choice, the right choice, to stop talking about UFO anecdotes
>and start concentrating on instrument UFO data and technical
>observations such as triangulations and UFO reports made by
>special UFO tracking networks that the government has operated.
>I have cataloged many of these cases in my Comprehensive Catalog
>of Blue Book Unknowns on various web sites for the last several
>years, as well as summarizing some on UFO UpDates many times.

Well, I'm happy to report that we're squarely in agreement on this point, and confess that I've been playing devil's advocate with the fraction-of-unknowns statistics issue. Given the limited investigative resources, there is no question that the vast majority of UFO 'evidence', as broadly defined, should be filtered out and ignored, as a matter of both practicality and principle. Deliver the smoking gun, and everyone will forget about the statistics.

Mike

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Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:50:42 EDT
Archived: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:49:02 -0400
Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:32:09 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB

>Source: The New Hampshire - Student Publication The University
> Of New Hampshire - Durham, USA

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

>10/23/07

>UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB
>Meg Power

>A declassified FBI memo, dated March 22, 1950, states that
>'flying saucers' had been recovered in New Mexico, after a crash
>landing. That document is just one of the pieces of evidence
>Robert Hastings uses in his lecture, UFOs: The Secret Story.
>Hastings will be at UNH this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the
>Strafford Room.

This is the Scully hoax all over again. The FBI memo was not
"declassified." It was never classified in the first place. It
reported a rumor that had already been well publicized for
months, with this version appearing in the Wyandotte Echo
newspaper on Jan. 6, 1950.

The baloney about the US "radar interferes with the controlling
mechanism of the saucers" in the March 1950 FBI memo comes
straight out of the Wyandotte Echo story of January 1950 from
car dealer Rudy Fick who got it from "Coulter" - Scully friend
George Koehler, a radio station ad manager in Denver.

The Koehler story in Jan 1950 said "radar waves interfere with
their control systems." That's two months before the FBI memo.

Air Force OSI documents copy and even type out this Jan 1950
newspaper clipping onto official-looking memos so the article is
readable, without commenting on any of the contents. Someone
looking at such a typed out story on an official-looking AFOSI
memo might mistakenly get the wrong impression that the AF was
endorsing the contents, when it was merely copying in readable
form a fantastic newsclipping. Then they pass their rumor to the
rumor-loving FBI.

We know that even people outside the government got to see these
AF documents. Washington columnist Drew Pearson reported in his
Nov. 25, 1950, column that he personally saw a "confidential Air
Force report" on the hoaxed George Koehler story of saucer
remains.

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Puerto Rico Bolide Sightings October 2007

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Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:39:34 -0400
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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 23, 2007

A Brief Summary of Meteorite and Bolide Sightings in Puerto Rico,

October 2007

By Luz Guzm=Eln =96 OVNI.NET

Translated by Scott Corrales, IHU

Date: None given. Only described as =93recently=94

Place: Luis Munoz Rivera Housing Project, Guanica

Time: Pre-Dawn hours

Witness: No names given. Only =93Residents of the Luis Munoz Rivera Housing Projects=94 mentioned.

Summary: On Saturday 20 October, researcher Jose Martinez of Guanica reported the fall of a strange bottle-shaped object in the town of Guanica on the Imprimatur message list. He reported that several residents of the housing project had seen a small burning object falling from the sky. Guanica district police seized the strange bottle-shaped object. He said =93with this interesting case we cannot dismiss the possibility that space junk could be involved=94 and the Police do not wish to make any comments at this time until an expert establishes exactly what it was that fell in the vicinity of the old Munoz Rivera housing project.

Source: Jose A. Mart=EDnez E. del Puerto Rican Experimental Research Group, Inc, Brightlights UFOlogist Digest, Historias Ufologicas de Puerto Rico y Exterior

Date: Saturday 20 October 2007

Date: From Juana Diaz, seen to the east of Ponce. Corral Falso District, in the Callabo neighborhood.

Time: 7:30 PM Approx.

Witnesses: Several.

Summary: A strange explosion in the South. JUANA DIAZ =96 =93Authorities have not been able to ascertain what caused an explosion, and its origin, which was heard practically throughout the western side of this municipality and some sectors to the east of Ponce on Saturday Night. Yesterday morning a Police helicopter flyover detected the presence of charred treetops in the Corral Falso sector of the Callabo neighborhood. Some witnesses at this location reportedly saw an explosion they attributed to an aviation accident or flares being launched at the site. Others did not hesitate to suggest

that it could have been produced by an alien craft, insisting that the [explosion] was like a lit ball that fell from the sky and struck a hill. After the explosion at 7:30, several police men and Emergency Management personnel toured the site without finding anything.=94

Source: Miguel Rivera Puig =96 El Vocero Newspaper

Reported to OVNI.Net by: Ana Del C Torres, MBA Oficial de Manejo de Proyectos

Date: Saturday, 20 October 2007

Place: Urb. Parkville, Guaynabo

Time: 7:30 PM

Witness: Reinaldo Mendez

Summary: On Saturday October 20, 2007 at 7:30 PM Mendez was with his family on the terrace of his house (facing the back yard) in Urb. Parkville in Guaynabo when he saw an enormous light. First he thought it was a very bright white flare descending from the sky to the ground. He asked those who were with him if they had seen it to, but no one else had. He also thought that it could have been a shooting star, as it traveled downward. Or it could have been a flare of some kind, but he never saw it ascend; only come down. He waited for the loud report made by fireworks but nothing happened. He gave it no further importance and made no other remarks, assuming it had been a flare. Upon reading the El Vocero newspaper and learning of a strange explosion in the southern part of the island in Juana Diaz and Ponce where only burned branches were found, he checked the orientation points of where he had seen the object. He employed a compass and the Google Earth software. He is almost certain that what he saw could be related with what he read in El Vocero (Page 22, Monday 22, Miguel Rivera Puig).

Source: As told by Reinaldo Mendez to Andrew Alvarez, <http://www.andrewalvarez.net>.

Date: Saturday, 20 October 2007

Place: Amalia Marin, Playa de Ponce and Juana Diaz

Time: 7:30 Approx.

Witness: Pedro Cotto

Summary: The explosion (loud report) was heard both as a ground shock wave and as an air-carried sound in Amalia Marin, Playa de Ponce at that same time. First a ground wave was felt, followed by a sound wave. The sound appeared to be an explosion in a vacuum. As soon as the events took place, the witness called the Ponce Municipal Police=92s command center and the Playa precinct, but no one knew anything. He then phoned the OMMED office and the person on the phone told him that there was no information available. In both cases, he was the first person to call. Regarding the explosion (loud report) in Juana Diaz due to the alleged fall of a fireball, Pedro believes that it could be linked to the fragments of the Orionid meteor shower during these days.

Source: Andrew Alvarez <http://www.andrewalvarez.net>

Date: Saturday 20 October 2007

Place: Witness was in Guayama but [object fell] in Salinas

Time: 7:45 PM

Witness: Juan Carlos Menendez

Summary: Menendez was on Guayama on Saturday, more or less in the same place where a fireball was seen to fall. He saw something white in color fall from the sky. He thought it was a =93flare gun=94 that had fallen in the Salinas area. This was around 7:45 PM and it was already dark, with the stars and Moon

visible. To his surprise, he heard about it on Channel 2 and visuals were shown.

Date: Sunday, October 21 2007

Time: Pre-Dawn Hours. Phone call to anthropologist and paranormal researcher Andrew Alvarez at 2 a.m.

Witness: Pedro

Summary: Pedro informed Alvarez that he was seeing a UFO at that time. Lucy Guzman, Orlando Pla, Cindia Medina and Jule Alvatez were having breakfast at the Denny=92s Restaurant on Avenida Munoz Rivera at that time. They went outside to look at the sky but could not see it. (Waiting to call Pedro for greater information)

Source: Andrew Alvarez Phd <http://www.andrewalvarez.net>

Date: Sunday 21 October 2007

Place: Juana Diaz, seen to the west of Ponce

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Witness: Ing. Edwin Fontanes and his girlfriend Sharon

Summary: Edwin and Sharon were heading toward Ponce along Route 52. Edwin was driving and Sharon was next to him in the passenger seat. In the vicinity of Juana Diaz, Sharon noticed a very bright sphere entering a cloud. She called Edwin=92s attention to it but he didn=92t look as he was driving.

Source: Reported by Ing. Fontanes to www.ovni.net.

Date: October 2007

Place: Aguas Buenas, Caguas =96 San Juan Metro Area

Time: Night

Witness: Zaida Vega

Summary: Zaida lives in one of the tallest mountains in Aguas Buenas. She is concerned about the presence of an uncommon haze throughout the area. She checked the news to see if it was desert dust or volcanic ash, but the news had not reported any such event. She smelled to see if someone was burning copper or rubber, but the air was pure and odorless. This concerned her, as she can see the Aguas Buenas, Caguas and part of the Metropolitan Area and the entire zone appears to be covered by this strange haze.

Source: Andrew Alvarez www.andrewalvarez.net

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Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 17:15:43 -0400
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

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>The rest of your argument about a filtering process skewing the
>percentage of unknowns completely eludes me. In the first place,
>I consider the 'percentage of unknowns' argument to be totally
>meaningless (as does Brad Sparks).

Probably best to let Brad speak for himself on that. He is clearly irritated that the Blue Book statistics were, shall we say, creatively processed to diminish this parameter. I think his complaint has merit. To the extent it can be manipulated in this fashion, this parameter is indeed meaningless as a measure of the 'legitimacy' of the UFO phenomenon.

>The UFO phenomenon, if there is a real and non-trivial one as I
>am convinced there is, lies in the fully investigated and
>unexplainable cases or "True UFOs." Very importantly, this body
>of hardcore, fully investigated cases shows strong patterns of
>appearance and behavior.

I agree. I further agree that time and resources are being wasted on cases of minimal value, per your earlier comment to Brad.

Mike

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Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
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>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 02:07:09 EDT
>Subject: Re: Roswell The Nazi Connection

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>Of course, none of this really has anything to do with UFOs,
>does it?

While the Nazi UFOs in the Antarctic stuff is rubbish, without a shred of historical evidence to back it up, it should be noted that the claims of Nazi UFOs were taken seriously by many in the years immediately following WWII, including by Canadian military and intelligence officials (or at least seriously enough to warrant investigation). I wrote the following column back in August, 2005, for my blog - the original can be found at:

<http://tinyurl.com/ywe3ym>

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

Canada and Flying Saucers, Part III [Enter... the Nazis?]

Rumours have existed for decades that the Germans, towards the end of the Second World War, were working on creating a flying saucer. Indeed, some fringe conspiracy theorists today maintain that the Germans actually made at least one, and got it to work (the follow-along contention often being that these projects were taken over by the Americans and / or Soviets after the war).

While there is no doubt that the Germans were working on advanced aircraft and missile design throughout the war, there has never been any credible evidence that the claims of "Nazi flying saucers" was anything other than a myth, in the purest sense of the term (i.e. not true). Anyone who tells you otherwise simply has no idea what they are talking about.

However, while we might know this now, things were much different back in the early 1950s. It was an era of heightened Cold War tension between the superpowers, but it was also an era of intense competition between the western allies, particularly the Anglo-American-Canadian triumvirate, for technological advances. Finally, the myriad reports of UFOs being seen around the world had gotten the attention of everyone - especially the Air Force, both in the United States, and in Canada.

So, when a German came forward and claimed that he had knowledge of a secret Nazi flying saucer program, the authorities, at least in Canada, took him seriously.

In the late spring of 1952, a German immigrant to Canada

approached a former RCAF officer of his acquaintance, and told him that he had knowledge of German flying saucer design and production. The former officer reported this to the RCAF, which arranged an interview with the German. On 21 June, 1952, according to the formerly Secret interrogation report, the German (referred to in the report as the "Source") was interrogated at RCAF HQ in Ottawa by Squadron Leader G. A. White, Flight Lieutenant H. Brooks, and a Mr. S. Shramshenko. Group Captain N. W. Timmerman and Flying Officer H. P. Korntoff sat in as observers.

Three things immediately stand out from this initial interrogation.

First, the level of the officers involved. All were commissioned officers, and two - White and Timmerman - were senior officers (a Squadron Leader was the equivalent of a Major, and a Group Captain the equivalent of a Colonel; a Flight Lieutenant was the equivalent of a Captain, and a Flying Officer a 1st Lieutenant). They were members of the Department of Air Intelligence. This indicates that the RCAF took the claim, at least in the beginning, seriously.

Second, the thoroughness of the interrogation. The source provided his alleged full history, the supposed history of the programs he had allegedly work on, and some of what he claimed were his own design plans, which he stated were superior to the original German plans. The fact that the officers didn't seem to think much of his story shows that they knew their stuff. For example, they immediately recognized that the plan the source showed them was actually a conventional jet with a circular wing.

Third, the lack of civilian involvement (other than Shramshenko, who was possibly an interpreter, although this is a point that needs to be confirmed). This was a matter that related directly to flying saucers, and therefore national security. It occurred after the creation of Project Second Story (of which Timmerman was a member) earlier that year, and yet it was run entirely by the Air Force.

The interrogators sent the source on his way, and that most likely would have been the end of it, except two days later the source contacted DAI and told them that he had not divulged all that he knew about the flying saucer program, and that he had a number of drawings that pertained to the construction of the German flying saucer. The DAI determined that it could not afford to ignore this information, and arranged for a second interrogation later that day. Once again, it took place at Air Force HQ in Ottawa. It was conducted by Timmerman, White, and Brooks, with an unnamed civilian observer present.

This time, the officers could not immediately dismiss the new information provided by the source - it appeared to them to be outside their area of knowledge. Accordingly, they arranged for a third interview, which would involve members of the National Research Council who did have the knowledge to assess the new claims.

This third - and final - interview took place later that day, at the National Research Council offices in Ottawa. Squadron Leader White represented DAI as an observer, but the questions this time were asked by four experts - F. R. Thurston, Chief of the Structure Laboratory at the NRC (in 1976, he would be awarded the prestigious McCurdy Award by the Canadian Aeronautics and Space Institute; see <http://www.casi.ca/index.php?pg=awards>); T. Stephens, Chief of the Aerodynamics Laboratory at the NRC; A. H. Hall, the Assistant Chief of the Structures Laboratory; and R. A. Tyler, a research officer in gas dynamics at the NRC. According to the report, they "thoroughly questioned" the source on "all aspects of the design and technical detail of the alleged flying saucer. At this point, under hard questioning by scientific experts, it became clear that the source did not know what he was talking about. As the report states:

"Source was, however, unable to answer with any accuracy, questions pertaining to types of metals used, fuel used, how various parts of the aircraft operated and/or their size, etc. He was unable to answer many of the questions at all."

The NRC officials concluded that the source was a "thorough

liar," that he was "trying to bluff his way through the interrogation," that he was "technically unqualified to have such knowledge of aircraft structure or design," and that there was "nothing new, technically or in design, in the plans produced or information heard from the source." As a result, the source was sent on his way, and the matter closed - although neither the NRC officials nor the DAI officers ruled out the possibility that such machines had existed, or the possibility that they could be built (which, given some of the work the Defence Research Board was involved in at that time, comes as no surprise).

What this episode demonstrates, yet again, is that the real investigation of the UFO phenomenon in Canada was being run by the Royal Canadian Air Force. When a potentially important source of UFO information surfaced, it was DAI officers that conducted the investigation, and then NRC scientists who were consulted about the technical aspects.

It was not being run by the far too credulous Wilbert Smith, the Senior Radio Regulations Engineer in the Air Services Section of the Department of Transport, who at this time was working on an interim report for his pet Project Magnet that somehow managed to conclude - without any evidence - that "saucers are real," and that they operated in a very precise manner.

After all, the Defence Research Board and the RCAF took the subject of UFOs seriously.

Paul Kimball

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Secrecy News -- 10/24/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:00:01 -0400
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:45:17 -0400
Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/24/07

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COVERT ACTION, AND MORE FROM CRS

Notable new reports from the Congressional Research Service that have not been made widely available to the public include the following.

"Covert Action: Legislative Background and Possible Policy Questions," updated October 11, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/intel/RL33715.pdf>

"U.S.-China Counterterrorism Cooperation: Issues for U.S. Policy," updated October 10, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL33001.pdf>

"Mexico's Drug Cartels," October 16, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL34215.pdf>

"Burma-U.S. Relations," updated October 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33479.pdf>

"The Export Administration Act: Evolution, Provisions, and Debate," updated September 28, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL31832.pdf>

"Status of a Member of the House Who Has Been Indicted for or Convicted of a Felony," updated October 5, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL33229.pdf>

JOINT STAFF VIEWS PEACE OPERATIONS

A new publication from the Joint Chiefs of Staff defines military doctrine regarding "peace operations."

Peace operations utilize "all instruments of national power with military missions to contain conflict, redress the peace, and

shape the environment to support reconciliation and rebuilding and facilitate the transition to legitimate governance. Peace operations include peacekeeping, peace enforcement, peacemaking, peace building, and conflict prevention efforts."

There are 15 fundamental elements of peace operations, according to the new doctrine, including: transparency, impartiality, credibility, freedom of movement, restraint and minimum force, and so on.

See "Peace Operations," Joint Publication JP 3-07.3, October 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/dod/jp3-07-3.pdf>

ADMINISTRATION OF TORTURE

Much of what is publicly known regarding the abuse of detainees held in U.S. custody did not emerge from congressional investigations -- there were no such investigations -- or from other conventional means of oversight.

Instead, a large portion of the public record on interrogation policy was uncovered through an unusually effective Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the American Civil Liberties Union.

A new documentary collection on detainee abuse edited by ACLU attorneys Jameel Jaffer and Amrit Singh has just been published by Columbia University Press under the title "Administration of Torture," with a narrative introduction by the editors.

<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/cup/catalog/data/9780231140522.HTM>

AMERICA AND THE ISLAMIC BOMB

The U.S. Government was acquiescent in Pakistan's acquisition of nuclear weapons technology over a period of decades, according to a new book on the subject.

The activities of individual members of Pakistan's nuclear procurement network in the United States are examined in detail by investigative reporters David Armstrong and Joseph Trento in "America and the Islamic Bomb," Steerforth Press, 2007.

<http://www.islamicbomb.org/>

Richard M. Barlow, a former CIA and Defense official who attempted to "blow the whistle" on Pakistan's pursuit of nuclear technology in the 1980s, was effectively punished for his efforts.

"For his candor, and despite the backing of some top intelligence officials, Barlow was stripped of his Top Secret/Codeword clearances and hounded out of the Pentagon," wrote Jeff Stein in "The Nuclear Bombshell That Never Went Off," CQ Homeland Security, October 19:

<http://public.cq.com/docs/hs/hsnews110-000002609396.html>

Secrecy News is written by Steven Aftergood and published by the Federation of American Scientists.

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Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:39:51 -0400
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:47:21 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 10:29:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

<snip>

>So the synopsis is this:

>The current methodology for restricting spam is flawed, to say
>the least, and in my view unlawful if we regard e-mail with the
>same discretion as we do snail mail delivered to us by the US
>Postal service.

Hi Frank,

I believe the legal misconception is that email is analogous to "snail mail", when that is clearly not the case. As of yet, I've not seen any protections regarding privacy in email enacted into law, and thus far the Courts have ruled that search warrants are not needed to monitor ongoing communications.

We have similar problems were I work for a Federal Agency and often have to deal with "blocks" on email, which can be troublesome (as you note).

Steve

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Did A UFO Really Crash Land Near Wrexham?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:53:24 -0400
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:53:24 -0400
Subject: Did A UFO Really Crash Land Near Wrexham?

Source: Wrexham Evening Leader - Wrexham, Wales, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2g29cw>

24 October 2007

Did A UFO Really Crash Land Near Wrexham?

North East Wales has been something of a hot-spot for UFO sightings in recent years, we take a look at some of the best known encounters.

A UFO enthusiast is appealing for information from anyone who was watching the skies over Wrexham on one particular night in 1974 and who may have witnessed a very strange event.

Russell Kellet, a writer for Flying Saucer Review, the world's longest running UFO magazine, is particularly interested in finding out what, if anything, happened on the Llandegla Moors on the night of February 7 1974.

According to Russell, the alleged incident occurred just 15 days after the famous 'Berwyn Mountains Incident', often referred to as the 'Welsh Roswell'.

The Berwyn Mountains incident is one of the most famous British "UFO sightings".

According to reports, on the evening of January 23, 1974, there were a number of calls made to police from across the North West of England, reporting a peculiar formation of green lights flying through the night sky.

Later, at about 8.30pm, an unidentified, disc-shaped object is alleged to have been seen falling from the sky and crashing into the Berwyn mountain range near Llandrillo.

At precisely 8.38pm, a minor earthquake, measuring 4.5 on the Richter Scale, was recorded and was felt in Wrexham, Chester, Liverpool and even Manchester and the Isle of Man.

Police attended the scene of the "crash", apparently expecting to find a stricken aircraft.

What they did find remains a mystery.

The incident has become the subject of much debate over the decades that have followed.

According to some reports, a convoy of army trucks passed through Chester that night and made their way to the site, immediately putting a cordon around the area and warning the police and crash investigators to stay away.

On January 25, under the headline "Mystery Tremor", the Wrexham Leader reported that "Men catching hares on the mountainside

above Llandrillo, near Corwen, may have triggered off the hunt for a meteorite that began in the village yesterday morning.

"For police and RAF rescue experts now believe that the tremors that shook the village and a 60 mile area of North Wales last night and the lights seen on the mountain seconds afterwards were a coincidence.

"One theory is that the lights were caused by men hunting hares.

"The RAF search team leader, Flt Sergeant H Oldham, aged 31, said that they were unlikely to resume the hunt unless military information suggested another reason for the lights.

"Dozens of calls from as far away as Cheshire and the Isle of Man jammed police switchboards, reporting tremors strong enough to 'shake' houses.

"There were no reports of damage and no aircraft were reported missing."

Some enthusiasts have pointed to the statement of a "witness", a nurse who lived in the area and allegedly described seeing a huge object crash land, causing non-human bodies and debris to be scattered across a vast area, before being told not to say anything further "in the interest of national security".

The incident that Russell is particularly interested in finding out about happened a couple of weeks later on February 7.

According to Russell, he has heard reports that a UFO was actually engaged and destroyed by another aircraft over Llandegla

He said that he was also privy to information that the military had, contemporaneously, set up a temporary hq in the area.

Russell is also interested in a more recent incident =96 near Llangollen =96 on December 17, 2000.

He claims that there was a report of an aircraft crash-landing near the Horseshoe Pass made to police that day but later refuted as a hoax.

Russell, however, claims to have spoken to a man who, had been walking his dog on the pass that day and came across a "military blockade", and who was told he could not go any further.

Anyone who thinks they might have any information, regarding either "event", that could be interesting or useful to Russell, can contact him on 0560 2826901.

Other UFO sightings from across the region

ON July 24 of this year there was a massive debate over a UFO sighting near Borrás.

A number of Wrexham residents had seen the strange flying objects, which were filmed by Leigh Williams and his girlfriend, Lynn Jones, of Borrás.

A worker from Acton, who posted a comment on the Evening Leader 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)."

There were a number of explanations put forward, including the suggestion they were Chinese lanterns set off at a wedding or a

party that night.

IN 2006 the Evening Leader's sister paper in Denbighshire, the Free Press, reported "the latest in a string of UFO sightings in the county".

On the evening of October 4, Sally Gavin, of Llanynys, spotted a very bright white flashing light just above Moel Famau Country Park.

She said: "It grew wider and wider and consisted of three lights which flashed on and off like Christmas tree lights before disappearing. I called a friend who lives in Gellifor and would have a better view and he confirmed he, too, could see the red light."

Five people, including Sally's brother-in-law, saw the strange light and reported the details to North Wales Police, who told them it might have been caused by the Army or someone out hunting.

Sally, however, was sure this wasn't the case.

She said: "It definitely wasn't a plane or a helicopter. The lights were far to big and bright."

IN July 2006 Barry Davies, 49, was left "mystified" after watching a strange object over the Dee estuary near Flint.

Barry was at his partner's house near Flint Castle at 11am on Saturday, when his sister phoned, claiming a strange object was flying overhead.

Grabbing binoculars, he saw a large object, which he described as a 'long black sausage', flying over the Dee towards the Wirral.

According to MOD records there was a report of a UFO over Wrexham on March 30, 1998, at about 11.20pm.

It was described as a "large, square-shaped, very bright object. Blue-ish with lights around it. There was a humming sound and a nasty smell".

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

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 11:49:07 -0500
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 06:58:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 22:38:32 +0100
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul.com>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:41 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>The third reason I give for the cover up in my UFO Why Questions
>at my website is that any public announcement of the reality of
>alien visitors could well move the younger generation to start
>thinking of themselves as Earthlings instead of as Americans,
>Russians, Cubans etc. I know of no country that wants its
>citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet instead
>of to that country. It seems to me that Nationalism is the only
>game in town. People in power want to stay in power.

Stan,

While it is certainly true that cynical leaders manipulate
love of country for their own purposes (it's happening right now
even as I type, in fact, in a little place called Washington,
D.C., or Moscow, or Caracas, or Havana, or fill-in-the-blank),
your remarks still manage to betray a fundamental grasp of the
notion of patriotism, which you presume is synonymous with
nationalism. In fact, the two are radically un-alike, as Orwell
wrote in his famous Notes On Nationalism essay in 1945:

"By 'nationalism' I mean first of all the habit of assuming that
human beings can be classified like insects and that whole
blocks of millions or tens of millions of people can be
confidently labeled 'good' or 'bad.' But secondly - and this is
much more important - I mean the habit of identifying oneself
with a single nation or other unit, placing it beyond good and
evil and recognizing no other duty than that of advancing its
interests.

"Nationalism is not to be confused with patriotism. Both words
are normally used in so vague a way that any definition is
liable to be challenged, but one must draw a distinction between
them, since two different and even opposing ideas are involved.
By 'patriotism' I mean devotion to a particular place and a
particular way of life, which one believes to be the best in the
world but has no wish to force on other people. Patriotism is of
its nature defensive, both militarily and culturally.
Nationalism, on the other hand, is inseparable from the desire
for power. The abiding purpose of every nationalist is to secure
more power and more prestige, not for himself but for the nation
or other unit in which he has chosen to sink his own
individuality."

I consider myself an American patriot, but that in no way interferes with my belief in internationalism and regard for other nations and cultures, any more than the love I feel for my own family negates my respect for the equal rights and values of other families. If you want to make an argument, you - and Gerald, too - need to do it with more nuance and less simple-mindedness.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 19:20:55 +0200
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 07:02:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>From: Philip Mantle <philip.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 15:46:27 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>UFO DATA MAGAZINE
>PRESS RELEASE

>FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

>Wednesday 24th, October, 2007

<snip>

>On Sunday, 21st October 2007, a new player entered the game.

>Filmmaker and magician, Spyros Melaris, appeared in public for
>the first time at the hugely-successful Roswell 60 conference
>in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, in the north of England. The
>conference, hosted by renowned Alien Autopsy researcher, Philip
>Mantle, was the largest UFO event in the UK for years and was
>organised by UFO Data Magazine. Melaris' surprise appearance
>reconfirmed the controversy and stirred more debate into the
>Alien Autopsy fiasco.

>Melaris claimed that it was he who created the autopsy films not
>Santilli and Shoefield. They merely commissioned him to create
>the greatest hoax of the 1990s. Bound by a confidentiality
>agreement, Melaris was unable to speak of his involvement, but
>the release of the Ant & Dec movie negated that contract due to
>the fact that Santilli and Shoefield had finally admitted that
>the film which was released to the public was a fake and by so
>doing, placed that fact firmly in the public domain.

>There was no original footage. There was no Roswell cameraman.
>There was no alien on a mortician's slab.

>Melaris wanted to pull off an illusion that would fool the world
>on an unprecedented scale. The plan was to release the footage,
>with the alien created by master sculptor, John Humphries. It
>was agreed that Santilli and Shoefield would not make any
>representation as to 'what' the film was about, and
>broadcasters should make their own conclusions. After a few
>weeks or when Santilli had a sufficient monetary return, Melaris
>would be allowed to come clean and reveal to the world that it
>was just an illusion. Melaris would take a bow and then explain
>in detail how the effect was achieved.

>Santilli did not allow that to happen, leaning hard on the
>confidentiality agreement signed by Melaris and his team.
>Instead of the agreed 33% of all revenues which Santilli made,
>all that Melaris received were expenses to cover the costs of
>producing the autopsy footage and wages for his crew.

>With legal action against Santilli and formal notice being
>served to stop Santilli further representing his copyright
>Melaris is soon to release a book and DVD about the affair,
>Melaris wants the world to know the true story of the Alien
>Autopsy film.

>UFO Data Magazine will continue to follow this astonishing,
>breaking story and report any developments in the pages of the
>UK's only full-size, glossy UFO publication.

>One thing is for certain, after more than a decade, the Alien
>Autopsy controversy is far from over!

Philip, and the List,

Yes, this new story still raises many questions.

First, is Melaris the same person who was mentioned recently on
this List, as "Mr M.", by Bob Kiviat? Can Kiviat confirm it?

Next question: although Melaris says that Santilli lied, he
seems to mention the same sculptor, John Humphries, who was seen
together with Santilli in his own story. Can we believe a man
like that?

Just another, short comment...

If they want to prove their story, why don't they just show a
couple of stage photographs, on location, around the autopsy
table, with the body and the surgeons in their bizarre suits,
all in colour and with good definition? So far, the pictures of
the sculpture exhibited by Humphreys don't really look like the
body in the film.

I need more to buy this new story.

Gildas Bourdais

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Need To Know UFOs Military & Intelligence

From: **Lucius Farish** <arkufo.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 13:43:29 -0500
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 07:09:08 -0400
Subject: Need To Know UFOs Military & Intelligence

PRESS RELEASE

Need To Know UFOs, The Military And Intelligence
By Timothy Good

A compelling expose of the world's greatest secret

Published in paperback by Pegasus Books on October 18, 2007, price \$16.95

Based on many years of research by one of the world's most respected authorities on alien phenomena, Need to Know draws on top-secret documents, reports of encounters with huge craft of unknown origin reported by pilots and naval officers, and interviews with high-ranking military and intelligence insiders.

This book is full of revelations, including the alarming escalation of aircraft accidents following military attacks on UFOs, the disappearance of hundreds of military aircraft during UFO encounters and recent near-misses with UFOs.

'...The classification was, from the outset, ABOVE TOP SECRET, so the vast majority of U.S. officials and politicians, let alone a mere allied Minister Of Defense, were never in the loop'

Paul Hellyer, former Canadian Minister of Defense (2005)

The proof, such as recovered alien vehicles and communication with their crews, is there but it is being denied to the general public, as well as to an overwhelming majority of scientists.

But Need to Know provides a wealth of new documents and oral evidence, from all over the world, supporting the existence of alien intelligence and UFOs -- and by focusing on military and intelligence evidence it is hard to refute.

Timothy Good's previous books include the British Sunday Times top 10 bestselling titles Beyond Top Secret and Alien Liaison. As a leading authority on UFOs he frequently appears on television and radio documentaries. He lives in London.

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Skydivers & UFOs

From: Mario Rangel <mario.rangel.nul>
Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 16:56:42 -0300
Archived: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 07:19:36 -0400
Subject: Skydivers & UFOs

Friends:

Very interesting the edition of my article above by Dirk Vander Ploeg, from Canada!:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1007/piracicaba.html>

He included a Youtube video in part A and other in part B and added links to many others, including about the late Antonio Villas Boas case. After the abduction, Villas Boas married, studied laws and was lawyer, had 4 sons, 2 men, today one is judge and the other judge of the Court of Appeals, and 2 daughters. The family don=B4t like to talk about the abduction case and refused to give me a good photo of him. His widow is alive.

Starting with my article, and using the "UFODigest" links, a person can do almost a Ufology Course! Very good!

As Dirk used, as I suggested, a web translator, the text need some corrections =3D Part 1 =3D 1) UFOogist =3D UFologyst. 2) acostamento =3D side line. 3) meteoro =3D meteor. 4) The link then sent =3D I sent the link to... 5) hook =3D coverall. 6) chucros, xucros =3D undomesticated. 7) self-speakers =3D loud speakers. 8) stop-famous =3D famous. Part 2 =3D 1) stop-falls =3D parachute. 2) (360) =3D (360 degrees). 3) alien brothers =3D UFologists brothers. 4) flying-disc =3D flying saucer. 5) Aethon =3D ?. 6) paratroopers =3D parachutists.

Using the informations and the videos in the site it is possible to write a new article about "skydivers and UFOs".

My English is very poor.

My list of hypnotists in ufology has now 186 names, from 28 countries. No one from Arabic countries, no one from India, Japan, Indonesia and dozen of other countries. Why? Why so few from China, France, Greece etc?

If some person want the complete list, I can send it by e-mail, free. I have also photos of more than 100 hypnotists in ufology and from her/his cover=B4s books.

Cordially,

Mario Rangel, author, hypnotist in ufology, Brazil.

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Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

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>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
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>>>Subject: Governments UFOs & Abductions [was: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens]

>>>a) They know this is happening, but they don't know why and they
>>>can't do anything about it. Imagine what would happen if Bush or
>>>Putin or Merkel would go public on TV saying: "...by the way we
>>>know there is alien scum out there that kidnaps you from your
>>>cars, bedrooms or wherever. We're sorry this is happening, but we
>>>don't know who they are doing it and we can't stop them." 5min
>>>later all hell would break loose on this planet.

>>I can't agree there, Harper, any more than if government
>>revealed that UFOs seen in the sky are visitors from other
>>planets. In my view, the response would be the usual bell-
>>shaped curve thing, a few (very few in my view) would freak
>>out, most would show varying degrees of interest including
>>demanding a plan from government, and a few would hail this as a
>>wonderful thing.

>Having discussed this issue with my brother who is a retired
>professor of sociology and social psychology who even taught
>classes about panic, and also having edited a monograph about
>the implications of ET contact, I agree with Eleanor on this
>point. The popular reaction depends a lot on how authority
>figures release information and deal with the issues.

>However, this does not mean that people in high places who
>withhold information are sophisticated enough to make sound
>decisions. All the historical evidence suggests that a largely
>unfounded fear of panic has been the justification for
>withholding information.

>My brother argues that the often cited alleged panic following
>Orson Welles' invasion from Mars broadcast has been grossly
>exaggerated, and he even presented a paper at a MUFON conference
>on that and the panic issue.

Bang on, Dick. It makes for a better TV movie as well. I've
stated my distrust of the mass hysteria theory over the years
and yet those arguing for it always bring up this War of the
Worlds radio program. How come then there was no mass hysteria
when the British were having the hell bombed out of them during
WWII or the Germans were experiencing the same in Berlin,
Dresden and Hamburg toward the end of the war. Even in the case
of a theater fire it strikes me that panic there is more
immediate and a reaction of self-preservation.

>As I have stated before (and probably will again on appropriate
>occasions), there may be a cover-up of some evidence (vitaly
>important evidence if Roswell is real) but mostly my studies
>indicate that authorities simply can't digest the bizarre data
>(can't get their heads around it) and so hide their heads in the
>sand and pretend it isn't happening.

>Abductions, of course, would be the hardest part to deal with in
>all respects. If authorities do have direct knowledge of
>abductions, then I sympathize with them and agree with Harper on
>the difficulty of telling the truth. Still, if that is the
>reality that we will need to deal with I think the authorities
>must be forthcoming eventually.

I'm sure that some - perhaps many given the numbers - of those in
authority have first hand knowledge of that phenomenon. This is
not restricted to the general population but is all pervasive.
Why not highly placed government, military and police officials.

Out of the dozen or so people I have had contact with in this
regard, about one-third of them were in positions of authority
or power. These include government officials [one very highly
ranked], two personnel working with Transport Canada, a military
person of high rank-another a rating and police personnel[2] one
of which is a homicide detective.

In this case I don't think it is an us and them situation. Why
would these "abductors" restrict themselves just to the general
population? Why not go right to the top?

One caveat. If, as it is believed, that these abductions begin
during one's youth [4 or 5 years old] and then continue into
that person's middle years-say mid forties - and the abductions
cease then it might make it more difficult for the abductors to
make a determination as to who is going to be chosen once past
the mid twenties. Military and police subjects would be
predictable because it is a career often begun in their late
teens or early 20s and continued for sometimes decades.

Politicians, however, can be "born" at any stage in life,
possibly then making it more difficult to start the process if
they are already in their middle age which seems to be when most
abductees are spared further experiences. Correct me if I am
wrong on that point.

Sometimes 'they' might just luck out having been interfering in
a person's life from childhood and this person just happens to
become a politician-unless these abductors can foresee the
future beyond pure chance.

Don Ledger

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UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

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Has anybody on UpDates ever researched the possible links between UFOs and seance phenomena?

At the risk of being shot at by the nuts and bolts crowd on this list, I have wondered if both phenomena utilise similar physics.

As a lifelong student of both sets of 'weirdness' I was particularly fascinated by events at what has become known as The Scole Experiment in Norfolk, UK in the early 90s when senior members of the Society for Psychical Research made contact with what they believed were discarnate or extra-dimensional intelligences.

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

http://www.webbscottage.co.uk/bibliography/05-8_the_scole_report.htm

The evidence they witnessed included handwriting, symbols and messages which appeared on factory-sealed, unopened photographic film; objects, lights and solid beings which materialised before previously sceptical observers; 'spirits' who communicated instructions for the building of complex instruments and communication devices and personal info about those present.

Now some or maybe all of these kind of events are present too in the UFO field.

Take the so called 'spirit lights'. These indoor mini- UFOs were witnessed many times diving over the heads of the seance sitters, swooping onto tables, changing shape, moving at high speed and forming geometric shapes inches away from people's faces, all in complete silence with no air movement sounds.

I remember hearing a Professor Ivor Grattan-Guinness describe to me how one of these tiny lights settled on his hands and he could feel a slight sensation from it. In UFO reports we have abductees talking of being taken thro solid walls.

In seance reports and at Scole we have levitation and solids being passed through matter.

I have a personal friend called Tom Harrison, now living in Spain, who for many years at his home circle claims hundreds of beings - in this case dead relatives - physically materialised week after week before many witnesses and the beings spoke and embraced Tom and his friends.

<http://www.survivalafterdeath.org/harrison/>

<http://uk.geocities.com/tmjones28/harrison.htm>

He showed me solid "apports" which arrived from who knows where and interestingly he recalled how flower blooms which had been growing outside, materialised in his hands - he was told by his spirit friends they had been dematerialised outside, taken through the wall and rematerialised in the room.

Now I am not suggesting UFOs are spirits or spirits are UFOs -

even though the Scole researchers obtained a clear photo of a big-eyed alien face on video - but it seems that both phenomena display similar characteristics and abilities.

If we are ever to understand the possible interdimensional physics behind UFOs - maybe a study of home grown seance physical phenomena, might offer up some clues?

And to anticipate those who merely scoff at these seance 'tales', I suggest you do some homework on the vast amount of material evidenced in this field - particularly from the turn of the century.

I know Tom well - for what it's worth I believe his photo-documented reports which like UFOs - challenge our 'boggle factor' and the very nature of our reality.

At the very least these happenings suggest there is maybe a multitude of intelligent consciousnesses out there which can materialise into our frame of reference and disappear back into theirs at will.

Mind boggling science I agree but any technology from beings ahead of us by thousands or millions of years, would, to us, appear to be magic.

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My Close Encounter With UFOs Over Islington

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My Close Encounter With UFOs Over Islington
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Surreal photos capture what one man believes are visitors from outer space darting through the skies above Islington - the second UFO spotting in the borough this year.

Dennis Gray, 33, a car dealer who lives in Sebbon Street, Islington, has told of the "deep sense of calm" he felt after capturing the startling images from his front window.

He claims he saw a floating orb and a triangle shaped craft hovering above the Angel in broad daylight.

Though initially worried about speaking out in case he became the "laughing stock of Islington", Mr Gray has decided to tell the world about his "close encounter".

He said: "I looked out of the window and saw this sphere pop out from behind a cloud and start zooming across the sky. It was like it was watching me, but I was not scared at all. It looked a bit like a meteorite, but then it started drawing pictures in the clouds.

"I never believed in all this sort of stuff before it happened to me. I told my friends and they thought I was having a laugh. But when I showed them the photos they were all amazed."

It is the second time this year that mysterious objects have been seen above Islington. In February Archway was brought to a standstill by a "squadron" of floating lights, although many believe they were no more than glowing balloons.

Mr Gray said: "When the Archway sighting happened a lot of people thought they were lanterns and I can accept that. But what I saw was no lantern. I had contact with an alien being - I'm sure of it. I felt a comfort like no other."

One of the photos appears to show a meteorite-like streak of flame in the sky, while Mr Gray says two figure-like shapes in the clouds were the result of the craft's artistic endeavour.

Paul Southcott, of the Islington-based UFO and Supernatural Studies group, has over 30 years experience in the field and thinks the sighting should be taken seriously. He said: "Amber orbs are often followed by a triangle in the sky. That makes me know he is not mucking about. It sounds like a proper sighting to me."

But he admitted that a UFO doing "paintings" was completely unheard of, adding: "I have never heard of them painting pictures - that's a new one. I would be happy to talk to him about his experience though. Sometimes people get a bit stressed out after a sighting and would like someone to help them through it.

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Leave Dennis Kucinich Alone!

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Leave Dennis Kucinich Alone!
By Billy Cox

What is it about UFOs - exactly, specifically - that clamps the mouths of normally garrulous politicians into mute, igneous rock? Seriously. What are they afraid of?

After all, we're talking about a species of human being that, as a general rule, eagerly dispenses first-person tales of the ultimate metaphysical encounter - dialogues with God HimSelf. Without offering a shred of corroborating data. No photos, no video, no partially redacted government documents, no medical reports of associated radiation burns. We take these people at their word as we trust them to steward our money. And we keep electing them to office. Again and again. And again.

Last month, following an Exopolitical X-Conference symposium at the National Press Club in Washington, hopes were raised that presidential contender Dennis Kucinich might be the guy to advocate government declassification of UFO material on the campaign trail. Guess that's the load you tote when you're the most progressive candidate in the field. But a Washington Post query to the congressman's office drew a churlish buzzkill. "If you have a serious question," responded Natalie Laber, "just ask me. If not, just keep your silly questions to yourself."

But that was so four weeks ago.

Kucinich should've informed Laber he'd actually seen a UFO in Washington state once upon a time with his pal Shirley MacLaine. At least, that's what she claims in an upcoming book called "Sage-ing While Age-ing." He was visiting her Pacific Northwest home when a huge, noiseless, triangular-shaped craft hovered for about 10 minutes before vanishing. "Dennis," writes MacLaine, "found his encounter extremely moving."

No other details are available, and Kucinich hasn't held a press conference to disavow it. So now the Cleveland Plain Dealer is actually trying to get Kucinich to do some 'splainin'. To which De Void replies: Give it up, CPD! Because guess what? De Void has been trying to get presidential candidates on record about their UFO interests since July. And not even Mike "I'm polling at zero percent" Gravel will return calls requesting elaboration about his videotaped, off-the-cuff remarks advocating disclosure earlier this year.

Hillary Clinton won't discuss White House efforts to that end during her husband's tenure, but that's understandable, since a front-runner has only one place to go by venturing into the no-script zone. More disappointing is second-tier candidate Gov.

Leave Dennis Kucinich Alone!

Bill Richardson (De Void 6/15/07, 8/17/07), who's got nothing to lose as he continues to pose as a populist.

So yes, it'd be great to get Kucinich to show a little leadership on UFOs. But he can't. Because he's just a politician. It's not his fault.

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My Two Cents

Could G.W. Be An E.T?
By Linda Reddington

Whitley Strieber believes in aliens. At least he did.

For years, he was best known for his horror fiction, at least two of which, Wolfen, and The Hunger, were made into movies.

His book Communion, billed as non-fiction, was based upon an experience he believes he had in 1985, when he was visited by nonhuman beings. In various interviews he has said that he has made no conclusion about whether these creatures are extraterrestrial or not. Like Chris Carter, of X-Files fame, Strieber's work suggests the possibility of government/military infiltration by or collaboration with the aliens.

In Communion, (1987), the "visitors" were scary enough to have readers afraid to sleep at night and looking for probe marks in the morning.

In his 2004 novel, The Grays, one gets the feeling that the visitors are performing medical experiments on us in an attempting to accelerate our evolution toward a less self-destructive future.

In his newest, 2012: The War For Souls, author Wylie Dale begins working on a novel that, according to the publisher's blurb, "revolves around an upcoming date when the Earth crosses both the galactic equator and the solar ecliptic - a time that the ancient Maya predicted would mark the cataclysmic end of this age."

(Look up 2012 on the Internet for doomsday predictions.)

The book takes him over. He can't stop writing. He begins to believe that the alien invasion is really happening on earth in a parallel universe, and unless he can stop it, on Dec. 21, 2012, gateways will open between the two worlds and the creatures will move into his.

It seems, to me at least, that Strieber has been questioning whether what he thinks are memories may be just too much feedback from his highly evolved imagination and is poking fun at himself. Wylie is constantly questioning his own memories of alien interaction (though he is confident the rectal probe was real).

In 2012, the aliens are not possibly benevolent 'grays', but

more like the evil reptilian humanoids from the TV series V.

These scaly villains are technically advanced (they are able to destroy historic landmarks all over the world, such as the great pyramid at Giza). But in spite of those advances, their civilization is brutish and loveless, and their world, of course, is polluted.

They have the capability to remove human souls from their bodies and those who can afford it, ingest the souls the way some humans use recreational drugs.

Soul-less human husks then become slave labor for the lizard leaders, unless they get hungry, in which case they eat them. They're not discriminatory though. They also eat their own.

As the days count down to Dec. 21, 2012, rifts appear in the membrane between the two worlds and Wylie's human counterparts from the other world are able to cross over and communicate with him.

Strieber knows how to raise a reader's hackles, but though it is frightening, 2012: The War for Souls clearly has its tongue in its cheek. (Check out the Ann Coulter reference on page 285.)

In a thrilling ending, the good guys win, the bad guys lose, and we realize that underneath it all, Strieber is a deeply religious man, who would like to believe the evils of this world originate from without, rather than within.

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UFOs Like The Quality Of Life In Tustin
Remember When

By Juanita Lovret
For The Tustin News

Years ago, when tales of ghosts and hauntings titillated Tustin residents, encounters with "the woman in white" or "a boy with marbles" were either believed or scoffed at. Now we have accounts of unidentified flying object sightings in Tustin and some people believe every word while others are skeptical.

The first sighting of importance took place at about 12:30 p.m. August 3, 1965. Rex Heflin, a California highway maintenance engineer, was traveling near the Lighter Than Air Base hangers in Tustin when his radio quit. Then, through the windshield he spotted a strange object crossing the sky at low speed. Curious, he took four photos of it with his Polaroid camera. The first three photos showed a disk shaped craft, but in the fourth only a black ring remained.

The photos were analyzed by several groups including the National Investigations Committee Aerial Phenomena (NICAP). Some felt the fourth photo was taken at a different time than the first three. However, later analysis suggested the four photos were taken in the same sequence. The overall consensus authenticated the photos and concluded the craft likely emitted some sort of exhaust before disappearing. The electrical interference added to the credibility of the sighting. The radio began to work after the craft departed and later examination showed it was in proper working order.

Despite the results of these investigations, many continue to claim the sighting was a hoax. Elaborate stories were created to explain how the manifestation was achieved.

The latest report of a UFO sighting in Tustin was made to the National UFO Reporting Center in February 2006. The person who claimed the sighting was unsure of the exact date, but remembered it took place just after dark and the craft=97 a transparent milky lime green football=97 appeared to be over Tustin, hovering in the sky, moving south.

Another report from Tustin came a month later on March 13, 2006. The sighting of a boomerang with one white light on each of the three corners moving southwest toward the ocean lasted three to four minutes.

Two sightings took place in Tustin in April, 2004. The first, April 14, described as a gray circular object about 40 feet in

diameter with lights around the outer edge, appeared at 9 p.m. in an unpopulated area and never moved, just hovered silently. The second, reported to the National UFO Reporting Center as taking place on April 19 at 4 a.m., described a sphere with a soft orange luminescence heading towards the Cleveland National Forest.

A sighting on August 17, 2003 over Tustin was described to the National UFO Reporting Center as two equally spaced bright white lights that appeared and disappeared.

Other sightings were reported from Tustin in 1976 and 1977, but none have created the doubt of that early sighting by Rex Heflin. The four Polaroids although they have been described as "some of the best ever pictures of visiting spacecraft" have never really been explained and are still maligned by those attempting to prove they are part of a hoax.

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Timothy Good, Author of Need To Know: UFOs Chats With Judyth Piazza

By Judyth Piazza

Worldwide research, interviewing key witnesses and discussing the subject with astronauts, military and intelligence specialists, pilots, politicians and scientists, has established Timothy Good as a leading authority on UFOs and the alien presence - the most highly classified subject on Earth.

He became interested in the subject in 1955, when his passion for aviation and space led him to read a book by Major Donald Keyhoe describing UFO sightings by qualified observers such as military and civilian pilots. In 1961, after reading a book by Captain Edward Ruppelt, a U.S. Air Force intelligence officer, he began to conduct his own research. Since then, he has amassed a wealth of evidence, including several thousand declassified intelligence documents.

Timothy Good has lectured at universities, schools, and at many organizations, including the Institute of Medical Laboratory Sciences, the Royal Canadian Military Institute, the Royal Geographical Society, the Royal Naval Air Reserve Branch, the House of Lords All-Party UFO Study Group, and the Oxford and Cambridge Union societies. In January 1989, following the dissolution of the Soviet empire, he became the first UFO researcher from the West to be interviewed on Russian television. He was invited for discussions at the Pentagon in 1998, and at the headquarters of the French Air Force in 2002. He has also acted as consultant for several U.S. Congress investigations. He is known to millions through his numerous television appearances and has co-produced several documentaries on the subject.

Timothy Good's first book, *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up* (1987) became an instant bestseller, and is regarded widely as the definitive work on the subject, together with the fully revised and updated book replacing it, *Beyond Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Security Threat* (1996), which remained for five weeks on the Sunday Times bestseller list. *Alien Liaison: The Ultimate Secret* (1991) spent thirteen weeks on the same bestseller list. *Alien Base: Earth's Encounters with Extraterrestrials* (1998) went to No.4 on the Guardian bestseller list. His book, *Unearthly Disclosure: Conflicting Interests in the Control of Extraterrestrial Intelligence* (2000) was serialized in the Daily Mail. He has also edited a number of books on the subject, including the bestselling *Alien Update* (1993). Four of these books have a foreword by Admiral of the Fleet The Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of the Defence Staff and Chairman of the NATO Military Committee. His latest book is *Need to Know: UFOs, the Military and Intelligence*, now published in paperback in the U.K. (July 2007) and in the U.S. and Canada (September 2007).

Born in London, Timothy Good completed his formal education at The King's School, Canterbury. As a violinist he gained a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music, where he won prizes for solo, chamber and orchestral playing. His professional career began in 1963 with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. He played for fourteen years with the London Symphony Orchestra, and has freelanced with the English Chamber Orchestra, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Mantovani Orchestra and Philharmonia Orchestra, among others. Composers he has played for include Leonard Bernstein, Benjamin Britten, Igor Stravinsky and William Walton. He has also freelanced as a session player for television dramas, commercials, feature films, and recordings with pop musicians. Among those he has recorded for are Phil Collins, Depeche Mode, George Harrison, Elton John, Paul McCartney, Rod Stewart, and U2.

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Wednesday, October 24, 2007

[Several links in article]

UFOs Inspired The Founder Of Bigelow Aerospace?

(Hat Tip: Hobby Space)

Some people desire to visit the stars because of a few resources. Others are motivated simply by their existence. But Robert T. Bigelow, founder of Bigelow Aerospace, wants to taste the cosmos in order to establish "first contact."

(Wired Magazine) His signature quirk, however, is an obsession with space that extends beyond his business interests. In addition to the \$100million Bigelow has already put into BA (and the \$400million more he has promised), he has doled out millions to fund research into alien abductions and UFO sightings. He's done some of the work himself, personally interviewing hundreds of people who claim to have had extraterrestrial encounters. In fact, one of the main reasons he's so eager to get his stations launched is that he thinks they might provide a step toward making contact. [...]

(page 3) Years before he started building space habitats, Bigelow began looking for the truths he was sure were out there. He says he has met with more than 230 people who claim to have witnessed ETs. In the 1990s, he gave millions of dollars to launch the National Institute for Discovery Science, whose staff - which included several PhDs and ex-FBI agents - researched alien abductions, out-of-body experiences, cattle mutilations, and other paranormal phenomena.

While Bigelow's inspiration may cause others to laugh, it does however make one of the most successful space pioneers in the 21st Century a bit more interesting. This probably also explains the alien face which appears on some of their corporate logos.

Whether or not Bigelow's space stations help us to establish first contact will be something future historians will have to decide. Either way, Robert Bigelow is already making history with the launch of his Genesis space stations, and his next one may enable our species to finally dwell among the heavens that surround us.

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

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Re: Non-investigated Flying Objects

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Subject: Re: Non-investigated Flying Objects

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 16:14:42 -0600
>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 22:17:48 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 10:41:00 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Non-Investigated Flying Objects

<snip>

>>>Dick,

>>>From your response of 21 Oct to Brad Sparks' proposal:

>>>"Far too much time is wasted on NFOs and far too much confusion
>>>is created by not focusing more on true UFOs (well-investigated
>>>former NFOs)."

>>>This certainly seems to entail an assumption about NFOs in the
>>>absence (by definition) of investigation. How does one reconcile
>>>this with the last sentence of your reply to me?

>>You lost me here. Dick was not assuming anything about the NFO
>>reports. His last sentence of his reply to you said "The whole
>>point is the need to investigate before assuming anything." I
>>don't see how he or I could be any clearer than that.

>Yes, it is crystal-clear that Dick's reply to me contradicts his
>previous comment to you (with which I agree). How can you
>characterize the uninvestigated cases as a waste of time, and in
>the same breath say the whole point is to investigate before
>assuming anything? It makes my head hurt.

Dick didn't say that no effort at all should be spent on NFO
cases, only that "Far too much time was wasted on NFOs." That's
a value judgment on the prioritization of scarce investigative
resources, not a "characterization" of uninvestigated NFO cases,
i.e., their scientific content. One can choose to disagree about
that value judgment and that disagreement will reflect personal
subjective priorities, which can be based on subjective as well
as objective factors.

Dick was not talking about the objective meaning and scientific
significance of such NFO cases when he says that too much time
is wasted on NFO's - he is not identifying the objects or
phenomena involved or analyzing their appearance, motion or
other attributes when he says that.

Dick is quite right that one cannot extract much, if any,
scientific data from NFO cases (especially if we include "Non-
sufficient data" as well as "Non-investigated" as the "N" in
"NFO"). That is an objectively determined fact, the amount and

quality of scientific data in a case, it is not a subjective opinion about what should or should not be done with such cases. Because such cases have too little objective data it is an objective fact that one cannot make any assumptions (or identifications) from the contents of such NFO's, without investigation. There is no inconsistency or contradiction here.

<snip>

>>>The essential point of my reply to him is
>>>that, by adjusting the 'filter' on what constitutes a case worth
>>>investigating, one can obtain just about any desired number for
>>>the fraction of genuine unknowns in the investigated set.
>>>However, a debunker can similarly expand the overall 'report'
>>>database such that the fraction of unknowns tends to zero.

>>Now you are implying that the creation of an NFO category is
>>some kind of "filtering" trick. But you ignore my historical
>>review showing that the vast expansion of the IFO category to
>>include what we would now call NFO's was the actual and quite
>>dishonest statistical trick devised by Project Blue Book in
>>1952-3. We are simply trying to undo this trickery. That doesn't
>>make it a "filtering" trick itself, it's the negation of the
>>statistical trick. Is stopping a crime now a crime itself??

>I agree that a statistical 'swindle' occurred in the
>categorization of the Blue Book reports that had the effect of
>suppressing the apparent fraction of unknowns. That knob can be
>turned in both directions. Why not simply ignore this
>parameter? The debunker talking-point that "98(or whatever)% of
>all reports are found to have prosaic causes" is vacuous
>precisely because of subjective definitions for terms like
>"identified", or even what constitutes a genuine 'UFO report'.

You can't have it both ways. If you agree there was an early
statistical "swindle" by Blue Book which has been perpetuated to
the present, you can't also say that the "knob can be turned"
legitimately in that direction of artificially reducing the
percentage of Unknowns. If it's a "swindle" then it is an
illegitimate reduction in the Unknowns percentages.

>>We aren't talking about definitions of a case "worth
>>investigating" or not worth investigating. We are talking about
>>cases that are uninvestigated, something that is an objective
>>fact that is readily determinable - was the case investigated
>>or not? That is an objective question.

>An equally objective question is whether the investigated cases
>represent a random sample of all reports. I think it's clear they
>do not. With finite time and resources, there is unquestionably a
>selection bias in favor of the more 'anomalous' cases.

You have many hidden premises that are coloring your argument.
What does "all reports" mean and why does one have to have a
representative "random sample"? That implies a homogeneous
collection of "all reports" the characteristics of which must be
preserved by random representative sampling. If that was assumed
in every scientific study then scientists would be forever
prohibited from throwing out "bad data," indeed the very concept
of "bad data" would be prohibited, and all processes of
selecting "good data" would be banned.

It seems that you are having trouble disengaging from the siren
call of the debunkers. Their position is basically a desperate
plea:

"Please deluge your database with garbage cases so that we can
say that almost everything is garbage and the little that is
left can be disregarded. If you focus too much attention on good
cases that makes it too hard for us to persuade anyone to accept
our arguments. Then all we can do is whine that you selected the
good cases and then we have to work too hard to prove these are
actually bad cases that you disguise as 'good cases.' That means
we have to actually investigate cases ourselves and actually try
to make scientific arguments. It is much easier if we can just
get everyone to treat all of the so-called 'UFO phenomenon' as
garbage pure and simple and ignore it!"

We're in good agreement on most everything else so I am snipping
the remainder.

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It Came From Outer Space Says Man

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Source: The Oregonian -

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Thursday, October 25, 2007

It Came From Outer Space, Says Man

Aliens - For Keith Rowell, tracking UFOs in Oregon requires both skepticism and belief

Mike Cade
Special to The Oregonian

Unidentified flying objects. Little green men. Flying saucers.

Would you believe all of these things have a local connection?

West Linn's Keith Rowell is the assistant state director for the Mutual UFO Network. That means he spends a lot of his free time investigating UFO claims, cattle mutilations and other bizarre phenomena dubbed "paranormal."

He can effortlessly rattle off factoids about Project Blue Book - the Air Force's official investigation of UFOs in the 1950s and '60s - and just as easily dissect the findings of John Mack, the late Harvard psychiatry professor who said he was an alien abductee.

Plus, Rowell's basement boasts shelves and shelves of books about aliens, UFOs and flying saucers. His office computer is full of images and sound files that document strange aerial activity from Vancouver to southern Oregon.

Rowell is cognizant of the fact that UFO buffs are often regarded as credulous and naive. He approaches ufology as any scholar or scientist might - through a skeptical lens.

"Being skeptical is a necessary part," he says. "But extreme skepticism, I think, is counterproductive."

Knowing that debunkers lie in wait, Rowell chooses his words carefully. But the self-described Navy brat still comes off as passionate and enthusiastic when speaking about ufology.

A technical writer - "I wrote the computer manuals that nobody likes to read," he quips - he is an engaging conversationalist who touches on topics from the consciousness-altering drug DMT to transpersonal psychology to old-fashioned, by-the-book astronomy. Rowell says potential MUFON members are required to pass a basic science test - with a score of 80 percent.

He says he's had a UFO encounter on his back deck - he describes seeing an object about 500 to 1,000 feet away that was bathed in suffused light and traveling in a rotary motion.

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Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

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Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 13:48:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 10:39:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:47:21 -0700
>>Subject: Re: The Net Causing E-Mail Problems?

<snip>

>>So the synopsis is this:

>>The current methodology for restricting spam is flawed, to say
>>the least, and in my view unlawful if we regard e-mail with the
>>same discretion as we do snail mail delivered to us by the US
>>Postal service.

>I believe the legal misconception is that email is analogous to
>"snail mail", when that is clearly not the case. As of yet, I've
>not seen any protections regarding privacy in email enacted into
>law, and thus far the Courts have ruled that search warrants are
>not needed to monitor ongoing communications.

>We have similar problems were I work for a Federal Agency and
>often have to deal with "blocks" on email, which can be
>troublesome (as you note).

IMHO mail should have blanket protection regardless of the means
by which it is sent.

I would be curious to know how and or what the laws are
pertaining to a telegram, and or cable.

Certainly similar protection exists for these forms of
transmittal as that of snail-mail, there might be language
therein that could pose a pro-argument" for e-mail.

In any event most aren't aware of the activities with the man
behind the curtain...

Cheers,

Frank

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Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>independently seen these things.

<snip>

>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew
>alphabet.

Here is video on Youtube where Budd Hopkins speaks and where you
can see some symbols.

Start from approx. 03:26 min:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di4a041JgFs>

Sergey

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Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

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Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 19:20:55 +0200
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>>Subject: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'
>Philip, and the List,

>Yes, this new story still raises many questions.

>First, is Melaris the same person who was mentioned recently on
>this List, as "Mr M.", by Bob Kiviat? Can Kiviat confirm it?

>Next question: although Melaris says that Santilli lied, he
>seems to mention the same sculptor, John Humphries, who was seen
>together with Santilli in his own story. Can we believe a man
>like that?

>Just another, short comment...

>If they want to prove their story, why don't they just show a
>couple of stage photographs, on location, around the autopsy
>table, with the body and the surgeons in their bizarre suits,
>all in colour and with good definition? So far, the pictures of
>the sculpture exhibited by Humphreys don't really look like the
>body in the film.

>I need more to buy this new story.

Hi Gildas, List,

Spyros Melaris is a slight-of-hand magician, one time film
maker, and opportunist. Yes he has worked with Ray on a
documentary, but it was about football. He was kicked out of the
Magic Circle for "bad behavior"

Read the article below and visit the links to learn more about
our new Alien Autopsy red herring. I already know from a few
questions I asked Spyros, through Philip, that Spyros didn't
create or direct the AA footage. He failed this simple test, so
I know he's a fake and fraud. If he were the director, he would
have had answers for the questions I asked. He didn't, therefore
he wasn't involved in the filming or cutting, or direction. He
and Humphreys may have worked together, even on an alien film,
but it didn't result in the AA footage. Ed

http://news.independent.co.uk/uk/this_britain/article313209.ece

Magic Circle Wrapped In A Cloak Of Intrigue And Mystery Over
Expulsion Of Outspoken 'Mind Reader'
By Oliver Duff
Published: 17 September 2005

It is wands at dawn in that most secretive of societies, the
Magic Circle, where the world's finest conjurers are embroiled
in their biggest bust-up yet.

The tale of alleged betrayal and brazen double-bluff revolves around one Spyros Melaris, a "mind reader" who was last year controversially asked to collect his top hat and rabbit and close the door behind him. He refused to quit, insisting that he was a whistle-blower on dirty tricks at the highest level.

The membership is divided over his eviction and he is threatening to resolve it in court.

The events have sparked a row over the future of the Circle, which some say is run by an elitist, tyrannical clique and "lodged in the 1950s".

The Circle is adamant that Mr Melaris, 46, was expelled for "bad behaviour", but he insists it was for calling time on the former resident, Michael Bailey, and his friends. Mr Melaris drew attention to a potential conflict of interest - the Circle museum's curator, John Fisher, a friend of the late Tommy Cooper, is also a leading collector of magic memorabilia - and accused Mr Bailey of abusing his position to get re-elected.

Mr Melaris was voted out by a sizeable majority of the Circle council's members in May last year, for his "unfounded" claims - a decision upheld by almost three-quarters of the global membership, which includes the Prince of Wales.

But he has support from a number of senior magicians, including Ali Bongo, who was behind Paul Daniels' successful 1980s television show. Several hundred members turned up at an emergency meeting to show their support.

He now plans to sue 14 members of the council for breaching his "human right to a fair trial" and "bad-mouthing" him in a letter to the membership. His lawyers expect to serve papers later this year.

"All I've ever done is love the Magic Circle and be a generous, popular member," he said. "Everyone knows it's been a travesty of justice. I will not go down in history as doing something wrong and getting kicked out.

"They don't think I'll do it; I've been told they're calling my bluff. But we're in the process of issuing writs to each member who signed the letter." He wants a retraction and reinstatement.

One of his supporters, Jack Delvin, 73, a council member, said Mr Melaris had been thrown out for asking a lot of questions. "Two or three [council members] ... have gone too far over the top in trying to keep power. It was far from a unanimous decision to throw him out. He was badly treated," Mr Delvin said.

Bongo, then a council member, said: "I didn't agree or want to be associated with what they were about to do. I hate these splits. We all do the same hobby and profession."

Mr Bailey preferred to keep his cards close to his chest, following the club's motto, *Indocilis privata loqui*, (not apt to disclose secrets), to the word.

He said: "The behaviour was so bad; it was the passing of unfounded rumours which affected a number of people on council." He added that there was "absolutely no chance" of Mr Melaris being let back in: "No. He has produced the worst kind of behaviour the society has seen in its history."

Many members disagree, however, and some are questioning the Circle's future. "They try to sack members they don't like, who tell the truth or get in the way of their grand plan, [which is] to continuously look back on the glorious days of the 1950s and hang on to the power they have to massage their pathetic egos," one senior magician said.

"Look around the membership and count the number of black faces, women, working-class people ... They have a rigid dress code and wonder why young people don't turn up. There are problems with prejudice and intolerance. "Someone needs to rattle the bars of their cage. They don't own the club."

100 years of secret tricks

And this:

Waterfall Studios is an impressive TV production facility in London's White City, just round the back of the BBC. They can do everything, and they do it well. It's run by my good mate Spyros, who I happen to think may be as mad as King Mad of Mad Land on Let's Be Madder Than Ever day. That's just one of the reasons I like him. However, he knows his business, runs a very impressive Studio, has assembled a great team, and delivers outstanding results. He and everyone at Waterfall have never let a client down yet, and aren't going to start now. You'll probably find they actually care more about the success of your project than you do, because that's the sort of people they are. They handle projects ranging from the very small to the very oh-my-freaking-Zeus big, and that's the way they like it. Give Spyros a call and tell him from me he needs a shave. (Waterfall Studios, +44 (0) 20 8746 2000, www.waterfall-studios.com, or the man himself spiz.nul-studios.com).

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 17:22:55 -0300
>Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 07:11:24 -0400
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

<snip>

Hello Don, Dick and List,

A very interesting discussion. I find it refreshing to see

>>Having discussed this issue with my brother who is a retired
>>professor of sociology and social psychology who even taught
>>classes about panic, and also having edited a monograph about
>>the implications of ET contact, I agree with Eleanor on this
>>point. The popular reaction depends a lot on how authority
>>figures release information and deal with the issues.

>>However, this does not mean that people in high places who
>>withhold information are sophisticated enough to make sound
>>decisions. All the historical evidence suggests that a largely
>>unfounded fear of panic has been the justification for
>>withholding information.

<snip>

I can't argue with that.

<snip>

>>My brother argues that the often cited alleged panic following
>>Orson Welles' invasion from Mars broadcast has been grossly
>>exaggerated, and he even presented a paper at a MUFON conference
>>on that and the panic issue.

>Bang on, Dick. It makes for a better TV movie as well. I've
>stated my distrust of the mass hysteria theory over the years
>and yet those arguing for it always bring up this War of the
>Worlds radio program. How come then there was no mass hysteria
>when the British were having the hell bombed out of them during
>WWII or the Germans were experiencing the same in Berlin,
>Dresden and Hamburg toward the end of the war. Even in the case
>of a theater fire it strikes me that panic there is more
>immediate and a reaction of self-preservation.

<snip>

Maybe "fear of mass hysteria" is a lousy excuse for the necessity of the governments to control people in some way. The Patriot Act would be a good example: in the end it serves no other purpose but to give an excuse to have more control on people.

<snip>

>As I have stated before (and probably will again on appropriate
>occasions), there may be a cover-up of some evidence (vitaly
>important evidence if Roswell is real) but mostly my studies
>indicate that authorities simply can't digest the bizarre data
>(can't get their heads around it) and so hide their heads in the
>sand and pretend it isn't happening.

>Abductions, of course, would be the hardest part to deal with in
>all respects. If authorities do have direct knowledge of
>abductions, then I sympathize with them and agree with Harper on
>the difficulty of telling the truth. Still, if that is the
>reality that we will need to deal with I think the authorities
>must be forthcoming eventually.

<snip>

I think this is at the core of the problem.

Being unable to get your head around something will never
justify the inaction in the case of abductions. A government
must protect its citizens. How could the authorities explain
that they knew this was happening and they did nothing? It
reminds me a bit of the recent abuse scandals and the Catholic
Church. On a larger scale.

On the other hand, we live in a strange society. Things are
becoming stranger as years go by. We've got Guantánamos and
organized torture. Still they pale in comparison of the fact
that Dumbledore is gay. We refuse to recognize certain genocides
(Turkey) or to act when they occur (Darfur). Instead, we watch
reality TV. I have to hesitate between chuckle and cringe and I
sometimes find myself doing both at the same time.

Many signs point towards a greater tolerance to the intolerable
and this might lend some to believe that we will get disclosure
at some point! But there is one last obstacle that cannot be
easily overcome: we humans are not on top of the food chain
anymore.

How could the disclosure be brought to people?

<snip>

>I'm sure that some - perhaps many given the numbers - of those in
>authority have first hand knowledge of that phenomenon. This is
>not restricted to the general population but is all pervasive.
>Why not highly placed government, military and police officials.

>Out of the dozen or so people I have had contact with in this
>regard, about one-third of them were in positions of authority
>or power. These include government officials [one very highly
>ranked], two personnel working with Transport Canada, a military
>person of high rank-another a rating and police personnel[2] one
>of which is a homicide detective.

<snip>

No offense intended Don, but this is anecdotal evidence. Dick
Hall did the same thing on the same subject recently.

I have absolutely no doubt about your reports. To the contrary,
I find it refreshing to see some people usually associated to
the nut-and-bolt aspects of UFOs jump into the action.

It just raises the point that the people you mention did not
come forward, and probably never will.

Presidents have reported UFOs. But abductions?

<snip>

>In this case I don't think it is an us and them situation. Why
>would these "abductors" restrict themselves just to the general
>population? Why not go right to the top?

>One caveat. If, as it is believed, that these abductions begin
>during one's youth [4 or 5 years old] and then continue into
>that person's middle years-say mid forties - and the abductions

>cease then it might make it more difficult for the abductors to
>make a determination as to who is going to be chosen once past
>the mid twenties. Military and police subjects would be
>predictable because it ! is a career often begun in their late
>teens or early 20s and continued for sometimes decades.

>Politicians, however, can be "born" at any stage in life,
>possibly then making it more difficult to start the process if
>they are already in their middle age which seems to be when most
>abductees are spared further experiences. Correct me if I am
>wrong on that point.

>Sometimes 'they' might just luck out having been interferring in
>a person's life from childhood and this person just happens to
>become a politician-unless these abductors can foresee the
>future beyond pure chance.

<snip>

You lost me there. Maybe you jumped a paragraph?

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 13:22:00 -0500
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:04:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 21:35:17 +0000
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 18:52:38 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 11:49:14 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

><snip>

>It's one thing, expected actually, for government to cover up.
>They do it all the time. But when ufologists appear to be
>covering up, what the heck is going on??

><snip>

>>>Abductions are much too sinister.

>>That's why they need to be exposed as actually happening,
>>physical events, to physical people, so our species can start
>>dealing with the issue! When a UFO organization or group of orgs
>>goes silent instead of looking for funds to finish an abduction
>>study, that is gross injustice to all the abductees, and equally
>>gross injustice to the rest of our species!

><snip>

>It's kidnapping, and very likely involuntary medical
>experimentation. Not hard to get your head around that!

>Oh, oh, Eleanor:

>By claiming abduction is kidnapping - which I agree with you -
>you are stepping on a few toes of abductees who have turned
>their victim-hood into a badge of honor. The first person that
>comes to mind is Katherina Wilson.

"Oh, oh," Kathy:

Stepping on toes? Badge of honor? _WOW_

Let me make one thing perfectly clear: I, and this List, do not
need someone with your background and life experiences speaking
for me. Truth is, I simply don't give a damn what people call
'alien abductions'. I've got more important things to do in my
life than obsess about labels.

>She had declared herself "the way". The go between. Wilson has
>set herself up as the interpreter and official speaker for the
>phenomena. You think I am making this up? Check out her website
>and writings.

>As the song says: "she gone too far; she come undone."

The only person coming "undone" is you Kathy. Nowhere on my Web site or in any of my published material or in spoken word, have I declared myself "the way", and I have never set myself up as, what did you call it, "the interpreter and official speaker for the phenomena"? That would be "the phenomenon" or simply "phenomena". In any case, you're way off in your proclamations. In fact Ms. Kasten, you're simply lying.

I make it perfectly clear in my book that it was specific alien beings who told me I am a go-between or an "emissary" between humans and aliens, and they have made it clear that there are many other abductees who are in this type of position. I'm no one special, just one of many abductees who is being used in this manner. If it disturbs you so much that I've come to terms with this and have accepted my life, such that it is, maybe you shouldn't spend so much time at my Web site.

>I am sure she has contacted you privately and been very
>intelligent in her comments. However, after years of interacting
>with TIs, I would have to say this woman has a severe case of
>Stockholm Syndrome.

>KK

Kathy, Kathy, Kathy... You know nothing about me except what I've published on my Web site. You've never met me. Obviously you didn't read about the psychological and physiological evaluations I've undergone in my attempts to find out what was happening to me.

I've never been diagnosed with your beloved "Stockholm Syndrome". In fact, your mentioning of this is nothing more than a feeble attempt to disparage my "writings" about what I've endured and have learned from my interaction with these beings.

Some people can't handle the truth. Ms. Kasten, I guess you're one of them.

K. Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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UFOs & The 2008 Presidential Election

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 14:34:59 EDT
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:06:14 -0400
Subject: UFOs & The 2008 Presidential Election

All right!

Two of the 2008 presidential contenders have had the UFO issue grace their campaigns.

First was Rudy Giuliani, asked by a youngster about what he'd do if aliens attacked.

Now it's Dennis Kucinich having been outted in Shirley MacLaine's new book that the presidential hopeful once saw a UFO.

Is it about time the UFO issue should become part of the issues? Carter, Reagan, Clinton all touched on the subject but got backed down once in office. The Gipper being the boldest to state so in public. Clinton supposedly had a report of some such commissioned but I don't recall there being a press conference on what he'd found. Only that the guy he appointed to the fact finding mission ended up dead.

Is the UFO issue so pervasive now as to become a legit campaign top and issue?

I'm betting we'll all be in for some surprises soon and don't be caught off guard if the candidate that wins does so on his or her ability to field questions in regard to modern day ufology.

I'd say candidates, get your UFO game on.

Best,

Greg

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Re: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 16:36:23 -0400
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:07:34 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 22:17:18 +0100
>Subject: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

<snip>

>... 'spirits' who communicated instructions for the building of
>complex instruments and communication devices ...

Dave -

Are you aware of a link (or book) where those instructions have
been written down?

Eleanor White

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Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 17:13:50 -0400
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:20:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 19:20:55 +0200
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>If they want to prove their story, why don't they just show a couple
>of stage photographs, on location, around the autopsy table, with the
>body and the surgeons in their bizarre suits, all in colour and with
>good definition? So far, the pictures of the sculpture exhibited by
>Humphreys don't really look like the body in the film.

>I need more to buy this new story.

Gildas, I would suggest that you should hold out for some real
proof that the film is authentic, rather than the opposite.

Brian

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Re: My Close Encounter With UFOs Over Islington

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 17:50:18 -0400
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:22:12 -0400
Subject: Re: My Close Encounter With UFOs Over Islington

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: The Islington Gasette - London, England

><http://tinyurl.com/ypjz82>

>24 October 2007

>My Close Encounter With UFOs Over Islington

It's too bad this publication chose to publish just one very weensy photo of, well... some clouds.

Brian

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Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 16:19:32 -0700
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:25:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:50:42 EDT
>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB]

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:32:09 -0400
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB

>>Source: The New Hampshire - Student Publication The University
>> Of New Hampshire - Durham, USA

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

>>10/23/07

>>UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB
>>Meg Power

>>A declassified FBI memo, dated March 22, 1950, states that
>>'flying saucers' had been recovered in New Mexico, after a crash
>>landing. That document is just one of the pieces of evidence
>>Robert Hastings uses in his lecture, UFOs: The Secret Story.
>>Hastings will be at UNH this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the
>>Strafford Room.

>This is the Scully hoax all over again. The FBI memo was not
>declassified. It was never classified in the first place. It
>reported a rumor that had already been well publicized for
>months, with this version appearing in the Wyandotte Echo
>newspaper on Jan. 6, 1950.

Brad,

I just couldn't resist...

Curious that you refer to the FBI doc as the Scully Hoax,
Scully, Newton and or GeBauer aren't mentioned.

Although I agree that this particular doc isn't classified, most
(pertaining to Flying Saucers and in particular Aztec) back then
were; in the very least they were classified, Restricted, and or
Confidential.

This doc is in small part redacted and was obtained through a
FOIA request.

The doc in question states, an investigator for the Air Forces
stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in
New Mexico.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Wyandotte Echo article doesn't
mention an investigator for the Air Forces does it? Moreover the
article talks about 2 flying saucers, and the FBI doc refers to
3.

>The baloney about the US radar interferes with the controlling
>mechanism of the saucers in the March 1950 FBI memo comes
>straight out of the Wyandotte Echo story of January 1950 from

>car dealer Rudy Fick who got it from Coulter - Scully friend
>George Koehler, a radio station ad manager in Denver.

Your inference re the radar in regards to the propulsion systems of UFOs would seem to indicate that you are privy to their operation as to rule out the effect of high power radar beams on said craft. I certainly would like to here how you arrived at these conclusions.

Additionally, although the article mentioned crashing through the gate of a radar installation (the witness), does it in fact state that high power radar beams caused it to crash?

>The Koehler story in Jan 1950 said radar waves interfere with
>their control systems. That's two months before the FBI memo.

>Air Force OSI documents copy and even type out this Jan 1950
>newspaper clipping onto official-looking memos so the article is
>readable, without commenting on any of the contents. Someone
>looking at such a typed out story on an official-looking AFOSI
>memo might mistakenly get the wrong impression that the AF was
>endorsing the contents, when it was merely copying in readable
>form a fantastic newsclipping. Then they pass their rumor to the
>rumor-loving FBI.

There are AFOSI docs marked Priority X classified, Confidential, dated Jan 13th quoting the newspaper article... that's two months before the FBI doc, whats' your point?

Memos from the FBI, AFOSI, and or the CIC aren't official looking, they are in fact official given there origin.

The OSI docs that I have refer to the article, date and newspaper of origin, and do make comment on the piece, as well as the further actions that will proceed.

>We know that even people outside the government got to see these
>AF documents. Washington columnist Drew Pearson reported in his
>Nov. 25, 1950, column that he personally saw a confidential Air
>Force report on the hoaxed George Koehler story of saucer
>remains.

It would seem that the Air Force chose to classify their information on Koehler, whereas the FBI didn't (at least in part) as you point out.

It is essential to bring to light, after the fact, that there were indeed high powered radar stations in the Four Corners area, as borne out by Scott Ramsey's research.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 11:05:25 +1000
Archived: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 15:28:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

>From: Dave Haith <visions.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 22:17:18 +0100
>Subject: UFO Links With Seance Phenomena?

>Has anybody on UpDates ever researched the possible links
>between UFOs and seance phenomena?

>At the risk of being shot at by the nuts and bolts crowd on this
>list, I have wondered if both phenomena utilise similar physics.

>As a lifelong student of both sets of 'weirdness' I was
>particularly fascinated by events at what has become known as
>The Scole Experiment in Norfolk, UK in the early 90s when senior
>members of the Society for Psychical Research made contact with
>what they believed were discarnate or extra-dimensional
>intelligences.

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

>[http://www.webbscottage.co.uk/bibliography/05-8 the scole report.htm](http://www.webbscottage.co.uk/bibliography/05-8_the_scole_report.htm)

>The evidence they witnessed included handwriting, symbols and
>messages which appeared on factory-sealed, unopened photographic
>film; objects, lights and solid beings which materialised before
>previously sceptical observers; 'spirits' who communicated
>instructions for the building of complex instruments and
>communication devices and personal info about those present.

<snip>

>I have a personal friend called Tom Harrison, now living in
>Spain, who for many years at his home circle claims hundreds of
>beings - in this case dead relatives - physically materialised
>week after week before many witnesses and the beings spoke and
>embraced Tom and his friends.

><http://www.survivalafterdeath.org/harrison/>

><http://uk.geocities.com/tmjones28/harrison.htm>

<snip>

>Now I am not suggesting UFOs are spirits or spirits are UFOs -
>even though the Scole researchers obtained a clear photo of a
>big-eyed alien face on video - but it seems that both phenomena
>display similar characteristics and abilities.

>If we are ever to understand the possible interdimensional
>physics behind UFOs - maybe a study of home grown seance
>physical phenomena, might offer up some clues?

<snip>

Hi Dave,

I'd like to suggest a book entitled Science and the Akashic
Field by Ervin Laszlo if you haven't already read it, that might
offer further thoughts on your questions.

Mystics and sages have long proposed the existence of Akashic records but Laszlo, holder of the highest degree of the Sorbonne as well as various other distinctions, seeks scientific evidence for this Akashic field, or A-field as he calls it. He describes this A-field as a subtle sea of fluctuating energies from which all things arise: like atoms, galaxies, stars and planets, living beings and even consciousness.

He proposes the A-field holds the constant and enduring memory of the universe which includes all that has happened on Earth and relates it to all that is yet to happen.

In direct relation to your question, in one chapter Laszlo explores past-life memories. He states that although there is a wide array of evidence for past-life experiences, that evidence does not guarantee a correct interpretation. The interpretation he holds more consistent with an in-formed universe (a universe that holds or is imprinted with information) is that the human brain has the ability to become tuned to the holographic record of another person (living or dead) in the A-field. So called past-life experiences signify retrieval of information from the A-field, rather than the incarnation of the spirit of a dead person.

This could be one explanation for information collected from the Scole experiment as well as the materialisation of people who are deceased. Mediums, clairvoyants and psychics are pre-disposed to being readers of the information stored in the Akashic field rather than having actual contact with deceased persons.

Various experiences, including close encounters, seem to trigger this ability. I think it possible that HSPs (highly sensitive people) right-brained or creative and artistic people, are more tuned to this field.

Sheryl

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UFOs Over Exeter U.K.

From: **Chaz Stuart** <daydisk2.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 04:08:00 GMT
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 08:09:28 -0400
Subject: UFOs Over Exeter U.K.

Numerous diurnal sightings of low-moderate quality.

--Chaz

Source: This Is Exeter, Exeter, U.K.

<http://www.thisisexeter.co.uk/displayNode.jsp?nodeId=136993&command>

25 October 2007

There's Something Weird Up There...

Strange lights glowing in the sky over Exeter have left residents bemused, confused and feeling slightly silly

Many people have now come forward after the Echo highlighted the first sighting this week - from a woman afraid nobody would believe her

In fact, the report prompted a host of calls from residents right across the city who have seen something odd and are now not afraid to talk about it.

Just hours after the Echo reported on a bizarrely lit circular object seen over Redhills, another reader has said she saw something odd the day before, over Peterborough Close, Exwick.

Ann Watson had just returned home from a hospital operation and was recuperating outside her home on Saturday afternoon.

She said: "It was around 4pm, so it was still quite light when I saw this black object coming up from the Exe Estuary.

"It was moving very slowly and at first I thought it could be a helicopter but as it got closer I could see it was not.

"It was a long, black thing and made no noise. I thought for a minute I had survived the operation but the Angel of Death was coming to get me!

"My neighbour came out to see it and so did my daughter. It climbed higher and higher and disappeared into the clouds to the north west.

"It was very odd and I can't explain it."

The following day, a 58-year-old woman in Redhills was left stunned after she saw a strangely lit, circular object flying over the city.

The woman, who has asked not to be named, spotted the object between 10.50pm and 11.05pm on Sunday.

She said: "The object was over Haldon and coming towards me."

"It was circular in shape and had lots of flashing, strobe-like lights with a darker feature that seemed to change shape within the light.

"I have seen plenty of planes flying over and know that this was not a plane."

"It came over the bungalow and I went out to the back to see it fly over Exwick and away."

The next day Betty Turner, of Queen's Road, St Thomas, said she also saw a mysterious object in the sky between 9pm and 10pm."

She said: "It was the shape of a kite. I couldn't see any lights on it but I was able to see it as it was a clear night."

"It wasn't travelling very fast. I had time to go across the bungalow and get my binoculars to have another look at it."

"I think I was putting my dustbin out at the time."

Caroline Mortimore, on the other side of the city in Summerway, Beacon Heath, spotted a similar glowing light in the sky. She was with her children Curtis, 12, and Jasmine nine.

She said: "We all saw it coming across the sky, very bright orange.

"We couldn't guess what it was but it was very strange."

Another man, who wanted to remain anonymous, said he was travelling back from work in Newton Abbot with a friend when he saw something strange in the sky.

He said: "I was in the passenger seat coming home from work."

"I only saw it briefly as it was travelling so fast. It was like a shooting star but couldn't have been as it was only 4pm."

The man said he thought it seemed "crazy" to think he had seen a UFO but decided he would contact the Echo as he had read other people had seen one, too.

If anyone saw the strange lights or can explain what might have caused them, contact Mike Byrne on 01392 442238.

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New Paranormal Poll

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 08:16:36 -0400
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 08:16:36 -0400
Subject: New Paranormal Poll

Source: The Detroit Free Press - Michigan, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yvfcpl>

October 26, 2007

Ghosts, Fears Turn Up In Poll

By Alan Fram and Trevor Tompson

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- It was bad enough when the television and lights inexplicably flicked on at night, Misty Conrad said. But when her daughter began talking to an unseen girl named Nicole, and neighbors said children had been killed in the house, it was time to move.

Put Conrad, a homemaker from Hampton, Va., firmly in the camp of the 34% of people who said they believe in ghosts, according to a poll by the Associated Press and Ipsos. That's the same proportion who said they believe in UFOs, unidentified flying objects -- exceeding the 19% who accept the existence of spells or witchcraft.

Conrad, 40, lived in Syracuse, Ind., when her family was scared from their rented house. "It kind of creeped you out," she recalled this week. "I needed to get us out."

About 23% said they actually have seen a ghost or believe they have been in one's presence. Three in 10 have awakened sensing a strange presence in the room.

Fourteen percent said they have seen a UFO.

Fears and superstitions

One in five said they are at least somewhat superstitious.

The most admitted-to superstition, by 17%, was finding a four-leaf clover. Thirteen percent dread walking under a ladder or the groom seeing his bride before their wedding, while a smaller number named black cats, breaking mirrors, opening umbrellas indoors, Friday the 13th or the number 13.

The poll, conducted Oct. 16-18, involved telephone interviews with 1,013 adults and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

And from:

All Headline News - Wellington, FLorida, USA

<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7008951297>

October 25 2007

Poll Finds Ghost Believers Aren't Alone

Nicole King - AHN News Writer

Washington, DC (AHN) - For those of you who think there's a ghostly explanation for those bumps in the night, you're not alone. A new poll shows 34 percent of people believe in ghosts.

A new poll by The Associated Press and Ipsos also found 34 percent believe in UFOs and 19 percent believe in spells or witchcraft. Another 48 percent believe in ESP.

There's even 23 percent who say they have proof ghosts exist because they've seen one, or been in the presence of one. If you're single, Catholic, or have never attended religious services, you're even more likely to have a ghost appear to you. And, more liberals than conservatives are visited by ghosts, 31 to 18 percent.

The 14 percent of people who say they've seen a UFO are mostly men and lower-income. Lower income people, minorities and people who live in cities are also more likely to believe in spells and witchcraft.

People who believe in ESP are more likely to be white and better educated. One in five people admit to being superstitious. The most admitted superstition? Finding a four-leaf clover by 17 percent. Walking under a ladder is something 13 percent of us fear.

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Roswell Saucer Incident Witness Tells Story

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October 26, 2007

Witness To Roswell Flying Saucer Incident Tells His Story
By Pat Sherman

ESCONDIDO -- Retired Air Force veteran Milton Sprouse clearly remembers the summer day in 1947 when he returned to Roswell Army Air Field aboard the B-29 bomber Dave's Dream from a three-day maneuver in Florida.

The Escondido resident, then a corporal and engine mechanic in the Army Air Forces could not believe what his ground crew was telling him: a UFO had crashed in the New Mexico desert, on a ranch 70 miles away.

The story made the front page of the Roswell Daily Record: "RAAF Captures Flying Saucer," read the headline.

According to the July 8 story, "the intelligence office of the 509th Bombardment group at Roswell Army Air Field announced... that the field has come into possession of a flying saucer."

The craft supposedly had been recovered after the ranch owner notified the sheriff's department, who sent Maj. Jesse Marcel and a team to investigate.

"Marcel and a detail from his department went to the ranch and recovered the disk," the story stated. "After the intelligence officer here had inspected the instrument it was flown to higher headquarters."

The next day, the paper retracted the story, claiming that the recovered object was a weather balloon - an account the government stuck with until 1995. It was then announced that the weather balloon story had been fabricated to cover up Project Mogul, a top-secret project involving two-dozen high-altitude neoprene balloons designed to detect Russian nuclear explosions.

According to Sprouse, five of his crew were called to the site to collect the remaining debris and load it onto a flatbed truck. Sprouse was ordered to stay with Dave's Dream in case the military should suddenly need the craft.

"I had reservations of what all they were telling me, because each one of them told something different," he said. "I thought, 'I don't know.'.... Later on, when it all started coming out in piecemeal, you could put it together and tell what they said was true."

As years passed, Sprouse grew more comfortable talking about the Roswell Incident.

Author and ufologist Thomas J. Carey interviewed Sprouse three times with co-author Donald Schmitt. Sprouse is mentioned on page 233 of their new book, "Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-Year Cover-Up."

During his first interview, videotaped at the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, Sprouse was reluctant to talk about the incident, Carey said.

"He was a career Air Force guy, and they're the least likely to speak because of their pensions," Carey said. "When I interviewed him over the phone in 2001, I got a little more information, and then I interviewed him again last year and got even more. It was an evolution of coming forward."

Today, as Sprouse recounts the incident, he leans forward in earnest, a conspiratorial gleam in his eyes.

About 500 soldiers sent to the crash site were lined shoulder to shoulder and ordered to scour the property for debris, he said.

"They lined them up and then said, 'We want you to go through this ranch the way you're facing until we tell you to stop, and we want you to pick up everything unnatural,'" Sprouse said.

"When my crew got back (from the crash site), we talked for weeks," he said. "They told me everything and I believe them.... They told me, 'Milt, it's true.' "

Among the material discovered was a malleable, foil-like material that could be laid flat with no creases after being squashed into a ball.

Whether fact or lore, one of the most intriguing pieces of the puzzle are reports of five diminutive green bodies allegedly recovered with the UFO. Sprouse believes it.

A staff sergeant in his barracks was called to the hospital shortly after the crash, he said.

"He and two doctors and two nurses were in the emergency room, and they brought in one of those five humanoid bodies that they had recovered," he said. "They said, 'We want this dissected and we want a complete history of how it functions and the parts and everything.' "

The next day, the man from his barracks was transferred from the base, Sprouse said.

"We never heard from him again," he said. "We asked and (they said), 'Oh, we don't know nothing about it.'... I heard later that both nurses and both doctors were shipped different directions and nobody ever knew where they went."

Sprouse recalled an interesting conversation with the owner of a funeral home in Roswell several years later.

"We had some friend of ours that died, and he said, 'Hey Milt, I want to talk to you,'" he said. "He says, 'You know the base come to me and wanted five children's caskets.' That was two or three days after the crash. I said, 'No kidding.' He says, 'I only had one, and I told them that.' They said, 'One won't do us very good,' and they went somewhere else and got them."

The day the UFO story ran, the debris was allegedly loaded onto two B-29 bombers, one of them Dave's Dream, and sent to a base in Fort Worth, Texas.

Sprouse and Carey believe the material was then shipped to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, where they say it remains today.

"We believe some of the stuff was loaned around, but the main repository was the foreign technology division at Wright-Patterson," said Carey, who holds a master's degree in anthropology and served briefly in the Air Force. "We've heard stories over the years of people who say that they're still trying to figure out what that stuff is."

Various rumors suggest that pieces of the ship and the bodies

were stored in a mysterious Hangar 18 at Wright-Patterson.

Derek Kaufman, who works in Wright-Patterson's public affairs office, was tentative when broaching the subject of Roswell and Hangar 18. He said the base tracks all such phone inquiries.

"We might get a couple of queries a month related to strange phenomena.... Someone who believes that they've seen something very unusual =96 low-flying, strange aircraft or something along those lines," Kaufman said. "Folks who are UFO enthusiasts are typically the people that inquire about Hangar 18 or about Roswell, but a lot of them don't seem to be credible queries. They seem to be folks bordering on the fanatic.... I'm hard-pressed to describe where Hangar 18 even is located."

Asked if there was any material from Roswell transferred to the base in 1947, Kaufman said, "I'll just defer to what reports have been exhaustively investigated and are now available to the general public."

Wright-Patterson's Web site includes a section titled "UFOs and other strange phenomena" that includes links to the Air Force Freedom of Information Act Web site and a 993-page document titled, "The Roswell Report: Fact Versus Fiction in the New Mexico Desert." In the report, the government meticulously makes its case debunking the Roswell Incident.

According to the report, the bodies recovered at the site were not alien beings, but crash-test dummies used to test high-altitude parachutes.

UFO enthusiasts say they couldn't have been dummies because the parachute tests weren't conducted until nearly a decade later.

"That's a non-starter because that project didn't get under way until the mid-'50s," Carey said. "These mannequins were a good 6 feet tall, they looked human and they were in regular flight suits. There's no way you confuse those for little aliens with big heads."

Asked if there are any remnants of the mysterious event stored at Roswell, Rob Young, a historian with the National Air and Space Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson, answered, "I would not know. I've never seen anything like that.... To my knowledge there is not."

Sprouse believes the Roswell Incident is a far-reaching cover-up that leads as far as the White House.

"The presidents are briefed on everything... classified, unclassified, whether they'll acknowledge it or not," Sprouse said. "Clinton, says, 'I don't know nothing.' Carter says, 'I don't know nothing about that.' Bush won't even talk about it."

Sprouse's wife, Peggy, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, is skeptical about the UFO story. She's been to Roswell with her husband and said once was enough.

"Been there, done that," she said. "I never did believe it and still don't believe it."

Sprouse, who will speak at the Nov. 18 meeting of the San Diego Chapter of the Mutual UFO Network, seems to be enjoying his part in keeping the story alive.

Has the government ever asked him not to speak about Roswell?

"No, but I worry about it," he said. "I'm getting all these telephone calls on that report, and I often wonder if it's somebody looking into this."

[Side Bar]

The Roswell Incident and Milton Sprouse

When: 6 p.m. Nov. 18

Where: Mutual UFO Network of San Diego meeting, Sizzler restaurant, 3755 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego

Cost: Free

Information: Mel Podell, 760-753-2456 or mpodell.nul

The Roswell Report

www.af.mil/library/roswell

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UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

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Date: 10.25.07

Mexico - A UFO At The Vizcaino Power Plant

A report from Ana Luisa Cid

This photo was taken at the Guerreron Negro 2 Internal
Combustion Station, also known as Vizcaino, located in the
Mexican state of Baja California Sur.

It was taken on June 8, 2007 at 9:52 a.m. using a Sony DSC-P41
camera.

The image forms part of an advance report on the installation of
equipment at CCI Vizcaino and was taken by an engineer who holds
a senior position with the company. For this reason he has asked
me not to release his name.

The gentleman seen within the frame is electrical technician
Oscar Villavicencio, who was engaged in maneuvers above a
transformer for a turbo-jet type power generating unit.

It should be mentioned that the photo was sent to me by a third
party, through whom it was possible to learn of this fascinating
case. He is also an engineer at CCI Vizcaino and wishes to
remain anonymous.

It should also be noted that I spoke over the phone with the
parties involved - the author of the photo and Mr.
Villavicencio. They were both very kind in replying to my
queries and it is my opinion that these are serious individuals
who are telling the truth.

UFos have been reported over CCI Vizcaino on repeated occasions,
noting than in 2005, according to the image sent to me by a CFE
attorney, a reduction in energy production can be noted
precisely during the month in which three objects were
photographed above a chimney.

Therefore, it would be worthwhile to reconsider the hypothesis
that relates unidentified flying objects with power generating
sources.

Images:

http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2007.htm

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Larry Hatch's List of Discredited UFO Sightings

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>Subject: Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

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>Is anyone able to direct me
>to any research on misidentifications and similar
>'mistaken'/'false' UFO reports?

I know of one list:

Larry Hatch's *U* Base - archived by web.archive.org...

A Short List of Discredited UFO Sightings

<http://tinyurl.com/ytg7jy>

Many links in page...

A Short List of DISCREDITED UFO SIGHTINGS
Dead Canary cartoon
As of June, 2006 ..

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The items that follow were exposed as hoaxes, pranks, misidentifications and other non-events. In a few cases, hoaxers later confessed their activities.

Some cases were delisted from the *U* UFO Database after subsequent findings. These and others come back from the dead long after they were exposed or convincingly trashed. Hopefully this list will save a few of us some time rehashing the same red-herrings.

This list is NOT intended to be comprehensive, a lifetime of work would not be enough. Nor is this a list of junk sightings, night-lights, flying triangles by the score, every balloon since Montgolfier etc., .. clearly a waste of bandwidth.

You will not see Roswell, Rendlesham, and other debatable events listed here, nor obvious Adamski style fakery and so forth. Instead I list notable sightings from the literature which sensible people might have taken seriously, but now appear to be entirely bogus. I also include a few silly ones, Enjoy!

I have probably trashed sightings here which some still consider to be valid. My sincere regrets. The greater danger is an ocean of canards and misidentifications which I must have missed. This list will grow as time permits, few if any deletions are anticipated.

The credit for exposing false sightings goes to the many researchers and field workers who have done the real work, not

me. Any errors and omissions are mine. Clearly, this is only a representative sampling. If you know of a sighting in the literature that you feel is thoroughly disproven, not just suspect, please email me.

Larry Hatch

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1585 BC? The famous TULLI POPYRUS of Pharaoh Thutmose III. (which nobody= can find)

A gross distortion of mis-translated document, hastily copied from an fractured relic offered at an excessive price by an Egyptian "Antiquarian". in the 1930s. Even the script was from the wrong Egyptian era. A twelve-dollar treasure map purchased from a street vendor in Barbados has better provenance, yet the Tulli Papyrus keeps coming back like the Mummy's Revenge.

1290 AD Ampleforth (and/or Byland) Abbey, England: Monks see shining silver disk hover nearby. /Desmond Leslie .. Gabriel Green, and many copycats ever since. " .. a joyous fabrication by two schoolboys at Ampleforth Abbey Public School who had perpetrated the myth in a letter to The Times on 9th February 1953." Dr. Christopher Evans -and- Samuel Rosenberg

1790/06/12 ALENCON, France: Sphere lands. Odd man exits and runs to woods. Sphere disintegrates etc. /r203 p.66 J. Keel No such event per diligent searches... Likely invention of Alberto Fenoglio. /Christian Piens, Chris Aubeck, Edoardo Russo.

1864/06/xx HOLDREGE, Nebraska .. see 1884/06/06

1882/11/17 LONDON, BRUSSELS .. seen widely: Extraordinary Aurora Borealis takes on disk and cigar shapes. Maunder and other well known astronomers witness. Widely misinterpreted .

1884/06/06? HOLDREGE or BENKELMAN,NE: (Actually about 7 miles South of= Lamar,NE)

4 Cowboys see Blazing cigar crash: Broken wheels, cogs, machinery. Much detail, all fake. Cr. Jerry Clark: Spaceship and Saltshaker; IUR Nov-Dec 1986. -and- his encyclopedia, 2nd Edition, pp 259.

1896-97/04/19 LEROY=3DYATES CENTER, KS: 3 figs/airship lasso calf. ADMITTED HOAX by local liars club. Still appears in new UFO potboilers.

1897/04/17 AURORA, TX: CGR hits Judge Proctor's WINDMILL: Fragments all over. Alien dies. Actual residents (still alive in 1960) recalled no such event. Judge had no such windmill. /r98#10 A newspaper hoax to prevent the railroad from bypassing town /Larry Robinson.

1909/09/24 1800 hours: GOTEBOG & Osthhammar, SWEDEN: Large winged CGR passes= >W 100m Altitude.

John Keel: Operation Trojan Horse pg. 110 -and- Michel Bougard: La Chronique des OVNI, p. 217

Actually, Zeppelin-Z, possibly also seen in Tallinn, Estonia on its way North. "Conquete de l'aire, Chronologie .. "

A. Van Hoorebeeck ed., Marabout Univ., 1967, pg. 79. see:

<http://users.skynet.be/sky84985/chron6.html>

1922/02/22 HUBBEL, NE: Fireball lands. 8-foot creature exits and leaves tracks in snow for miles. /r2 p32 & /r180 p4.

Witness William C. Lamb reported multiple bible related UFO sightings (Devils Tower, WY etc.) .. even a UFO crash in 1955. Traced to article "Flying Saucers Are Spirits of Themselves." in 1965 Yearbook issue of Duplantier's Saucers, Space and Science. Credit: Michael Strainic, Chris Aubeck and Jerry Clark.

1945/06/?? Morning: Near BURBANK, CA: Well known photo of "Jack LeMonde" (pseudonym) on horseback with a tall-turreted saucer over the horse's neck. Not a hoax, but almost certainly a simple misidentification of a street lamp per this site (in French) http://rr0.org/Dossier/1945_LeMonde/ which includes some telling photos. Credit: Jerome Beau and his RRO.org website, as pointed out on UFO Updates.

1947/03/xx CENTRALIA, WA: In the April Fools Day 1947 issue of the Centralia Daily Chronicle, we read of one Simon Estes Thompson who was invited aboard a saucer by naked beings from Venus. Apparently not knowing how their craft worked, they instead discussed reincarnation, the benefits of vegetarianism

and similar new age topics with the contactee.
Kenneth Arnold interviewed Thompson, so at least his name is not
a fiction. Credit: Luis R. Gonzales Manso (Spain).

1947/06/21 MAURY ISLAND, WA: UFO EXPLODES and leaves smelter slag etc.

1947/?? (released in 1995) Ray Santilli's famous Alien Autopsy
Film was finally exposed as fake by Santilli himself in April
2006.

Noted sculptor John Humphreys indicated that he created the
dummy, and even portrayed one of the surgeons!
Even with these public admissions, there are people trying to
salvage this, the most thoroughly discredited hoax on record.

1947/07/07 SHREVEPORT, LA: 1805 hrs: Witness heard whirling
sound, smoke and fire.
A 16-inch disk made of specification AN-A-13T aluminum, 1/16"
thickness fell into street.
Mysterious tube Inside was a fluorescent light starter.. Credit: Kevin=
Randle

1947/10/04 Paradise Valley, AZ: Crashed SCR and dead greys. /r120 p394.

1948/01/07 SW/FRANKLIN, KY: USAF Pilot MANTELL CRASHES chasing UFO.
Dozens of calls from Maysville, Madisonville and other Kentucky
locations.
Almost universally dismissed as Skyhook Balloon, then a secret
device.
/r28p220; /r90p4; /APRO June'77; /r89p19; and numerous others.

1948/03/25 Near AZTEC, NM: .. or 1948/02/13 or 1948/05/25 (
and/or the same dates in 1949 .. it hardly matters)
Part of a complex scam involving phony magnetic oilfield
locating devices, the "saucer crash" of AZTEC, complete with a
'tubeless radio' etc. was invented by con artists Silas Newton
and Leo A. GeBauer.
Hollywood columnist Frank Scully swallowed the story whole. It
is resurrected time and again, even today.
For a thorough and devastating account, see CUFOS IUR for
Sept/Oct 1991.
See FBI bust of Newton & Gebauer, their conviction and pictures
at bottom of this page: Busted!

1950/07/23 GUYANCOURT, FR : 'Lucky Blondeau': SCR+2 beings:
Admitted HOAX per /r30 p655

1952/5/07 BARRA di TIJUCA, Brazil: Famous FIVE photos taken of a
60 meter (200 foot) silent Flying Saucer.
Goes South to sea. /FSR vol.17 #3 and APRO Bulletin Vol.1 #1,
their first issue!
Shadows on an uncropped photo indicate the Sun about 45 degrees
beneath the horizon (underwater) at 4:15 PM local time. A most
unlikely arrangement. Credit: Loren Gross (/r142#1p47) and Brad
Sparks.

1952/7/31 BERNINA ALPS, Italy : 6 PHOTOS of LANDED SCR :
OID/DIVING SUIT EXITS.. /FSR Vol.4 #4 etc.
Photos of hoaxer Giampiero Monguzzi holding his camera and small
models trash this story.
These appeared in Reynolds News (UK, no date) which were saved
by Murray Bott, who kindly passed them to Loren Gross. (see
/r136 #11 pg 61-63) Case closed.

1953/1/09 CHRISTCHURCH, NZ: Newsman with telescope sees red-
orange disk hover near Venus. /r137 #1 & #4.
U Database astronomical routine finds Mars within 1
degree/elevation and 3 degrees/Azimuth of Venus.
Newsman said nothing about Mars.

1953/12/?? Near IDAHO FALLS, ID: Special team of USAF JETS with
6 gun cameras each, take scads of footage of 16 Saucers!
per Mel Noel, aka Noel Bryce Cornwall, aka Guy Kirkwood. /r120
Time Good: UFOs Top Secret, pg 274.
Claims of USAF service, commercial aviation licenses, academic
degrees all bogus.
Numerous other spectacular claims by Noel are dismissed by most
serious ufologists.

1954/02/15 Barrow in Furness, near Coniston, England: Steven
Darbishire photos classic
Adamski style Flying Saucer Big news, story and photo in endless

books and journals.

Darbishire made news again in 2004 by admitting a complete hoax, long suspected by most ufologists.

1954/04/27 South of LITTLETON, CO: Scary green-faced ape-man plays catch with dead chicken APRO Bulletin Vol.2 #6

1954/09/24 ALMACEDA (or ALMASEDA), PORTUGAL: Sphere lands. Humanoids exit. Admitted HOAX to draw attention to an isolated village.

1954/09/30 MAISONCELLES-en-BRIE, FR: Brilliant mushroom: HOAX per /r30 p656

1954/09/30 MARCILLY-sur-VIENNE, FR aka Nouatre, FR: PRANK went too far. Non-event delisted.

1954/10/03 CHERENG + MARCOING + QUEND + LIEVIN ++, FRANCE: Close Encounters with the Moon!

1954/10/04 CHALEIX, 24, FR: Landed NATO helicopter with men in khaki suits.

1954/10/05 MERTRUD, MARNE, FR: Man late for work finds a NEW excuse.

1954/10/07 St. ETIENNE-sous-BARBOUSE, FR: 3 painters seen as Martians.

1954/10/09 LAVOUX, Vienne, FRANCE: Kid in costume with lights.

1954/10/11 MONTBAZENS, FR: Disk + figure/GND. Prank played on co-worker.

1954/10/11 St. ALBAN, 31, FRANCE: DISK + humanoids. Journalistic prank in Samedi Soir (weekly).

1954/10/12 MONTLUCON, 03, FR: TORPEDO + BEING on GND: Prank on credulous man.

1954/10/13 BOURRASOLE/TOULOUSE, FR: Disk and humanoid. A journalistic prank.

1954/10/13 St. AMBROIX, CHER, FR: Landed UFO + 7 figures. A journalistic prank/Samedi Soir.

1954/10/15? near LIVORNO, Italy: Disk lands in field. 2 small red monsters chase farmer. /r8 #287 and others. Well known psychotic per Guiseppi Stilo of CISU Italy.

1954/10/15: Sinceny, Aisne, France: Farmer fires shotgun at Space Alien repairing flying saucer. Numerous sources. Space Alien was a stranded motorist. Farmer in deep legal trouble. Ufologie.net

1954/10/17 CAPE MAZZULO, CAPRI, ITALY: SCR+4 OIDS: HOAX/LDLN.

1954/10/26 ALLEYRAT =3D La Madiere =3D La Badiere =3D Vaureille, France:
Figure in space suit with 2 lites on helmet. Light beam pushes farmer back. /r8 #311. + Bowen: Humanoids. Witness was a disagreeable blowhard who was beat up by some kids. Tale invented to explain his bruises per gendarmes. /r30 p670.

1954/10/28 TRADATE, Italy: 150 witnesses: Saucer lands in athletic field. 2 Martians appear. FSR v16#3 + /r219 + /r8 Police resolve 2 boy's hoax within hours. Still found in UFO literature decades later. Credit: Giuseppe Stilo/CISU Italy.

1954/11/?? Between CALAMANDRANA and CANELLI, ASTI, Italy:
/Corriere della Sera 30NOV54
Photo of Saucer near power pole was a publicity stunt for the local wine industry.
No intent to deceive, but easily misinterpreted or mistranslated. /r138 #10 pg.39

1954/11/04 DIEPENBEEK, Limburg, Belgium: "Flying Saucer lands at Diepenbeek!" says headline in
Het Belang van Limburg for 6 NOV 1954. Several witnesses saw

what actually happened,
A radar dish, suspended by parachute, came down in a tree. U.S.
Army markings were clearly visible.
GESAG #1214. Credit: Godelieve Van Overmeire.

1954/11/11 GRANDVILLARD, SWITZ: Silver sphere was a balloon.
/r107p251.

1954/11/19 TAORMINA, Sicily, Italy: Famous photo of 3 men
watching flying Saucer from bridge.
Shown in countless news articles, UFO books and Journals e.g.
/r106 pg.136.
You have probably seen it yourself. A long suspected double
exposure hoax was confirmed in a recent reinvestigation by
Antonio Blanco of the CISU group in Italy.

1954/12/03 AZUAGA, SPAIN: Square machine lands: Discredited by
Ballester Olmos.

1954/12/27 DRAKENSBURG, South Africa: First of several contacts
by noted contactee Elizabeth Klarer with scientist AKON from
Planet Mekon. They had a son (Ayling) who stayed on planet Mekon
with his alien father.
Klarer spent 4 months on planet Mekon herself during the
pregnancy.

1955/01/05 OYARZUN, SPAIN: Metallic Sphere Lands: Discredited by
Ballester Olmos

? 1956/09/05? FENELTON, east of Butler, PA: 2 men watch 20-inch
washtub saucer circle potato patch near ground level, 30 times
in one hour. There is no telling evidence of a hoax and the case
is still listed here.
Any help with this one will be kindly appreciated. This is all I
have, thanks to Loren Gross : the Fenelton Case

1957/09/26 YELLOW FALLS, TX: 300 people see SCR land in
abandoned oilfield. 1 meter Figure emerges. /r8 #404.
NOBODY can find the place; other details inconsistent. Story
traced to Italy where trail runs cold.

1957/12/03 (dates differ) off SAN PEDRO, CA: Radio Officer Fogl
photos classic Saucer with hanging appendages.
/FSR v5 #1 (Jan-Feb 1959). Same man later admits HOAX to Gordon
Creighton of FSR.

1958/12/20 DOMSTEN nr HOGANAS, SWEDEN: SCR + 4 BLOB FIGS: ABDn
attempt =3D ADMITTED HOAX.
AFU Newsletter #33, JAN-JUN 1988. AFU Sweden, Anders Liljegren.

1961/01/21 AKRON, OH: (Bluebook). Hovering round object was the
Moon.

1962/??/? ALPORTEL, Portugal: UFO lands on mountain top. Type
unknown. Three 3-meter tunnels found going deep into
mountainside. Fraud per J.P. Gonzales of Spanish Anomalia
Foundation.

1962/02/xx MOSBOROUGH, N.YORKS: Superimposed models in 6 famous
photos. Lads fess up later. /r249 p258

1964/03/25 HOLLOMAN AFB, NM: SCR Lands: OIDs meet USAF men.
(source=3D Richard C. Doty.)

1964/08/29 The famous ELTANIN ANTENNA Photographed in deep
Antarctic seas .. the prime "Grid Pole" for endless theories,
networks and absurd formulae. Numerology, new-age, ancient
astronauts, ley lines, and even crop circles join in. cf. Bruce
Cathie, Brad Steiger and many others. Sadly, it was a sponge.
Credit Tom DeMary.

1964/12/10 FORT RILEY, KS: SOLDIER GUARDS DOWNED SCR:
HOAX by Aaron David Kabak aka Dave Aaron. /r189p201+/r249 p259.
Credit: Jerry Clark.

1965/03/02 BROOKSVILLE, FL: 10M SCR Aliens photo witness
Parchment with odd symbols!
Party games prank: Post-hypnotic suggestion on "witness". /Peter
Brooksmith via Larry Robinson.

1965/03/02 BEAVER, PA : Boys photo disk. One Confesses hoax to

Mark Cashman in 1998.

1965/09/23 CUERNAVACA, Mexico: 1000s of observers: 7 Meter SaucerComplete power & communications failure. /r215 pg.54 and /r3 pg.135 Gross exaggeration of a natural Zodiacal Light display made visible by a power outage. Discredited on-site by Luis Ruiz Noguez. Referral by V-J Ballester Olmos.

1966/02/06 ALUCHE, Spain: Disk lands, traces left: Part of complex and long running UMMO Hoax, finally admitted by parapsychologist Jordan Pena in 1992 after being exposed in 1988. /J.J. Montejo & Carles Berch=E9 /Edoardo Russo

1966/7/3 or 7/23 LOST CREEK,WV: MOVIE of CLASSIC SCR: Hovers over tree. /r188 Teets, Bob: West Virginia UFOs Pg 41. Grey Barker filmed, while James Moseley drove the car and John Sheets suspended a fake model from a stick. Credit: James Moseley & Karl Pflock: Shockingly Close to the TruthPrometheus, 2002, page 199+ and V-J Ballester Olmos.

1966/11/22 DIAMOND PEAK, OR: PHOTO of blurry split Saucer /FSR v19 #2, is actually a passing road sign. /CUFOS IUR.

1967/01/09 Mt.CLEMENS, MI: CLEVER FAKE PHOTOS fool many. 1 OBS confesses later.

1967/03/17 N/MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay: Astronomers photo Domed Ovoid which offloads smaller objects, blue smoke (no mirrors) APRO Bulletin ++
Hoax to promote sale of lens flare photos actually taken 11 NOV 1966 by Juan Reyes Febles.
Exposed by Boletin CIOVNI July 66-67 pp 1-2, Roberto Banchs and others. cr: V.J. Ballester Olmos

1967/05/16 NIEVA,SPAIN: Figures board SCR in woods: Discredited by Juan Ballester-Olmos

1967/06/01 VALDERAS, Spain: Fake photos of saucer on 3 legs. LDLN #166 + FSR June '69++
Part of complex UMMO Hoax publicly admitted by psychologist Jordan Pena, 1992.
Credits: Montejo & Berch=E9 via Edoardo Russo and V-J Ballester Olmos.

1967/06/03 near TALAVERA de la REAL,Spain 2 Radar stations and ATCS. 2 jets and T-33 Trainer chase triangular UFO. /r41p10 & /r226 PHENOMENA bimonthly. No.14. Object was a French CNES Balloon. Credit V-J Ballester Olmos.

1967/07/03 NANTON, Alberta, Canada: Color photos of 12m fake saucer./M. Sachs.

1967/07/21 PAMLICO Co., NC: Small model + eggshell in PHOTO HOAX by Ronnie Hill age 14. /r249p259.

1967/10/24 HATHERLEIGH, Devon, UK: 2 policemen follow evasive flying cross thru farm country.
At least 11 books by David Clarke & Andy Roberts, Peter Fairley, Richard Garrett, Jenny Randles, Timothy Good John W Macvey, Nick Redfern, Arthur Shuttlewood .. Phenomenes Spatiaux (France) .. APRO Bulletin (USA) ..
The cops readily accepted an explanation of Venus by Astronomer Howard Miles at that time. BBC Interview

1968/05/03 CHASCOMUS, ARG: Mr. VIDAL, his wife AND their car abducted to MEXICO!
No such person per diligent local investigation. Complete fiction authored by film producer Anibel Uset.
Credit: Chris Aubeck et.al.

1968/06/15 BOULOGNE, ARG: SCR LANDS: TIN ROOF FALLS: PRANK only. /APRO Bulletin v17#5 (MAR-APR 1969)

1968/08/16 TIVISSA, Spain: Flying Saucer hovers near ground. Two octopus beings on 4 or 5 legs seen inside. Watches stop. /r50 pg.150: Fraud per J.P. Gonzales of Anomalia Foundation.

1968/09/01 MENDOZA Prov., ARGENTINA: Humanoids scrawl odd symbols on windshield etc.

Casino workers confess all later. /r249p256

1968/09/22 PUERTO SERRANO, Spain: UFO in woods fires beams and flies away.
Observer is a contactee. Case deemed a fraud by Anomalia Foundation.

1968/10/11 near SETCASES, Spain: Mountain climbers see Saucer land. 2 small humanoids emerge.
Case deemed fraudulent by J.P.G. of the Anomalia Foundation.

1968/11/22 FLEURY d/AUDE,11,FR: Smugglers in helicopter misidentified.

1969/07/16 APOLLO-11 nr MOON: HOAX Invented by NATIONAL INQUIRER.
Fake transcript, phony reporter etc. /r249p253

1969/10/01 LEARY, GA: Jimmy Carter and others fooled by Venus.
NICAP U.I. Feb.1977

1969/11/25 ESPARZA, Spain: "Chemical Engineer" sees 8-meter Saucer land on landing gear.
FSR v16#2 & LDLN Contacts Lecteurs v3#3. Case deemed a fraud by Anomalia Foundation.

1970/03/28 WARMINSTER, WILTS: NLTS + EME + PHOTOS. etc.
An elaborate HOAX staged by debunkers fools many. /r249p257.

1970/04/?? nr MADISON,WI:Attorney abducted from car. Missing time. Brainwashed by aliens to enter politics.
The sole source for this was Warren Smith /r98 #222 pg 112.

1970/06/30 (dates differ) Thor Heyderdahl on raft at sea. Fooled by Poseidon missile test.

1970/10/11 Bogus USAF man: Photo of Invaders TV model near Palm Springs exposed by NICAP.

1971/02/05 KINNULA, Finland: Two lumbermen find landed saucer and humanoid outside.
One 'witness' burns his hand when he touches the Alien's boot. Ufologists learned in the 1990s that this hoax was authored by a local radio reporter.
Credit: Luis R. Gonzales Manso.

1971/08/16 LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND: Jan-Ove Sundberg photos UFO+OIDS in non-existent clearing!
Exorcism and more. All hokum. /r249p255

1972/03/18 Southern FRANCE: "Electre" Missile launch widely misidentified. False UFO reports as far as Corsica, Italy, Switzerland and Austria. /UFO Revista di Informazione Ufologica, /CISU Italy, Issue #7 pp10.

1972/08/21 nr MILWAUKEE, WI: TRUCK EME + OVERHEATS: SCR/TREES
Source=3D/r79:
ADMITTED HOAX per /APRO Bulletin v31#9p5

1973/01/11 SW/THAME, England: Many fooled by flaming F-111 fuel dump. Solved by BUFORA.

1973/08/xx Bolonia, Tarifa, Cadiz, SPAIN: Amateur Archeologist (some boy) photos saucer. Wide publicity by J.J. Benitez. /LDLN #139 etc.
Delisted. Photo was perfect copy of earlier one from Barra da Tijuca in Brazil, also fake. Credit: V-J Ballester Olmos

1973/10/02 NOBLESVILLE, IN and Allen County: Police recover 3 - color paper hot-air balloon from back yard.
Candle provided lift and glow. Needs new candle. News Item

1973/10/16 BILOXI, MS : Cab driver caught napping: Invents clawed creature attack.

1973/10/16 GREENWOOD, DE: 5 firemen set fake SCR on hillside with generator + lites.

1973/10/16 XENIA, OH : 3 men wrapped in aluminum foil jump out at passing motorists.

1973/10/17 FALKVILLE, AL : Cop + others fake photos of man in Fire Dept. metal suit.

1973/10/20 LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY : Balloon with candles freed over football game.

1973/10/21 JONESBORO, AR : 2 men wrapped/aluminum foil jump at motorists. Each fined \$25.

1973/10/28 BAHIA BLANCA, ARG: Famous Dionisio Llanca Abduction.. Probable hoax.
Ufologists can't find doctors, hypnotists etc. per /r249p256

1974/03/20 EL CAMPILLO near NERVA, Spain: Huge Cigar lands. Door opens. 3 Saucers fly inside.
One SCR chases 'witness'. /FSR v20#3 & LDLN #141. HOAX per J.P. Gonzales

1974/06/14 MEDELLIN near CACERES, Spain: 20 meter Cone-Torus UFO chases car. 2-3 fat figures inside.
OBJ buzzes farm nearby. /LDLN #147 & FSR v20#3. Hoax per JPG.

1974/08/12 La BROUSSE, France: SCR Landing traces W/solder bits =3D Admitted teenage prank.

1974/11/09 CARBONDALE, PA 44-hour fiasco with wide coverage. Fireball falls into lake?
Rumored to maneuver under water. Diver recovers 6-volt railroad lantern.
Big UFO retrieval and coverup claimed. Boy confesses tossing lantern into lake.
10 copycat websites move events from PA to New Jersey. Credit: Matt Graeber

1975/01/05 BAHIA BLANCA, ARG (again). Events incompatible with witness's claims.
/R.E.BANCHS /r249p257.

1975/06/28? South of PONTEVEDRA, Spain: 2 Observers? Saucer low over sea, lands on beach with tripod landing gear.
Two small humanoids exit. LDLN #174. Fraud per J.P. Gonzales.

1975/11/16 MOUNT VERNON, IN: 2 people saw bright lights in the distance and reported them as such.
One witness later claimed a disk with flashing lights, and still later added two vague figures inside.
Aircraft landing lights. Details on file: 16NOV75.TXT Credit: Kevin Randle.

1976/02/04 TULSA, OK: Woman abducted for the 5th time. Implanted with "genetically purified child."
Source: /r174 p199 (Wendelle Stevens) One wonders what it looked like.

1977/08/02 Town of CHESTER, IL destroyed by space aliens! Town carefully rebuilt by same aliens... says Myron Fass.
/r249p255 Go to your room, Myron.

1977/12/18 near PENALVER, Spain: Truck motor stops. Odd man leads Driver to Hat-Saucer. Physical examination & mental telepathy. nbsp; /r243 pg.77 (Scheussler) Case deemed fraudulent by J.P. Gonzales/Anomalia Foundation.

1978/01/05 PUIG MAJOR, Mallorca Isl., Spain: NATO Radar Station: RFI. Many fast UID Radar blips.
Apparent press hoax per JPG.

1978/02/05 MENDINACELI, Spain: Hunter abducted by large "clown". Clown takes blood sample from hunting dog.
/r219 pg.17 & LDLN #199 & FSR v30#3 Fraud per JPG/Anomalia group.

1979/03/05 Off CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN: Fireball spirals up from sea, arcs to the North. /MJ #140.
Identified as submarine launch of Poseidon Missile by V.J. Ballester-Olmos Anomalia Foundation

1979/11/11 IBIZA Isl./MANISES, SPAIN: Airline Captain fooled by oil refinery gas flares. Frequently cited.
Excellent study by the Spanish Anomalia Foundation

1979/11/26 PONTOISE, France: Complex 5-day abduction. Admitted HOAX/J.Vallee.

Larry Hatch's List of Discredited UFO Sightings

1980/06/08 PORT KELANG, MALAYSIA: UFOs zap oil refinery. Miss and burn house instead. Journalistic hoax.

1981/02/13 FUENTECEN, Spain: Dog barks. Boxy robot barks back. Traces found in dirt.
/FSR v28#2. Hoaxper JPG/Anomalia Foundation

1981/03/16 CRACOE FELL, England: Honest cops tricked by sun's reflection on hillside quartz.

1983/07/14 FRUNZE, KIRGHIZ, USSR: Baby OID recovered from crashed SCR. Soon dies. /National Inquirer..

1985/07/21 VALGORGUINA, Spain: 30 hours of Missing Time Vague figures recalled in hypnosis session later.
/FSR v31#4. Abductee is known crackpot-looney per JPG/Anomalia Foundation

1986/08/15 BELLUNO, ITALY: (actually Calazo di Cadore in Belluno Province) Two campers abducted for 2 hours by 2-meter grey humanoids with grey overalls and pointy ears. /Andrews, George: E.T. Friends and Foes, pg.14 & others
Hoax per E.Russo et.al. /r209 #3 (CISU UFO Rivista, July 1987)

1987/05/30 CROSIA, ITALY: Noted video image of disk with rectangular notches. /FSR v35 #4.
Image is perfect match with inner support bracket of Telephoto lens assembly /r209 #11 (CISU UFO Rivista..) and others.

1989/03/14 FRENCH POLYNESIA: SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY has ALIEN CRAFT under observation.. /r122 (Tim Good)

1989/05/07 KALAHARI DESERT, S. AFRICA: "Downed SCR + OIDS flown to USA..."

1989/08/10 ESTEPONA, Malaga, SPAIN: "Quality 1 hour video of SAUCER ..= spins, splits .. vanishes"
Stratospheric Balloon sent up by CNES/France, INTA/Spain and Italian Space Agency .. positively identified.
Credit: V-J Ballester Olmos, Spain.

1990/03/(late) 210 miles South of MATARA, SRI LANKA (Ceylon) Tanker Kim Seng: per its captain Rasika Mawatha:
Huge saucer emerges from Indian Ocean. Causes huge waves and circles ship, aims beams up and down, then submerges again. Long lost reference now traced to a 1992 book: Unidentified Flying Objects: Fact or Fiction? by Lillian Crowner Desguin. Original source? The Weekly World News (April 10, 1990). No independent confirmation of "Sri Lankan newspaper reports" are available at this writing. -LH

1992/11/24 SOUTHAVEN PARK, LI, NY: UFO CRASH. TREES MAGNETIZED. Big coverup etc. per John Ford of LIUFON;
(later committed after bizarre murder plot.)

1993/03/31 Many locations in Ireland and Southern England at 0110 hours plus more in Southern France at 0210 hrs (the same actual time allowing for time zones): the 'Cosford Incident'. Variousy described as fireballs, cigars, triangles etc.
Positively Identified as a Tsyklon booster (#22586) which broke up on re-entry after a Russian Cosmos 2238 satellite launch. Date, times and trajectory (generally Southeast) and descriptions all line up.
While some reports are inconsistent with space junk, the majority fit right in.

1995/02/04 BATON ROUGE, LA: GOODYEAR BLIMP fools many. LA MUFON/Barney Garner.

1995/03/27 IMNAGA River + SILVERTON, OR: Balloon flares make big news. HOAX/MUFON

1996/08/17 METAN, SALTA, ARG: DOWNED SCR + OIDS RECOVERED. Cyber-hoax?
Argentine FAO UFO group (misquoted) has NO KNOWLEDGE of incident.

1996/08/19 BAIA DOMIZIA, CASERTA, ITALY: RED UFO =3DMilitary BALLOON Crashed at sea. /CISU

1996/08/22 MARINA di MASSA, ITALY. BOX-KITE set afire by tourists. Hotel owner saw it all./CISU

1997/08/06 Ciudad MEXICO, MX: Famous video, saucer passes tall buildings. Video experts signal obvious fake.

2005/06/05 SW PHOENIX, AZ: Well known video of several nite-lites in circular formation. Brian Bessent made a complete if semi-coherent video- hoax confession on his ufotheatre.com website, now taken down.

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You have probably seen the claims other websites make about these cases.
Now do a search. See what serious ufologists have to say, on the GIGAUFU UFO Search Engine

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Notes:

1) See *U* SOURCES to retrieve references by number.
For Example: /r30 =3D Figuet & Ruchon OVNI Catalog.

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Sergey

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 10:02:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 12:34:01 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>>independently seen these things.

<snip>

>>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew
>>alphabet.

>Here is video on Youtube where Budd Hopkins speaks and where you
>can see some symbols.

>Start from approx. 03:26 min:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di4a04lJgFs>

Dr. Leir has some symbols drawn by a California abductee posted
on his site that are similar to the symbols in the video with
Budd.

http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/_DSC0017.html

http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/_DSC0018.html

Does anyone still think it's possible that Budd's symbols can be
included in the study that Gary Anthony (UK) is working on?
Since Gary didn't solicit them and hasn't seen them yet, would
this make the study more "scientific" in some people's minds?

K. Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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CFI & Kean Win NASA Kecksburg Lawsuit

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Subject: CFI & Kean Win NASA Kecksburg Lawsuit

Source: Yahoo News - Sunnyvale California, USA

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071026/ap_on_sc/ufo_nasa_2

Fri Oct 26, 5:25 PM ET

NASA To Search Files On '65 UFO Incident

WASHINGTON - NASA has agreed to search its archives once again for documents on a 1965 UFO incident in Pennsylvania, a step the space agency fought in federal court. The government has refused to open its files about what, if anything, moved across the sky and crashed in the woods near Kecksburg, Pa., 40 miles southeast of Pittsburgh.

Traffic was tied up in the area as curiosity seekers drove to the area, only to be kept away from the crash site by soldiers.

The Air Force's explanation for the unidentified flying object: A meteor or meteors.

"They could not find anything," one Air Force memo stated after a late-night search on Dec. 9, 1965. Several NASA employees also were reported to have been at the scene.

Eyewitnesses said a flatbed truck drove away a large object shaped like an acorn and about the size of a Volkswagon bus. A mock-up based on the descriptions of local residents sits behind the Kecksburg Volunteer Fire Department.

UFO enthusiasts refused to let the matter die and journalist Leslie Kean of New York City sued NASA four years ago for information.

The agency has turned over several stacks of documents which Kean says are not responsive to the request, an argument that U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan agreed with.

In March, Sullivan rejected NASA's request to throw the case out of court, resulting in negotiations that led to the agency promising last week that it will conduct a more comprehensive search.

Kean said Friday that she sued NASA rather than the Army because the space agency a decade ago released some relevant documents on the case.

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Re: It Came From Outer Space Says Man

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 17:49:29 -0500
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 10:20:04 -0400
Subject: Re: It Came From Outer Space Says Man

>Source: The Oregonian -

><http://tinyurl.com/34j9oe>

>Thursday, October 25, 2007

>It Came From Outer Space, Says Man

>Aliens - For Keith Rowell, tracking UFOs in Oregon requires both
>skepticism and belief

>Mike Cade
>Special to The Oregonian

<snip>

>Rowell says potential MUFON members are required to
>pass a basic science test - with a score of 80 percent.

If Rowell said that potential MUFON members are required to pass
a science test, he is mistaken.

This is true only if you are trying to become an investigator.
Anyone can join MUFON. No test is required.

BTW I made a 96 on mine.

Terry Groff
The Dallas - Fort Worth Mutual UFO Network
<http://mufondfw.org>
terry.nul

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Roswell Not Explained Says Candidate Richardson

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Source: The Houston Chronicle - Texas, USA

<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/tx/5249582.html>

Oct. 26, 2007

Roswell Incident Not Explained To Richardson's Satisfaction

By April Castro Associated Press Writer
2007 The Associated Press

Round Rock, Texas =97 If he wins his bid for the White House, Democratic Presidential candidate Bill Richardson may be just the man to get to the bottom of the 60-year-old Roswell UFO mystery.

Answering questions at a townhall meeting Friday, a Dell employee asked Richardson about the 1947 incident in which many people still believe a flying saucer landed near the eastern New Mexico town.

"I've been in government a long time, I've been in the cabinet, I've been in the Congress and I've always felt that the government doesn't tell the truth as much as it should on a lot of issues," said Richardson, who is governor of New Mexico.

"When I was in Congress I said (to the) Department of Defense... 'What is the data? What is the data you have?'"

He was told that the records were classified.

"That ticked me off," he said, as the crowd laughed.

"What do you want me to do? You want me to open up all those files?" he asked the alien enthusiast, who answered that he did.

"I'll work with you on that."

Roswell has become a Mecca for conspiracy theorists in the years since a July 8, 1947, press release sent from Roswell Army Air Base disclosed the recovery of "a flying disk" at a ranch near Roswell.

The next day, higher-ranking officers said the debris came from a weather balloon that crashed; authorities displayed some bits and pieces.

More than 30 years passed, and the incident was generally forgotten. But then, an Army officer who took part in the recovery of the debris came forward to assert that it had been from an alien spacecraft, and that the government had engaged in a cover-up.

Eventually, the Air Force disclosed it had been part of Project Mogul, a top-secret effort to monitor Soviet-era nuclear

testing. But that story never satisfied believers who advanced tales of alien bodies recovered in the desert.

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Secrecy News -- 10/26/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 12:00:01 -0400
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Subject: Secrecy News -- 10/26/07

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from the FAS Project on Government Secrecy
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** NATIONAL ACADEMY ENDORSES OPEN RESEARCH POLICIES
** WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO RATIFY NUCLEAR PROTECTION POLICY

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"The United States Intelligence Community (IC) has an obligation to learn from its history and its performance and to document its activities," Director of National Intelligence J. Michael McConnell wrote in a newly disclosed Intelligence Community Directive.

Towards that end, "each IC agency/organization shall establish and maintain a professional historical capability... to document, analyze and advance an understanding of the history of the agency or organization and its predecessors."

See "Intelligence Community History Programs," Intelligence Community Directive 180, August 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-180.pdf>

Another new DNI directive instructs intelligence analysts that "disseminated analytic products must contain consistent and structured sourcing information for all significant and substantive reporting or other information upon which the product's analytic judgments, assessments, estimates, or confidence levels depend."

"Thorough and consistent documentation enhances the credibility and transparency of intelligence analysis and enables consumers to better understand the quantity and quality of information underlying the analysis."

See "Sourcing Requirements for Disseminated Analytic Products," Intelligence Community Directive 206, October 17, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-206.pdf>

Intelligence collection and analysis objectives are defined and ranked through something called the National Intelligence Priorities Framework (NIPF), which "is the DNI's sole mechanism for establishing national intelligence priorities."

Based on topics approved by the President, the NIPF provides a process for prioritizing competing intelligence requirements and allocating resources accordingly.

See "Roles and Responsibilities for the National Intelligence Priorities Framework," Intelligence Community Directive 204, September 13, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/icd/icd-204.pdf>

NATIONAL ACADEMY DEFENDS OPEN RESEARCH POLICIES

Poorly considered security restrictions on unclassified research and limits on foreign scientists' access to U.S. laboratories could erode U.S. scientific and engineering prowess, a recent report from the National Academy of Sciences concluded.

"The success of U.S. science and engineering has been built on a system of information sharing and open communication, not only among U.S. institutions, but also with the international science and technology communities."

"Given the current diminishing rates of new scientific and engineering talent in the United States ... the size of the U.S. research and development effort cannot be sustained without a significant and steady infusion of foreign nationals," the report said.

"We must continue to encourage U.S.-born citizens to pursue science and engineering degrees and at the same time remain open to the benefits that foreign-born, but U.S.-trained, scientists and engineers bring to our country in terms of technological and economic growth."

See "To Maintain National Security, U.S. Policies Should Continue to Promote Open Exchange of Research," NAS news release, October 18:

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=12013>

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO RATIFY NUCLEAR PROTECTION POLICY

To submit an international arms control agreement to the U.S. Senate for ratification has not always been the Bush Administration's first instinct. But last month the White House asked the Senate to ratify a 2005 Amendment to the 1980 Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material.

"This Amendment is important in the campaign against international nuclear terrorism and nuclear proliferation," President Bush wrote in his transmittal letter.

"It will require each State Party to the Amendment to establish, implement, and maintain an appropriate physical protection regime applicable to nuclear material and nuclear facilities used for peaceful purposes."

The pending Amendment along with a State Department overview and related materials were recently printed for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. See "Amendment to Convention on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material," submitted by the President of the United States to the U.S. Senate, September 4, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/nuke/control/nucmat/text/amend.pdf>

International progress on ratifying the Amendment "remains slow," lamented Mohamed El Baradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, in a September 10 statement. Of the 128 States that are party to the 1980 Convention, only 11 have approved the 2005 Amendment, he said.

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UFO Over Montamarta Spain?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 13:23:15 -0400
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 18:30:45 -0400
Subject: UFO Over Montamarta Spain?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
October 26, 2007

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/ysy5u8>
Date: 10.26.07

Spain: A UFO in Montamarta

A schoolteacher claims having seen an object "crossing the sky from west to east, with the apparent size of an apricot, and it had a blue tail"

J.A. Garcia, Montamarta - A high school teacher from Benavente was greatly surprised when by the appearance of a glowing dot of light that crossed the skies "from west to east" and which in her opinion was an unidentified flying object: a UFO.

She witness the glowing element "between 7:30 or 7:45 in the morning" when she approached the town of Montamarta on her way to the school in Benavente. "It was a fixed, fiery light that spouted something like little flames and had a bluish tail," she said.

She stresses that the surprising apparition was perfectly clear because "the night was dark and the light could be clearly seen."

Furthermore, the object plowed the skies alone, without any stars lighting the cosmos over the landscape and could lead to a mistaken perception or be a shooting star. It was a luminous object "about the size of an apricot" and it moved through the firmament "at low speed."

The teacher adds that "it turned off before hitting the ground. It wasn't lit when it fell." In spite of this, she doesn't know the area in which it landed. When she discussed the event in the Benavente school, she was even more certain upon learning that "another co-worker from Manganeses de la Lampreana had also seen it" with no less surprise.

Guardia Civil sources consulted in this case reported not having any awareness of the apparition or having received any calls making them aware of it.

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 17:19:07 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 18:32:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 13:22:00 -0500
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 21:35:17 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

<snip>

>>By claiming abduction is kidnapping - which I agree with you -
>>you are stepping on a few toes of abductees who have turned
>>their victim-hood into a badge of honor. The first person that
>>comes to mind is Katherina Wilson.

>"Oh, oh," Kathy:

>Stepping on toes? Badge of honor? _WOW_

>Let me make one thing perfectly clear: I, and this List, do not
>need someone with your background and life experiences speaking
>for me. Truth is, I simply don't give a damn what people call
>'alien abductions'. I've got more important things to do in my
>life than obsess about labels.

>>She had declared herself "the way". The go between. Wilson has
>>set herself up as the interpreter and official speaker for the
>>phenomena. You think I am making this up? Check out her website
>>and writings.

>>As the song says: "she gone too far; she come undone."

>The only person coming "undone" is you Kathy. Nowhere on my Web
>site or in any of my published material or in spoken word, have
>I declared myself "the way", and I have never set myself up as,
>what did you call it, "the interpreter and official speaker for
>the phenomena"? That would be "the phenomenon" or simply
>"phenomena". In any case, you're way off in your proclamations.
>In fact Ms. Kasten, you're simply lying.

>I make it perfectly clear in my book that it was specific alien
>beings who told me I am a go-between or an "emissary" between
>humans and aliens, and they have made it clear that there are
>many other abductees who are in this type of position. I'm no
>one special, just one of many abductees who is being used in
>this manner. If it disturbs you so much that I've come to terms
>with this and have accepted my life, such that it is, maybe you
>shouldn't spend so much time at my Web site.

>>I am sure she has contacted you privately and been very
>>intelligent in her comments. However, after years of interacting
>>with TIs, I would have to say this woman has a severe case of
>>Stockholm Syndrome.

>>KK

>Kathy, Kathy, Kathy... You know nothing about me except what

>I've published on my Web site. You've never met me. Obviously
>you didn't read about the psychological and physiological
>evaluations I've undergone in my attempts to find out what was
>happening to me.

>I've never been diagnosed with your beloved "Stockholm
>Syndrome". In fact, your mentioning of this is nothing more than
>a feeble attempt to disparage my "writings" about what I've
>endured and have _learned_ from my interaction with these
>beings.

>Some people can't handle the truth. Ms. Kasten, I guess you're
>one of them.

>K. Wilson
>www.alienjigsaw.com

At great risk to myself, yet with playful heart, I feel the need
to butt-in here.

When proffered points span the distance to apparent, arrogant
accusations, I'm reminded of the poet's "haughty spirit before a
fall."

Knowing you get what you pay for, some free, un-asked-for advice
anyway: please make sure you still have space in any room you
choose to bring your ego.

This might even prevent the unprofessionalism in this field,
that's been pointed out of late.

Now, back on topic:

If any abduction accounts are dismissed out of hand, don't we
limit our possibilities for study and understanding?

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Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 02:57:19 +0200
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 18:40:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 13:22:00 -0500
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens

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>about what I've endured and have learned from my
>interaction with these beings.

>Some people can't handle the truth. Ms. Kasten, I guess
>you're one of them.

>K. Wilson

Hi Katharina, Listers,

good to read your words here on this list.

I recommend to ignore the contributions of Kathy Kasten. In another thread here on this List she recommended a book from a man trying to get some money by jumping on the Roswell Bandwagon by creating an absurd connection between German aircraft/aerospace technology of WWII and the Roswell Crash and/or Neuschwabenland - Antartica.

BTW, a reminder to all the Anglo-American contributors this List: not all Germans were Nazis in those damnable years.

I read the thread here you issued because of the CUFOS study. Maybe CUFOS has changed a bit?

One of my favourite movies still is Closes Encounter Of The Third Kind. It was advised by the late J.Allen Hynek. For me it is the most authentic UFO movie ever.

This is how real alien influence happens. And sometimes it happens in a far more un-spectacular way, just amid your personal life, without a craft hovering above your house. You thought you have dreamed, you feel "uncomforable this morning", you dream of a luminous carpet leading out of your window and you are tempted to out of your window, someone is standing in the room, looking at you, you wake up, your wife is sleeping right of you and you become terribly scared, you shout " go away!", you are crying - and your husband beside you wakes up and does not know how to deal with you... And very often afterwards you feel this ardent desire to be up there - once you see these sparkling diamonds..

Well, there are some among us who are suffering from their experiences.

Once if you have been abducted, you easily (!) recognize if someone else claims only so or if he/she experienced a real event.

I know Kevin Randle - I met him here in Germany and I have high

respect for his experience and skills. He is a friend of the "sleep paralysis" theory. Sleep paralysis really happens to a major part of humanity at times. After that nightly period of more or less unconsciously experienced "immobility" you wake up, feel weak - and recover within the next days. So far, so good.

But if it is accompanied by 'nightmares' - or simply connections to the cosmic matrix - things are more difficult to explain away.

An abduction is something which stays with you permanently. And this is intended.

Unity of energy but diversity of matter and intention - a cosmic principle.

So - as far as we know - there are various parties involved. We must face with the fact that advanced life-forms do exist.

Joachim Koch

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Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 13:01:55 +1000
Archived: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 18:42:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 16:47:06 +0200
>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

>>From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 15 Oct 2007 07:01:25 +1000
>>Subject: Re: Leir Turns Believers Into Sceptics

<snip>

>>I agree, S Blanch is obviously swayed by Leirs first book which
>>hit the market after his remarkable claims of alien implant
>>removals. I do recall a TV doco about Leir speaking of what had
>>been found as normal anomalies_ often found in humans which
>>can get covered with a coating supplied by the body as a means
>>of stopping infection, if the object couldn't be ejected
>>naturally.

>>I've had experience with something similar when my wife had an
>>inch long sewing needle removed from her knee seven years after
>>kneeling on it. This broken needle was offered to us as a
>>souvenir after the surgery and it looked nothing recognizable
>>as a broken sewing needle, it looked more like a "matchstick".
>>Very similar to pics I've seen of Leirs objects. I'm sorry but
>>Leir just doesn't cut it for me either, so John shall we
>>migrate north or south for the winter?

>William,

>I have some trouble trying to grasp what you are saying. Do you
>mean that you saw Roger Leir explain on TV that he had found,
>in fact, normal objects, with just a coating stopping infection?
>If Roger Leir said that, and nothing else, it would mean that he
>is a total idiot to believe he had removed a dozen anomalous
>objects.

>Is that what you mean?

Gildas,

Sorry, as we had spoken privately I had missed your reply on
this List, so I'll just repeat what we have already discussed.

No, it's not what I meant and I meant no disrespect to Dr Leir
personally so if that came across it wasn't intentional. As
regards to the documentary it was what another Dr said as an
explanation for the objects removed by Dr Leir in a documentary
about his claims.

My example of a true experience was just emphasizing my belief
there could be more mundane causes for these anomalies and the
'needle' in my wifes knee changed its appearance after being in
her body for near seven years.

I'm sure Dr Leir is a nice bloke and even sincere, but imo he
hasn't shown much in the way of proof for his extraordinary

claims.

(Excuse my grammar in the original reply).

Regards,

William

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Condign In The Commons Again

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 04:18:14 +0100
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:18:30 -0400
Subject: Condign In The Commons Again

Last Thursday (25th October), Norman Baker MP raised the following question in the commons:

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

Unidentified Flying Objects

Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence pursuant to the answer of 27 June 2007, Official Report, column 801W, on unidentified flying objects, for what reasons his Secretariat (Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat were not sent a copy of the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Report. [160948]

Derek Twigg: I refer the hon. Member to my answer of 27 June 2007, Official Report, column 801W.

The question which the answer refers to above was as follows:

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

Unidentified Flying Objects

Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence for what reason his Secretariat (Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat did not receive a copy of the report on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena produced by the Defence Intelligence Staff; and if he will make a statement. [145883]

Derek Twigg [holding answer 26 June 2007]: The report was distributed to those areas of the Department who were considered to have most interest in the findings, including parts of the RAF.

I hope Stormin' Norman follows up with:

"To ask the Secretary of State for Defence for what reason his Secretariat (Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat were not considered to have any interest in the report on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena produced by the Defence Intelligence Staff, given that they are supposed to be the focal point for all reports of unidentified flying objects; and if he will make a statement".

Let's wait and see...

Joe

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Jason Gammon <BoyintheMachine.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 23:40:59 EDT
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:19:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 12:34:01 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>>independently seen these things.

<snip>

>>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew
>>alphabet.

>Here is video on Youtube where Budd Hopkins speaks and where you
>can see some symbols.

>Start from approx. 03:26 min:

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=di4a04lJgFs>

>Sergey

If the samples shown in the youtube clip are of the same variety
Budd Hopkins speaks of, then I would be inclined to dismiss
them.

I believe the general 'cursive'-type flow to be correct, but the
actual symbols seem childish and fanciful. In fact, what comes
to mind is the medieval drawings of true living animals foreign
to Europeans. We know the animals exist, but the drawings of the
animals by eye-witnesses bear little resemblance to their true
physical forms.

Likewise, I feel a similar scenario has occurred with regard to
this subject..

Then again, it's possible that 'fake' symbols were created for
the benefit of the clip.

-Jason Gammon

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Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 11:12:46 +0200
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:23:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 17:13:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 19:20:55 +0200
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Subject: Re: Another Strike Against AA 'Film'

>>If they want to prove their story, why don't they just show
>>a couple of stage photographs, on location, around the autopsy
>>table, with the body and the surgeons in their bizarre suits,
>>all in colour and with good definition? So far, the pictures
>>of the sculpture exhibited by Humphreys don't really look like
>>the body in the film.

>>I need more to buy this new story.

>Gildas, I would suggest that you should hold out for some real
>proof that the film is authentic, rather than the opposite.

Brian,

I think you misunderstand me. I never said that the AA Film is authentic.

My publicly expressed opinion has been and remains: undecided, which is quite different.

Is that too subtle?

The people who claim to have shot that film have many easy ways to prove it.

I just suggested one. My bet is that they are not going to give any proof like that.

Gildas Bourdais

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CFi Press Release On NASA/Kecksburg Verdict

From: **Richard Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 06:20:34 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:30:38 -0400
Subject: CFi Press Release On NASA/Kecksburg Verdict

Forwarded to the List at the request of Leslie Kean.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
October 26, 2007

Contact: Leslie Kean
lkean.nul

Landmark Court Settlement Requires NASA To Release Documents On
Mysterious UFO Case

New York, N.Y. -- On the heels of the news of NASA's attempt to withhold survey data on aviation safety problems, the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFi) today announced the unprecedented settlement of a lawsuit against the space agency in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

As result of NASA's refusal to release its records concerning the 1965 Kecksburg, PA UFO incident and subsequent stonewalling, CFi filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit in December, 2003, as part of a broader FOIA campaign supported by SCI FI Channel.

Presiding U.S. District Judge Emmett G. Sulliivan approved a settlement that requires NASA to comb through hundreds of documents in specified locations and provide copies to Leslie Kean, investigative journalist with CFi and plaintiff in the lawsuit, under the watchful eye of the courts. NASA is required to declassify relevant documents, explain any redactions, and to pay Kean's legal fees as part of the settlement.

John Podesta, former Chief of Staff for President Clinton and President of the Center for American Progress, who has supported Kean's FOIA effort since 2002 commented, "The time to pull the curtain back on this incident is long overdue. Leslie Kean's victory is a triumph for open government and the spirit of inquiry."

Kean's attorney, Lee Helfrich, of the Washington firm Lobel, Novins & Lamont, had made the case that NASA was recalcitrant in its response to Kean's requests under the Freedom of Information Act. "It is unprecedented to have achieved success at forcing an agency to do this kind of extensive historical search under FOIA without Congressional intervention," Helfrich stated.

Kean has been seeking documents about the crash of an unknown object in Pennsylvania that occurred over forty years ago. Witnesses described seeing a fireball in the evening sky, a controlled landing and a systematic military recovery of a spacecraft-like object. As reported by local radio and newspapers, U.S. military personnel cordoned off the area, investigated the site, and left without ever providing a full report of the incident other than to dismiss it as a meteor.

"Finally, we hope to acquire the relevant documents about Kecksburg that are required by law," says Kean. "I look forward to working with NASA on the resolution of the terms set out by

the court and to providing the public with the information it has been waiting for."

The US government has for years resisted releasing records on unidentified flying objects when requested under the FOIA. CFi does not make any assumptions about the origin of the Kecksburg object, but defines UFOs simply as airborne phenomena that have not been identified or explained.

Additional information on the Kecksburg incident and the NASA lawsuit, including the settlement document, can be found at:

www.freedomofinfo.org

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Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 17:33:16 +0100
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:35:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul.com>
>To: ufoupdates.nul.net
>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:41 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 22 Oct 2007 19:29:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Is Ufology 'Anti-Science'?

>>I am sure that you have sound reasons of your own for suspecting
>>that there is such a grand conspiracy in place. All I can ask is
>>that you reconsider the conclusions you have drawn, and that you
>>do this by stopping to think for a while about how the world
>>looks from Teheran, Havana, Moscow, Damascus or Tripoli (if that
>>is too general an invitation, think about it in terms of
>>'opportunities for de-stabilisation'). I believe that if you
>>conduct such an exercise, your views on the grand conspiracy
>>will be tempered, and it is also my opinion that once this
>>happens you will be a little closer (I'm talking about a yard or
>>two closer to something a hundred miles away - no great claim, I
>>admit!) to a true understanding of the nature of the bewildering
>>and elusive phenomena that so intrigue us both.

>Gerald:

>You seem to be ignoring the fact that opposing forces may take
>similar actions but for different reasons and without
>conspiring. The United States didn't go public with its
>blatantly illegal U-2 flights over the USSR, because it did not
>want to fess up to the illegal behavior. The Soviets protested
>through diplomatic channels, but not publicly because they did
>not want to admit they could do nothing to stop the flights.
>Once they shot down Gary Powers and displayed him, the wreckage,
>camera etc. they made much noise.

>In 2001 The US finally admitted to families of 166 crew members
>of military recon aircraft that had been shot down while heading
>towards or over North Korea, China, or the USSR. Some events had
>happened more than 50 years earlier. The families had all been
>lied to. We shot down some Soviet planes... again without
>publicity... or conspiracy. See William Burrows fine book By
>Any Means Necessary.

>The third reason I give for the cover up in my UFO Why Questions
>at my website is that any public announcement of the reality of
>alien visitors could well move the younger generation to start
>thinking of themselves as Earthlings instead of as Americans,
>Russians, Cubans etc. I know of no country that wants its
>citizens to owe their primary allegiance to the planet instead
>of to that country. It seems to me that Nationalism is the only
>game in town. People in power want to stay in power.

Stan,

Your argument here feels to me as though it is a last ditch
post-rationalization of a position that just doesn't stack up
against the evidence. And, once again in this discussion, there
is a great deal of USA-centric thinking at the root of it.

It makes a lot of sense if you are the world's number one superpower to work hard to conceal evidence that you are actually highly vulnerable. But if you are an also-ran in the power stakes, there is much to be gained by revealing that vulnerability - not least a levelling of the global playing field. Smart strategists would pick up on that and take the chance. This is especially true of smart strategists who have established a strong degree of control over their own national media. They could easily decide to back their own ability to 'manage' the situation domestically while the media in the USA and other western democracies went berserk in an orgy of sensationalist de-stabilization.

This in turn undermines your argument about a younger generation starting to think of themselves as earthlings: in California, yes; in North Korea, no. 'The reality of alien visitors' might play well in Berkeley and Dallas, but in Beirut and Damascus it would be the latest instalment in a catalogue of decadent imperialist machinations.

All of which is to argue the point from a tacit acceptance of your view that those in power will always behave cynically in order to preserve that power. I'm not convinced, however that that is always the case. Leaders are capable of acts of altruism, and in Chavez you have a leader who has raised the altruistic gesture almost to an art form. While the CIA labours unsuccessfully to engineer his downfall, he funds children's orchestras and offers cheap fuel to financially challenged American city councils during cold weather. If he could, I think he would derive enormous enjoyment from blowing the lid off UFO secrecy in a way that would undermine the existing global status quo - and he's got his own weekly TV show on which to showcase all the smoking guns, saucer wreckage and charred alien remains!

-- Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

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>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 14:08:45 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 24 Oct 2007 17:22:55 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Governments UFOs & Abductions

<snip>

>>Sometimes 'they' might just luck out having been interfering in
>>a person's life from childhood and this person just happens to
>>become a politician-unless these abductors can foresee the
>>future beyond pure chance.

><snip>

>You lost me there. Maybe you jumped a paragraph?

The point I was trying to make is that it would be difficult to target someone for abduction early on who might become president unless these things can see into the future. Politicians don't usually know themselves that they are going to be politicians until later in their lives. It's not a decision that you have to make early on such as you would to be a police officer or make a career in the armed forces. You can run for office very late in life as a politician.

Don Ledger

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 12:47:03 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 09:48:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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Some of these symbols really are strikingly similar to the symbols Budd has collected. Budd's symbols have certain repeated elements, and these show up in some of the symbols on the pages Katharina points us to. Thanks, Katharina, for this.

Other symbols, though, don't show up in Budd's collection. And here we run into the difference between a scientific study, and our well-meaning, possibly accurate, but non-scientific personal impressions. When I say that some of these symbols are similar to Budd's, or that Budd's symbols are similar to one another, you might well believe me. But you might also ask what I mean by "similar." How similar are the symbols? Would someone else find them similar? Am I - maybe even unconsciously - influenced by my friendship with Budd, or by my belief in abductions? Would someone more neutral on the subject be less convinced?

This is why it's not enough to have me or anyone else - no matter how honest we are - make statements about similarity. A much more scientific procedure (as I've said before) would be to assemble a panel of people with no history with this subject, and to show them the symbols, without telling them anything about what the symbols are, or where they come from. The people on the panel, independently of each other, would then give a numerical rating to whatever similarity they do (or don't) perceive.

Then the scores are averaged, and we have a numerical rating for perceived similarity. I'm not at all claiming that this is infallible (whatever "infallible" might mean in these circumstances). But at least, if we followed this procedure, we'd be able to say that a number of unbiased people with no axe to grind on the subject had found the symbols similar. Or not, as the case might be.

One issue with the Leir symbols, by the way, is whether the full pages of drawings that he supplies on his site are similar to the complete collection of specimens Budd has on file. If you look at both collections as a whole, Leir's and Budd's, the similarity is much less than it is when you pick out individual symbols to compare. (Or so it seems to me, anyway.)

And for a really scientific study, the science has to begin at the moment when the symbols are collected. Ideally, the procedure might go like this. An abductee says that he or she saw some symbols. Budd, or some other investigator, says, "I'm

very interested in that. Would you visit me next week and draw them for me?"

When next week comes around, Budd invites (with the abductee's permission, of course) an outside observer, who then can certify that the abductee drew the symbols without any prompting from Budd. Or, even better, the abductee would visit the outside observer in some other location, without Budd even being present. The observer would collect the symbols without showing them to Budd. The collection of symbols would then be passed on to a third party, who hadn't been there when the symbols were drawn. And only then would the symbols eventually be compared, by people who hadn't been part of this chain of collection and storage. All this preserves the objectivity of the study in ways that simply don't happen when Budd observes the drawings, collects the symbols, and does the comparisons himself. And also then shows other symbols in his collection to the abductee, who (as John Velez reported here) may be immediately overwhelmed.

None of this takes away from the impact of the symbols I've seen. But if I wanted to be very precise, I really should say something like this: "If what Budd tells me is true, and these symbols really were drawn by people who hadn't seen any of the other drawings, and weren't prompted at all about what the other drawings look like - then the similarities are really impressive."

One last thought. I never thought - which is a lapse on my part - to ask Budd whether he was showing me the complete collection of every symbol abductees had drawn for him, or whether he showed me only the collection of symbols that resemble each other. If it's the latter, then he was loading the dice, and the similarities might in fact be less striking than they were made to seem. One issue that arose when Stuart Appelle was considering some work on this was precisely what I've just mentioned. Budd wanted to edit the collection he'd give to Stuart. This would really be wrong. If you want to be scientific - or let's use a less loaded word, and simply say "if you want to be objective" - you have to work from the raw data, with whatever disorder and ambiguity it might present. You can't select the portions of the data you think are significant, and work only from those.

Greg Sandow

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

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Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 14:02:54 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:06:04 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 09:35:55 -0400
>Subject: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>INEXPLICATA
>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>October 26, 2007

>Source: www.analuisacid.com
>Date: 10.25.07

>Mexico - A UFO At The Vizcaino Power Plant

>A report from Ana Luisa Cid

>This photo was taken at the Guerreron Negro 2 Internal
>Combustion Station, alzo known as Vizcaino, located in the
>Mexican state of Baja California Sur.

<snip>

>UFos have been reported over CCI Vizcaino on repeated occasions,
>noting than in 2005, according to the image sent to me by a CFE
>attorney, a reduction in energy production can be noted
>precisely during the month in which three objects were
>photographed above a chimney.

>Therefore, it would be worthwhile to reconsider the hypothesis
>that relates unidentified flying objects with power generating
>sources.

>Images:

>http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2007.htm

Hi Scott,

I consider Ana Luisa Cid as Mexico's counterpart of Linda Moulton Howe. Both are outstanding UFO reporters and prolific writers but as investigators they are not as critically minded as they should be, often accepting any photographic or video evidence for the reality of UFOs at face value when the evidence they present is clearly evidence for the case against the reality of UFOs!

The five luminous images or UFOs in the night-time photo of the Guerrero Negro II electrical generating plant taken in February 9, 2005 is such an example - evidence for the reality of camera lens flares!

To convince yourself that the five UFOs in this picture found in her website are indeed camera lens flares, you simply need to locate the center point of the picture (I am assuming that the picture was uncropped). When you pass straight lines going through this center point to each of the five UFOs on the picture you will notice that the straight lines also pass through very bright or "hot" lights that are positioned at equal

distances from the center point and exactly opposite to each of the five UFOs. Coincidence?

The pair of UFO images just above the chimney and another pair of UFOs on or near the chimney itself are just reflections of identical pairs of bright lights on the chimney. Similarly, the domed UFO image to the left of the chimney is simply another lens flare of the very bright light on the building just below and to the right of the chimney. The fact the dome of this UFO is tilted parallel to the straight line between it and the very bright light and the addition important fact that these alleged self-luminous UFOs are apparently use the same light bulbs (Sodium vapour lamps?) as the ones used by the plant confirms that these UFOs are IFOs.

Throughout Toronto where I live there are many similar large electrical generator plants that serve as independent or backup sources of electrical power to factories, hospitals, airports, etc. Yes, UFOs have been seen over or near electrical generator plants but they have also been seen over or near factories, hospitals and airports too. As for Ana Luisa Cid's suspected connection between UFOs and electrical generation plants, including the high voltage transmission lines which crisscross industrial countries like Canada and Mexico, it has not been established. This and the other dubious photos that she provides in her website do not support her conclusion that there is a connection.

Nick Balaskas

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Did Aliens Attack Sicily?

From: Chaz Stuart <daydisk2.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:14:06 -0400
Subject: Did Aliens Attack Sicily?

Source: Daily Record - Glasgow, Scotland

<http://tinyurl.com/2fr3j7>

Oct 27 2007

Aliens Attack Earth - Official
By Stephen White

Village Fires Blamed On UFOs

A series of bizarre fires in a village were caused by aliens testing weapons, Italian government officials believe.

A report into the unexplained fires in fridges, TVs and mobile phones blamed creatures from outer space.

Canneto di Caronia was the centre of world attention three years ago after residents reported everyday household objects bursting into flames.

News footage at the time showed electrical appliances, cookers, a pile of wedding presents and items of furniture smouldering.

Dozens of experts, including scientists, electrical engineers and military personnel, arrived in the village on Sicily, 60 miles east of Palermo, to investigate the phenomenon.

Arson was quickly ruled out and at one stage an amazed scientist was interviewed after he described how he saw an unplugged electrical cable burst into flames. Locals were quick to blame supernatural forces.

At the time, the Vatican's chief exorcist, Father Gabriele Amorth, agreed, saying: "I've seen things like this before. Demons occupy a house and appear in electrical goods.

"Let's not forget that Satan and his followers have immense powers."

Now an interim report by the civil protection department into the strange goings-on has been leaked and published in several Italian newspapers. The investigation has so far taken two years and cost around £31million

It concludes that the most likely cause was "aliens testing secret weapons".

The conclusion that aliens were responsible was supported by the testimony of numerous residents who claimed to have seen UFOs overhead at the time of the fires.

According to the report, the fires were "caused by high-power electromagnetic emissions which were not man made and reached a power of between 12 and 15 gigawatts".

The report also contains details of a possible UFO landing close to Caronia after "burnt imprints which have not been explained

were found in a field".

Yesterday, Francesco Mantegna Venerando, Sicily's civil protection chief, said: "This is not the final report. We are still working on our conclusions and this has been leaked.

"We are not saying that little green men from Mars started the fires but that unnatural forces capable of creating a large amount of electromagnetic energy were responsible.

"This is just one possibility. We are also looking at the fires being caused by testing of top secret weapons by an unknown power who are also capable of producing an enormous amount of energy."

Last night, the town's mayor Giuseppe Collura was unavailable for comment.

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Carol Rainey <csrainey1.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 22:04:02 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:16:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 12:34:01 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>>>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>>>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>>>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>>>independently seen these things.

<snip>

>>>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>>>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>>>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>>>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>>>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew
>>>alphabet.

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>on his site that are similar to the symbols in the video with
>Budd.

><http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/DSC0017.html>

><http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/DSC0018.html>

Hi, Katharina and others,

Sorry to disagree, but I don't think Roger Leir's examples resemble those of Budd's very closely at all.

I'm very familiar with Budd's symbols, as well as with the many, many different symbols that were sent to him in the mail over the 11 years that I was working with him on abductions and also videotaping all aspects of that work, including the symbols. In letters from people who alleged that they were abductees, they sometimes included writing or symbols that they said they had seen in the craft or that were recurring imagery in their lives - so much so that a few people found themselves obsessively scribbling certain symbols all over their note- books or letters. And some letters that came to Budd were filled with pages of symbols that the writers said were from UFOs. The bulk of those symbols, though, did not resemble those collected in his scrapbook, the ones to which you and Greg allude.

Out of the many submitted, only a very few resemble each other.

And those are the ones culled and put together in that scrap-book, where they are indeed impressive - if you believe that's what all abductees draw all the time. That isn't the case.

One of the things that I believe Stuart Appelle was going to do was ask his students, supposedly non-abductees, to draw symbols that they'd imagine to be aboard a UFO. He would then apply some sort of statistical analysis to the drawings of both groups to determine if one could verify that it was outside the realm of chance that the abductees came up with certain repeated symbols. (Since I don't understand statistics, I'm sure Stuart would describe the study with more clarity.)

So there has been no scientifically valid study of those particular symbols that observers of them have found so striking. This is very unfortunate and I share John Velez and Greg Sandow's regret that this has not happened.

Carol Rainey

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:19:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 16:19:32 -0700
>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:50:42 EDT
>>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB]

>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:32:09 -0400
>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB

>>>Source: The New Hampshire - Student Publication The University
>>> Of New Hampshire - Durham, USA

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

>>>10/23/07

>>>UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB
>>>Meg Power

>>>A declassified FBI memo, dated March 22, 1950, states that
>>>'flying saucers' had been recovered in New Mexico, after a crash
>>>landing. That document is just one of the pieces of evidence
>>>Robert Hastings uses in his lecture, UFOs: The Secret Story.
>>>Hastings will be at UNH this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the
>>>Strafford Room.

>>This is the Scully hoax all over again. The FBI memo was not
>>declassified. It was never classified in the first place. It
>>reported a rumor that had already been well publicized for
>>months, with this version appearing in the Wyandotte Echo
>>newspaper on Jan. 6, 1950.

>Brad,

>I just couldn't resist...

>Curious that you refer to the FBI doc as the Scully Hoax,
>Scully, Newton and or GeBauer aren't mentioned.

They don't have to be mentioned in order for it to be the same hoax
story. How hard is it to delete their names and retell a tale?

>Although I agree that this particular doc isn't classified, most
>(pertaining to Flying Saucers and in particular Aztec) back then
>were; in the very least they were classified, Restricted, and or
>Confidential.

Well you agree this FBI memo was never classified. If it was a
true story about a highly classified US Govt recovery of a
crashed spaceship then why wasn't it classified? It's
unclassified status supports the fact its origin was a newspaper
story, as I showed was derived from the Wyandotte Echo of Jan.
6, 1950.

>This doc is in small part redacted and was obtained through a
>FOIA request.

FOIA release does not make the info contained in it true nor does it make it classified, whereas one would expect that documents about a genuine highly-classified US Govt recovery of an extraterrestrial spaceship would be classified. .

>The doc in question states, an investigator for the Air Forces
>stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in
>New Mexico.

>Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Wyandotte Echo article doesn't
>mention an investigator for the Air Forces does it? Moreover the
>article talks about 2 flying saucers, and the FBI doc refers to
>3.

The Wyandotte Echo article was sent to the AF, through a number of hands, before a version of it got to the FBI. So how could the article mention the AF when the AF's role in receiving and AFOSI investigating the Wyandotte article had not taken place yet?

The FBI's source was its own AF Liaison Agent SA (Special Agent) S. W. (Wesley) Reynolds, whose name was mistakenly deleted though a matter of public knowledge and not deleted in lots of other FBI memos that have been released. FBI agent Reynolds' source was still another person whose name has been blacked out. That person in turn had an 'informant' who told the story that you see recited in the bulk of the memo, including reference to an alleged 'investigator' for the "Air Forces" (an erroneous and outdated term since the "Air Force" [singular] came into being from the Army Air Forces [plural] on Sept 18, 1947).

The alleged AF "investigator" doesn't even say he personally saw or witnessed anything in the story he told.

This kind of nth-hand chain of hearsay is exactly how urban legends and folktales are born. It is at least a 5th-hand account.

>>The baloney about the US radar interferes with the controlling
>>mechanism of the saucers in the March 1950 FBI memo comes
>>straight out of the Wyandotte Echo story of January 1950 from
>>car dealer Rudy Fick who got it from Coulter - Scully friend
>>George Koehler, a radio station ad manager in Denver.

>Your inference re the radar in regards to the propulsion systems
>of UFOs would seem to indicate that you are privy to their
>operation as to rule out the effect of high power radar beams on
>said craft. I certainly would like to here how you arrived at
>these conclusions.

The fact the story of alleged radar beams interfering with saucer control systems can be traced to the same folklore story element in the Wyandotte Echo has nothing to do with whether the story element is true or not.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but nowhere are any saucer "propulsion systems" mentioned by me, the FBI memo, or the Wyandotte Echo.

As for the silly notion of so-called "high power" radar beams in the 1 megawatt range (my info on radars of that era) affecting the control systems_or_propulsion of thousand megawatt (= gigawatt) and million megawatt (=terawatt) range interstellar spacecraft I suggest you read up on Stan Friedman's papers. It's like suggesting 4th of July sparklers won WWII.

>Additionally, although the article mentioned crashing through
>the gate of a radar installation (the witness), does it in fact
>state that high power radar beams caused it to crash?

Yes it did, see what I said in the very next paragraph. The Wyandotte Echo article says that according to "Coulter" (Koehler) saucers "seem to invariably crash near radar installations" and so "it is surmised that they are attracted by radar, or possibly radar waves interfere with their control systems."

>>The Koehler story in Jan 1950 said radar waves interfere with
>>their control systems. That's two months before the FBI memo.

>>Air Force OSI documents copy and even type out this Jan 1950
>>newspaper clipping onto official-looking memos so the article is
>>readable, without commenting on any of the contents. Someone
>>looking at such a typed out story on an official-looking AFOSI
>>memo might mistakenly get the wrong impression that the AF was
>>endorsing the contents, when it was merely copying in readable
>>form a fantastic newsclipping. Then they pass their rumor to the
>>rumor-loving FBI.

>There are AFOSI docs marked Priority X classified, Confidential,
>dated Jan 13th quoting the newspaper article... that's two
>months before the FBI doc, whats' your point?

The bogus Scully story of radar-crashing saucers was circulated
in January 1950, months before the FBI memo of March 1950 with
its tale of radar-crashing saucers, that's my point.

And there were other versions of the Wyandotte Echo story in
other articles from January-March 1950. These introduced a
number of changes to the hearsay tale.

>Memos from the FBI, AFOSI, and or the CIC aren't official
>looking, they are in fact official given there origin.

A newspaper story quoted in an official AFOSI document does not
make it a true story. But if a newsclip appears in such a
document without any commentary (I've seen the Wyandotte Echo
typed up that way in an AFOSI memo) then it is "official-
looking" and easily mistaken for being being an actual
government report of a saucer crash incident, a mistake by
someone perhaps hurriedly reading the "official-looking" memo on
someone else's desk and not realizing it's just a verbatim quote
from a newspaper article.

<snip>

>>We know that even people outside the government got to see these
>>AF documents. Washington columnist Drew Pearson reported in his
>>Nov. 25, 1950, column that he personally saw a confidential Air
>>Force report on the hoaxed George Koehler story of saucer
>>remains.

<snip>

>It is essential to bring to light, after the fact, that there
>were indeed high powered radar stations in the Four Corners
>area, as borne out by Scott Ramsey's research.

Why is it "essential"? I am familiar with Scott's research and
have yet to see a shred of any evidence from him that any radars
were in operation in Four Corners in March 1948. In fact from my
Roswell-related investigation of NM-area radars I was the one
who pointed out to Scott one possibility for a radar setup as
early as March 1948 but it would have to be at Kirtland AFB,
Albuquerque, not in Four Corners. It is still a possibility, and
so far as I can see my finding is the only one.

If you or Scott have an actual document putting a radar in
operation transmitting radar beams in March 1948, not just site
surveying or construction work (which could take 2 years back
then), in Four Corners, then let's see it.

Continued promotion of Aztec as a legitimate crash case tends to
detract from the Roswell incident, since Aztec has no witnesses
in 1948 who reported in 1948, unlike Roswell which has witnesses
in 1947 who reported in 1947. No alleged Aztec "witnesses" ever
turned up until Steinman's and AF Lt Col Wendelle Stevens' book
on Aztec in 1986, almost 40 years after the fact. The timing
looks suspiciously like an effort to capitalize on the interest
in the Roswell incident in the 80's.

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Sunday, October 28, 2007

UFO Center Moves To Old Missile Site
By Nicholas K. Geranios
Associated Press writer

HARRINGTON, Wash. -- To find the new home of The National UFO Reporting Center, you must go several yards underground at a former nuclear missile site in Eastern Washington.

The National UFO Reporting Center, which moved to this sparsely populated farm country from Seattle last year, is basically a telephone, tape recorder and desktop computer run in an underground bunker by one man who collects and publishes UFO reports from across the country.

Director Peter B. Davenport took over the UFO center's work from founder Robert J. Gribble in 1994. It had been located for years in Seattle's University District, until Davenport decided he wanted a change and paid \$100,000 for the former Atlas missile site located about 50 miles west of Spokane.

"There was the allure of owning my own missile site," Davenport said.

Missile Site No. 6 now contains a large row of file cabinets and boxes, neatly organized by date, containing thousands of reports of UFO sightings stretching back decades. A typical file reads:

"Longview, WA. February 25, 1999 1158 hrs. (Pacific)
Description: Fourteen forestry workers witness a horseshoe shaped object lift an adult elk out of the forest and fly off with the apparently dead, or unconscious, animal."

The missile site covers 22 acres, and the massive concrete buildings are underground. The old Atlas E missiles rested flat, not upright in silos, in what were called "coffin launchers." In the event of war, a concrete lid would slid open, the missile would be hoisted upright and the engine fired.

The UFO files, along with some office furniture, are stacked in a dark, dank room the size of a basketball court, where the yellow missile hoist remains in place. A few bare bulbs provide lights.

Davenport is still cleaning out the missile site, which is pretty decrepit, and is living in an apartment in nearby Harrington while he works to make it habitable.

Davenport doesn't spend much time scanning the skies, or traveling to UFO locations. Most of his work is transcribing numerous calls or e-mails each day from people who think they

have seen UFOs. He places those reports on the Web site for all to see.

Davenport also gives lectures and appears often on radio talk shows tied to UFOs. He considers himself among the most skeptical of ufologists, and estimates that 90 percent of the calls he receives can be quickly disproved, and many of the rest likely have a rationale explanation.

But that still leaves a lot of reports for which no terrestrial explanation is available, Davenport said.

Washington has a long history of UFO reports, including the famous Mount Rainier sighting in 1947 that led to the coining of the term "flying saucers." In that incident, pilot Kenneth Arnold reported seeing nine silver vehicles flying in formation at high speed and moving "like a saucer if you skip it across water."

Whether UFOs exist has been hotly debated for decades. Believers point to loads of evidence, including photos and eyewitness accounts. They contend there must be other inhabited planets, and some with more advanced civilizations may be visiting us.

Like many ufologists, Davenport also believes the world's governments and press are hushing up the existence of UFOs to avoid panic.

"There is nothing more bizarre in the galaxy than human behavior toward UFOs," he said.

Despite decades of official denials, UFOs abound in movies, television, books and advertising, he said. They even show up in religion, where some reports of visions have all the earmarks of a UFO sighting, Davenport said.

UFO skeptic Jim Oberg said Davenport performs a valuable service by recording all the strange things people see in the sky. The problem is that he and other ufologists are too quick to label them extraterrestrial, Oberg said.

That doesn't necessarily mean that aliens are not visiting Earth, Oberg said.

"But the evidence does not rise to the level of an unavoidable conclusion that there is no other explanation," Oberg said, acknowledging that the debate won't end anytime soon.

Last March, former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington said he believes mysterious lights widely seen over Phoenix 10 years ago were UFOs. Also in March, France became the first country to release its extensive UFO files on the Internet. The oldest sightings date to 1937.

Earlier this month, actress Shirley MacLaine revealed that Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich saw a UFO at her home in Graham, Wash. Representatives of Kucinich's presidential campaign and congressional office have not responded to requests for comments on MacLaine's recollection.

Last fall, numerous employees of O'Hare Airport in Chicago reported seeing a mysterious, saucer-shaped craft hovering over the airport. The workers said the object hovered over a terminal before shooting up through the clouds, according to the Chicago Tribune.

The Federal Aviation Administration said nothing showed up on radar, and that the sighting was likely a "weather phenomenon," the newspaper reported.

Davenport graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in fisheries, and specialized in research on the genetics of steelhead trout. He was friends with Gribble, who founded the center in 1974, and agreed to continue the work when Gribble retired.

He estimated the center's work costs \$500 a month.

Davenport does not spend all his time on UFO work. He is an unopposed candidate for Harrington City Council this fall, and is considering a run for the state Legislature.

"Initially this job was fun," Davenport said of running the UFO center. Now it is just "a secretarial job."

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Condign In The Commons Again

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
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Subject: Re: Condign In The Commons Again

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 04:18:14 +0100
>Subject: Condign In The Commons Again

>Last Thursday (25th October), Norman Baker MP raised the
>following question in the commons:

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

>Unidentified Flying Objects

>Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence pursuant
>to the answer of 27 June 2007, Official Report, column 801W, on
>unidentified flying objects, for what reasons his Secretariat
>(Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat were not sent a copy of the
>Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Report. [160948]

>Derek Twigg: I refer the hon. Member to my answer of 27 June
>2007, Official Report, column 801W.

>The question which the answer refers to above was as follows:

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

>Unidentified Flying Objects

>Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence for what
>reason his Secretariat (Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat did not
>receive a copy of the report on Unidentified Aerial Phenomena
>produced by the Defence Intelligence Staff; and if he will make
>a statement. [145883]

>Derek Twigg [holding answer 26 June 2007]: The report was
>distributed to those areas of the Department who were considered
>to have most interest in the findings, including parts of the
>RAF.

<snip>

In a post earlier this year I gave an assessment of why they
didn't receive a copy:

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

More detailed information on this is set out in an article that
I've written for Stuart Miller's new magazine, Alien Worlds.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Waco's Encounters With UFOs

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<http://tinyurl.com/2vy2do>

Saturday, October 27, 2007

Brazos Past: Waco's Encounters With UFOs

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By Terri Jo Ryan
Tribune-Herald staff writer

Believe in them or not, flying saucers have played a role in Waco's past and continue to excite the mind today.

Since the wreckage of an alleged "flying disc" was recovered 60 years ago by the U.S. Air Force from the deserts of Roswell, N.M., Central Texans have turned a curious eye to the skies.

But it was the flurry of UFO reports over Waco skies in the spring and summer of 1952 that had the newsrooms of the Waco Times-Herald and News-Tribune buzzing.

On Easter Sunday, April 13, 1952, an electronics instructor at James Connally Air Force Base (now the Waco campus of Texas State Technical College) named Lt. Edward Gaucher, 27, said he spotted 15 to 20 flying saucers from the Joy Drive-In Theater on Old Dallas Highway (State Highway 81 North).

He was at the theater with his wife and three children when he spotted what he called a formation of objects approaching him. They were about six miles away, about 5,000 feet in the air, and traveling an estimated 600 miles per hour. The reddish glowing objects were only seen for about 10 seconds, he said.

L.C. Headrich, operator of the Bellmead Bakery, said he also saw them that night from nearby Oaklawn Drive-In Theater, also on Highway 81. Their reports were dismissed by other observers the next day as merely sunlight reflecting off birds.

By they weren't the only ones spotting UFOs in 1952. Hundreds of reports were taken by the U.S. military from Americans reporting aerial anomalies like flying discs, glowing domes, bluish cylindrical craft and "dark wings."

Carl Freund of the Fort Worth Press, a former News-Tribune staff member, told the Associated Press in April 1952 he observed about 50 "glowing objects" over the Tarrant County Courthouse during the day.

And it turns out, just days before the flying saucers hit the media, a Connally AFB civilian instructor named Joseph E. Civallo and his wife reported their own close encounter at the Oaklawn Drive-In Theater.

According to the Air Force's files, on April 2, 1952, Civello and his wife noted a "flaming, yellow object" approaching them overhead from the southwest. The fast-moving cylinder appeared to be emitting particles, some kind of stream of sparks, from its tail -97 a tail much longer than any jet aircraft he knew, he said. It was eerily silent to boot.

On April 24, 1952, Leslie M. Parks of Waco, who worked for Tom Cuff Electrical Contracting Co., was watching a movie at the Oaklawn with his wife when he saw two groups of glowing tangerine discs cross the night sky.

Another dozen or so strange sightings were recorded that spring and summer in Waco.

In late September, according to the newspapers' archives, the furor was about over. The Times-Herald received a postcard from an anonymous source who claimed a Waco citizen had figured out the flying saucer, "motors and all," and wanted to get his blueprints to the Army "for help in the atomic field," but didn't know how to go about it.

Waco's newspapers made merry of astronomical oddities throughout the months with reports of the nightly sky shows, dubbing the unidentified flying objects as "flying pumpkinheads", "glowjoes" and "thingamadodgers". They joked that the new city manager's first order of businesses needed to be attacking the plague of sky-skippers. North Highway 81 was dubbed Flying Saucer Row.

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

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NASA Whistleblower To Reveal New Apollo Secrets

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<http://npc.press.org/calendar/caldbevent.cfm?eventid=14033>

October 26, 2007

Fired NASA Whistleblower To Reveal New Apollo Secrets

Dr. Ken Johnston, former Manager of the Data and Photo Control Division at NASA's Lunar Receiving Laboratory during the manned Apollo Lunar Exploration Effort in the 1970's, was abruptly terminated Tuesday morning, October 23rd, from NASA's prestigious Solar System Ambassador (SSA) Program at JPL.

The firing was direct reprisal for Johnston's published account in a New York Times Best Seller, *Dark Mission: The Secret History Of NASA*, of how NASA ordered him, 40 years ago, to destroy key Apollo lunar images and data - rather than allow them to be preserved for academic study and public view.

Johnston will testify at an Enterprise Mission sponsored National Press Club news conference this Tuesday, October 30th (Zenger Room, 9:00 AM), how he disobeyed these NASA orders, secretly preserving the critical Apollo images.

Johnston will then show some of the 'missing' Apollo frames - which confirm the existence of long-rumored 'ancient artificial ruins and technology on the Moon', discovered by the Apollo astronauts but legally classified under the 1958 Space Act by NASA for over 40 years.

Johnston will be joined by Richard C. Hoagland, former NASA consultant and CBS News Science Science Advisor during the Apollo lunar missions.

Hoagland is co-author of *Dark Mission: The Secret History Of NASA*, and head of The Enterprise Mission.

Hoagland will present an imaging analysis of Johnston's 40-year-old rescued Apollo images, comparing them to modern versions apparently currently being 'leaked' by other 'whistleblowers' on official NASA websites. He will also demonstrate and analyze one of the secret technologies retrieved by the Apollo crews, relating to the artificial control of gravity.

Click for more information:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/NPC2007.htm>

Event Date: Oct. 30, 2007
Event Name: NASA COVERUPS CONTINUE
Event Type: News Conference
Time: 9:00 AM
Sponsored by: Enterprise Mission
Event Location: Zenger Room
Details: Fired NASA Whistleblower To Reveal New Apollo Secrets

Kept Classified by Space Agency for Over 40 Years.

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Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

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Dear Colleague,

My name is Cheryl Jones, former news anchor at CNN.

I have a news alert I think you, as a member of fourth estate in these very troubled times, will appreciate.

Think of it as a 'heads-up' on what might become one of the most important stories of the coming months.

At 9:00 AM, Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at the National Press Club in Washington DC, The Enterprise Mission - a private research and public policy group - will hold a press briefing in the NPC Zenger Room.

The subject: Why is NASA Determined to Launch Space Shuttle Discovery October 23rd, Despite NASA Engineering and Safety Center Warnings not to Launch?

Has NASA Learned nothing from the Previous Schedule-Driven Disasters of Challenger and Columbia?

Are Classified NASA Lunar Findings Secretly Pressuring the Aging Shuttle Program to Completion by 2010, to Make Way for 'Constellation' - and the New Space Race to the Moon?

Japan is currently in lunar orbit with the most sophisticated lunar mission since Apollo. China is about to launch a major unmanned lunar mission, on October 24th. In April, 2008 India will launch its first comprehensive unmanned lunar mission. And, Russia recently announced its own ambitious lunar plans - for not only sending cosmonauts to the Moon by 2025, but establishment of a permanent moonbase soon after.

All this on the heels of President George W. Bush's own "Vision for Space Exploration" (VSE) - his sudden decision to "return Americans to manned lunar exploration" ... made inexplicably, in the middle of his war.

Why this abrupt international focus on a 21st Century Moon Program - after over 30 years of the Moon being totally ignored? Did Apollo find "something" of major importance on the Moon, which NASA just forgot to tell the rest of us?

And is this somehow connected with NASA's inexplicable urgency to launch Discovery "on schedule," despite the safety issues? The October 30th NPC briefing will present startling answers to these major public policy questions - which could significantly affect the future of the VSE and NASA.

Leading the briefing will be Richard C. Hoagland: former NASA consultant; CBS News Science Advisor during the Apollo lunar missions; co-author of Dark Mission: The Secret History Of NASA (currently #1 on Amazon's list for Astronomy, and Space Science); and head of The Enterprise Mission. Ken Johnston, former NASA Manager of the Data and Photo Control Department of NASA's Lunar Receiving Laboratory at MSC during the Apollo Program, will present supporting NASA documentation.

According to The Enterprise Mission:

This is an era of increasing concern for ever more government secrecy and expanding classification. Hoagland and Johnston will demonstrate that this "less than forthright NASA decision-making" actually began a long time ago.

Citing specifics from the National Aeronautics and Space Act of 1958, Hoagland will present startling evidence that, contrary to assumptions made by politicians, members of the press and public for almost half a century, NASA is not a 'civilian' space agency, but is in fact 'a defense agency of the United States'.

As a tax-supported federal institution, NASA's 1958 Congressional charter specifically instructs "Sec. 205... (d) no [NASA] information which has been classified for reasons of national security shall be included in any [NASA] report made under this section [of the Act]..." [Emphasis added].

So, what criteria does NASA apply to classifying its scientific or engineering information? And, what major NASA discoveries have never been reported - either to the Congress, the American people or the press - because of NASA's legal ability to lie? And why could these now be politically significant?

Says Hoagland:

"The evidence that NASA is something other than the 'benevolent civilian science institution' it has pretended to be for 50 years, is as overwhelming now as it is disturbing.

It is this 'dark mission', allowing the president to legally classify NASA's most important scientific and technological findings without even other NASA scientists or engineers, or Congress, the press or the American people becoming aware, which we contend is now impelling this new 21st Century Space Race.

A Race whose outcome - unlike the first US/USSR race for 'mere' political prestige 50 years ago - will literally shape the life of every human being now alive on Earth, through the startling technological discoveries we have evidence that NASA made on the Moon during Apollo ... brought back to Earth ... and then successfully kept secret for more than a generation."

Supporting Hoagland's highly controversial data and analysis, Ken Johnston, former LRL manager of NASA's photographic lunar archive in the early 1970's, will give a first-hand account of how he was specifically instructed by his NASA managers toward the end of the Apollo Program to destroy unique Apollo records of what the astronauts actually recorded on the Moon, rather than donate them to a university, high school or other public archive.

Hoagland and Johnston - using these 30-year-old original Apollo images that Johnston, in disobeying that direct order, personally preserved - will illustrate exactly what NASA hoped would never become known: the apparent remains of extensive lunar ruins on the Moon, one of the key projected discoveries cited by a pre-Apollo NASA/Brookings study as "capable of destroying civilization."

Hoagland and Johnston will then compare this 30-year-old data with current Apollo images being posted on official NASA websites around the world - revealing total confirmation of Johnston's 30-year-old claims - including, an actual astonishing

example of the extraordinarily advanced technology the Apollo astronauts may have returned to Earth in the last Mission of Apollo...

Richard C. Hoagland and Ken Johnston will be available for interviews immediately following the briefing - which will last from 9:00 to 9:45 AM - with a question and answer period following until 11:00 AM.

Hope to see you at the Press Club:

Tuesday, October 30th, 9:00 AM, Zenger Room - Washington DC.

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Oct. 21, 2007

Astronomers To Decide What To Do When E.T. Calls

The Yomiuri Shimbun

Domestic astronomers will gather early next month to discuss which institution people should report to should they detect signals from aliens as part of the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI).

The International Astronomical Union has prescribed that those detecting such signals should first report to an institution connected with the SETI and national authorities.

In Japan, however, it has not been settled whether this body should be the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or the Prime Minister's Office.

More than 30 domestic SETI researchers will gather at the study meeting to be held at Hyogo prefectural Nishi-Harima Astronomical Observatory on Nov. 4. They decided to meet because although signals have not yet been detected, they believe "the time is nigh."

SETI is a generic name for a variety of projects searching for signals from intelligent life. It has been ongoing since the 1960s, mainly in the United States, and includes analysis of electromagnetic waves from space through means such as specialized telescopes at Harvard University.

Individuals can also participate online in the analysis of huge volumes of data.

The IAU has a set procedure before any announcement of "contact" can be made. This is because "information must not be disclosed until the reliability of evidence is confirmed."

The relevant institution should first investigate the signal. If it is certain it comes from aliens, it should report it to the U.N. secretary general and other senior officials via the IAU's central astronomical observatory.

The Nishi-Harima observatory has been searching for signals of alien life since September 2005 with its Nayuta astronomical telescope. Its two-meter aperture makes it the largest in the country.

"If a person were to detect a signal tonight, they would have trouble deciding what to do," said Shinya Narusawa, chief researcher at the observatory. "I hope we decide on a policy

including whether to leave the decision to the Astronomical Society of Japan."

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:30:49 -0500
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Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Carol Rainey <csrainey1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 22:04:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 12:34:01 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 17 Oct 2007 15:57:19 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>>I've also seen Budd's collection of these recollections. It's
>>>>enough to chill your blood. The reports are so similar that,
>>>>speaking non-scientifically, it really seems as if people have
>>>>independently seen these things.

>>>>they have a definite configuration. The symbols that a large
>>>>number of abductees have drawn from memory all have that
>>>>configuration. They might differ in details, but the overall
>>>>configuration is strikingly similar. It's as if everyone had
>>>>drawn things that looked like letters from the Hebrew
>>>>alphabet.

>>Dr. Leir has some symbols drawn by a California abductee posted
>>on his site that are similar to the symbols in the video with
>>Budd.

>>http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/_DSC0017.html

>>http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/_DSC0018.html

>Hi, Katharina and others,

>Sorry to disagree, but I don't think Roger Leir's examples
>resemble those of Budd's very closely at all.

<snip>

I don't see any close resemblance at all either. Leir's symbols
are much more varied and look like imaginative doodles. I would
guess that the proposed experiment with people imagining symbols
seen on board a UFO might result in something like this.

Budd's symbols are more patterned and consistent.

- Dick

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Paradigm Research Group

First some recent developments:

Landmark Court Settlement Requires NASA to Release Documents on
Mysterious UFO Case

www.freedomofinfo.org/news/NASA-release.pdf

Efforts to insert the Disclosure issue into the presidential
campaign continue:

Bill Richardson speaks to the ET issue on the campaign trail

www.chron.com/dispatch/story.mpl/ap/tx/5249582.html

X-PPAC question still in play for the Nov. 28 CNN debate

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dlfw3MPvIA

Washington, DC - This is a rare, open contribution request from PRG. We are on the verge of significant breakthroughs within the context of the very long, but very significant presidential campaign which still has 12 months to go. PRG is poised to have an impact if it can operate in a vigorous and persistent fashion over this period.

There are approximately 5000 individuals on the PRG Updates list who, like few others, are very aware of its work over the past eleven years.

If but one in five of these individuals were to contribute \$100 at this crucial time, the funds raised would dramatically empower PRG to move aggressively to bring the ET/Disclosure issue to the forefront of the political process. It is a unique opportunity.

Before continuing, two quick caveats:

1) some of you have already provided PRG substantial support. If so, please put this request aside for now. You have already helped greatly and it is appreciated.

2) some of you, while maintaining your presence on the PRG Updates List, do not agree, in some cases vociferously, with the approach PRG and X-PPAC have taken. If so, please put this request aside. You should, of course, not consider it appropriate to financially support efforts you feel ineffective. But your willingness in spite of your disagreement to remain on the list and follow PRG's work is also appreciated.

Support provided to PRG in the run-up to X-Conference 2007 made it possible to clear all outstanding balances due from the previous conferences to past speakers and lenders. While the 2007 event was very successful, the funds to properly develop

X-Conference 2008 and fully engage the political opportunities emerging are still not available.

I will not go into further detail about PRG's work over the past decade for the simple reason that, with few exceptions, everyone on the list already knows.

PRG is ready to move forward with new projects including X-Conference 2008. If one in 5 on the PRG Updates list would provide \$100, the \$100,000 raised will make that all happen in a timely fashion.

Pay Pal Contributions: www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/PayPal.htm
Or mailed to: Paradigm Research Group, 4938 Hampden Lane, #161, Bethesda, MD 20814 Or by phone (CC): 202-215-8344

One Final Note: given the vagaries of email in era of the 'war on spam', as much as 70% of any single mailing, even to targeted lists, is either diverted by filters or never opened. For that reason, and that reason only, I will follow up with two more related mailings, after which there will not be such a request for some time to come.

To all those who value the power of truth in the hands of the people and not just the government, thank you.

Sincerely,
Stephen Bassett
Executive Director

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:13:48 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:57:49 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 14:02:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 09:35:55 -0400
>>Subject: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>INEXPLICATA
>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>>October 26, 2007

>>Source: www.analuisacid.com
>>Date: 10.25.07

>>Mexico - A UFO At The Vizcaino Power Plant

>>A report from Ana Luisa Cid

>>This photo was taken at the Guerreron Negro 2 Internal
>>Combustion Station, also known as Vizcaino, located in the
>>Mexican state of Baja California Sur.

><snip>

>>UFos have been reported over CCI Vizcaino on repeated occasions,
>>noting than in 2005, according to the image sent to me by a CFE
>>attorney, a reduction in energy production can be noted
>>precisely during the month in which three objects were
>>photographed above a chimney.

>>Therefore, it would be worthwhile to reconsider the hypothesis
>>that relates unidentified flying objects with power generating
>>sources.

>>Images:

>>http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2007.htm

>I consider Ana Luisa Cid as Mexico's counterpart of Linda
>Moulton Howe. Both are outstanding UFO reporters and prolific
>writers but as investigators they are not as critically minded
>as they should be, often accepting any photographic or video
>evidence for the reality of UFOs at face value when the evidence
>they present is clearly evidence for the case against the
>reality of UFOs!

>The five luminous images or UFOs in the night-time photo of the
>Guerrero Negro II electrical generating plant taken in February
>9, 2005 is such an example - evidence for the reality of camera
>lens flares!
<snip>

Hi Nick -

Sorry you feel that way. I don't have your extensive knowledge,
but I stand by the images that Ana Luisa Cid has uploaded. If

they're lens flares to you, so be it.

Scott Corrales

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Re: Larry Hatch's List of Discredited UFO Sightings

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 10:40:37 -0600
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 13:01:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry Hatch's List of Discredited UFO Sightings

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 14:14:23 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Larry Hatch's List of Discredited UFO Sightings

>>From: James Molesworth <jtmoll.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 18 Oct 2007 12:44:01 +1000
>>Subject: Misidentification/'False' Reports Research?

>Larry Hatch's *U* Base - archived by web.archive.org...

>A Short List of Discredited UFO Sightings

><http://tinyurl.com/ytg7jy>

<snip>

>1947/06/21 MAURY ISLAND, WA: UFO EXPLODES and leaves smelter slag etc.

I was not aware that this incident had been widely discredited, although I know there were disputed claims that the primary witness admitted a hoax. Does anyone have a good link/reference that demonstrates a hoax or otherwise dismisses this case?

Mike

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Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 16:45:32 -0000
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 13:04:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 23:01:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 16:19:32 -0700
>>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:50:42 EDT
>>>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB]

<snip>

>>>The baloney about the US radar interferes with the controlling
>>>mechanism of the saucers in the March 1950 FBI memo comes
>>>straight out of the Wyandotte Echo story of January 1950 from
>>>car dealer Rudy Fick who got it from Coulter - Scully friend
>>>George Koehler, a radio station ad manager in Denver.

>>Your inference re the radar in regards to the propulsion systems
>>of UFOs would seem to indicate that you are privy to their
>>operation as to rule out the effect of high power radar beams
>>on said craft. I certainly would like to here how you arrived at
>>these conclusions.

>The fact the story of alleged radar beams interfering with
>saucer control systems can be traced to the same folklore story
>element in the Wyandotte Echo has nothing to do with whether
>the story element is true or not.

>Correct me if I'm wrong, but nowhere are any saucer "propulsion
>systems" mentioned by me, the FBI memo, or the Wyandotte Echo.

>As for the silly notion of so-called "high power" radar beams in
>the 1 megawatt range (my info on radars of that era) affecting
>the control systems _or_ propulsion of thousand megawatt (=
>gigawatt) and million megawatt (=terawatt) range interstellar
>spacecraft I suggest you read up on Stan Friedman's papers.
>It's like suggesting 4th of July sparklers won WWII.

Some Listers might still think that a megawatt sounds like a lot
of power. But it's worth remembering the steps involved in
between the transmitter stage and the arrival of the radar beam
on target. (Excuse the gross approximations that follow, but
they make the general point.)

If the peak power of a radar is a megawatt (typical of modern
ATC and TMA radars) this is the power reached at the peak of
each pulse, but each pulse lasts only in the order of a
millionth of a second. In order for the _average_ maintained
power to be approaching one megawatt there would obviously have
to be a million pulses per second. But there will only be in the
order of a thousand. So straight away you can see that the
average output power in the beam is in the order of kilowatts -
a kW being about equal to the consumption of one bar of an old

electric fire.

But that's not all. This kW of radiated power is spread through a huge volume of space, typically in these surveillance radars a wedge a couple of degrees wide and maybe 30 degrees tall. The equivalent area covered by that solid angle at range (say) 10 miles is about 1/5 of a square mile, so the average energy density is clearly pretty tenuous. An object (say) 30ft in diameter will intercept about 1/30,000th of that total energy per unit time, so in other words the average power on-target is in the order of 1/10 of a one Watt.

How can this be right? That tiny power then has to be reflected from the target miles through the atmosphere and received back at the radar. Yet radar can not only detect tiny things like birds, insects and hailstones at incredible distances but measures their distance from the radar to within millimetres hundreds of times a second. Doesn't sound possible, yet it is done every day with received powers in the order of one micro-microwatt (10^{-12} Watt).

It's truly a miracle that radar works at all, the power levels are so low. And talk of damage caused by "high power" radar needs to be taken with a pinch of salt.

Another point is that most radars only illuminate a given target for a fraction of a second once every antenna rotation, so we could take off another order of magnitude from the average power on target. But this is not the case for tracking radars, of course, where the antenna stays on the target. And also these radars have pencil beams, so the output energy is concentrated in a smaller solid angle. On the other hand these tend to be smaller, mobile dishes with lower peak powers and also need excellent range accuracy which implies short pulse lengths. One the whole similar arguments apply: The average energy on target is small, and is not going to fry the circuitry or cook the aliens.

>>Additionally, although the article mentioned crashing through >>the gate of a radar installation (the witness), does it in fact >>state that high power radar beams caused it to crash?

>Yes it did, see what I said in the very next paragraph. The >Wyandotte Echo article says that according to "Coulter" >(Koehler) saucers "seem to invariably crash near radar >installations" and so "it is surmised that they are attracted >by radar, or possibly radar waves interfere with their control >systems."

>>>The Koehler story in Jan 1950 said radar waves interfere with >>>their control systems. That's two months before the FBI >>>memo.

Interfering with control systems is of course a different matter that need have nothing whatever to do with power and is about unwanted information in the signal. I suppose the suggestion is that saucers are so confused by detecting simple, regular pulses of radio energy that their autopilot-analogues don't know which way is up any more and crash. But I find this hard to credit. The EM spectrum is full of all kinds of broadcast radio information from many sources, of which radar is only one, and even in 1947 surely there were commercial and military radio and radar sources all over a country like the US. Isn't it a bit odd that they would crash in just those remote desert places where EM pollution is probably at a minimum, rather than around big-city areas where there might be a howling confusion of radio noise, night and day?

Martin Shough

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Caveat Re: PRG News - 10-28-07

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:28:33 -0400
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 14:24:19 -0400
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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 08:43:42 -0700
>Subject: PRG News - 10-28-07

Quick clarification re: the just posted PRG News - 10-28-07.

Because of the funding request in the posting, I did not send it directly to UFO Updates. Another recipient forwarded the posting to this list. That's ok, but not my intention.

Also, because of terminology (UFO Updates, PRG Updates), some might mistakenly conclude the request was directed to the UFO UpDates List. It was directed at the PRG Updates List of about 5000.

SB

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Subject: Re: It Came From Outer Space Says Man

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 17:49:29 -0500
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Keith Rowell
Assistant State Director, Oregon MUFON
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Keith,

I figured that.

Mr. Cade should be made aware of those errors particularly if
they could effect membership in MUFON. Potential members could
see that article and decide not to join thinking they would have
to pass a test.

Terry Groff
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Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 22:34:45 -0300
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 17:59:59 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:10:23 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>It is not correct, as affirmed in this post, that the OS team
>only had a few men. It was so in the very beginning, but with
>the increase of the UFO activity in the area, when they started
>to come closer and closer to the military - "as if they knew
>what we were doing there and wanted us to know about them", said
>Hollanda to me - many more men joined to original team. Over 30+
>military camped on the main beaches of Colares by November and
>December 1977, everybody in Colares will tell you so. But
>someone would only know that after doing a proper check, after
>talking to many people, after cross-checking witnesses' reports.

That's not true. You certainly know these people were
observers and _informants_, not members of the Operation.
Hollanda himself clearly stated that the Operation had five men
under his command, plus assorted informants and observers. But
these were not members of the Operation, they didn't spend
months working directly on it, they were not under his command.

If you read the reports you yourself publicized, you can confirm
that. If you talk with knowledgeable witnesses, they will know
these many people were only observers sent periodically from the
Capital as the events got more attention. That is actual cross-
checking.

If you have proof that the operation involved more than six men,
contrary to what the reports state, contrary to what Hollanda
clearly stated to you, then please present the evidence.

>We are not talking of a mere ball of light in sky at some
>distance. We are talking about a consistent pattern of
>observations that happened daily and many times during the day,
>of some very specific types of objects (during the day, and
>lights during the nights), that also had an specific behavior in
>approaching the witnesses and finally had an specific m. o. when
>attacking them. Also, victims had wounds in a very consistent
>pattern,

Exactly like the Muchnowa, which as it seems you dismiss without
ever going to India to investigate it. Or, from your complete
ignorance about its characteristics, seems not to even have read
about. The Muchnowa was not a "mere ball of light in sky at some
distance". It was reported almost exactly like the "Chupa-chupa"
(Suck-suck), and reportedly inflicted "consistent" wounds on its
victims, with an "intelligent" behaviour, etc.

>As for the
>Fernando Costa's interview, as I stated in my previous post, I
>will only comment on that after I speak with the man face to
>face.

You have never spoken to Fernando, as I confirmed with him. It's
amazing you claim you will speak face to face with someone you
never even exchanged an email, spoken on the phone, or met "face
to face".

Anyway. The documents and testimonials publicized through your work, as full-time editor of a UFO magazine, are indeed valuable. Your work in this regard must be acknowledged. But I don't see any reason to dismiss other people's work, or overstating the facts.

The Operation Saucer was hardly the biggest in the world, and despite all the reports and testimonials people like you and now me -- speaking with only one direct witness -- have publicized, there's indeed litte concrete evidence available.

The leaked photographs are of almost no use, and Fernando Costa's testimonial suggests some of them may have been of simple stars and other objects, enlarged and cropped. Even the many other photos that Fernando didn't develop and are still classified may have been of similar quality, as those who visited the Air Force, including you, have seen and admitted.

Mori

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New Revelations On Operation Saucer

From: **A. J. Gevaerd- Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 09:55:13 -0300
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:03:18 -0400
Subject: New Revelations On Operation Saucer

Source: Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 www.ufo.com.br

Retired Lieutenant-Colonel discloses new revelations on
Operation Saucer in the Amazon, 1977

Summary: Brazilian UFO Magazine locates another military to
reveal info about Operation Saucer [Operacao Prato]. Upon the
magazine=92s editor A. J. Gevaerd request, reporter Sidney Pereira
Filho, from Belem newspaper O Liberal, finds Lieutenant-Colonel
Gabriel Brasil, who was a contemporary colleague to Uyrang=EA
Hollanda during the occurrence of suck-suck [chupa-chupa]
phenomenon in the Brazilian state of Para.

Introduction: Much is still to be clarified on the sightings and
attacks against people occurred from 1974 to 1978 in the
Brazilian state of Para, namely in Colares island, where the
presence of the phenomenon known as suck-suck [chupa-chupa],
which frightened the whole population in that vast area was,
more intense. As we know, in the year of 1977 the situation was
unbearable to residents of the affected areas and in order to
investigate those attacks the Brazilian Air Force (FAB) decided
to launch an offensive named Operation Saucer [Operacao Prato],
which started in September and ended in December that year.

The suck-suck or =93vampire light=94 phenomenon, as referred to by
river communities in the neighboring states of Para and
Maranhao, was initially detected in the region of Gurupi River,
which divides both states and where most serious cases ever
found in Brazilian ufology would be later witnessed.
Unfortunately, Operation Saucer was launched in a moment when
the attacks started to lose intensity. However, the lives of
people living in those areas were not easy until that happened.
Hundreds of assaults perpetrated by the lights were registered
with at least four resulting in deaths. That military mission
was the greater initiative ever known in favor of an official
investigation of the UFO phenomenon in Brazil and was classified
as confidential pursuant to the Regulation for the Safeguard of
Secret Affairs, a government secret file.

In most cases, the sightings occurred during the night when UFOs
used to fly over little coastal and rural communities taking
them into panic and terror. Reports at the time say that the
objects were normally round or cylinder-shaped with some rare
occurrences of fish-shaped ones. Many witnesses report that
creatures similar to medium-height human beings were carried
inside the aircraft. In general, victims of suck-suck were
adults, both males and females. The incidents normally occurred
in a casual manner, when they were in home, on the streets, or
even in churches or schools. According to Dr. Wellaide Cecim
Carvalho, a physician sent by the Health Department of the State
of Para to treat the victims and who served at the small health
unit in Colares, nearly 60% to 70% of the vampire light victims
were women [See Brazilian UFO Magazine editions 114 to 117].

Dr. Wellaide told Revista UFO that the wounds were first and
second-degree burns, not over 15cm to 20cm in extension and
mostly located in the thoracic region. The most impressive
feature was that the skin of victims assumed a rotten-like
appearance, as if the attack had occurred days ago even when

they happened only a few hours before. Those attacked by suck-suck also complained of vertigo, pains in the body, shakings, prostration, drowsiness, weakness, hoarseness, hair loss, scaly of the injured skin and frequent headache. =93It seems those lights took not only the blood of the victims, but, as detected, also their vital energy, because they had no more forces to do anything=94, the doctor says.

The whole situation was already broadly approached and documented by Brazilian UFO Magazine, and the coverage included results obtained during Operation Saucer, although Brazilian authorities preferred to keep silent over the military mission carried out three decades before. Thus, without an official announcement from the authorities, the Brazilian Ufological Community has relied on constant investigations in the region where the phenomena occurred, as well as on the cooperation of few military that decided to disclose what they knew. Among these, the main contribution came from Colonel Uyrang=EA Hollanda, who guided the operation and gave a ground-shaking exclusive interview to Brazilian UFO Magazine 20 years after the end of operations. Colonel Hollanda revealed details of procedures of the mission in the jungle and described how his men were face to face with extraterrestrials that drove the spaceships in Amazonia.

Now, ten years after Hollanda=92s historical interview, a new military source is willing to disclose what he knows on the Brazilian Air Force secret operations in the state of Para. This man is Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Brasil, a retired air force official who still lives in the capital of Para. Although initially a reserved person and hesitant regarding what to reveal in his statements, the official decided to tell much of what he had been keeping after a contact with Brazilian UFO Magazine=92s editor, A. J. Gevaerd. Even without any direct participation in Operation Saucer he was in service at the I Regional Air Command (COMAR I) during the works of the operation and shared much information with the men involved, especially Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, who was his close friend for a long time. As we all know, I Comar was the institution that controlled the activities of that operation.

Now retired, Gabriel Brasil still keeps in his personal files some copies of UFO pictures taken by Hollanda and his men in Colares. He presented the material to this author, but most of them were already well known to the Brazilian Ufological Community for being many times published by Brazilian UFO Magazine. During the interview, Brasil also described aircraft sightings he personally experienced in the 50s and 70s, stating that he considers the subject a serious and undeniable phenomenon. During his years of service in the 80s, Lieutenant-Colonel was the chief of the extinct Belem Regional Service for Flight Protection (SRPV-BE). At the same period, he was also a professor of the theory of ionospheric propagation at the Federal University of Para (UFPA), when he had one of the most remarkable sightings in his life.

=93I was teaching at night and that time UFPA employees were on a strike. Suddenly, the lights in the campus went off and I thought it were strikers preventing us from working. I left the classroom with my students to see what was really going on and there was a 300-500m diameter yellow light exactly over Combu island=94, stated the military, referring to an island located at the mouth of Guama River, right in front of the university, a touristic spot in Belem. According to Gabriel Brasil, the light observed was very intense and hovered in the air for several seconds. =93Suddenly, that thing disappeared as if it were teletransported for another place. It simply disappeared in front of us=94. After Hollanda, he is the military that most contributed for the disclosure of information regarding Operation Saucer. See below an exclusive interview to us given by Gabriel Brasil.

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 In your personal files you have some pictures showing UFOs observed during Operation Saucer and you say you=92ve seen many other materials including movies shot by the military in Colares. What is exactly contained in all this material?

Gabriel Brasil =96 The pictures were extracted from the movies made by the Air Force military during that mission in the jungle. One of those movies show an 80cm UFO probe which was

pictured and filmed at night beside a coconut tree by Colonel Hollanda=92s team. That probe was the same one seen in Colares paralyzing victims to retrieve materials [Editor=92s input: Human blood and organic samples, and minerals from the environment], according to information provided by the team in the field. Besides, I saw a movie from my colleagues in which an aircraft is seen approaching. It had descended and launched a ladder for their crew to leave the object. But when they realized the presence of Hollanda=92s team, they went back to the ship and left, leaving an intense flashlight that offered a good opportunity for much photographic materials. The images also show how such aircraft worked, apparently operating by means of light variation [Editor=92s input: A thesis advocated by some military that worked in Operation Saucer]. But no one knows what was inside them to provide this evaluation.

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 Some pictures of Operation Saucer leaked. Unfortunately, however, the movies have never left the barracks. After seeing them, what could you tell about them? What did they show?

Gabriel Brasil =96 What I can tell about the military operation carried out in Colares is that the works mainly resulted in four movies of 10-minute duration each. At that time, I Regional Air Command was headed by Brigadier Joao Camarao Telles Ribeiro, who gathered selected representatives from civil society and local authorities to show the obtained material. The meeting was also observed by military from the General Command of Air Technology, from Sao Jose dos Campos, State of Sao Paulo. I believe that NASA representatives were also present. The movies were exhibited during the meeting, but nothing was said about them after that occasion. I=92ve always had a strong friendship relation with late Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, especially because of UFO-related affairs, since we both had great interest in the subject. He informed me that the movies obtained by his team were sent to Brasilia, where I believe they are until now [Editor=92s input: Sources tell that they would be kept at the Brazilian Command for Air Defense (Comdabra), in the Brazilian capital]. In those movies, it was possible to see UFOs flying over the area, landing, taking off, and even diving into waters without reducing speed. The movies also presented small aircraft entering bigger ones. They also showed the operations of probes which collected materials.

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 Where did these pictures and movies ended up?

Gabriel Brasil =96 Thanks to the friendship I had with Hollanda, many copies of those pictures ended up in my hands, which I keep until today. He also showed two images obtained in the municipality of Tome-Asu, deep within the State of Para. One of them shows an aircraft landing in a certain area, which was very clear due to the soil marks left by the object=92s landing gear. I=92ve also seen another picture in which it is possible to realize the collection of materials from the soil from a certain altitude. Nowadays I don=92t know where these two images ended up [Editor=92s input: At the conclusion of Operation Saucer, Hollanda delivered all pictures and movies to I Comar head-office not keeping anything to himself].

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 During the period in which Operation Saucer was carried out, in 1977, Brazil was under a military dictatorship. Some theories say that US military were present in Colares having influenced Brazilians to collect all materials produced during the operation and send it to Brasilia. What do you know about that?

Gabriel Brasil =96 This is completely unknown to me. At the time, I worked directly with Brigadier Camarao and I would surely have known anything in that sense. The truth is that he received an order from Brasilia to carry out investigations on suck-suck and a working group that spent several months in Colares was formed. This was called Operation Saucer. Much material was collected by the military who also had sightings. But everything was presented to the society and only the movies were sent to Brasilia. After this I=92ve never heard of them anymore. It is possible that they still exist, but who knows where they are...

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 The Amazon region is home to many UFO sightings and even contacts with extraterrestrials beings. Would you be able to tell the sites where these really happened?

Gabriel Brasil =96 Besides Colares, another region in which the phenomenon was =96 and still is =96 common is located from the delta of the Amazonas River to the border of the Para and Maranhao states. Another site where many sightings occurred is the region next to Tapajos River, where the phenomenon is so constant that became popular among river communities and part of their daily lives.

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 Besides following the developments of Operation Saucer and seeing its results in pictures and movies, you have also had personal experiences with UFO sightings. How did these occur?

Gabriel Brasil =96 Yes, I had one sighting during the 50s when I was a student at the Air Force School, in Campo dos Afonsos, Governador Island [Editor=92s input: Military area which comprehends the Afonsos Air Base, Rio de Janeiro]. It was 2:00 am and I was working at the airfield in the base, when I saw a light vertically descending at an incredibly high speed. It was yellowish like a sodium light bulb. When it approached the ground, it changed direction by 90 degrees while apparently keeping the same speed when it then turned green. That was absolutely incredible to me, since among all laws we know, from Newton to Quantic Mechanics, those movements were impossible. Anybody changing directions undergo the effects of mass and speed, which, in turn, would cause its self-destruction. But that object I saw did not suffer any force of gravity or change of direction. This was one of my sightings.

Brazilian UFO Magazine =96 Did you have any other? Could you tell us?

Gabriel Brasil =96 The other one happened in the 70s, when I was still teaching the theory of ionospheric propagation at the Federal University of Para (UFPA), at night. At the time, civil servants went on a strike, which also reached the university=92s employees. One night, I was teaching when lights went off. I thought that was something caused by employee=92s representatives in order to prevent us from working. Then I left the classroom with some students in order to see what was happening. Some students from other classrooms did the same, which resulted in a gathering at the campus yard. Then, exactly over Combu Island, which is right in front of UFPA, there was a very intense yellow light with 300m to 500m in diameter. That light stayed still there for several seconds, before suddenly disappearing as if it were teletransported to some other place. That thing simply disappeared in front of us. Besides this case, I had another sighting in the 70s, over Embratel facilities, in the city of Belem. It was around 11:00 pm when a very intense white light appeared at a medium altitude to cross the sky at an incredible speed. As a pilot used to aircraft speed limits, I found that very strange, because at the time =96 and until today =96 there were no aircraft capable of flying at that speed to cross the horizon so quickly. I estimate that light to be between six and 10 thousand km per hour. I tried to take a picture, but it was technically impossible.

Translation by Brazilian UFO Magazine volunteer Eduardo Rado.

The photo of Lieutenant-Colonel Gabriel Brasil and two of the photos he presented to Brazilian UFO Magazine are here:

www.ufo.com.br/public/Brasil

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 14:02:54 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 09:35:55 -0400
>>>Subject: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>>INEXPLICATA
>>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>>>October 26, 2007

>>>Source: www.analuisacid.com
>>>Date: 10.25.07

>>>Mexico - A UFO At The Vizcaino Power Plant

>>>A report from Ana Luisa Cid

>>>This photo was taken at the Guerreron Negro 2 Internal
>>>Combustion Station, also known as Vizcaino, located in the
>>>Mexican state of Baja California Sur.

>><snip>

>>>UFos have been reported over CCI Vizcaino on repeated occasions,
>>>noting than in 2005, according to the image sent to me by a CFE
>>>attorney, a reduction in energy production can be noted
>>>precisely during the month in which three objects were
>>>photographed above a chimney.

>>>Therefore, it would be worthwhile to reconsider the hypothesis
>>>that relates unidentified flying objects with power generating
>>>sources.

>>>Images:

>>>http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2007.htm

>>I consider Ana Luisa Cid as Mexico's counterpart of Linda
>>Moulton Howe. Both are outstanding UFO reporters and prolific
>>writers but as investigators they are not as critically minded
>>as they should be, often accepting any photographic or video
>>evidence for the reality of UFOs at face value when the evidence
>>they present is clearly evidence for the case against the
>>reality of UFOs!

>>The five luminous images or UFOs in the night-time photo of the
>>Guerrero Negro II electrical generating plant taken in February
>>9, 2005 is such an example - evidence for the reality of camera
>>lens flares!

><snip>

>Sorry you feel that way. I don't have your extensive knowledge,
>but I stand by the images that Ana Luisa Cid has uploaded. If
>they're lens flares to you, so be it.

Hi Scott, Nick.

Those aren't lens flares. They don't line up, there are two instead of three flares as opposed to the three on top of the tower - lens flares aren't selective. They aren't radiating spokes wise around the lens.

Don Ledger

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Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:12:54 EDT
Archived: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:36:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

>Source: The Enterprise Mission - Albuquerque, New Mexico

><http://www.enterprisemission.com/NPC2007.htm>

>10/22/07

Why am I not sitting on the edge of my seat for this coming Tuesday?

This had better be a case of more than some fuzzy pictures from decades ago that takes a mathematician to figure out the objects in the pics and their relationship to 19.5.

If they're not crystal clear pics of manufactured objects I wouldn't be interested if the press conference had Barbara Eden in a bikini giving the presentation.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:30:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Carol Rainey <csrainey1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 22:04:02 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>>>Dr. Leir has some symbols drawn by a California abductee posted
>>>on his site that are similar to the symbols in the video with
>>>Budd.

>>><http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/DSC0017.html>

>>><http://www.alienscalpel.com/caliabduct/pages/DSC0018.html>

>>Hi, Katharina and others,

>>Sorry to disagree, but I don't think Roger Leir's examples
>>resemble those of Budd's very closely at all.

<snip>

>I don't see any close resemblance at all either. Leir's symbols
>are much more varied and look like imaginative doodles. I would
>guess that the proposed experiment with people imagining symbols
>seen on board a UFO might result in something like this.

>Budd's symbols are more patterned and consistent.

> - Dick

I'll agree here with Carol and Dick: Leir's patients' writings
look like random scribbles, or attempts at alien writing.

But to me, those characters in Hopkins' video remind me of Star
Trek's "Old Vulcan" script. I wonder where they came from? Was
Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known ufologist ever a
resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the Stars"?

You can check it for yourself at:

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

You can even download the TrueType font of "Old Vulcan" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/35t38p>

For a related thought experiment, you might want to check out my
own redux article at:

<http://tinyurl.com/383yfb>

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DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:45:39 EDT
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 10:03:50 -0400
Subject: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

<http://www.haltadefinizione.com/en/cenacolo/look.asp>

I want to be the first to start the conspiracy that there's been a UFO previously undetected in the painting of Leonardo DaVinci's Last Supper!

I couldn't wait for the chance to jump on this one before it became a cottage industry!

Through the miracle of modern day photography and digital wizardry, the painting has undergone a mind boggling painstaking restoration and photograph now utilizing billions of pixels so you can zoom in and examine in excruciating detail this masterpiece.

Whilst doing so I immediately zoomed in on the left window frame and noticed what appears to be a spherical object sailing through the sky. At first it appears to be a defect in the surface of the painting but it doesn't reveal the gray beneath the painting as does the other defects. Also appears to be lines radiating left of the object.

Too juicy to pass up!

Also, who is the woman on Jesus' right hand side? Even in art history class in college I never bought the idea it was a guy as in one of the disciples because the skeletal frame and poise are obviously female and all but one other guy in the painting has a beard. Only a kid wouldn't have a beard in those days so I got yelled at in art class.

Best,

Greg

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Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 19:56:15 -0300
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 10:26:48 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>From: Kentaro Mori <kentaro.mori.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 22:34:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 10:10:23 -0300
>>Subject: Re: 'Operation Saucer' The Real Evidence

>>It is not correct, as affirmed in this post, that the OS team
>>only had a few men. It was so in the very beginning, but with
>>the increase of the UFO activity in the area, when they started
>>to come closer and closer to the military - "as if they knew
>>what we were doing there and wanted us to know about them", said
>>Hollanda to me - many more men joined to original team. Over 30+
>>military camped on the main beaches of Colares by November and
>>December 1977, everybody in Colares will tell you so. But
>>someone would only know that after doing a proper check, after
>>talking to many people, after cross-checking witnesses' reports.

>That's not true. You certainly know these people were
>_observers_ and _informants_, not members of the Operation.
>Hollanda himself clearly stated that the Operation had five men
>under his command, plus assorted informants and observers. But
>these were not members of the Operation, they didn't spend
>months working directly on it, they were not under his command.

All together I estimate that about a 100 people had direct
contact with OS activities, some during all the 4 months it
lasted, some for a few occasions that could last from hours to
weeks. Observers, informers, visitants, friends invited by
Hollanda, journalists accepted at the places, families of some
military, whatever. However, the total military that camped in
the Humait=El Beach went up to 30+ at OS last weeks. Any people in
Colares would tell you that. Most men were from the Brazilian
Air Force Base in Bel=E9m, a few from the Federal Police, a few
from the Army, a few from Navy, a few from the Military regime's
SNI (National Intelligence Service) etc. You name them.

>If you read the reports you yourself publicized, you can confirm
>that. If you talk with knowledgeable witnesses, they will know
>these many people were only observers sent periodically from the
>Capital as the events got more attention. That is actual cross-
>checking.

If I read the reports I published? Oh yeah! So did you, and it
is from them that you have most of your info. The difference is
that I did several trips to the affected areas and many, many
hours with at least 30 people to get the whole story together.
For your info, and you need it, military was sent to Colares
from a number of locations in and outside Brazil. From Brasilia,
Fortaleza, Sao Paulo, Rio, Sao Jose dos Campos, USA, to name a
few. Observers, informers, visitants, friends invited by
Hollanda, SNI, whatever

>If you have proof that the operation involved more than six men,
>contrary to what the reports state, contrary to what Hollanda
>clearly stated to you, then please present the evidence.

It is not a matter of proof or disproof. Simply, many people at Colares and Bel=E9m just said and confirmed to me (and to other researchers) that at the last weeks of the OS there were some 30+ military camped at the beach. Read their reports again and get a better picture. I have published them many times. Check ot Brazilian UFO Magazines editions 114, 115, 116 and 117, for instance.

>>We are not talking of a mere ball of light in sky at some distance. We are talking about a consistent pattern of observations that happened daily and many times during the day, >>of some very specific types of objects (during the day, and >>lights during the nights), that also had an specific behavior in >>approaching the witnesses and finally had an specific m. o. when >>attacking them. Also, victims had wounds in a very consistent >>pattern,

>Exactly like the Muchnowa, which as it seems you dismiss without >ever going to India to investigate it. Or, from your complete >ignorance about its characteristics, seems not to even have read >about. The Muchnowa was not a "mere ball of light in sky at some >distance". It was reported almost exactly like the "Chupa-chupa" >(Suck-suck), and reportedly inflicted "consistent" wounds on its >victims, with an "intelligent" behaviour, etc.

I never said that the Muchnowa events were a "mere ball of light..." What I said it that the SS in the Amazon wasn't a "mere ball of light..." Read it again. And I read about the Muchnowa events and I found very little similarities between they and SS in the Amazon.

>>As for the >>Fernando Costa's interview, as I stated in my previous post, I >>will only comment on that after I speak with the man face to >>face.

>You have never spoken to Fernando, as I confirmed with him. It's >amazing you claim you will speak face to face with someone you >never even exchanged an email, spoken on the phone, or met "face >to face".

Again, read my post correctly. I never said that I have spoken with Fernando. What I said is that I will comment on his claims after I meet him in person. What its amazing about that? You think I shouldn't meet the man? What is your point? You may don't like it but I will try to meet the man and hear directly from him what he has to say. And I will do so, you like it or not. Unless he doesn't want to meet me. And if that happens, why would that be?

>Anyway. The documents and testimonials publicized through your >work, as full-time editor of a UFO magazine, are indeed >valuable. Your work in this regard must be acknowledged. But I >don't see any reason to dismiss other people's work, or >overstating the facts.

The facts about OS and SS are already extraordinary and overwhelming. They don't need to be overstated. And sure, there is no reason to dismiss anybody else's work, and I will not be the one to do that. So far, after so many years pursuing the OS and SS phenomena, I have met dozens of people, and have teamed up with many of them. They all bring a piece to this big puzzle. The problem with you, and it is clear to everyone, that your intentions are to decrease the importance of the OS. In your very first report about it you said that "there is little concrete evidence of the OS". You are wrong and you know it. The situation around OP is bigger than you and I, and your attempts to discredit it, as you tried in the past to discredit other Brazilian UFO cases, should and will be repelled.

>The Operation Saucer was hardly the biggest in the world, and >despite all the reports and testimonials people like you and now >me - speaking with only one direct witness - have publicized, >there's indeed litte concrete evidence available.

Well, I don't think that at this point I should try to convince you otherwise. Keep your opinion.

>The leaked photographs are of almost no use, and Fernando >Costa's testimonial suggests some of them may have been of

>simple stars and other objects, enlarged and cropped. Even the
>many other photos that Fernando didn't develop and are still
>classified may have been of similar quality, as those who
>visited the Air Force, including you, have seen and admitted.

I have seen at least some 100+ photos of the OS, and you probably have seen some 20+, much probably the ones that I have published. So I have seen 5x more photos than you and then I have a bigger info about them. What you don't realize is that some other people have seen 5x more pictures than I did, many times more than you did, people with full access to the place where they are kept until know. And they surely have much bigger picture than us both. I have met a few of them and what they all describe of what they saw could in no way be explained as "simples stars and other objects".

The fact that the photos are in bad quality, out of focus, blurred etc doesn't disqualify them as evidences, even though they are of not much help to any investigatgion. And I have agreed with that since the beginning of my investigatgions of the OS, many years ago.

The OS photos may not be good to any analytical study of the UFO phenomena, and for that purpose we have much better ones. What they are is real and undisputable evidence of a clear and amazing series of military secret actions to investigate to document, and to have a direct contact with the "intelligences behind the SS phenomena".

A. J. Gevaerd

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:01:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:13:48 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 14:02:54 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

<snip>

>Hi Scott, Nick.

>Those aren't lens flares. They don't line up, there are two
>instead of three"flares as pposed to the three on top of the
>tower-lens flares aren't selective. They aren't radiating spoke
>wise around the lens.

Hi Don,

I think you and I may be looking at different lights in the sky
over the electrical power plant.

The five "UFOs" in the sky that I pointed out in my longer
unsnipped original e-mail are indeed lens flares since they can
be matched to certain "hot" light sources on the power plant
itself. Since these five UFOs are directly opposite these the
hot lights with respect to the center of the picture (and the
optical axis of the camera lens) and also equal distances from
that center (and also have the identical colour or spectral
characteristics of the light sources on the power plant), we can
only conclude that the UFOs are lens flares.

Since there are other very hot light sources in that night-time
picture taken in 2005, I predict that there will be more "UFOs"
in the sky behind those (mischievously?) placed photo inserts on
top of that picture.

Also, I suspect that this picture of UFOs in the sky over the
the electrical power plant is another example of BLURFOS (UFOs
that were not seen at the time the picture was taken but noticed
by the one who took the picture or others sometime afterwards).
The fact that Ana Luisa Cid published this two year old single
picture with many UFOs now supports my suspicion, especially
since the object of attention in the picture seems to the power
plant and not the UFOs in the sky. If these were real objects
rather than optical artefacts taken with a typical camera, then
the larger luminous domed UFO would certainly have been noticed
since it would have had a comparable apparent size to the Full
Moon and the photographer would certainly have taken more
pictures of this unexpected visitation. Where are those other
pictures? Maybe the photographer ran out of film or the battery

in his/her digital camera died.

Of course, we may never will know for sure or convince ourselves as to who of us is right unless we can examine this actual UFO picture, without those photo inserts. Since it's unlikely this will happen, this photo will end up being accepted by believers as depicting real UFOs just like that picture of UFOs over the U.S. Capitol taken in 1952 which are simply lens flares or reflections of hot light sources too.

UFOs are real objects but much of our photographic evidence to date, especially all those pictures with small and often out-of-focus UFOs collected over the past decade or so, are not convincing at all!

Ufologists have noted that highly structured and solid looking objects were often seen in the 1940s and 1950s but are no longer being reported. Maybe the UFO era has end long ago and those unusual lights we now see in the sky or smudges we capture with our video and digital cameras maybe a totally different and possibly less exciting phenomenon that is readily and reasonably explained in prosaic terms such as lens flares.

Check out 'The Best UFO Pictures Ever Taken' pages in the website below to see what I mean.

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

Maybe there once was an ET invasion or visitation of Earth and they have all since returned home. Some of us apparently cannot cope with their absence. Looking up to the sky and grasping at anything that gives them hope that they will again return, we may be witnessing the beginings of a new or substitute religion.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Condign In The Commons Again

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 03:49:02 +0000
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 10:35:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign In The Commons Again

Hi Nick, List,

>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 14:04:36 -0000
>Subject: Re: Condign In The Commons Again

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 04:18:14 +0100
>>Subject: Condign In The Commons Again

<snip>

>In a post earlier this year I gave an assessment of why they
>didn't receive a copy:

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

>More detailed information on this is set out in an article that
>I've written for Stuart Miller's new magazine, Alien Worlds.

It's interesting to observe some of the twists and turns that are
evident here.

In September last year, you wrote at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yqm7b6>

"...it would be inappropriate for me to comment on why DI55
apparently decided not to brief my successors on this, or share
with them the results of 'Project Condign'."

Yet in May this year, it seems that it had somehow become
"appropriate" for you to do so.

Your explanation at the link provided by you above cites:

"...a fundamental breakdown in the working relationship between
Sec(AS) and DI55, over handling of the UFO issue. Matters came
to a head in 1997. DI55 were pressing ahead with the work that
was to lead to the drawing up of the Condign Report, but DAS
were concerned that such work was inconsistent with the 'we
don't investigate UFOs' line on the subject that they were
taking with Parliament, the media and the public."

This may well have been a factor, but is not the only factor. It
is interesting to note that you acknowledge the official line
'we [the MoD] don't investigate UFOs', such a short time after
your own incumbency.

You then go on to cite:

"The 'leakiness' comment results from two Sec(AS) actions, again
dating back to 1997. In a document dated 14 January 1997 they
named the individual who had been contracted to undertake the
work, and copied the document to another MoD division, earning a
thinly-veiled rebuke from the individual concerned. Then on 27
January 1997 they again copied a document relating to this

project to other areas of the Department, and also attached a DI55 document. To anyone in the Defence Intelligence Staff (DIS), these are cardinal sins. Details of DIS projects and copies of DIS documents should only be communicated to a third party with the prior consent of the DIS."

Again, that may have been a factor, but there were other factors. It was always the case that Sec(AS) (including it's predecessors and successors) often had no "need to know" about the activities of other departments. This was crystallised in a document dated 27th May 1976 (file AIR2/18921 at TNA) which clearly states:

"5. Since investigations into the defence implications of alleged UFO sightings might involve highly classified material it was agreed that S4(Air) has no "need to know" about the enquiries made by any specialist branch in the course of an investigation. It followed that detailed reports on such investigations could not be included in the S4 files which would ultimately be disclosed when UFO reports were opened to the public."

I would suggest that the Condign report qualifies as an example of "detailed reports on such investigations". Furthermore, the "need to know" aspect is repeated in another document from TNA (DEF24/1207) dated 13th December 1977 from S4(Air) to the head of DI54, which states:

"It is always possible of course, that the considerable correspondence addressed to MOD might contain some hint, not of UFOs, but of something with a hostile terrestrial origin which could have a bearing on national security. We have therefore been careful to refer all UFO enquiries from the public to ADI55 and DD Ops(GE)(RAF) for any further investigation which they might consider to be justified. As a Secretariat branch, S4(Air) does not need to know about this type of enquiry and we do not ask for further information; we tell the public flatly that we cannot enter into detailed correspondence, and that enquiries are not necessarily made to the point of positive identification. The only exception to this is the occasional case where a Member of Parliament shows exceptional interest or concern and we seek ADI 55's advice so that the Minister can reply more fully and specifically than the standard draft allows".

I am right in assuming that Sec(AS)2a was still a secretariat branch during your incumbency, am I not? It hadn't been incorporated into an Intelligence division?

A related document in DEF24/1207 dated 14th December 1977 drafted by the head of DI54 to the office of the Chief of the Defence Staff states:

"All UFO enquiries from the public are therefore referred by S4(Air) to ADI DI 55 and DD Ops(GE)(RAF) for any further investigation which they might consider to be justified".

All of this suggests that there was a general policy of not sharing particularly sensitive material with Sec(AS) and it's successors, primarily because of the concern that sensitive material might appear in the Sec(AS) registered files on release to TNA.

Other sources of concern must include the publication of "Open skies, closed minds". Indeed, this is specifically mentioned in the Condign report in the context of pilots being reluctant to make UFO reports to the MoD.

In summary, although I would concede that the points you suggest as causes for the lack of circulation are contributory factors, there are also other factors at play, some of which have been policy since the 1970's.

Incidentally, I noticed in the Raf Sanchez interview at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2fao4z>

"Although he [Pope] is quick to point out that his background is defence intelligence and not science, Pope can be coaxed into talking interestingly on scientific developments in man's search for other life in the universe".

Since when was your background in Defence Intelligence?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 04:22:40 +0000
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 10:37:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

Hello Katharina, List,

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 26 Oct 2007 16:43:23 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>Does anyone still think it's possible that Budd's symbols can be
>included in the study that Gary Anthony (UK) is working on?
>Since Gary didn't solicit them and hasn't seen them yet, would
>this make the study more "scientific" in some people's minds?

It is my understanding that Gary did solicit the material from Hopkins, but was refused access on the grounds that another study was already using them. As a consequence, he had to waste a lot of time attempting to contact the reported abductee's privately and trying to gain their individual co-operation. This is one of the reasons that the study has taken so long to complete in addition to his personal tribulations.

Perhaps now that Hopkins' samples are 'gathering dust' somewhere, someone would approach Gary with a view to providing the samples as originally requested?

Regards,

Joe

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From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 12:30:09 -0400
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 14:01:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:30:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>Trek's "Old Vulcan" script. I wonder where they came from? Was
>Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known ufologist ever a
>resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the Stars"?

>You can check it for yourself at:

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

The Vulcan script is very striking, but I don't see much
resemblance to the symbols Budd collected. I do see the
resemblance -mentioned in the link - to musical notation.

Note all our disagreements here. Rick thinks the Vulcan script
resembles Budd's symbols, and I don't. I see some parallels
between Leir's samples and Budd's symbols, but Carol Rainey and
Richard Hall don't.

This demonstrates how individual impressions, however strong,
aren't very convincing - and why we badly need a scientific
study, with a disinterested panel of judges.

Greg Sandow

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From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 12:46:14 -0500
Archived: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 14:03:55 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
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>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:30:49 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>>I don't see any close resemblance at all either. Leir's symbols
>>are much more varied and look like imaginative doodles. I would
>>guess that the proposed experiment with people imagining symbols
>>seen on board a UFO might result in something like this.

>>Budd's symbols are more patterned and consistent.

>>- Dick

>I'll agree here with Carol and Dick: Leir's patients' writings
>look like random scribbles, or attempts at alien writing.

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<snip>

Having now looked at the samples of Vulcan script I can state
with absolute certitude that the alien abductors are not
Vulcans. ;-)

Dick

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From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 19:04:00 -0000
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 08:05:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Condign In The Commons Again

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 03:49:02 +0000
>Subject: Re: Condign In The Commons Again

<snip>

I've snipped out most of this post, because the issues are either ones I've covered before or are ones that'll be covered in the forthcoming Alien Worlds article. However:

>Incidentally, I noticed in the Raf Sanchez interview at:

><http://tinyurl.com/2fao4z>

>"Although he [Pope] is quick to point out that his background is defence intelligence and not science, Pope can be coaxed into talking interestingly on scientific developments in man's search for other life in the universe".

> Since when was your background in Defence Intelligence?

It wasn't. This is a mistake. While I worked very closely with Defence Intelligence Staff colleagues on the UFO issue, I was never in the DIS myself.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 20:22:20 +0100
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 08:18:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
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>of Star Trek's "Old Vulcan" script. I wonder where they came
>from? Was Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known
>ufologist ever a resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the
>Stars"?

Hi Rick,

I don't know if this is already known to you and the Listers. In the 1970's, Gene Roddenberry had some very long sessions with 'Tom', the Spokesman for the 'Council of Nine', channelled by Mrs. Phyllis V. Schlemmer.

It is all covered in the boo The Only Planet Of Choice. There you can read questions Gene asked 'Tom'. I have read quite a few books about channeling. I always was reluctant to accept this phenomenon though it is, in some respect, nothing more than an abduction - of the spirit only, that 'lives' in our physical body or 'container'. But generally there is much abuse with channeling and often one can neither trust the person who is channelling nor the 'messages' given.

But while reading this book, I 'felt' - yes, no scientific evidence or proof - that this might be something different. Judge for yourself with an open heart/mind/spirit.

And because I know the editor, make sure that you get the second edition of this most fascinating book. In it you'll get some idea of what the real message of Gene Roddenberry was and how real the Universe is shown to us by Star Trek etc..

Joachim Koch

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 17:31:03 -0500
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 08:20:39 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 20:02:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

<snip>

>Check out 'The Best UFO Pictures Ever Taken' pages in the
>website below to see what I mean.

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

Hmm! These two photos from that link:

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/rouenfrance.jpg>

<http://www.ufocasebook.com/oregontrentlarge.jpg>

... are examples of the 'inverted pie pan with conical mast and ball on top' model which has always fascinated me. That particular Oregon image doesn't show the mast and ball clearly, but I'm fairly sure that McMinnville, Oregon, sighting was one of the places I've seen that particular model.

I've always regarded the mast and ball being off center as being slightly in favour of genuine photos. I suspect a hoaxer would have built a model with the mast and ball centered. Now knowing this same model has showed in two very different places makes it seem even more likely a non-hoax to me. Unless the hoaxer travels between France and Oregon, of course!

Eleanor White

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Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 12:46:08 -0800
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 09:21:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 27 Oct 2007 23:01:01 EDT
>Subject: Re: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 25 Oct 2007 16:19:32 -0700
>>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 18:50:42 EDT
>>>Subject: Scully Hoax FBI March 1950 Memo [was: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB]

>>>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 23 Oct 2007 08:32:09 -0400
>>>>Subject: UFO UpDate: UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB

>>>>Source: The New Hampshire - Student Publication The University
>>>> Of New Hampshire - Durham, USA

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

>>>>10/23/07

>>>>UFO Researcher Set To Land In The MUB
>>>>Meg Power

>>>>A declassified FBI memo, dated March 22, 1950, states that
>>>>'flying saucers' had been recovered in New Mexico, after a crash
>>>>landing. That document is just one of the pieces of evidence
>>>>Robert Hastings uses in his lecture, UFOs: The Secret Story.
>>>>Hastings will be at UNH this coming Saturday at 7:00 p.m. in the
>>>>Strafford Room.

>>>>This is the Scully hoax all over again. The FBI memo was not
>>>>declassified. It was never classified in the first place. It
>>>>reported a rumor that had already been well publicized for
>>>>months, with this version appearing in the Wyandotte Echo
>>>>newspaper on Jan. 6, 1950.

>>Brad,

>>I just couldn't resist...

>>Curious that you refer to the FBI doc as the Scully Hoax,
>>Scully, Newton and or GeBauer aren't mentioned.

Brad,

Since this thread was borne by Robert Hastings oratory, in
fairness to him, let me include his comments:

"...in my program, I express my own doubts about its contents.
I am aware that some folks think it is a garbled version of the
Scully crashed UFO story. I am not sure about that, but I don't
think it proves much, as I say in my program."

He further states:

"I have never endorsed it as proof or even evidence of any kind. The media seizes on the memo's contents but almost always fails to mention my own misgivings about it."

>They don't have to be mentioned in order for it to be the same hoax >story. How hard is it to delete their names and retell a tale?

Embracing your perspective for a moment, this of course is true; however, labeling it the Scully Hoax infers that Scully perpetrated the hoax; the party line has always been that he was duped by Newton & GeBauer. (Even Scully's nemesis, J.P. Cahn states this).

>>Although I agree that this particular doc isn't classified, most >>(pertaining to Flying Saucers and in particular Aztec) back then >>were; in the very least they were classified, Restricted, and or >>Confidential.

>Well you agree this FBI memo was never classified. If it was a >true story about a highly classified US Govt recovery of a >crashed spaceship then why wasn't it classified? It's >unclassified status supports the fact its origin was a newspaper >story, as I showed was derived from the Wyandotte Echo of Jan. >6, 1950.

My point was that most of the docs, regardless of the source were in fact classified, even the ones about newspaper articles. The investigation which began a few days after the article was published by the AFOSI was classified. The fact that they were classified or not is a moot point, that still doesn't make the anecdote valid (or not).

>>This doc is in small part redacted and was obtained through a >>FOIA request.

>FOIA release does not make the info contained in it true nor does >it make it classified, whereas one would expect that documents >about a genuine highly-classified US Govt recovery of an >extraterrestrial spaceship would be classified. .

The FOIA request and redaction is just an observation on my part for those reading this colloquy that aren't familiar with the doc in question. No inference is intended other than that stated.

>>The doc in question states, an investigator for the Air Forces >>stated that three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in >>New Mexico.

>>Correct me if I'm wrong, but the Wyandotte Echo article doesn't >>mention an investigator for the Air Forces does it? Moreover the >>article talks about 2 flying saucers, and the FBI doc refers to >>3.

>The Wyandotte Echo article was sent to the AF, through a number >of hands, before a version of it got to the FBI. So how could >the article mention the AF when the AF's role in receiving and >AFOSI investigating the Wyandotte article had not taken place >yet?

You previously wrote:

"The FBI memo was not declassified. It was never classified in the first place. It reported a rumor that had already been well publicized for months, with this version appearing in the Wyandotte Echo newspaper on Jan. 6, 1950."

I was merely pointing out that an Air Force officer was not mentioned in the article.

Moreover, the article refers to two saucers and the FBI doc refers to three. Additionally, the article refers to two bodies, and the doc refers to three. The article measures the saucers with 6' diameter cockpit, cabins, and a ring 18' across 2' thick. The FBI doc states (approx.) 50' in diameter. The FBI doc says, they were dressed in cloth of a 'very fine texture'; there is no mention describing a very fine texture in the article.

>The FBI's source was its own AF Liaison Agent SA (Special Agent)
>S. W. (Wesley) Reynolds, whose name was mistakenly deleted
>though a matter of public knowledge and not deleted in lots of
>other FBI memos that have been released. FBI agent Reynolds'
>source was still another person whose name has been blacked out.
>That person in turn had an 'informant' who told the story that
>you see recited in the bulk of the memo, including reference to
>an alleged 'investigator' for the Air Forces (an erroneous and
>outdated term since the Air Force [singular] came into being
>from the Army Air Forces [plural] on Sept 18, 1947).

>The alleged AF investigator doesn't even say he personally saw
>or witnessed anything in the story he told.

>This kind of nth-hand chain of hearsay is exactly how urban
>legends and folktales are born. It is at least a 5th-hand
>account.

Of course for those of us that have spent any time looking at
docs acquired by FOIA requests, it's quickly evident that the a
fore mentioned errors (names redacted on one page and not on
another) are not uncommon.

Scully Hoax, reported rumors, alleged Air Force investigators,
official looking memos, (on the flip-side) using these terms can
mold the minds of the less informed.

Labeling the a fore mentioned FBI doc the ''Scully Hoax' all
over again is is erroneous in my view, and is the chicken before
the egg.

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was looking into
what Newton stated (re flying saucers) on the golf course in ear
shot of actor Bruce Cabot (former CIC man during the war) who
tipped off the FBI. The point being is that both the Air Force
and FBI (the former doing a formal investigation) were active
prior to the publication of the Wyandotte article.

Additionally, after the Wyandotte article broke, concerned
citizens wrote to the United States Research Bureau (to which
there wasn't an organization by that exact name); consequently,
mail was delivered to The United States Dept. of Agriculture
(and because it mentioned crashing the gate of a RADAR
installation) was forwarded to the Air Force. AFOSI promptly
began their investigation within two weeks of the article's
publication (their documents are classified confidential).

The rumor as you call it, re the Wyandotte article was reported
to the Wyandotte Echo by (well known Kansas City Auto dealer)
Rudy Fick who was in the room when Koehler made his declaration
; in a court of law, that would be called eye witness testimony.
Other's in the room would later confirm Fick's affirmation.

Labeling the investigation by the Air Force as alleged or
specifically the Air Force investigator is just plain
nonsensical. Flying saucer sightings were rampant; concern was
high in regards to sightings near sensitive military and or
nuclear facilities; the second of two meetings had just taken
place in Oct. of '49 (at Sandia)re the Green Fireball Phenomenon
(Project Twinkle); reps from all the players were there
including the FBI. The sightings over Oak Ridge had recently
taken place which were tracked by RADAR.

I'm assuming you have an unredacted copy of the FBI doc in
question given your assertion that the name of the Special Agent
is in fact that of Reynolds. Reynolds was in contact with the
Air Force in March by the request of Hoover as to find out what
the Air Force knew for sure re the saucers. In other words his
dialogue encompassed more then a single case. Additionally, the
Air Force contacts were not forthright (to put it mildly) with
Reynolds.

All that said, in my view, there isn't enough data to know with
certainty that the FBI doc in question was eluding to the
Wyandotte article specifically.

Finally, the term Air Forces may not have been proper; however,
it's usage was not uncommon (at that time).

>>>The baloney about the US radar interferes with the controlling
>>>mechanism of the saucers in the March 1950 FBI memo comes

>>>straight out of the Wyandotte Echo story of January 1950 from
>>>car dealer Rudy Fick who got it from Coulter - Scully friend
>>>George Koehler, a radio station ad manager in Denver.

>>Your inference re the radar in regards to the propulsion systems
>>of UFOs would seem to indicate that you are privy to their
>>operation as to rule out the effect of high power radar beams on
>>said craft. I certainly would like to here how you arrived at
>>these conclusions.

>The fact the story of alleged radar beams interfering with
>saucer control systems can be traced to the same folklore story
>element in the Wyandotte Echo has nothing to do with whether the
>story element is true or not.

The Wyandotte article who's source was Rudy Fick reiterating
what Koehler stated in a meeting isn't what I call folklore; in
regards to RADAR, the article states:

The ships seem to be magnetically controlled and powered, as
they had no power plant in the ship itself. No armament or
exploratory equipment was found in them, and since they seem to
invariably crash near radar installations, it is surmised they
are attracted by RADAR, or possibly RADAR waves interfere with
there control systems.

Because the notion of RADAR affecting systems of Flying Saucers,
and or attracting them was in an article by the Wyandotte Echo
doesn't invalidate the idea.

Moreover, the sensitive military installations that Flying
Saucers were visiting at that time e.g., Oakridge etc., had
RADAR installations. Additionally, we know that pursuit planes
were sent out in some instances. SO RADAR was a common
denominator in regards to those incidents.

>Correct me if I'm wrong, but nowhere are any saucer propulsion
>systems mentioned by me, the FBI memo, or the Wyandotte Echo.

Of course you are correct; you did not write propulsion
systems, you wrote:

The baloney about the US radar interferes with the controlling
mechanism [emphasis added] of the saucers...

The article stated:

... or possibly RADAR waves interfere with there control
systems. [emphasis added]

The FBI docs reads:

... it is believed the RADAR interferes with the controlling
mechanism [emphasis added] of the saucers.

>As for the silly notion of so-called high power radar beams in
>the 1 megawatt range (my info on radars of that era) affecting
>the control systems _or_ propulsion of thousand megawatt (=
>gigawatt) and million megawatt (=terawatt) range interstellar
>spacecraft I suggest you read up on Stan Friedman's papers. It's
>like suggesting 4th of July sparklers won WWII.

Wow! Again, I have to reiterate: Your inference re the radar in
regards to the propulsion systems of UFOs would seem to indicate
that you are privy to their operation as to rule out the effect
of high power radar beams on said craft. I certainly would like
to here how you arrived at these conclusions.

Moreover, you now share even more details of the vehicles, i.e.,
knowing that they are in fact interstellar spacecraft,
knowing that they operate on electric power, knowing just
how much power they use; certainly, if what you state is
accurate, then RADAR beams affecting these high-powered space
ships seems a little incredulous!

Stan's papers by the way are based on a theorem, suggesting that
the technology witnessed is similar to our own; based on your
statements above, you obviously have information that takes this
beyond theory.

Again, I am curious to know what data you have to be so

confident in your synopsis.

>>Additionally, although the article mentioned crashing through
>>the gate of a radar installation (the witness), does it in fact
>>state that high power radar beams caused it to crash?

>Yes it did, see what I said in the very next paragraph. The
>Wyandotte Echo article says that according to Coulter
>(Koehler) saucers seem to invariably crash near radar
>installations and so it is surmised that they are attracted by
>radar, or possibly radar waves interfere with their control
>systems.

Pardon my ignorance, I didn't a full copy of the article in
front of me at my last writing; that said, 'suggesting a
possibility' is not 'naming its causality'.

>>>The Koehler story in Jan 1950 said radar waves interfere with
>>>their control systems. That's two months before the FBI memo.

>>>Air Force OSI documents copy and even type out this Jan 1950
>>>newspaper clipping onto official-looking memos so the article is
>>>readable, without commenting on any of the contents. Someone
>>>looking at such a typed out story on an official-looking AFOSI
>>>memo might mistakenly get the wrong impression that the AF was
>>>endorsing the contents, when it was merely copying in readable
>>>form a fantastic newsclipping. Then they pass their rumor to the
>>>rumor-loving FBI.

>>There are AFOSI docs marked Priority X classified, Confidential,
>>dated Jan 13th quoting the newspaper article... that's two
>>months before the FBI doc, whats' your point?

>The bogus Scully story of radar-crashing saucers was circulated
>in January 1950, months before the FBI memo of March 1950 with
>its tale of radar-crashing saucers, that's my point.

>And there were other versions of the Wyandotte Echo story in
>other articles from January-March 1950. These introduced a
>number of changes to the hearsay tale.

>>Memos from the FBI, AFOSI, and or the CIC aren't official
>>looking, they are in fact official given there origin.

>A newspaper story quoted in an official AFOSI document does not
>make it a true story. But if a newsclip appears in such a
>document without any commentary (I've seen the Wyandotte Echo
>typed up that way in an AFOSI memo) then it is official-
>looking and easily mistaken for being being an actual
>government report of a saucer crash incident, a mistake by
>someone perhaps hurriedly reading the official-looking memo on
>someone else's desk and not realizing it's just a verbatim quote
>from a newspaper article.

Most (if not all) of the documents I have reviewed (regardless
of the official source OSI, CIC, FBI, CIA etc.,) exemplify any
newspaper clippings in their reports.

><snip>

>>>We know that even people outside the government got to see these
>>>AF documents. Washington columnist Drew Pearson reported in his
>>>Nov. 25, 1950, column that he personally saw a confidential Air
>>>Force report on the hoaxed George Koehler story of saucer
>>>remains.

><snip>

>>It is essential to bring to light, after the fact, that there
>>were indeed high powered radar stations in the Four Corners
>>area, as borne out by Scott Ramsey's research.

>Why is it essential? I am familiar with Scott's research and
>have yet to see a shred of any evidence from him that any radars
>were in operation in Four Corners in March 1948. In fact from my
>Roswell-related investigation of NM-area radars I was the one
>who pointed out to Scott one possibility for a radar setup as
>early as March 1948 but it would have to be at Kirtland AFB,
>Albuquerque, not in Four Corners. It is still a possibility, and
>so far as I can see my finding is the only one.

It's essential because the argument prior to Scott uncovering evidence for the existence of RADAR installations in the Four Corners area, was that it was impossible for RADAR to be a factor because there wasn't any RADAR in operation in that time frame, in that geographic location.

>If you or Scott have an actual document putting a radar in operation transmitting radar beams in March 1948, not just site >surveying or construction work (which could take 2 years back >then), in Four Corners, then let's see it.

I'll trade you for your evidence in support of thousand megawatt (= gigawatt) control systems _or_ propulsion of thousand megawatt (= >gigawatt) and million megawatt (=terawatt) range nterstellar spacecraft.

>Continued promotion of Aztec as a legitimate crash case tends to >detract from the Roswell incident, since Aztec has no witnesses >in 1948 who reported in 1948, unlike Roswell which has witnesses >in 1947 who reported in 1947. No alleged Aztec witnesses ever >turned up until Steinman's and AF Lt Col Wendelle Stevens' book >on Aztec in 1986, almost 40 years after the fact. The timing >looks suspiciously like an effort to capitalize on the interest >in the Roswell incident in the 80's.

Brad I don't mean to be rude, but are you serious?! First, no one is promoting anything! Like Roswell, conclusions are made via research and investigation; proving or disproving another case isn't going to do anything regarding Roswell. Roswell or any case for that matter will stand (or not) on its own merits.

Moreover, because you are not aware of witnesses re Aztec in 1948 doesn't mean they don't exist. I would also argue that witnesses (particularly ones who've been threatened and sworn to secrecy) don't turn up they're sought out! If Stan hadn't sought out Jesse Marcel in '78 we probably wouldn't be having this colloquy right now. Jesse and the myriad of witnesses that followed were always there, we just weren't aware of it at the time.

Additionally witnesses are still coming to light to this very day (some are in public light e.g., Sprouse, some are not)

Certainly you're not trying to suggest that Steinman & Stevens were nothing but scrupulous?

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 19:16:22 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 09:43:29 -0400
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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 12:46:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>>But to me, those characters in Hopkins' video remind me of Star
>>Trek's "Old Vulcan" script. I wonder where they came from? Was
>>Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known ufologist ever a
>>resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the Stars"?

>>You can check it for yourself at:

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

<snip>

>Having now looked at the samples of Vulcan script I can state
>with absolute certitude that the alien abductors are not
>Vulcans. ;-)

That seems logical. However space still contains infinite
unknowns.

Live long and prosper.

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Source: Times of India, Calcutta, India

<http://tinyurl.com/369j4w>

30 Oct 2007

UFO Puzzle Has City In A Tizzy

KOLKATA -- In the first such incident recorded in Kolkata, an unidentified flying object was spotted in the city's skies early Monday morning.

The fireball, that moved very rapidly and even seemed to change its shape and size, was photographed by a resident of Kalikapur in east Kolkata. Scientists couldn't identify the object though some believe it could be a meteor blazing a trail through the morning sky.

The object, as shown on a TV channel, seemed to alter its shape from a round object to a triangle and then turned into a straight line. It emitted a bright light that formed a circle - almost a halo - and also radiated a range of colours.

The strange object was spotted between 3.30 am and 6.30 am by a senior executive of a private company, who filmed it on his handycam and showed it to the MP Birla Planetarium director D P Duari.

Many others spotted the strange object streaking across the eastern sky and hundreds gathered along EM Bypass to catch a glimpse of the "UFO". Many claimed to have seen the UFO, triggering a frenzy.

The Birla Planetarium director said the flying object, seen "at 30 degrees on the eastern horizon" was "interesting and strange".

"The viewer first thought it was a plane but gradually its brightness increased and it went up and vanished around 6.30 am," Duari said. "No natural phenomenon is likely to last for such a long duration and it is not a meteor either. It is an extremely interesting and strange object," he added.

Scientists were also puzzled by the phenomenon. They claimed it was too early to hazard a guess on what the object could be.

"A cosmic body cannot change its appearance the way this one seemed to do. But an expert needs to observe it for a longer period of time to be able to comment on it. It is very strange and intriguing. Sadly, TV pictures are not enough to make a conclusion," said Kamalesh Kar, astro-particle physicist at the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics.

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:40:34 -0300
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 09:48:24 -0400
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:45:39 EDT
>Subject: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

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>I want to be the first to start the conspiracy that there's been
>a UFO previously undetected in the painting of Leonardo
>DaVinci's Last Supper!

>I couldn't wait for the chance to jump on this one before it
>became a cottage industry!

>Through the miracle of modern day photography and digital
>wizardry, the painting has undergone a mind boggling painstaking
>restoration and photograph now utilizing billions of pixels so
>you can zoom in and examine in excruciating detail this
>masterpiece.

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>and noticed what appears to be a spherical object sailing
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>beard. Only a kid wouldn't have a beard in those days so I got
>yelled at in art class.

Greg,

Have you not heard of the DaVinci Code; book and movie? Dan
Brown says that it is Mary Magdalene seated to Jesus's right.
Certainly looks like a female to me. Maybe Brown is right.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:57:53 -0300
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 09:52:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 20:02:09 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:01:05 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

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>>Those aren't lens flares. They don't line up, there are two
>>instead of three"flares as pposed to the three on top of the
>>tower-lens flares aren't selective. They aren't radiating spoke
>>wise around the lens.

>I think you and I may be looking at different lights in the sky
>over the electrical power plant.

>The five "UFOs" in the sky that I pointed out in my longer
>unsnipped original e-mail are indeed lens flares since they can
>be matched to certain "hot" light sources on the power plant
>itself. Since these five UFOs are directly opposite these the
>hot lights with respect to the center of the picture (and the
>optical axis of the camera lens) and also equal distances from
>that center (and also have the identical colour or spectral
>characteristics of the light sources on the power plant), we can
>only conclude that the UFOs are lens flares.

<snip>

>Maybe there once was an ET invasion or visitation of Earth and
>they have all since returned home. Some of us apparently cannot
>cope with their absence. Looking up to the sky and grasping at
>anything that gives them hope that they will again return, we
>may be witnessing the beginings of a new or substitute religion.

I think that's baloney Nick, but whatever comes along will have to be better 'religion' - if that's even possible - than the fairy tales we were fed as kids backed up by a scrupulously edited version of stories strung together and called a 'bible'. This stuff is not religion to me. I don't need another man made myth. Present day politics is bad enough.

You know my suspicions about your 'blurfos' so I'm not going into that. As for what I'm seeing in those night pictures, you must be looking at something different. I don't know if they are UFOs or not but they don't line up on my screen and look nothing like lens flares.

BTW - You responded to one of my emails a week or so ago and I've misplaced that. What was it about? I've been buried in writing duties.

Don Ledger

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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 10:30:49 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

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>I don't see any close resemblance at all either. Leir's symbols
>are much more varied and look like imaginative doodles.

Hi Dick, All,

Having seen the samples in Budd's possession, I agree.

>I would guess that the proposed experiment with people imagining
>symbols seen on board a UFO might result in something like this.

The study needs to be performed. Maybe Greg can contact Stuart
and see if something can't be done to move the pawn a few
squares.

>Budd's symbols are more patterned and consistent.

They are. Speaking from my own experience I can testify to it.

I thought it might be a good time to mention that these writing
samples are only one of many such compelling and attention-
grabbing correspondences between the abductees.

A study of the writing samples would only be the beginning and
barely scratch the surface.

When I was webmaster of the Intruders Foundation website,
physicians would write to me expressing genuine clinical
interest in Budd's photos of 'scoop marks'. The doctors couldn't
figure out why an invasive test procedure, such as a punch
biopsy - which is what they claimed Budd had photos of - would
be performed over perfectly healthy tissue.

Then there's the ground trace evidence and other potentially
corroborating material that has yet to see the light of day.
Much less independent examination.

Who knows, maybe in 10 years everybody else can actually start
to catch up with the work and findings of pioneers like Hopkins,
Jacobs, Mack, Fowler etc. But, first we gotta find someone who
is willing to actually do the work and go on the record. Tall
order.

Warmest regards,

John Velez

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>Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known ufologist ever a
>resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the Stars"?

Does anyone know of research into possible parallels between
these 'alien' scripts, and the often-mentioned 'glyphs'
witnessed during the DMT trip? Considering Rick Strassman's
previous suggestion of a connection between abductions and the
DMT experience, it may be worthy of a more detailed look.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Oh yes Don, heard all about the DaVinci code and even saw that
dimmy movie.

Knowing DaVinci the figure on Jesus's right might be one of
DaVinci's effeminate boyfriends. He was known to be as gay as
the Christmas Season.

He wasn't one to shy away from a good inside joke. Michaelangelo
was more of a stick in the mud so one would be hard pressed to
find some sort of Al Jaffee/MAD Magazine fold in scheme on the
top of the Sistine Chapel.

Seriously, it's obvious it's a female and the painting has been
misinterpreted for half a millenia.

DaVinci was a genius, visionary, and practical joker all rolled
into one.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

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Tuesday October 30, 2007

Quapaw's 'Lights' Remain A Mystery

By David Zizzo
Staff Writer

QUAPAW -- One night, Bill Blalock and some friends were sitting in the dark on a country road in a car with the engine off. People do that a lot around here, especially around Halloween.

"We were just talking, watching," said Blalock, of nearby Miami.

That's when Blalock spotted a car coming up from behind.

"The closer it got, the more it didn't look like a car headlight," Blalock said.

It wasn't. When the light appeared to be about 100 yards from the group, "it went up in the trees."

The yellowish light "probably the size of a bass drum," as Blalock described it, darted around and came out on the other side of the group's car. It dropped toward the ground, Blalock said.

For 15 minutes, the display continued.

Everyone knows

The more people you ask around here about the lights, the more stories you'll hear. Everyone knows about the "spook lights" even if they don't know what they are. The lights are well known in this area of abandoned mines and rolling hills at the edge of the Ozarks.

Suggestions have been made that the lights, which have been reported for generations, result from a physical aspect of the environment, such as an escaping gas or vehicle lights from the nearby turnpike.

The story long has been told that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers even tried to figure out what the lights were, but corps spokesman Edward Engelke said his agency has no record of such involvement.

"It just wouldn't make any sense they'd send our agency out to do something like that," he said.

Even if the scientific side is legend, this mystery has plenty

of better legends.

"It's supposed to be two people madly in love that died, blah, blah, blah," said Pam Lovell, who works at the Miami News Record.

Or the light is a lantern carried by the spirit of an old miner who disappeared while wandering the fields. Or it's a torch carried by an American Indian searching for the head that was chopped off by his wife, a task that would seem difficult, given such a handicap.

Whatever the myth or explanation, one thing is clear: Lots of people say they've seen something, whether it's a small green dot or an orange fireball.

"It's really cool," Lovell said.

Terry Tyree, principal of the Quapaw High School, recalls seeing the light when he was younger. "It was like a bright white ball in the sky."

"It's just interesting to watch," he said. "It's not scary at all."

Seeing is believing

Blalock's granddaughter, Alisa Blalock, 20, had always heard about the light, but she wasn't sure it existed. Until one night driving a dark road with her mother, the women spotted an orange "ball of fire" hovering over a pasture about 20 yards from the road.

"I didn't really believe it until I seen it myself," Alisa Blalock said.

Occasionally, when the lights get publicity, usually around Halloween, roads east of Quapaw get a little less lonely. During the height of the UFO scares of the mid-1950s, northeastern Oklahoma mystery lights got so much publicity that The Oklahoman reported the "Dancing 'Fire Ball' Causes Road Jam" near Sand Springs, 80 miles to the southwest. Turns out that "spirits" causing that mystery light, which was said to be accompanied by a low moan, were two Tulsa teens with flashlights and green towels perched on a cliff.

But these spook lights have endured. They've been reported for generations in the corner of northeastern Oklahoma, southwestern Kansas and southeastern Missouri, an area sometimes described as the "Spooksville Triangle" or the Devil's Promenade, the latter a name of an old Indian settlement in Ottawa County. In Missouri, the phenomenon is goes by several names, including the "Joplin Spook Light" and the "Hornet Ghost Light."

The lights for a time inspired impromptu "museums," such as Spooky Joe's near the Oklahoma border and the "Free Spook Light Museum." The museums are gone, but the tales, the mystery and, apparently, the lights continue.

"A lot of people are saying, 'It's just your imagination,'" Bill Blalock said. "I don't think I've imagined it 20 times. Whatever it is, it's real."

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Only In Oklahoma: Spooklights' Source Is Still Unknown

By Gene Curtis

Floating lights that bounce up into the treetops, appear to be about the size of a basketball and frequently are seen in pairs haunting the area where Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri converge.

The lights can be seen from a country road known as Spook Light Road many times of the year - especially at this time of year.

After all, Halloween is in the air.

Sightseers in hundreds of cars will be driving two roads - E40 in Hornet, Mo., and E50 in Miami near Quapaw - trying to get a glimpse of the light that some say is rectangular and others claim is spherical.

Theories have been offered over the years to explain the strange phenomenon - some require a belief in the supernatural, some are more scientific and some claim that the lights are just plain hallucinations. Some, as the name implies, claim that they are ghosts - but the lights' source remains a mystery.

An Army Corps of Engineers unit from nearby Camp Crowder, Mo., studied the spooklight for several weeks during 1946 and concluded that the phenomenon was "a mysterious light of unknown origin."

Similar spooklights found in many other parts of the world have baffled observers for centuries.

Glowing in the night with an eerie, soft color, they sometimes pulse, sometimes dance about, usually near the ground or horizon. Their source is a mystery.

The phenomenon known as the Tri-State Spooklight, the Quapaw Spooklight, the Joplin Spooklight or the Hornet Spooklight caused panic in the small Missouri community of Hornet when it was first noticed by settlers in the late 1800s. Many area residents packed up and moved away.

But the Quapaw Indians reported legends about their ancestors seeing the lights in the early 1800s.

Among the earliest legends was that a handsome young American Indian man fell in love with a beautiful woman and eloped after her father refused to allow them to marry.

Fearing they would be captured, the couple committed suicide by jumping from a high bluff overlooking Spring River known as the Devil's Promenade. According to the legend, the light burns as a symbol of love between the two young lovers.

At least three early legends involve people using lanterns to search for their heads after being beheaded.

A Quapaw legend involves an old Indian looking for his head, which his wife had cut off. A similar story involves a miner who was decapitated in an accident and is using a lantern in his search.

Another early legend is about an old sergeant who was captured during a Civil War battle and was executed by using a cannon to shoot off his head, which was never found. The old sergeant's ghost somehow obtained a lantern and since then has been searching for his head.

A Joplin librarian said in 1997 said she always figured it was an accumulation of gases and you saw it when the time was right.

A Spooksville Museum was operated for several years but it has been closed for some time. It displayed photographs and a collection of stories about the light as well as a viewing platform. It also offered for sale pamphlets about the spooklight.

Some experts claimed the light is simply the glow of minerals and gases in the area. UFO experts have claimed the light is a "controlled machine from outer space - flying saucers from other worlds."

Popular Mechanics magazine sent a reporter and photographer to the area in 1965 to investigate the light and a number of theories concerning its cause.

The reporter later wrote in an article published in the September 1965 magazine that the light was produced by automobiles traveling east on U.S. 66 about 10 miles from the point where sightings of the phenomenon had been reported. The magazine said the light's unusual shimmering effect and the golden hue were caused by layers of air with varying temperature.

But area residents pointed out as soon as the magazine was published that the light was seen long before there were automobiles or highways in the area.

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Oct 31, 2007

Close Encounters Of The Turkish Kind
By Fazile Zahir

FETHIYE, Turkey - The alleged sighting of an unidentified flying object (UFO) has excited the Turkish media with pictures appearing in both sensationalistic tabloids and more serious broadsheet papers last week.

The UFO was spotted in the Karakopru area of Sanliurfa province towards 4am on Wednesday. Filmed by an amateur videographer, the strangely glowing hexagonal ball of light hovered in the sky emitting red, green and white lights and moved both fast and erratically. After 15 minutes it disappeared without a trace.

As of yet no official explanation has been offered as to what it might be, although Internet comments vary between lauding a genuine sighting of a "green fireball" phenomenon and skeptics who claim the object is just a star filmed under magnification or others who believe that it was an American spy plane monitoring Turkey's border with Syria.

It was Turkey's third major sighting in 2007. One was in Konya in March (a series of sightings that lasted off and on for a week) and another in Istanbul on January 4 when people saw a spinning circle with glowing white lights in the sky. And the head of the Turkish Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Center Haktan Akdogan claimed in August that in the past few months the number of sightings in Turkey has been increasing.

The largest concentration of sightings and perhaps the best documented occurred between 2001 and 2002. This spate seem to have been triggered by an extraordinary report on June 7, 2001 when 10 rural guardsmen from the village of Dondurmaz in Adiyaman province claimed to have seen a bright light in the shape of a large circular "tray" the size of a house glowing in the sky. They watched as it flew off in the direction of Ulubai mountain and then winked out of sight.

When the men reported to their commander their statements were taken seriously and the governor of Adiyaman province, Halil Iaik, had them separated and individually questioned. Not only did their accounts tally up but when asked to draw pictures of what they had seen all the sketches were uncannily similar. Iaik felt the event was serious enough to send a report with the details to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and also informed Haktan Akdogan at the Sirius organization.

By June 13 in the same year, Sabah newspaper was leading with the headline "Everyone searching for UFOs" in a story that detailed how in Usak locals had stoned an alien, in Gaziantep

the police had videoed a UFO and that people all over the country were phoning in reports of strange occurrences to their local jandarma (constabulary).

The reports continued in a slightly hysterical atmosphere well into 2002 and included an event in Gebze on May 31, 2002 where a UFO was reported circling with projecting lights for over an hour. This was followed by Aksam newspaper printing the story on June 1, 2002 of Saffet Sap, an electronic technician from Beykoz, who managed to video a flying object like a black bug with seven or eight legs. Later in the year on November 9 the Hurriyet newspaper ran the account of four commercial pilots from different planes who had all seen UFOs in the same patch of sky on the same day at the same time.

Haktan Akdogan of Sirius seems to be a recurring figure in Turkish UFO lore commenting freely on each event and insisting on the importance of Turkey to alien life. His motives however may not just be scientific, he is also the owner of the Istanbul UFO museum that opened in 2002 (commercially riding on the back of these multiple UFO events) and any extra interest in aliens will also encourage customers to his museum. He also runs the museum as a fairly successful franchise with three others in Turkey (Istanbul, Denizli and Goreme in Cappadocia) and his website www.siriusufo.org advertises for further partners to open other UFO museums.

It is his intention to open UFO museums all over Turkey to "further the knowledge of the Turkish people and to attract tourists". His organization provides all the necessary materials and installations so each museum is a de facto copy of the first. Whether they are lucrative or not is not mentioned but when the Goreme museum opened in 2006 Hurriyet newspaper reported that they had 5,000 visitors in one month alone. Apparently it was especially popular with the Japanese.

Whether extraterrestrials exist or not is much debated but recent advances in science make the chances seem more likely. Animals known as extremophiles thrive in earth environments previously thought not to have been able to sustain life. From microbes found living without oxygen in volcanic fissures 3.2 kilometers down in ocean trenches to "water bears" (aka tardigrades) that can survive temperatures from nearly 17-degrees Celsius to 150.5-degrees Celsius and even live in a vacuum like that found in space. These minute organisms have upended the understanding of what is needed for life to survive and flourish.

Previously scientists has worked on the assumption that both oxygen and liquid water were key factors in sustaining life but now it seems that these are only important to certain types of life. The "rare earth" theory is falling out of favor to be replaced with the idea that life is adaptable and that the question that needs to be asked is, "What kind of environment other than our own might sustain living things?"

The chances of intelligent life with the technology to communicate is slimmer, though it is conceivable that it is possible that such worlds have come and gone. If life of this sort exists now they, like us would have the technology to recognize that earth is an "interesting" planet and worth investigating. So why aren't they here? Some would say they are and the report of flying objects above Karakopru on Tuesday was a clear indication of just that.

Fazile Zahir is of Turkish descent, born and brought up in London. She moved to live in Turkey in 2005 and has been writing full time since then.

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Editorial: A Waste Of Presidential Space

It is a long shot, but suppose for the sake of argument, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, currently running on the second tier of candidates for the Democratic presidential nomination, were to win his party's nod and the presidency.

On his to-do list would presumably be how to address the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the threat of Iran, illegal immigration, the future of Social Security, health care, etc. Getting to the bottom of the Roswell UFO controversy would be way down the list - if included at all.

Last week at a town hall meeting in Round Rock, Richardson responded to a question from an apparent UFO enthusiast who asked what Richardson would do as president regarding the 1947 "incident" near Roswell, N.M. Sixty years ago, the U.S. military is believed - by some - to have covered up evidence of alien life from a UFO crash.

Richardson said he asked the U.S. Department of Defense about the Roswell incident when he served in Congress, but was told the "data" was classified. If elected president, Richardson said he would "work with" the possibility of opening files pertaining to Roswell.

In fairness, Richardson was responding only to a question, and didn't bring up the off-the-wall subjects of UFOs and government cover-ups that last decades.

Our advice to the governor is to make science fiction stories issue No. 101 on his Top 100 list of presidential priorities.

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Re: UFO Puzzle Has City In A Tizzy

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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>From: Chaz Stuart <daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 03:08:11 GMT
>Subject: UFO Puzzle Has City In A Tizzy

>Source: Times of India, Calcutta, India

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>UFO Puzzle Has City In A Tizzy

>KOLKATA -- In the first such incident recorded in Kolkata, an
>unidentified flying object was spotted in the city's skies
>early Monday morning.

>The fireball, that moved very rapidly and even seemed to change
>its shape and size, was photographed by a resident of Kalikapur
>in east Kolkata. Scientists couldn't identify the object though
>some believe it could be a meteor blazing a trail through the
>morning sky.

"moved very rapidly" "a meteor blazing a trail"

>The object, as shown on a TV channel, seemed to alter its shape
>from a round object to a triangle and then turned into a
>straight line. It emitted a bright light that formed a circle -
>almost a halo - and also radiated a range of colours.

'As shown on TV.' Maybe the described "very rapid motion", like
the colour scintillation, halo and shape changes, also comes
from the video. Because the rest of the report seems to describe
a long-duration light, not like anything that would be confused
with a meteor:

>The strange object was spotted between 3.30 am and 6.30 am by a
>senior executive of a private company, who filmed it on his
>handycam and showed it to the MP Birla Planetarium director D P
>Duari.

Three hours.

>Many others spotted the strange object streaking across the
>eastern sky and hundreds gathered along EM Bypass to catch a
>glimpse of the "UFO". Many claimed to have seen the UFO,
>triggering a frenzy.

Objects that are "streaking" across the sky like meteoers don't
tend to allow time for "hundreds to gather... to catch a
glimpse". Objects that stay for three hours do.

>The Birla Planetarium director said the flying object, seen "at
>30 degrees on the eastern horizon" was "interesting and
>strange".

Venus was rising due East before dawn, brilliant at magnitude -
3.6, At 0330 it would have been about 10degs up, by 0630 about
50degs

>"The viewer first thought it was a plane but gradually its

>brightness increased and it went up and vanished around 6.30
>am," Duari said. "No natural phenomenon is likely to last for
>such a long duration and it is not a meteor either. It is an
>extremely interesting and strange object," he added.

It "went up". So did Venus. It vanished around 0630. By that
time the sun was well above the horizon (it rose at about 0608)
and it was bright daylight. Again the "long duration" is
emphasised - no meteoric "streaking".

>Scientists were also puzzled by the phenomenon. They claimed it
>was too early to hazard a guess on what the object could be.

Making allowance for journalistic confusion, I think we can
hazard a guess that it might have been Venus, which all
skywatchers will know is a spectacular pre-dawn sight at the
moment.

>"A cosmic body cannot change its appearance the way this one
>seemed to do. But an expert needs to observe it for a longer
>period of time to be able to comment on it. It is very strange
>and intriguing. Sadly, TV pictures are not enough to make a
>conclusion," said Kamalesh Kar, astro-particle physicist at the
>Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics.

Pending correction from some Lister who may actually have seen
this video, I'd point out that cosmic bodies in defocused and
highly-zoomed videos can change their appearance in all sorts of
ways. Additionally, there may be diffraction and masking effects
due to changing cloud cover.

Thanks Chas.

Martin Shough

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 29 Oct 2007 20:22:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>I'll agree here with Carol and Dick: Leir's patients' writings
>>look like random scribbles, or attempts at alien writing.

>>But to me, those characters in Hopkins' video remind me
>>of Star Trek's "Old Vulcan" script. I wonder where they came
>>from? Was Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known
>>ufologist ever a resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the
>>Stars"?

>Hi Rick,

>I don't know if this is already known to you and the Listers. In
>the 1970's, Gene Roddenberry had some very long sessions with
>'Tom', the Spokesman for the 'Council of Nine', channelled by
>Mrs. Phyllis V. Schlemmer.

>It is all covered in the book The Only Planet Of Choice. There
>you can read questions Gene asked 'Tom'. I have read quite a few
>books about channeling. I always was reluctant to accept this
>phenomenon though it is, in some respect, nothing more than an
>abduction - of the spirit only, that 'lives' in our physical
>body or 'container'. But generally there is much abuse with
>channeling and often one can neither trust the person who is
>channelling nor the 'messages' given.

>But while reading this book, I 'felt' - yes, no scientific
>evidence or proof - that this might be something different.
>Judge for yourself with an open heart/mind/spirit.

>And because I know the editor, make sure that you get the second
>edition of this most fascinating book. In it you'll get some
>idea of what the real message of Gene Roddenberry was and how
>real the Universe is shown to us by Star Trek etc..

Thanks for the insightful response Joachim!

However, I must admit my reference, to Roddenberry resourcing
then prominent ufologists, was half in jest.

I does make a kind of sense though that Roddenberry readily
contacted the channelling contactees, given they were the more
public in their pronouncements at the time.

But being the backward-thinking boor that I am, I'm not yet
ready to concede a Shatnerian and Spockian society!

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>By David Zizzo
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>QUAPAW -- One night, Bill Blalock and some friends were sitting
>in the dark on a country road in a car with the engine off.
>People do that a lot around here, especially around Halloween.

>"We were just talking, watching," said Blalock, of nearby Miami.

>That's when Blalock spotted a car coming up from behind.

>"The closer it got, the more it didn't look like a car
>headlight," Blalock said.

List, All -

Oh, for crying out loud... how long to we have to put up with
this continued nonsense. The Joplin Spooklight has been
explained time and again. Contrary to Blalock's opinion, car
headlights are exactly what he saw.

I posted in September 2006 a long story about the Spooklight
including pictures of it that I had taken while spending the
better part of a week investigating the light.

You can read the whole thing and see the pictures at:

www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com

And maybe we can end this thing.

KRandle

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: **Jeri Jahnke** <jeri.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 11:00:02 -0500
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:08:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 12:44:37 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>I'll agree here with Carol and Dick: Leir's patients' writings
>look like random scribbles, or attempts at alien writing.

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>from? Was Dr. Hynek, or Budd Hopkins, or any other known
>ufologist ever a resource for Roddenberry's "Bonanza to the
>Stars"?

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Thanks,

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:18:36 -0300
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:20:19 -0400
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 06:55:56 -0700
>Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:40:34 -0300
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<snip>

>Oh yes Don, heard all about the DaVinci code and even saw that
>dimmy movie.

>Knowing DaVinci the figure on Jesus's right might be one of
>DaVinci's effeminate boyfriends. He was known to be as gay as
>the Christmas Season.

>He wasn't one to shy away from a good inside joke. Michaelangelo
>was more of a stick in the mud so one would be hard pressed to
>find some sort of Al Jaffee/MAD Magazine fold in scheme on the
>top of the Sistine Chapel.

>Seriously, it's obvious it's a female and the painting has been
>misinterpreted for half a millenia.

>DaVinci was a genius, visionary, and practical joker all rolled
>into one.

It doesn't look as though he was taken in by the male egocentric
churchline at the time. DaVinci being a critical thinker
probably had something to do with that.

Don Ledger

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UFOs Then & Now [was: UFO Over Vizcaino Power]

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 13:25:44 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:23:13 -0400
Subject: UFOs Then & Now [was: UFO Over Vizcaino Power]

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:57:53 -0300
>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 20:02:09 -0400
>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 28 Oct 2007 18:01:05 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

<snip>

>>Maybe there once was an ET invasion or visitation of Earth and
>>they have all since returned home. Some of us apparently cannot
>>cope with their absence. Looking up to the sky and grasping at
>>anything that gives them hope that they will again return, we
>>may be witnessing the beginnings of a new or substitute religion.

>I think that's baloney Nick, but whatever comes along will have
>to be better 'religion' - if that's even possible - than the
>fairy tales we were fed as kids backed up by a scrupulously
>edited version of stories strung together and called a 'bible'.
>This stuff is not religion to me. I don't need another man made
>myth. Present day politics is bad enough.

>You know my suspicions about your 'blurfos' so I'm not going
>into that. As for what I'm seeing in those night pictures, you
>must be looking at something different. I don't know if they are
>UFOs or not but they don't line up on my screen and look nothing
>like lens flares.

>BTW - You responded to one of my emails a week or so ago and
>I've misplaced that. What was it about? I've been buried in
>writing duties.

Thank you for taking the time to reply Don.

What we now see in the skies and report as UFOs is not what was seen half a century ago. This is clearly evident when one makes a quick comparison between the UFO images taken in the mid-20th century with the UFO images taken in the late 20th and early 21st century. Although the modern day UFO images far outnumber the old UFO images, the classic "nuts and bolts" flying saucer is notably absent from the newer UFO images which are usually very small and indistinct.

If one still sees flying saucers or fleets of ET craft in the the UFO images taken in more recent times and outright rejects all other more probable explanations such as lens flares and birds, then I see this as an expression of their religious beliefs rather than a rational scientific deduction. As for this new UFO 'religion' being better than the one based on the Bible itself (not man's interpretations and later day fairy tales) which

records the encounters and revelations by beings not from this world I during the past 3000 years or so more, would have to disagree with you on that Don.

As for my earlier e-mail reply, it dealt with "glories", those rare and mysterious glowing objects often seen from the air and sometimes on the ground too.

My e-mail also included how I still got to clearly see the thin crescent of the eclipsed Sun when the window blinds in the airplane I was in were closed. This happened on the same flight we had a near collision at night with a red UFO during the landing approach to Cuba. Did you ever get confirmation from the Canadian flight crew about this serious UFO incident that happened in December of 2001?

BTW - I know that you are busy with many other important things, but do not miss the special Nova program 'Intelligent Design on Trial' on PBS television. Though it has nothing directly to do with UFOs, this trial was a victory for truth - science and religion over pseudoscience and false religion.

The false religion in this trail was "creationism" which claims to uphold the absolute truths of the Bible. Although creationism is based largely on observations and facts, it like the new religious-social-political movement in ufology are new religions or belief systems with their man-made dogmas.

Unlike the Bible which has survived over 3000 years of attacks by the greatest minds and remained unchanged, I doubt that this ufological movement, a new or better(?) interpretation of the ET revelations found in the Bible can survive such attacks.

Nick Balaskas

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Secrecy News -- 10/30/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 10:00:01 -0400
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:32:01 -0400
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As required by law, the Director of National Intelligence today disclosed that the budget for the National Intelligence Program in Fiscal Year 2007 was \$43.5 billion.

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/news/2007/10/dni103007.pdf>

The disclosure was strongly resisted by the intelligence bureaucracy, and for that very reason it may have significant repercussions for national security classification policy.

Although the aggregate intelligence budget figures for 1997 and 1998 (\$26.6 and \$26.7 billion respectively) had previously been disclosed in response to a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit brought by the Federation of American Scientists, intelligence officials literally swore under oath that any further disclosures would damage national security.

"Information about the intelligence budget is of great interest to nations and non-state groups (e.g., terrorists and drug traffickers) wishing to calculate the strengths and weaknesses of the United States and their own points of vulnerability to U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies," then-DCI George J. Tenet told a federal court in April 2003, explaining his position that disclosure of the intelligence budget total would cause "serious damage" to the United States.

Even historical budget information from half a century ago "must be withheld from public disclosure... because its release would tend to reveal intelligence methods," declared then-acting DCI John E. McLaughlin in a 2004 lawsuit, also filed by FAS.

Deferring to executive authority, federal judges including Judge Thomas F. Hogan and Judge Ricardo M. Urbina accepted these statements at face value and ruled in favor of continued secrecy.

But now it appears that such information may safely be disclosed after all.

Because the new disclosure is so sharply at odds with past practice, it may introduce some positive instability into a recalcitrant classification system. The question implicitly

arises, if intelligence officials were wrong to classify this information, what other data are they wrongly withholding?

Some historical background on U.S. intelligence spending may be found here:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/budget/index.html>

And see "2007 Spying Said to Cost \$50 Billion" by Walter Pincus, Washington Post, October 30:

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

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 11:27:32 -0700
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:49:05 -0400
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:40:34 -0300
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Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Ask The Pilot

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 15:30:10 -0300
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:51:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:05:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 20 Oct 2007 21:54:20 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>Later in that same flight I saw the projected image of the
>eclipsed Sun, our pilot made a rapid change in the airplane's
>descent as he aborted our landing approach in Cuba. Speaking
>with witnesses on the ground after we landed, they told me of
>seeing a mysterious red light moving over the runway at the same
>time they saw our plane abort its landing. When I reboarded my
>flight after our brief stopover I mentioned about this UFO
>sighting to some fellow passengers, including a flight attendant
>standing next to the opened entrance to the cockpit where the
>flight crew were seated and looking my way. I am sure the flight
>crew heard my loud comments about our near collision we had with
>a UFO but they said nothing. The flight crew stuck to their
>story that the sudden and unexpected g forces the passengers and
>I experienced was their immediate response to a false signal
>from faulty equipment in the cockpit.

>Don, did you ever get a chance to "Ask The Pilot" about just
>what that mysterious red light over the runway in Cuba was?

Hi Nick,

I remember this incident. I recall doing some checking around
but have long since lost the original you sent me some years ago
due to a hard drive failure. I have better resources now than I
had back then.

I don't suppose you remember the airline and the date of your
flight? Any deviation from course [certainly a cleared approach
to landing] is cause for concern.

Don ledger

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From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 11:37:56 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:55:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Jeri Jahnke <jeri.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 11:00:02 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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Thank you Jeri! Your logic is impeccable. I sit corrected.

Health and long life.

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Water UFO - Carl Feindt/H2(UF)O

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:05:25 -0500
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:33:52 -0400
Subject: Water UFO - Carl Feindt/H2(UF)O

For those of you who do not know about him yet, I wanted to introduce the List to a researcher who has an upcoming article in JAR, Journal of Abduction Research (JAR issue #3 will be out in about two weeks). His area of research focuses on water and UFOs.

[Carl is doubtlessly reading this - he's a subscriber here...
--ebk]

His research and Web site are really quite interesting.

Also - you can listen to an interview with him at:

[www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/subscribers/sdi402pcast.mp3

using the same username & password that gets you into the
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<http://paranormalradionetwork.org/search.aspx?q=3DCarl%20Feindt>

Biography of Carl Feindt

<http://www.waterufo.net>

"I have been fascinated by aviation since the late days of WW2. Starting with carved balsa replicas and later by flying models of aircraft, I followed my passion into service as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol. After high school I studied aircraft engineering at the Academy of Aeronautics (off LaGuardia Airport=92s runway) in New York City. Following two years with the Air Force, a family hardship forced me to return to civilian life, where I joined a major airline for which I worked in customer service for 34 years.

Upon retirement I was interested in becoming active in Ufology, about which I had been reading since the early 60=92s. The opportunity came when Jan Aldrich, a UFO researcher, asked for volunteers to do local newspaper searches. Over the course of eight years, I studied microfilm rolls at the University of Delaware, exhaustively covering the years between 1923 and 1967, and found approximately 750 UFO-related articles =96 this from the second smallest state in the union.

Intrigued by the fact that aircraft cannot emerge or submerge into water, I started assembling water-related UFO cases, which has grown into a data base of this aspect of the UFO mystery."

Thanks -

Katharina Wilson
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Don't worry, it will get it.

Don

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Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:40:13 -0500
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:45:26 -0400
Subject: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

This post concerns the unfinished CUFOS abduction study that has been discussed on this list under the title "Power Outages In Abductee Home Study."

I have three suggestions:

#1 - One is for CUFOS to publicly post a notice on their Web site asking for contributions to complete their abductee study. Responses would be a 'promise to contribute'. After they raise a 'commitment to contribute' from enough people and they reach the previously mentioned \$5,000 mark, they could then ask for the actual funds and complete the study. As a small incentive for some, it may help to say, when the study is published, "this study was funded by the following individuals" and list the names and/or organizations who gave money to complete the study.

#2 - Another idea is for CUFOS to work with MUFON - combining their intellectual, organizational and monetary skills - to complete the study.

3 - If MUFON has the money and/or the manpower to complete the study, another option would be for CUFOS to give the data to MUFON so the study can be completed and the findings published.

I'm willing to help in any way that I can. How many people on this List would be willing to participate in option #1?

Thanks -

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Conclusions On Videotaping Aliens

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:50:43 -0400
Subject: Conclusions On Videotaping Aliens

I sent out a post about my own attempts to videotape one of my abductions and while the post received a lot of comments, under the Subject: Videotaping Those Elusive Aliens thread, I didn't see one post that actually related to the article. It may have gotten lost during the time there were email problems with the List, but in case it didn't, I thought I'd share what I learned for those who didn't want to read it or didn't have time to read the article:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/yk2/videotap.html>

Conclusions:

(1) From my videotaping experiment, I can imply that the phenomenon we interpret as 'alien abduction' can somehow nullify the signal from a camera to a VCR, which was set up for the specific purpose of documenting the phenomenon.

(2) At the same time, the phenomenon does not affect other electronic equipment such as a digital clock that is located in the same room.

(3) When I remembered a detailed experience that involved seeing alien beings or what I thought were alien beings, the camera/VCR malfunctioned.

(4) When my husband and I had no memories, but experienced physical aftereffects such as soreness or a drugged feeling, the camera/VCR malfunctioned.

(5) When I had an ordinary dream or no memory of an abduction, the camera/VCR did not malfunction."

At the very least, this indicates to me that there was some force or energy that entered into our home and was able to affect the electronic equipment that could have recorded its image.

If there are any other abductees or researchers who have attempted to videotape an abduction, I'd be interested to read about your results.

Thanks -

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Re: Ask The Pilot

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:20:37 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:54:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 15:30:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

>>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 21 Oct 2007 15:05:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Ask The Pilot

<snip>

>>Don, did you ever get a chance to "Ask The Pilot" about just
>>what that mysterious red light over the runway in Cuba was?

>Hi Nick,

>I remember this incident. I recall doing some checking around
>but have long since lost the original you sent me some years ago
>due to a hard drive failure. I have better resources now than I
>had back then.

>I don't suppose you remember the airline and the date of your
>flight? Any deviation from course [certainly a cleared approach
>to landing] is cause for concern.

<snip>

Hi Don,

Yes, I remember the airline and date of my flight to Cuba. In fact, below is a copy of the original e-mail about this UFO encounter that I sent to the canufo List shortly after I returned to Canada.

This UFO encounter, together with the UFO related article that appeared in 'The New York Times' stating that the Federal Government, via the National Security Act, was trying to prevent the screening of a film scheduled to be shown in a cinema in lower Manhattan on September 12, 2001, are two that still fascinate me but remain unresolved.

The film's title, by the way, was 'Alien Technology'. It had disturbing testimonies about UFOs by "Pentagon insiders". This film never got to be shown (also, I never got either of my two paid DVD copies of this film from it's producer) because of the attacks on the WTC and the Pentagon one day after the article was published in the newspaper. Coincidence or further evidence of the ongoing UFO cover-up?

Nick Balaskas

From: nikos <nikolaos.nul>
To: canufo.nul
Date: Fri, 21 Dec 2001 07:58:18 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Organization: York University
Subject: UFO Seen By Pilots Over Cuba?

Hi everyone.

I just got back from Cuba.

Reading Kristoffer Jeppesen post of a UFO seen by pilots over Saskatchewan, I thought I would share what may turn out to be a UFO encountered by the pilots of a Canadian charter airplane I was a passenger on.

As our Airbus 320 Skyservice plane (flight SV524) was making a nighttime approach to the airport near Cayo Coco, Cuba, we were startled when we heard the engines get louder and felt pushed down into our seats. This was shortly followed by a near weightlessness sensation. The captain announced that his instruments detected a false signal of another aircraft in the area and in the interest of safety he took evasive actions. This was the reason for what we felt.

My final destination was the next airport near Manzanillo, Cuba, but all the passengers were asked to disembark at Cayo Coco so the aircraft could be cleaned for new passengers. I spoke with a few of these passengers who said they saw our plane "go around" after seeing a single red light fly low over the airport as we were coming to land. They thought it may have been a small plane but could not explain why only a red light was observed. Apart from our plane, there were no others on the ground at that airport that night.

Getting back in the plane, I told the flight attendant standing by the door next to the cockpit about the red light seen by passengers at the airport (in a loud enough voice so the pilots could hear too who turned their heads in my direction). She suggested it may have been a UFO and said she would find out for me. I never heard back from her. I later told the passengers seating next me who experienced what I did and they thought they would be more comfortable with the explanation of a near collision with a UFO than the thought of flying in an airplane with faulty instruments.

Is there anyway of finding out what really happened during that aborted night landing on December 14?

Nick Balaskas

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It would be a unique position to have someone - who claims to
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for a recognized group studying human interaction with 'aliens'.

What say you?

KK

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:28:43 -0000
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 05:46:06 -0400
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:18:36 -0300
>Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 06:55:56 -0700
>>Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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><snip>

>>Oh yes Don, heard all about the DaVinci code and even saw that
>>dimmy movie.

>>Knowing DaVinci the figure on Jesus's right might be one of
>>DaVinci's effeminite boyfriends. He was known to be as gay as
>>the Christmas Season.

What I want to know is: Who is the guy on his left, giving him
the finger?

MS

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
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Dick,

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If so, I would like to see it and comment on it using my
background in Fed regs governing human subject protection.

Thanks,

KK

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Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 21:18:52 EDT
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 06:33:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

>At 9:00 AM, Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at the National Press
>Club in Washington DC, The Enterprise Mission - a private
>research and public policy group - will hold a press briefing in
>the NPC Zenger Room.
<snip>

>Hoagland and Johnston - using these 30-year-old original Apollo
>images that Johnston, in disobeying that direct order,
>personally preserved - will illustrate exactly what NASA hoped
>would never become known: the apparent remains of extensive
>lunar ruins on the Moon, one of the key projected discoveries
>cited by a pre-Apollo NASA/Brookings study as "capable of
>destroying civilization."

Without being too cynical, is this not a re-run of a previous
'exposure' from Hoagland and Dr Johnstone in 1996 at the
National Press Club?

There is still an old Art Bell transcript that details their
findings at:

<http://www.enterprisemission.com/tran1.html>

Where they discuss glass towers, structured blocks etc.

I would like to think this latest disclosure is not somehow
linked to the release of Hoaglands latest book, and that there
will be some new information gleaned from the photos.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda

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Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 03:19:00 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 06:41:27 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over Vizcaino Power Plant Baja Mexico

UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul> posted:

<snip>

>Images:

>http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2007.htm

Is object on this photo

http://www.analuisacid.com/vizcaino_2005_01.jpg

not the same as object on these photos?

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/photographs/section/1980s/Photo43.htm>

<http://www.ufobc.ca/History/1980/kelsey.htm>

Or this is fake, or another case of UFO forms similarity?

Sergey

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The protocols were carefully laid out at the beginning. The
human subjects signed informed consent agreements after thorough
briefings and discussion. They knew exactly what they were
doing. The study design was very professional. Funds are needed
only for data analysis and publication of findings.

Your professed concerns for the human subjects are very
touching, but you display little compassion or understanding for
Katharina. Are your entirely off-the-wall judgments of her
scientific, much less demonstrative of caring for human
subjects?

And by the way its 'principal' investigators.

Dick

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The Fund for UFO Research, Inc.
P.O. Box 7501
Alexandria, VA 22307

Please make the check out to The UFO Coalition, and note that it
is for the Abduction Monitoring Project Analysis. I will see if
we can get a PayPal link set up and we can put that on our web
pages.

Steve

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I got the name twisted around a little bit; it is the UFO
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John Ayres Dr., Fairfax, VA 22032.

Just for clarification purposes, I am no longer directly
involved in the project. As former Chair and board member of
the Fund for UFO Research, I was involved in the early phases
and am aware of the thoroughness and attention to detail that
went into establishing the protocols and conducting the actual
instrumented research.

As I recall the representatives of the three organizations
directly involved are Rob Swiatek, Don Berliner, Mark Rodeghier
(PhD in social psychology), Michael Swords, and ...not sure
about MUFON because of change in leadership there; it was John
Schuessler originally and Tom Deuley.

Dick

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 01:05:49 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

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>>>>This post concerns the unfinished CUFOS abduction study that has
>>>>been discussed on this list under the title "Power Outages In
>>>>Abductee Home Study."

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>>>Anyone willing to contribute funds to the Coalition to complete
>>>the study should send money to Rob Swiatek, with checks made out
>>>to Coalition for UFO Research. Otherwise, let's hear from people
>>>who are willing to contribute, as Katharina suggests.

>>Hi Dick, Katharina,

>>Put me down for \$50. Post an address so I know where to mail it
>>to please.

>Please send all donations for this effort to:

>
>Rob Swiatek
>The Fund for UFO Research, Inc.
>P.O. Box 7501
>Alexandria, VA 22307

>Please make the check out to The UFO Coalition, and note that it
>is for the Abduction Monitoring Project Analysis. I will see if
>we can get a PayPal link set up and we can put that on our web
>pages.

Either this or the Fairfax, Virginia, address is okay but make
checks payable to the UFO Research Coalition.

Dick

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Maryland Conference A Huge Success

From: **Richard Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 10:29:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 07:56:11 -0400
Subject: Maryland Conference A Huge Success

Herewith is a summary of last Saturday's conference which was arranged, introduced and MC'd by Dr. Peter Resta, clinical psychologist who has worked with abductees. It was originally scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., but about half the audience was still there at 7 p.m.

- Dick

Anne Arundel Community College Conference, Maryland, USA

October 27, 2007

Mysteries of Space and Sky IV: Sixty Years of UFOs

Thanks to exceptional PR work by Susan Swiatek, almost two pages about the forthcoming conference appeared in the Washington Post on the prior Sunday. As a result, there was an overflow crowd of probably more than 100 people at the Center for Applied Learning & Technology

All speakers gave illustrated talks using Power Point, slides, or lantern projector images, on the theme of what has happened in the past 60 years and where we stand now..

Susan Swiatek, MUFON State Director for Virginia, presented an overview of the abduction phenomenon

Robert Swiatek, secretary-treasurer of the Fund for UFO Research, reviewed the history of official and private UFO investigations in France.

Carl Feindt, Mr. Water UFO, presented his case for UFOs that enter and emerge from bodies of water large and small and some of the apparent field effects from them.

Don Berliner, current chairman of the Fund for UFO Research, recounted highlights of counter-to-fact explanations for UFOs that the Air Force and debunkers have cited over the years.

Richard Hall reviewed his 50 years in the field, focusing on NICAP and its role in UFO history and the "Mother of All UFO Waves" 1966-68.

Bruce Maccabee, past Fund for UFO Research chairman and MUFON State Director for Maryland, gave an overview of 60 years and recounted some of his personal investigations.

Some informal polling indicated that the audience was for the most part a well-educated and well-informed group. Among those present was Dick (New World Order) Farley, who believes we are all disinformationists in cahoots with the Government to suppress the truth that internationalist cartels are manipulating the public to believe in UFOs in order to take over the world. Roswell was not aliens, it was evil Government experiments on human beings. Something like that. Kind of hard

to follow his...[il]logic. Which suggests a new expression: Ill
Logic; a lot of that around.

Richard Hall

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Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 07:19:23 -0500
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 10:08:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 00:29:07 +0000
>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 17:45:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 14:40:13 -0500
>>>Subject: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

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>>>been discussed on this list under the title "Power Outages In
>>>Abductee Home Study."

<snip>

>Dick,

>Is the UFO Research Coalition study protocol available on-line?
>If so, I would like to see it and comment on it using my
>background in Fed regs governing human subject protection.

Not to my knowledge. I don't think the Coalition has a web site.
If the study is completed and published I am sure that the
protocols will be reported.

Dick

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Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 05:52:24 -0700
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 10:11:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

>From: Joe Faccenda uforth.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 21:18:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

<snip>

>Without being too cynical, is this not a re-run of a previous
>'exposure' from Hoagland and Dr Johnstone in 1996 at the
>National Press Club?

>There is still an old Art Bell transcript that details their
>findings at:

><http://www.enterprisemission.com/tran1.html>

>Where they discuss glass towers, structured blocks etc.

>I would like to think this latest disclosure is not somehow
>linked to the release of Hoaglands latest book, and that there
>will be some new information gleaned from the photos.

Well Joe, like yourself I too sat there yesterday with bated
breath awaiting world shattering headlines in conjunction with
Hoagland's claims on good ol' George Noory's show.

The way he put it on George's show one would have thought none
other than Neil Armstrong was going to step out on the stage and
get into a donnybrook with Dr. Ed Mitchell, the melee would
spill over into the Press Club audience and CNN would duke it
out with ABC. Suddenly the late but reknowned wrasslin'
announcer Mean Gene Okerland would suddenly appear and declare a
steel cage match. Classy Freddy Blassie would appear from the
netherworld, the very boundaries of multi-dimensional cohesion
unfurl and Benjamin Franklin would appear with a metal folding
chair a-whompin' on fellers. He'd be expelled from the ring for
using a foreign object and we'd fade to black with the ghost of
Frank Kaufman putting Hoagland in a suplex wrasslin' hold.

Did someone say Jubilation T. Cornpone?

No more rumors, no more lies, bring me Martians from the skies.

I'm really a Richard C. Hoagland fan. He makes the whole thing fun.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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New Parliamentary Question On UFOs

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 13:35:23 -0000
Archived: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 10:14:43 -0400
Subject: New Parliamentary Question On UFOs

Here's another Parliamentary Question on UFOs, answered on October 29. It's about halfway down on the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/2m4wwd>

Norman Baker: To ask the Secretary of State for Defence whether his Department's (Air Staff)/Defence Secretariat is responsible for the evaluation of reported unidentified flying objects.

Derek Twigg: The Directorate of Air Staff remains responsible for the evaluation of reported unidentified flying objects, calling, if necessary, for advice from other branches.

The Directorate of Air Staff is the new name for Secretariat(Air Staff), where I worked:

<http://tinyurl.com/2n8fj6>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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The Debate UFOs And Alien Life

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 10:21:22 -0400
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Subject: The Debate UFOs And Alien Life

Source: The Washington Post - DC, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2vq7cr>

10-30-07

The Fix
By Chris Cillizza
washingtonpost.com's Politics Blog

UFOs And Alien Life

In the weird last minutes of the debate (the period, by the way, when The Fix made it onto the basketball court in high school) Rep. Dennis Kucinich (Ohio) gave us a highlight.

Asked about the statement by actress Shirley MacLaine that Kucinich had seen a UFO at her house, Kucinich said that he had. He quickly sought to clarify - an "unidentified flying object" he said holding up his hand - but man oh man.

The big news tonight: Dennis Kucinich Has Seen A UFO.

Obama did not take the bait when asked whether he thought there is life on other planets. "I believe there is life here on Earth," he said, turning his answer into a domestic policy statement.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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