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Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 09:51:40 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:24:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 05:09:11 -0500
>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:02:58 +0000
>>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

>And by the way its 'principal' investigators.

Thanks for making this point, Dick. The misuse of "principle" in place of "principal" is one of those small things that one day will drive me off a cliff, metaphorical and possibly literal.

Folks: The only "principle investigators" are investigators of principles.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 11:12:04 -0500
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:26:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 01:05:49 -0400
>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

>>>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:

>><snip>

>>As I have said repeatedly on this List, it was not a CUFOS
>>study. It was a UFO Research Coalition study, of which CUFOS is
>>one member organization, the other two being the Fund for UFO
>>Research and the Mutual UFO Network.

>>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.

>Put me down for \$50. Post an address so I know where to mail it
>to please.

>Any other takers? Time to put the old moola-boola where the
>blow-hole is! ;)

Hi Dick, John, and Kathy -

Thanks for the additional reminder about the fact that this was
not solely a CUFOS study, but that MUFON - or a coalition of
organizations were involved. Hopefully, this will make it easier
to raise the funds needed to complete the study.

I wouldn't mind looking at the protocols and helping out in any
way that I can, however, I'm not sure I have the required
background to design a study such as this. It would seem that
the design and protocols have already been implemented.
Conducting a rigorous analysis is what's needed now, I believe.

I will help in any way that I can. I, and others who have Web
sites can provide a link to CUFOS, MUFON, etc. (the coalition)
with a descriptive paragraph of the study, the need for funds
and why this is so important.

In the short term, I'll be sending my donation in as well to Bob

Swiatek, as an earlier post indicated.

Thanks -

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 13:07:47 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:28:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Enterprise Mission Press Release 10-22-07

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 05:52:24 -0700
>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

>>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?

<snip>

>>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.

How could it not be related?

>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.

Greg, wouldn't these two statements appear to be at odds with each other? In my view, Hoagland has brought nothing at all to the table, save for much hand-waving. None of the mars stuff, IMHO, passes muster.

I would very much like for this latest thing to include something of real value (to the human race, not just to the rene.coms of the world) but I can't say that I'm very optimistic.

Note: I haven't seen anything about yesterday's press conference yet.

Brian

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 14:42:50 -0300
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:34:09 -0400
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:28:43 -0000
>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?

<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?

You got me Martin. Apparently there are hands in evidence that don't seem to have an owner. The hand across 'Mary's' throat has been wondered at as well. It seems to serve no purpose other than to indicate some malevolence toward her. Dan Brown refers to it as a slashing motion. For whatever reason it does nothing to advance the painting's depiction of the Last Supper.

Don Ledger

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Witnesses And 'Mental Health' Again

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:40:59 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 10:40:59 -0400
Subject: Witnesses And 'Mental Health' Again

Source: The Baltimore Sun - Maryland, USA

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

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Kucinich's UFO And That Question Of Mental Health
by Mark Silva

A faithful reader of The Swamp found some irony and amusement in two headlines that appeared here yesterday: "Kucinich calls Bush's mental health into question" and "Kucinich: 'I did' see a UFO."

Kucinich, a congressman from Ohio, was asked during last night's debate of the Democratic candidates for president if he had seen a UFO.

The "serious" question was prompted by actress Shirley MacLaine's new book, in which she writes that Kucinich had spotted a UFO over her home in Washington state and "found the encounter extremely moving... It was a triangular craft silent and hovering," she wrote, and Kucinich "felt a connection" in his heart and "heard direction" in his mind.

"I did," Kucinich said to the question of whether he had seen a UFO.

As for "the rest of the account," he said, "I didn't.

"It's unidentified. I saw something," he said. "Also, you have to keep in mind that more -- that Jimmy Carter saw a UFO -- and also that more people in this country have seen UFOs than, I think, approve of George Bush's presidency."

Moderator Tim Russert reminded the candidate that polls show just 14 percent of Americans say they have seen UFOs -- (about half the number that approve of the president's job approval in most recent polling.)

Earlier in the day, Kucinich had told the editors of the Philadelphia Inquirer that Bush's recent comments about World War III -- that those who are interested in averting it also should be interested in keeping nuclear weapons out of Iran -- call his mental health into question.

You cannot be a president of the United States who's wanton in his expression of violence," Kucinich said. "There's a lot of people who need care. He might be one of them. If there isn't something wrong with him, then there's something wrong with us. This, to me, is a very serious question."

Russert said the UFO question was serious, too. See the answer:

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Re: The Debate UFOs And Alien Life

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 18:36:58 +0000
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 11:02:46 -0400
Subject: Re: 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
>The big news tonight: Dennis Kucinich Has Seen A UFO.

<snips>

>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]

Okay, but if none of the presidential candidates are willing to
announce where they stand on projects like the Cygnus Project -
the search for Earth like planets - does that mean they will
not support those projects into the future?

I think Obama's answer and other candidates' non-answer, says it
all. A big, resounding, no!

KK

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:21:53 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 11:06:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 00:06:46 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>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.

Jerry Clark might be able to tell us if JUFOS - the Journal of
UFO Studies - is still being published. If not, there might not
be any obvious place for the study to appear.

>A study of the writing samples would only be the beginning and
>barely scratch the surface.

I agree. The rest of your post, John, was very strong.
Everything you mentioned should be studied very carefully.

Greg Sandow

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Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 11:12:51 -0400
Subject: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

In reviewing the debate that has ensued regarding the "true percentage" of UFOs that are classified as "Unknown", I must say that I am puzzled by the exchanges, and the attacks on me and my colleagues.

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There's even some odd controversy about labeling the data as "UFOs" instead of "unidentified aerial object" or something a bit more obtuse. We've been accused of calling case reports UFOs when witnesses only report odd lights in the sky.

I have to set the record straight because this is getting out of hand.

First of all, Ufology Research collects Canadian UFO reports and does some simple statistical analyses on the data every year in order to get an idea of the demographics, trends and characteristics of the reports.

We call the reports "UFO Reports" because that's what most are called before we get them. They're labeled as "UFOs" by the websites which post witnesses' sighting reports and they're called "UFOs" by official government sources. I can't believe I have to remind anyone on this List that UFO simply means Unidentified Flying Object and does not necessarily emanate 'alien spacecraft'.

As for witnesses not calling them UFOs, I find that few witnesses who contact Ufology Research directly call them anything other than that. Certainly some call them things like "odd light in the sky" or "something that didn't look like an aircraft", but we don't assume they are talking about aliens at the outset. Just unidentified objects.

We then go through the several hundred reports thus obtained, coding them for data analyses and evaluating them based on the information contained in the case reports or narrative descriptions we receive. If a report is well-investigated (and very, very few are) it allows us to suggest explanations for it based on the information. For example, a starlike light hanging in the night sky for two or three hours is very likely a star or planet, and we will often give such a report a "possible" or "probable" designation. It's actually very difficult to justify a "fully explained" label unless it's a series of fireball reports that come from a wide area and coincide with a meteor shower or are associated with a sky-camera video of a fireball at that exact time, for example.

If a sighting involves the observation of an object with some structure, seen maneuvering unlike a plane or meteor, investigated well, with multiple witnesses at close range, I'd call that a "high-quality unknown". Cases like that are relatively rare. It's those that constitute the "few percent" of all UFO data in a given year.

If you look in our annual Canadian UFO Surveys (and apparently some people do), you see that we have about 15% of the cases listed as "unknowns" every year. These may include reports of structured objects that sounded like they were not planes, but the witnesses were vague in their descriptions or were not contacted by investigators directly. Maybe accurate directions were not available, or there were inconsistencies in the report. If so, they're "unknowns", but not "high quality unknowns". Obviously, if there are enough concerns with the report, the case gets labeled as "insufficient information".

Where's the problem with this kind of analysis? We're not making assumptions about the objects seen, their origin in- or outside our Solar System, or about the colour of aliens' skin. We're looking at data using an appropriate methodology. We're refining our procedure every year, and making more data available for anyone to examine.

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Wednesday, Oct 31, 2007

UFO Welcome Center
By Meryl Conant

It has attracted nearly 3,000 tourists to a small town just off Interstate 26. And its owner says it may attract some from outer space.

In the slightly more than one square mile that is Bowman, South Carolina, there is one blinking light, one restaurant and at least 16 churches. Nearly 1,200 people call Bowman home.

"There is not much here. Sunday afternoon you can ride around in your car, that's about the most excitement around here. All except for the spaceship," said Jody Pendarvis.

In the shadow of the town's only gas station sits what you could call Pendarvis' cosmic condo. Decades of work and love have turned wood and aluminum into a 42-foot wide planted saucer. He calls it the UFO Welcome Center.

"I guess some people have a destiny and my destiny must have been to build this."

In 1994, Pendarvis started piecing together wood from his grandfather's house to build his own. But anything square was too square for him.

Pendarvis is known as the alien ambassador.

"Seriously, I am here to welcome the aliens from out of space."

Inside, you find 4 stories filled with Christmas lights, space-related videos, a mess Pendarvis claims the aliens left behind and some of his 13 cats.

Pendarvis cannot explain why he pours so much time and already more than \$20,000 into his hobby.

"Some people think I ought to turn it into a ghost house for Halloween," he said.

But the UFO man is not out to make a profit or to gain acceptance.

But, he is looking for the community's support.

"Since this is the only attraction in Bowman, I think I'll run for mayor and maybe I'll get it."

This unofficial mascot of Bowman wants to make it official.

"They want a friendly town and right now friendly is the main word I want to go for," he explained.

It is a campaign platform based the way he lives his life: welcoming strangers into the town he keeps an extra-eye on from up above.

Pendarvis is running for mayor against Zelda Pelzer, who has held the post for 7 years. She says she is basing her campaign on improving the quality of life and the economy of Bowman. The election is November 6th.

The welcome center is located at 4004 Homestead Road in Bowman. Hours vary so call 803-829-2311 to check if Pendarvis is accepting visitors.

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
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>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
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I think the problem here is that people are making subjective
judgments, particularly over whether to categorize a UFO
sighting as "unexplained" or "insufficient data".

I've addressed this issue previously on this List and hope my
comments are helpful:

<http://tinyurl.com/2scmy8>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Marrs & Mars [was: Three Ideas To Follow

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2007 12:08:52 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
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>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 09:51:40 -0500
>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 05:09:11 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:02:58 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

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>>And by the way its 'principal' investigators.

>Thanks for making this point, Dick. The misuse of "principle" in
>place of "principal" is one of those small things that one day
>will drive me off a cliff, metaphorical and possibly literal.

>Folks: The only "principle investigators" are investigators of
>principles.

Hi Everyone!

Just this morning alone I read several e-mails from professional colleagues where they too used same sounding words in place of the words they meant (eg. there for their or they're, etc.). I often see this in the physics lab reports submitted by students for marking, especially those students who's first language is not English but also students who's first and only language is English.

Everyone at one time or another has made such honest slips, including people that should know better. For example, I got an invitation to attend the memorial service on October 24 for Prof. Diane Michelangeli, one of our planetary scientists who died from cancer at the young age of 45. In this invitation Diane was described as the "Principle Investigator" of the first weather station (designed and built by fellow York U. scientists and funded by the Canadian Government) on another world after the Phoenix spacecraft lands on the Red Planet next year.

The amounts of water in the Martian soil and in its atmosphere, as well as its surface and air temperatures, measured by the Phoenix lander should, I believe, settle the unresolved 30 year old plus question over the positive results for life obtained by the Mars Viking lander.

What do the wrong words or misinterpreted data have to do with UFOs you may ask? Well in the examples I gave, I believe a lot! Some of the planetary scientists working at York have worked closely with scientists on other Mars missions. One of these is the "failed" Soviet Phobos mission to Mars, which not only encountered and photographed a UFO just before it fell silent

but also managed to take an infrared image of Mars which these scientists still believe reveals an large underground city. Maybe the Martians did not want us to know that there is more than just microbial life on the Red Planet and that it was occupied by an advanced ET race.

The heat signature of this underground, very orderly ,gridded pattern found in this Phobos IR image suggests to some of our scientists here that it cannot be something like a network of lava tubes but something more amazing and incredible - a vast underground city that is still occupied!

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2007 12:50:40 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 09:59:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

I have to admit that I'm surprised that Mario Pazzaglini's Monograph on Alien Symbols hasn't been mentioned, and I found this mention of his work on several web sites:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vd7g4>

[Note: I'm not promoting Exopolitics, but I believe some of the information contained herein is relevant to the discussion at hand. I also have a copy of Pazzaglini's Monograph on Alien Symbols and would be willing to post it on-line if those who hold the rights to it give approval. I have asked for permission to re-publish the monograph through the Fund, but there was indication that someone was working on that already. It's been a number of years and many people don't even know this Monograph exists.]

Alien Writing - Greg Bishop

Written by Administrator

Saturday, 04 August 2007

Greg Bishop currently writes on the UFOMystic blog with Nick Redfern. In a previous incarnation he wrote decided to create a temporary autonomous zone called The Excluded Middle and explore those twilight issues that others often don't.

This particular piece gives an excellent grounding to the research we're currently doing on linking the kind of hyper-dimensional language sets given to contactees like Jim Sparks which in turn relate to the visual language generated by tryptamine consciousness and the psychedelic carrier tone. Thrown into the mix are the Enochian angelic languages of John Dee and the ground-breaking work of Mario Pazzaglini.

Link to:

UFOMystic: <http://www.ufomystic.com/wake-up-down-there/alien-writing>

In 1994, in the course of publishing my old zine, The Excluded Middle, I read an interview in the first Anomalist magazine with a clinical psychologist who specialized in the study of purported "alien writing", that is symbols that human precipients claim are products of a non-human source. This study was carried on without the general knowledge of his colleagues, which he surmised might have affected his private practice and his work with severe psychotics and drug abuse cases. Before I could find out how to get in touch with him, he sent me a copy of his self-published book Symbolic Messages with a letter stating "I knew you needed to see it."

Dr. Mario Pazzaglini was a remarkable man, as I was to find out over the next few years until his untimely death in 1999. I only met him once, at the 1997 Roswell bash. We eschewed the parades and some of the more boring lectures one day and went thrift-store shopping. Most of our talks were over the phone, and he actually provided some much-needed free therapy when I mentioned

some things that were going on in my life at the time.

In 1970, he was at the Woodstock music festival, helping to run the "bad trip" tent along with a few Tibetan Buddhist friends when the hippies couldn't handle their acid. He had been a regular in the Washington D.C. insider circuit for a few years in the mid-1960s, when he was still in college majoring in physics and mathematics. "He would have made a great physicist", says his brother Peter. In the late 1960s, he had changed his mind and entered the graduate program in psychology. He earned his doctorate from the University of Delaware in 1969, and lived in the small town of Newark, just a couple of miles from U.D. for the rest of his life.

He later became an expert on the problems and cures of drug abuse, serving on several committees and panels for the state of Delaware, and in his psychiatric practice, specialized in treating the severest of the mentally ill. Like everything else in the late 1960s, his field of psychology was undergoing an upheaval as newly-minted doctors began to explore anything that would make the job of healing faster and more rewarding for the patient. Western culture tries to keep everything fragmented and separate, and one of the things all of us were trying to do was introduce connectedness back into the process recalled Pazzaglini's longtime friend and psychiatric practice partner Dr. Paul Poplosky. "I think that's where some of his other interests came into play."

Those other interests included a cornucopia of esoterra; alchemy, cabbala, tarot, and a heaping dose of numerology. He also made enough of a splash through well-concealed back channels that our buddies in the ubiquitous black helicopters occasionally shadowed him. He compiled a magickal and symbol system of his own devising which may never be cracked. In short, he may very well have been a modern-day Magus in the guise of a mild-mannered psychologist from Delaware. This was his perspective when examining the subject of UFOs.

Self-portrait of Pazzaglini with "friends."

He attended a conference on UFO abduction at M.I.T. in 1992 and presented his research to the leaders in the field, but few of his friends ever knew about it. Most of the leaders in the abduction field basically ignored the subject. Almost no one knew he had notebooks filled with examples of strange symbols. Hundreds of his paintings and drawings filled his home. I believe in his next life, he'll be an artist says his brother.

Someone out there has been writing us letters for a long time. Strange symbols and printed languages turn up regularly in UFO encounter experiences. Police officer Lonnie Zamora glimpsed a strange crescent-and-arrow type design on the side of an egg-shaped craft at Socorro, New Mexico in 1964. The account of Jesse Marcel, Jr. includes pieces of wreckage that his father, Major Jesse Marcel, brought home to Roswell in the early morning hours of July 8, 1947 inscribed with symbolic writing that, if genuine, bears little comparison to earthly communication.

Alien writing can literally change history. The Mormon faith is based on translations of strangely engraved golden plates that founder Joseph Smith claimed to have dug up after a divine visitation in 1823. As for the authenticity of mentally received messages, there is reason to believe that at least some of the symbols and symbol systems described do not originate from the psyche of the participants.

One of the difficulties in verifying the authenticity of an alien script is that if it resembles an earthly language or known terrestrial symbols, is it necessarily a true one? Perhaps the reason for this is that all input into a human consciousness is filtered through an individual's learning, experience, culture, and prejudice, and the messages must necessarily be rendered in a form that is understandable to the receiver as well as others. The flipside of this reasoning is the obvious possibility that the receiver might be delusional, hallucinating, or simply hoaxing the account. While it takes little skill to devise an alphabet with a one-to-one relationship to the experiencer's native language, a representational pictorial symbol system or one with no discernible grammar or syntax (at least one which seems to

possess an internal logic) is more difficult to fake.

Humans receive alien writing in many ways. Some say that the symbols come from angels or teachers. By far the most common method of reception is by channeling, but the messages can also be the result of a close encounter wherein the participant sees and remembers symbols or languages shown to him while wandering about inside (or inside what is perceived to be) an extraterrestrial craft. An early example is the case of Herbert Schirmer, who in 1967 claimed to have been taken aboard a ship near Ashland, Nebraska. On the uniforms of the beings he encountered was a symbol that resembled a winged serpent. This theme is obviously not exclusively extraterrestrial, as it was known to the Greeks and Romans, as dragons in Chinese and European lore, as well as to the new world cultures of Central and South America. There is the possibility that Schirmer may have incorporated it (consciously or not) into his account. An interesting sidelight is the fact that the Mayan culture held the belief that Quetzalcoatl, the feathered serpent, had taught and bequeathed to man a system of pictorial writing.

Dr. Mario Pazzaglini made a 16 year study of examples and possible sources of alien writing, and chronicled them in his book, Symbolic Messages. He collected hundreds of samples and classified them into distinct categories: 1) Alphabetic consisting of 20-30 symbols, where each symbol is a consonant or vowel; 2) Syllabic usually 50-60 symbols, where each symbol represents a consonant/vowel combination; 3) Ideographic Usually 500-600 symbols, where each symbol represents an idea or word; and 4) Symbols Consisting of single and complex insignia types. These categories must necessarily derive from a human understanding of representational visual systems, and in fact most claimed alien writing examples fall into these categories.

Pazzaglini conducted a limited experiment wherein participants were asked to conceive their own alien language. The results without exception showed that, left to their own devices, people tend to concoct alien alphabets that bear a one-to-one relationship to their native language.

In the realm of the written word, one of the earliest concrete examples of what was purported to be an extra-human communication was channeled by medium Edward Kelley and his boss, Elizabethan Court Astrologer and all-around magician John Dee, from 1582 to 1589. Dee said that an angel had dictated to him (through Kelley) a system of symbols to be used in a ceremonial context, and would provide the user with a higher understanding of magical and alchemical concepts than human-based writing. The system was called Enochian and is still in use by occult practitioners today.

It communicates concepts through the juxtaposition of symbols and their relationships to each other, and does not appear to be derived from any written language. Enochian is claimed among its adherents to affect the reader/ user on important subconscious levels as well. This aspect of alien writing has also been mentioned by UFO contactees and abductees.

Pazzaglini's own alien writing doesn't resemble anything else that UFO witnesses have reported, with one exception. There seems to be a spiritual, if not graphic kinship with the scribbles of Betty Anderasson and her family, and this may explain the fascination he had with this case. Andreasson, whose abduction experiences were chronicled in the Andreasson Affair books by Raymond Fowler, has produced hundreds of pages of a cursive script that almost defies analysis. After comparing Andreasson's drawings to various medieval alchemical symbols, Pazzaglini was able to translate one possible sentence out of hundreds. It read: =C3=A2=E2=82=AC=C5=93If you want to make light solid,= show it to the moon. While this probably makes little practical sense, it does make for a beautiful sort of poetry.

Pazzaglini once told me that he was in contact with leading abduction researchers who promised to send him examples of alien symbols, but he never got them. Perhaps it was because they wanted to keep the symbols secret to verify the authenticity of future claims, or maybe it was simply their egos getting in the way. Another study of alien writing has yet to be published, which is unfortunate. Pazzaglini had to self-publish his own monograph. Admittedly, the study of alien writing would make

little sense to a publisher with an eye on the bottom line, but as a contribution to an understanding of extra-human experience, it should be welcomed.

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Broad classification restrictions on the disclosure of historical intelligence information are making it difficult or impossible to accurately represent the record of U.S. foreign policy, an official advisory committee warned the Secretary of State last summer.

By law, the Department of State is obliged to publish "a thorough, accurate and reliable documentary record" of United States foreign policy in its official Foreign Relations of the United States series.

But due to official secrecy, "the credibility of the series... remains in the balance," according to the newly disclosed report of the State Department's Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation.

For example, "The blanket denial by the CIA of the right to quote or cite from the President's Daily Briefs of the Nixon years and beyond will make it difficult to give a full and accurate rendering of the effect of intelligence assessments on the foreign relations of the United States.... [T]he continued exemption of the President's Daily Briefs may cause serious harm to the intellectual integrity of the Foreign Relations series."

Similarly, the Committee complained, the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board "has not allowed the historians of the [Foreign Relations] series access to its records [which] need to become accessible to the staff of the [State Department] Office of the Historian and be made available for inclusion in appropriate volumes of Foreign Relations of the United States."

In short, "Committee members believe that unless policies consistent with respect for the right of the American people to be fully informed about their government's conduct of foreign policy are adopted and implemented by the Executive Branch, it may become impossible for The Historian [of the State Department] to carry out his duties or for the committee to carry out its Congressionally mandated obligations."

See "Report of the Advisory Committee on Historical Diplomatic Documentation, January 1-December 31, 2006," transmitted to the Secretary of State on June 19, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/advisory/state/hac2006.pdf>

DNI DISCOURAGES DECLASSIFICATION OF INTEL ESTIMATES

Although summary accounts of several National Intelligence Estimates have recently been declassified and published, this should not become standard practice, the Director of National Intelligence declared last week.

"It is the policy of the Director of National Intelligence that KJs [the Key Judgments from National Intelligence Estimates] should not be declassified," DNI J. Michael McConnell wrote.

"No predisposition to declassify KJs should exist in drafting an NIE or its KJs. Any decision to declassify will be made by the DNI and only after he and other National Intelligence Board principals have reviewed and approved the entire NIE."

"There is both a real and a perceived danger that analysts will adopt less bold approaches, or otherwise modify the way they characterize developments, and that the integrity of the NIE process could be harmed by expectations that all or portions of the NIE are likely to be declassified," the DNI asserted.

See "Guidance on Declassification of National Intelligence Estimate Key Judgments," memo to the Intelligence Community Workforce, October 24, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/dni/nie-declass.pdf>

The new policy was first reported by Pamela Hess of the Associated Press.

<http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2007/10/26/america/NA-GEN-US-Intelligence-Reports.php>

Robert Jervis, the distinguished political scientist who advises the CIA on declassification policy, said that he supported the DNI's position.

With declassification, "you make the pressures of politicization that much greater," he told the Associated Press. "When you are writing an executive summary it's hard not to ask 'How is this sentence going to read in The New York Times?'"

But Michael Tanji, a veteran U.S. intelligence employee, disputed that view. "Having contributed to more than one of these in my career, I'm here to tell you, public opinion does not enter into the calculus."

<http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/10/spy-chief-crawl.html>

VARIOUS RESOURCES

Noteworthy new publications that we haven't had a chance to read closely yet include:

"National Strategy for Information Sharing: Successes and Challenges in Improving Terrorism-Related Information Sharing," National Security Council, October 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sqp/library/infoshare.pdf>

"Army International Security Cooperation Policy," Army Regulation AR 11-31, 24 October 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/ar11-31.pdf>

"A.Q. Khan's Nuclear Wal-Mart: Out of Business or Under New Management?" hearing before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, June 27, 2007:

http://www.fas.org/irp/congress/2007_hr/agkhan.pdf

The Second Superseding Indictment of Noshir S. Gowadia, who was

charged with unauthorized disclosure of classified information on stealth programs and technologies to China, Israel and several other countries, October 25, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/irp/ops/ci/gowadia.pdf>

ARMY FIELD MANUAL ON SURVIVAL

"All of us were born kicking and fighting to live, but we have become used to the soft life.... What happens when we are faced with a survival situation with its stresses, inconveniences, and discomforts?"

That question is posed in a 2002 U.S. Army Field Manual on survival strategies and techniques in emergency situations.

Almost all of the contents will be familiar to students of wilderness medicine and first aid. (Except maybe "Prepare yourself to survive in a nuclear environment.") Nevertheless, U.S. Army web sites do not permit public access to the document, which says that distribution is limited to government agencies and contractors. A copy was obtained by Secrecy News.

See "Survival," U.S. Army Field Manual FM 3-05.70, May 2002 (676 pages in an extremely large 45 MB PDF file):

<http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/army/fm3-05-70.pdf>

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Nuking The Aliens

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
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Subject: Nuking The Aliens

Listers,

Last night there was a British science show, Horizon, on PBS about the causes of gamma ray bursts. Apparently, these strange explosions were first detected by a US satellite that was - get this - looking for evidence the Soviets were testing their H-bombs by blowing them up on the farside of the Moon.

Now, how absurd is that? Test your bombs by shooting them at someplace you can't directly observe, don't control, and a risky quarter of a million miles away???

I'm reminded of the story in the Disclosure book about how we fired a 100 megaton monster at the Moon at one point supposedly to show just how bad we were, and that the aliens disarmed it.

Could we have been actually shooting missiles at the aliens? Or is that even more absurd?

Jay

"Ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall
make you mad."
- Aldous Huxley

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Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
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>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 11:12:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

<snip>

>Thanks for the additional reminder about the fact that this was
>not solely a CUFOS study, but that MUFON - or a coalition of
>organizations were involved. Hopefully, this will make it easier
>to raise the funds needed to complete the study.

Was it NIDS that funded some allegedly alien implant removals?
With a wealthy founder, Robert Bigelow, was it, at the helm?

Anyone think asking him for \$5,000 for potentially
Earth-shaking results might work?

Eleanor White

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Crop Circles Puzzle New Haven Couple

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Thursday, November 1, 2007

Crop Circles Puzzle New Haven Couple

By Gary Webster
Argus-Press Education Editor

New Haven TWP. - It's spooky.

Not necessarily spooky in a Halloween sort of way, but strange nonetheless.

Jerry Buginsky, who began farming on his own in 1962 and now works more than 300 acres near his North State Road home in New Haven Township, has never seen anything like it. Neither has his wife, retired Durand and Byron school teacher and former Shiawassee County Commissioner Mary Buginsky.

Unexplained to the Buginskys are crop circles, or field rings, that first appeared two months ago in a field of clover close to their farm.

"All the vegetation ... alfalfa, weeds, everything ... was dead; just not growing," Jerry Buginsky said of the first circle. "It was 10 feet in diameter on the inside and 12 feet around the outside. I walked it off."

Jerry discovered an even larger circle of dead vegetation not far from the first that same August afternoon. Later a third circle was spotted in the clover and, in early October, two more unexplained spheres were discovered in an adjoining soybean field.

Crop circles, many of which have proven to be manmade, date to the 17th century. Some believe the formations in farm fields involve flying saucers or some other out-of-this-world phenomenon.

So, what's going on with the Buginsky farmland?

Ever the educator, Mary Buginsky thinks she has the answer. Jerry Buginsky isn't so sure, although his theories were accompanied by a slight grin of mischief.

"Chemically treated waste from an airplane, or airplanes," Mary responded when asked to explain the unexplained. "We're in a pretty heavy (air) traffic pattern ... I mean, there are planes going over all the time. I think they saw this wide-open farm area and they unloaded their stuff. It was something from the sky, anyway."

Jerry, after listening to his wife's reasoning about the

circles, said he believes it's one of two things - chemicals or extreme heat. Extreme heat like a flying saucer might leave while landing or taking off?

Jerry wasn't willing to go that far, although he reiterated: "I just think it has something to do with chemicals or something very hot. There are absolutely no signs that they were manmade. There's nothing to indicate anything like that."

Just last Monday, during his farm travels, Jerry related spotting more dead-vegetation circles off Ditch Road, farther to the north of his initial sightings. "I've never seen anything like this in all my years of farming," he said. "It's pretty strange."

Spooky even.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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The Visitors In Australia

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The Visitors - Aliens and UFOs In Contemporary Art
Group Show
8 December 2007 - 17 February 2008
<http://www.penrithregionalgallery.org/upcoming.htm>

The Penrith and Blue Mountains area is a hotspot of UFO activity. Featuring personal experiences, scientific inquiry, and artists with deep interest in UFOs, this multi-media exhibition will challenge both sceptic and believer.

The Visitors will be a serious and multi-faceted artistic examination of the phenomena of aliens and UFOs. Featuring a group of Australian artists with an ongoing interest in this subject, this exhibition will provide an opportunity to further investigate and celebrate the complete gamut of ufology. From personal experiences to scientific research, The Visitors will explore a range of positions, challenging both sceptics and believers.

Visitors will include existing and new work commissioned for the exhibition =96 incorporating painting, light work, installation and new media. Ufology is very fertile ground for the arts and furthermore, Penrith is situated between two of the three known Sydney hotspots of UFO activity =96 Campbelltown and the Blue Mountains.

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

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>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
>Subject: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>In reviewing the debate that has ensued regarding the "true percentage" of UFOs that are classified as "Unknown", I must say >that I am puzzled by the exchanges, and the attacks on me and my >colleagues.

Any time there is criticism that cannot be refuted, it is of course called an "attack" rather than "valid criticism."

>Some have invoked the figures and statistics offered by eminent >ufologists who laid the foundation for "modern" ufology, namely >Hynek and McDonald. Is the percentage of "real UFOs" as high as >25%? 40% or as low as a few percent?

Notice how there is no mention here of the fact that it was McDonald specifically who, after extensive investigation of Blue Book cases, estimated the true percentage of USAF Project Blue Book Unknowns at 30% to 40% and disputed with Hynek over Hynek's low figures hovering around 5%.

This is not a trivial issue or some hypertechnical matter of little importance, as has been rudely suggested offline. The very survival of UFO study is at stake here, for reasons I will explain again (below) after having done so repeated times before

No mention is made of my review of the sorry history of deliberate, intentional fabrication of lying statistics by Blue Book to mammothly raise the percentages of IFO's from a mere 11% to an enormous 80%+ and to reduce the percentages of UFO Unknowns from 27% down to 5% and less. No mention that the main dishonest trick used by BB was to recategorize all Possible and Probable IFO's into the definitely certain IFO category and to recategorize any Unknown with a doubt into the IFO category, instead of "Possible Unknown" or "Probable Unknown" as fairness and objectivity would have dictated.

No mention that BB's lying tricks continue to be used by UFO investigators without a thought about their falsity and dishonesty. No mention that witnesses who report sightings are done a disservice by UFO investigators who tell them they saw a "UFO" or have them fill out "UFO" sighting report forms and now come on UFO UpDates to slander them as thus intentionally using the term when before their interaction with the UFO community the witnesses had been careful to say only that they saw an "object" or a "light" not judging whether it was a "UFO."

No mention that this trick with labeling witness sightings as "UFO" sightings biases the reporting process, vastly inflates the "UFO" statistics that are churned out, and vastly lowers the UFO Unknown percentages which get swamped with poor cases and poor data.

No mention that this "UFO sighting" label and use of other improper leading-question techniques with witnesses

misrepresents the witnesses' careful attempts to be neutral in saying they only saw an "object" or "light" instead of "UFO" or "spacecraft."

No mention that by violating the witness reporting process by mindlessly insisting on calling all incoming reports as "UFO's" that this aids the debunker cause which gets to claim victory year after year with UFO researchers "admitting only a small 5% [or the like] percentage are actual UFO's" and that witnesses are stupid and incompetent because 95% of their "UFO" reports turn out to be mistakes, IFO's. When in reality the witnesses never said they saw a "UFO" in the first place in most cases. In almost all cases the witnesses accurately report an "object" or "light," there is no mistake.

My review of thousands of recent NUFORC reports dated post- 2000 and many early BB cases shows that most witnesses in their own words - not words put in their mouths by UFO "investigators" - are careful never to say "UFO" or "flying saucer" or "spacecraft" or other loaded terms, but use scientifically neutral terms like "object" and "light." Witnesses should be applauded for this carefulness and not subjected to abuse from debunkers accusing them of stupidity or pro-UFO types biasing their sighting reports with self-serving "UFO" labeling.

No mention is made of debunker slander of "UFO" witnesses for making stupid mistakes of "saying they saw a UFO" when "any PhD meteorologist or physicist" could have explained their errors and stupidity, according to debunkers in their typical condescending and insulting way. No mention that the pro-UFO types who slap the "UFO" labels on witness reports are the ones who set witnesses up for this kind of public abuse by debunkers.

No mention that because of this mislabeling of all incoming reports as "UFO reports" by UFO researchers, the debunkers then can get away with saying that the witnesses stupidly thought they sighted "alien spacecraft" because they (purportedly) said they saw a "UFO" and everyone understands that to mean "aliens." Regardless whether that is the correct understanding of the popular connotation of the term "UFO" or not, most witnesses realize "UFO" is a loaded term and tend to avoid it - unless influenced and led by UFO researchers.

And when the UFO researchers slap that "UFO" label on every single case that comes in, no matter how good or poor the data, they set up witnesses to be slandered and abused publicly by debunkers. The debunkers have an implicit premise that when someone says they saw a "UFO" it represents a scientific judgment, so when they can prove that the "UFO" was actually the planet Venus or a meteor or an advertising plane, they claim to "prove" that "UFO" witnesses are unscientific and everything they say should be disregarded and that the whole field of "UFO study" itself consists of nothing more than this kind of thing hence is just "pseudoscience."

But the dumbass mistakes are not made by the witnesses here but are made by the so-called UFO "investigators" who want to inflate their "UFO" statistics because it is more impressive to say that they have processed 5,000 "UFO" reports - even though most are poor reports that have "Insufficient Information" and/or are not investigated. That is why I proposed the new term "NFO" for these indeterminate reports - Non-investigated or non-sufficient data Flying Objects (NFO's). They are neither IFO's or UFO's. They are garbage that does not properly belong in any scientific statistical reporting. But no mention is made of my "NFO" terminology proposal.

Here is what Hynek said about Insufficient Data cases, as part of his discussion of Blue Book's " 'crackdown' on the Unidentifieds... in 1953" by use of " 'unfair' statistical processes" in order to follow "Pentagon instructions in 1953 to 'debunk' and play down the [UFO] phenomenon" (Hynek UFO Report, pp. 258-9).

Hynek described the trick of turning Possible and Probable into Knowns or IFO's, and "the qualifying words 'possible' or 'probable' were dropped." Then he stated a general principle of great importance in the very definition of the UFO problem:

J. Allen Hynek: "Clearly, the 'Insufficient Information' cases should have been excluded from the statistical computations

altogether. Instead, these cases were treated statistically as if they had been solved!" (Hynek UFO Report, 1977, p. 259)

Did you catch that? "Insufficient Info" cases, what I call NFO's, should be completely excluded from UFO/IFO statistics, "altogether". You don't know for sure what they are, whether IFO or UFO, so they can't just be assumed to be one or the other (I've seen it argued both ways). It's garbage and not valid data, and does not belong in the statistics. It inflates and distorts "UFO" statistics.

Furthermore, as Hynek explains, the IFO categories must not be inflated with bogus "Possible" and "Probable" so-called "explanations." If you don't know for sure what it is then you do not have Sufficient Info. If you have to guess, then you do not have Sufficient Info. Is that so hard to grasp? The case then belongs in "Insufficient Info" or my NFO category, the "gray basket."

Why is this so difficult to get across??? My "NFO" proposal received support from veteran UFO investigators such as Dick Hall and Vicente-Juan Ballester-Olmos, but go unmentioned here in this thread. This "NFO" proposal was a diplomatic and face-saving effort to congenially get the point across without acrimony. But it has been coldly brushed off here, forcing me to be more insistent in getting the points across when I did not want to have to be.

Nor is there any mention at all of objections to the inclusion of garbage data in the so-called "UFO statistics," which enables debunkers to fraudulently claim that about 95% of all sightings are IFO's and only about 5% are UFO's. Hence the "UFO's" according to debunker dogma must be some kind of perceptual mistake which should be completely disregarded as false data.

Supposedly this proves that even UFO researchers have great difficulty telling the IFO's from the UFO's otherwise why would so many (supposedly 95%) be IFO's? Debunkers say or imply the devastating question why can't UFO researchers tell right at the outset which cases are "real UFO's" and if they cannot tell then doesn't that just prove there is no real, objective factual difference between UFO's and IFO's?

Let me be crystal clear here: My position is this, that when there are sufficient data in a sighting report it is easy to tell whether it is an IFO or a UFO, that when such cases are passed through the Hynek Screening that almost all such cases are UFO Unknowns, not IFO's, and by "sufficient data" I mean according to objective criteria, not according to subjective end-results-driven processes (like "because we decided it was a UFO Unknown therefore it had sufficient data"). My objective screening criteria include (but are not limited to) the following for visual sightings (instrument, radar and other technical cases require different criteria):

"Sufficient Info" Visual reports must have at least: Date, Time, Location, Multiple Witnesses ID's, Duration, Angular Size, Object/Light Description and Motion and Directions of Observation. Visual-only sightings not backed up by instrument data must be multiple witness cases, and single witness cases will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances fully justified in writing.

Angular size must be at least Full Moon and duration at least 1 minute, and again, exceptions only allowed in special circumstances that are fully justified (e.g., if the witness was the world-rank astronomer, meteoriticist and mathematician Lincoln LaPaz who had decades of first-hand sightings in accurately observing 0.4 second meteors - so if he had a UFO sighting of less than 1 minute duration he would get a "pass" - but these reasons would have to be fully stated in the reporting).

There are objective reasons for these stringent Angular Size and Duration requirements which are too much to go into here (these are the principal determinants of the data processing rate of a human observer, if you think of video data equivalents, and these are the minimums required to distinguish UFO from IFO based on my years of experience in UFO investigation and research).

Basically this means the object must be big enough and close enough and seen long enough to tell it was a UFO not an IFO.

The very survival of UFO research is at stake here. If UFO researchers and investigators cannot tell IFO from UFO without great effort and difficulty, then the debunkers and legitimate skeptics have a valid point. Their point is that there is really little or no difference between IFO's and UFO's hence the great difficulty distinguishing them and the supposed high percentage of IFO's (95%) which just vastly overwhelms the tiny percentage of UFO Unknowns which must be stray errors, they say.

Chris Rutkowski ignores these disturbing and fundamental issues raised and plays the game of pretending not to understand what is at stake or at issue, the "golly shucks I don't know what the fuss is all about" or "where's the beef?" pretenses.

>There's even some odd controversy about labeling the data as
>"UFOs" instead of "unidentified aerial object" or something a
>bit more obtuse. We've been accused of calling case reports UFOs
>when witnesses only report odd lights in the sky.

This is completely disingenuous. The NFO term was what I had proposed for "Non-investigated" or "Non-sufficient info" Flying Objects (NFO's) (see above and see earlier postings) and I nothing at all about any "unidentified aerial object" terminology.

I do accuse him and his group of carelessly accepting "UFO" labeling regardless whether the witnesses actually used the term, and of helping to plant the "UFO" terminology on witnesses so he can blame them (as he does here below) of guilty-mindedly accepting the "UFO" terminology for their sightings, and he now has the gall and audacity to defend this misrepresentation of honest witnesses. Don't make me repeat all the argumentation earlier in this posting (a typical trick used to evade the issues).

>I have to set the record straight because this is getting out of
>hand.

>First of all, Ufology Research collects Canadian UFO reports and
>does some simple statistical analyses on the data every year in
>order to get an idea of the demographics, trends and
>characteristics of the reports.

>We call the reports "UFO Reports" because that's what most are
>called before we get them.

This is flatly not true and pointedly ignores what I had said in earlier postings that in my study of recent thousands of NUFORC reports I found 95% of the witnesses used neutral terms like "object" or "light" and not loaded or biased terms like "UFO" or "spacecraft." Furthermore Rutkowski's group states that they get many of their reports from NUFORC (the recent Canadian UFO Survey says 22%). Likewise in my study of many witness narratives (in their own words not the words put in their mouths) in the Blue Book files, most witnesses never use the loaded terms "flying saucer" or "UFO" or "spacecraft."

>They're labeled as "UFOs" by the
>websites which post witnesses' sighting reports and they're
>called "UFOs" by official government sources.

Not by NUFORC. This again is where Rutkowski disingenuously uses cheap-shot tricks like saying in an offlist response that because witnesses knowingly report to a "UFO" reporting service that means they are guilty of accepting the "UFO" label for their sightings and that this justifies his misuse of their reports as "UFO" reports (to jack up his "UFO" statistics to 5,000+ "UFO" reports) based on this misleading tactic.

He claims he is not responsible for any of this, that he does not have any obligation to the witness to treat their reports with more respect and to correct possible misimpressions. It's the witness' fault he says, it's the websites' fault, it's the official government sources' fault, not his fault, he says.

>I can't believe I
>have to remind anyone on this List that UFO simply means
>Unidentified Flying Object and does not necessarily emanate 'alien

>spacecraft'.

More disingenuous and blatant disregard of what I actually said. The term "UFO" is a loaded term regardless what you claim. I can't believe I have to remind anyone on this List of that indisputable fact.

>As for witnesses not calling them UFOs, I find that few
>witnesses who contact Ufology Research directly call them
>anything other than that.

I dispute that. Your latest Survey claims 22% of your cases come from NUFORC but I find that 95% of NUFORC cases show that witnesses carefully use neutral terms like "object" or "light" not loaded terms like "UFO."

<snip>

>If you look in our annual Canadian UFO Surveys (and apparently
>some people do), you see that we have about 15% of the cases
>listed as "unknowns" every year.

That is now what you told the press earlier this year. You said and I quote:

>>>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.

Nowhere did you tell the press that your actual figure was 15% Unknowns, not "3% to 5%," and nowhere did you tell the press anything about a special category of "high-quality unknowns." You left that buried in the fine-print, so to speak, in your Survey which you know few journalists would read carefully or read at all.

Contrary to your smartaleck insinuation that I never read your Canadian UFO Surveys, you disingenuously evade my detailed criticism of your faulty and confused Survey statistics - which I had indeed "read" - and which perpetuates the debunker Blue Book trick of lumping Possible, Probable and Known IFO's all together into one lump and then treat them as "IFO's" period.

>So where's the beef?

You mean your E.coli and Mad Cow Diseased beef don't you?

Brad Sparks

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>explosions were first detected by a US satellite that was - get
>this - looking for evidence the Soviets were testing their H-
>bombs by blowing them up on the farside of the Moon.

That doesn't sound correct.

>Now, how absurd is that? Test your bombs by shooting them at
>someplace you can't directly observe, don't control, and a risky
>quarter of a million miles away???

>I'm reminded of the story in the Disclosure book about how we
>fired a 100 megaton monster at the Moon at one point supposedly
>to show just how bad we were, and that the aliens disarmed it.

Nonsense. No such thing ever happened. No 100 MT bomb was ever
built let alone launched into a lunar trajectory.

>Could we have been actually shooting missiles at the aliens? Or
>is that even more absurd?

How about checking your sources?

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50 Years Of Uruguayan X-Files

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Uruguay: 50 Years of X-Files

CIOVI, the pioneer organization in the study of the UFO phenomenon, says farewell after half a century without obtaining any proof of alien life. The Uruguayan Air Force receives 40 reports of "sightings" each year.

by Andres Lopez Reilly

In 2008, the commission that began studying UFOs in Uruguay will celebrate its 50th birthday. It will be a celebration and farewell party, because "people are no longer interested in the subject." The Uruguayan Air Force, however, received 40 reports of sightings over the past year.

On April 29, 1958, a group of youngsters inaugurated UFO research in Uruguay, inspired by Hollywood-produced "flying saucer" movies and the stories of sightings and strange phenomena arriving from all over the world. They formed the Centro de Investigacion de Objetos Voladores No Identificados (CIOVI =96 Center For UFO Research).

These Uruguayans are now in their Seventies and openly admit that the force that motivated them at the time was having an encounter with "beings from outer space".

While dismissed as "crazy" by many, they approached the subject seriously and systematically, to the extent that the investigation system devised by CIOVI was adopted years later by the Uruguayan Air Force=92s Comision Receptora de Denuncias Ovni (CRIDOVNI) which has been in operation since 1979.

CIOVI is a non-profit civilian organization which in fact stopped engaging in research years ago, although it maintains a web page and its members remain in touch, always attentive to the news items that emerge all over the world on the subject. The only two members who remain from the original group are Milton Hourcade, who currently resides in the U.S.A., and German Vazquez, whose employment in the personnel office of the defunct "Alpargatas" factory made him the ideal choice for interviewing UFO sighting witnesses.

The remaining six members make up the current board of CIOCI, which shall celebrate its 50th anniversary next year. However, its birthday party shall be its farewell party, because "people have lost interest in the subject and are no longer surprised about anything," said German Valdez to El Pais in an interview from his home in the Malvin district. 50 years later, Vazquez

summarizes CIOVI=92s research in a single phrase that many may not care to hear: "The UFO phenomenon exists, but it=92s sociological. If intelligent alien life exists, it never reached Planet Earth."

Attraction for "flying saucers" began on June 24, 1947 in the U.S. when Kenneth Arnold saw 9 objects rising and falling amid the peaks of Mount Rainier. "Arnold said they were like saucers skipping on water. Had the pilot been Uruguayan, he would have said "haciendo sapito" (making like small toads). He never said they were flying saucers. When he drew the object, he depicted them with a triangular shape," added CRIOVNI=92s founder.

"The press took hold of the expression and talk of flying saucers began. But what is curious and most eye-catching is that after Arnold, who did not see them, everyone began talking about saucers," Vazquez continued. "I always tell my comrades, when I see someone who brings me a photo of a saucer-shaped object, I begin to mistrust. This was a journalistic invention with no basis in reality."

The most typical UFO pilgrimage place in Uruguay by those who want to have some sort of "contact" experience is the La Aurora de Salto ranch, where a strange phenomenon occurred in the 1970s which, according to researchers, was purely meteorological.

CRYONIC shares Cove's belief that no strange phenomenon ever occurred in "La Aurora".

Sources of the Uruguayan Air Force told El Pays that the first man to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong, visited the ranch on two occasions as a reporter for Newsweek, researching claims on sightings and strange phenomena, but "never as a representative for NASA".

La Aurora is a agricultural and livestock ranch located only a few meters from the Salt-Payson bridge over the Drayman River. The ranch extends into both of these departments.

In a recent report on the Santos Pendants program of El Spectator, one of the ranch=92s owners, Tulia Tuna, recalled the event that made the place prominent 31 years ago. "What we witnessed was as from February 1976. Very powerful lights appeared out of nowhere producing burns on trees, animals and people. That=92s what we saw. Then a very powerful light would light up all of the ranches in the vicinity at night. And well, people saw it. It was hard to conceal this because the whole world could see what was going on."

This phenomenon, described by the Uruguayan Air Force and COVE as "ball lightning", left the soil charred and some dead animals were found.

"A local doctor from Salt began picking up radiation and some Japanese working at the Salt Grande Dam came over with a gadget that uncovered the presence of high radiation. And that=92s what happened to famous Mob tree. It was necessary to close the doors, obviously, out of a concern for people and some stories that circulated that were untrue," said Tuna.

Access to Estancia La Aurora is through a dirt road that splits off from Route 3. It is not a tourist ranch, as many believe, although it is a popular destination due to its proximity to the well-known Padre Pio grotto.

German Vazquez warns that "some people profit off of this subject" and charge up to \$2000 for a visit to La Aurora. "They prepare you for what you=92re going to see and then they make you see what they want," he stated. "A friend paid \$2000. He brought some binoculars along and he was told to stare at a fixed point. When he did so, all he saw was a star. Other people wept and said "We saw it! We saw it!," he explained.

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Re: Nuking The Aliens

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 11:27:43 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:08:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 12:55:15 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Nuking The Aliens

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>Now, how absurd is that? Test your bombs by shooting them at
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It's not that absurd Jay.

When I was an undergraduate in physics at York U., one of the projects I chose to investigate was those mysterious gamma ray bursts in space using data obtained from the Vela satellites which were able to detect and pinpoint such high energy bursts. Because of the very short time duration of these bursts, and the fact that we could not detect a source for these explosions using optical telescopes, they could not have been produced by large objects such as giant stars or even very distant dwarf galaxies. I jokingly suggested to my fellow classmates that these gamma ray bursts were evidence that Star Trek is real and what we are observing was battles between starships of Klingon and Romulan empires against Captain Kirk's Enterprise and other starships of the United Federation of Planets!

One of the detections that was made by the Vela satellite was a powerful gamma ray burst not from space but from Earth in the general vicinity of the Indian Ocean. My suspicions that this unexpected burst was a secret nuclear explosion (a secret Israeli-South African nuclear test) was confirmed years later during an international seismological meeting in Yellowknife near where the array of seismometers, originally funded by DARPA, which I monitored daily for earthquakes, mine blasts and unannounced nuclear explosions around the globe.

Before the international treaties of 1963 and 1967 banning nuclear weapons and tests in space was signed, there were some nuclear explosions in the upper atmosphere and near-Earth space.

Unfortunately these treaties did not prevent nuclear reactors on satellites from being placed in orbit around the Earth or on spaceprobes sent into deep space. In 1978, one such satellite with a nuclear reactor, Cosmos 954, fell in Canada contaminating a large area with highly radioactive debris which brought in the the "Blue Boys" who are dispatched whenever such incident, including crashed UFOs, occur. Partly because of how quickly similar teams were dispatched during the 1965 UFO crash east of Pittsburgh in Kecksburg, the object recovered may have been a Soviet or, more likely, an American nuclear warhead.

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>to show just how bad we were, and that the aliens disarmed it.

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Nothing is too absurd.

Just like in the US and the Soviet Union where fighter planes were in the mid-20th century were dispatched with orders to intercept and shoot down UFOs, Canada did likewise. We too experienced a large loss of pilots and aircraft during these encounters with UFOs. There have been even greater losses of pilots and aircraft in covered-up aerial dog fights between the superpowers, such as the time Korean Airlines Flight 007 was also shot down in 1983. A Greek acquaintance of mine from Toronto was a passenger on KAL 007 and I have good reasons to believe that he and fellow passengers survived the downing of this Boeing 747 after it flew over Soviet airspace (and why I also believe that the passengers on United Airlines Flight 93 that crashed a few miles east of Kecksburg did not die in that crash either).

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 10:49:40 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:10:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2007 12:50:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Alien Semiotics/Alien Symbol Study

<snip>

>I have to admit that I'm surprised that Mario Pazzaglini's
>Monograph on Alien Symbols hasn't been mentioned, and I found
>this mention of his work on several web sites:

><http://tinyurl.com/2vd7g4>

Steven,

Thanks for posting this. It is very interesting.

I am now reminded of a book by Mary M. Wunder A Message From The
Stars: ET Language And Earth Change Essays. Horus House Press
P.O. Box 55185, Madison, WS 53705 (1993).

It's full of what she believes are ET symbols and her meanings
for them.

I have three types of symbols in my on-line book for anyone who
may be interested. Use the Find tool for the first two sets. The
last symbol is on the last page of the book. Just an FYI.

Also, David Chace's A Visual Guide To Alien Beings has a few
symbols published in it; mostly symbols that appear on the body
suits of specific ET beings.

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Alien Life

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:13:14 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:13:14 -0400
Subject: Alien Life

Source: The Sydney Morning Herald - New South Wales, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/ytap9v>

November 2, 2007

Alien Life

A raft of newly unclassified CIA documents reveal that the remote possibility of alien invasion elicited greater fear than a Soviet nuclear attack.

More interesting still, the CIA documents show that despite decades of repeated public denials, behind the scenes there raged a series of inter-agency feuds which implicated the highest levels of the US government.

The subject of UFOs and dabbling in psychological warfare techniques not only focused the attention of the US elite levels for 50 years but some of the greatest scientific and military minds of the era were involved in the effort.

A Herald investigation, to be published on Saturday, shows that throughout the 1950s, CIA files clearly document an explosion of activity by US intelligence and military bodies concerned with studying every possible implication for the US, and Western democracies, of UFOs.

The phenomenon, so adored by the cinematic world - from mind control and space travel to extra-terrestrial life - was reflected in the CIA's fixations. Indeed, while highly educated CIA employees experimented by giving each other surprise LSD trips in 1953, there were others, in other parts of the agency, dealing with a huge flood of UFO reports.

Significantly, however, after a burst of intense scrutiny in the early '50s, the available documents effectively go cold. Why?

The quintessential Kafkaesque explanation provided is that few files were kept because these would only confirm that the CIA was investigating UFOs. But the wildly eclectic UFO files in fact cover everything from ``flying saucers over Belgian Congo uranium mines'' to Nazi ``flying saucers''.

When The New York Times reported in 1979 that the CIA had investigated UFOs, the news report is said to have so upset the then-CIA director Stansfield Turner that he reportedly asked his staff: ``Are we in UFOs?''

The answer then was yes - since the late 1940s apparently. But exactly how, what, when, why and who remained layered in mystery, leaving infinite grist for the conspiracy mill.

Now Philippe Mora has the files - from Roswell to now. His full report is in Saturday's The Sydney Morning Herald.

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Breaking The Taboo Finally

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:25:25 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:25:25 -0400
Subject: Breaking The Taboo Finally

Source: Billy Cox's Blog|De Void

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20071031/BLOG32/71031009>

October 31. 2007 1:26PM

Breaking The Taboo Finally
By Billy Cox

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Like a mischievous frat boy with a cherry bomb and a cigarette lighter, Tim Russert thought he'd have a little fun last night with the Dennis Kucinich UFO thing at the Democratic presidential debate. But the "Meet the Press" host had no idea what he was tampering with.

Pressed for an answer about whether Shirley MacLaine's claims in an upcoming book were true, Kucinich finally confessed the sin of having seen a UFO. With a twinkle in his eye, continuing in the jocular spirit in which he was asked, Kucinich added, "I'm also going to move my campaign office to Roswell, New Mexico, and another one in Exeter, New Hampshire, OK?" The latter was a reference to Rudy Giuliani's campaign stop there a few weeks ago (De Void 10/16/07).

Russert's tweak degenerated into a sputtering exchange over whether more Americans had seen UFOs than supported President Bush. "Wait, we're just getting started here," Kucinich protested before Russert tossed a non sequitur to Barack Obama about whether he believes there's life beyond Earth.

Just getting started, indeed.

Moments later, in the post-debate aftermath, MSNBC's Chris Matthews asked Bill Richardson about UFOs. "It's an odd thing to ask," Matthews said, affecting an apologetic tone, "I wouldn't have asked it except Dennis Kucinich... said he saw a UFO."

Richardson hadn't volunteered any comments to the media about UFOs since advocating government disclosure in a Sci Fi Channel-sponsored Roswell book five years ago. Suddenly pinned down on national television, the New Mexico governor chuckled and squirmed and equivocated about how -- har-har -- there's "no credible evidence" and "I promote UFOs as a tourism issue" but "the federal government has not come clean" about UFOs.

"Stop the music! Stop the music, Governor!" railed the ostensibly naive Matthews. "Did you say the United States government is covering up a history of the UFO sighting in your state?"

In the disjointed rush of sentence fragments that frequently characterizes "Hardball" repartee, Richardson actually managed to string together a few cogent rejoinders like, "They don't produce documents, Chris. They should just get it all out."

Matthews' golly-gee conclusion: "I think I'm seeing a battle between the anti-evolution party and the pro-UFO party developing here."

Somewhere in the background of all this unprecedented UFO talk, you had to wonder if Hillary Clinton's heart was fluttering just a little harder Tuesday night. Russert asked why her husband had written the National Archives requesting that their correspondences during his White House years remain sealed until 2012. Obama took the cue and chided Clinton for a lack of transparency.

Among those anxiously awaiting the release of selected Clinton Library documents is Canadian UFO researcher Grant Cameron. Cameron's FOIA requests are idling near the front of the line, and his issues are detailed at:

http://www.presidentialufo.com/hillary_clinton_election.htm.

Russert didn't realize it, but in goosing Kucinich, he just opened an avenue for a long-overdue discussion. Whether or not the media exploits the opening remains to be seen. But ice is broken, the candidates are on notice, and this ball's in play.

So, again: Thank you, Shirley MacLaine. Whatever it takes.

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Grant Cameron's FOIA Requests

From: Grant Cameron <presidentialufo.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2007 18:45:32 -0500
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:28:18 -0400
Subject: Grant Cameron's FOIA Requests

From: Dana Simmons <Dana.Simmons.nul>
To: <presidentialufo.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 12:46:09 -0400
Subject: Re: FOIA Requests

Dear Mr. Cameron:

Your FOIA requests 2006-0481-F, 2006-0484-F, 2006-0490-F, 2006-0530-F, 2006-0531-F, 2006-0492-F, 2006-0535-F, 2006-0543-F, 2006-0500-F, 2006-0545-F, 2006-0546-F, 2006-0547-F have been processed and released in part. I will be sending you letters in the mail detailing the released material and how you can obtain copies. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate contacting us.

Sincerely,

Dana Simmons
Archivist/FOIA Coordinator
Clinton Presidential Library
1200 President Clinton Avenue
Little Rock, AR 72201
501-244-2871

These records include correspondence between the President and Paul Davids, Marie Glabraith, and others. The most significant might be 41 pages on John Podesta/UFOs/x-files.

Details will be posted when I get final letters tomorrow or Monday.

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Re: Maryland Conference A Huge Success

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 16:35:10 +0100
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:33:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Maryland Conference A Huge Success

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 10:29:00 -0500
>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

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>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

<snip>

>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.

Dick, and the List,

Thank you for this interesting account.

I also listened to Richard Farley, who was a speaker at the
recent X Conference, in September near Washington.

Apparently, he said about the same things, especially at the
last panel. As I said already on this list, he made very rude,
loud and unpleasant critiques of several other participants,
accusing them of being ignorant of the real, dangerous world we
live in, and playing with fire.

Yes, he also hinted that Roswell was a case of horrible human
experiments.

This idea instantly rang a bell to me, and to Don Schmitt who
was sitting next to me, so that we exchanged a little smile.
Remember: it sounds like the story developed by Nick Redfern in

his fantastic book *Body Snatchers in the Desert*, which was hotly debated on this list in 2005.

BTW, this story of horrible experiments appeared also in a novel of Jacques Vallee published at the end of the same year in France (and presumably in English at about the same time). Curious, isn't it?

I am not sure, Dick, that your description of Farley is quite adequate, because he seems to fit better with some of the disinformation themes of today.

Let's also recall here that Farley and Vallee are known to have opposed, in 1994, the Rockefeller initiative to interest Dr Gibbons, the scientific adviser of President Clinton, not only to UFOs, but more precisely to the Roswell case.

As for the accusations that people who dare to talk about UFO secrecy are the real disinformers, that's precisely the main theme of a new book in French by sociologist - ufologist Pierre Lagrange, called: What THEY don't want you to know. And what is it, according to Lagrange, that the real disinformers don't want the people to know? That there are no UFO secrets!

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Nuking The Aliens

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 13:51:46 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 13:53:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 10:28:58 EDT
>Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

>>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 12:55:15 -0700
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Subject: Nuking The Aliens

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>>is that even more absurd?

>How about checking your sources?

Hi Brad,

For someone who I thought would be better informed on such
matters, I was surprised by your response to Jay that is more
appropriate for a debunker who does research by proclamation.

I think it is YOU that should check your sources.

Below is one item mentioned on the UFO UpDates List in support
of Jay's claims that you may have overlooked.

<http://tinyurl.com/2prqn2>

The late planetary scientist Carl Sagan knew a lot more about
astronomy and space science, including the secret military
interest and involvement on matters such matters as UFOs and the
ET threat than many people suspect.

BTW - Carl Sagan was later honoured by having the lander portion
of the Pathfinder Mar mission (which uncovered much compelling
evidence for "macrobes" - on Mars which could not be easily
dismissed) renamed Carl Sagan Memorial Station. I have started a

petition to have the Meteorological (MET) Station on the 2008 Phoenix Mars lander renamed after the late Diane Michelangeli, Canada's own admired and distinguished planetary scientist who died a few weeks ago. Diane was the Principle Investigator for MET and, like Carl Sagan, also knew that we are not alone in the universe...

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Nuking The Aliens

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 12:28:05 -0700
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 08:43:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 10:28:58 EDT
>Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

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Gamma-ray bursts were first detected in July 1967 by the Vela series of satellites, whose function was to monitor compliance with the nuclear test ban treaty by detecting nuclear explosions in earth's atmosphere or in space. Their orbits (circular, radius 125,000 km) did not afford them any useful coverage of the far side of the moon.

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Actually, such a bomb was built by the Soviet Union in 1961, although it was not tested at full yield. It was deliberately 'de-tuned' when tested to suppress radioactive fallout. Had it been tested at the full 100 MT configuration, this single detonation would have accounted for 25% of all nuclear weapons fission fallout to date. See:

<http://nuclearweaponarchive.org/Russia/TsarBomba.html>

At approximately 27 tons, there was no danger of it being launched anywhere, and indeed it had no strategic utility at all.

Mike

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SDI #450 - Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 15:09:45 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 08:49:08 -0400
Subject: SDI #450 - Twenty Questions

SDI #450 - Twenty Questions

20 Questions addressed directly and with no trepidation by Dave Furlotte, Don Ledger, Paul Kimball, and Alfred Lehmborg as grokked by he who has been hyphenated, one Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Are UFOs anti-Science? Do UFOs expose the shortcomings of science: its arrogance to present itself as the default abattoir or arbiter for that which it refuses to even investigate, forgetting for a moment its double standard with regard to what will stand to be measured, allow itself to be predicted, or permit itself to be to be repeated. Is Science anti-UFO?
2. Are scientists professionally injured by contact with the ufological.
3. Is ufology a science?
4. What are UFOs?
5. Whither position, tenure, and funding?
6. Is one man's "reason" another man's "belief"?
7. Do presidential aspirant Dennis Kucinich, Governor Fyfe Symington, and our own Dave Furlotte see UFOs?
8. Why would Alfred Lehmborg buy a used car from Don Ledger?
9. What does Dr. Richard Haines say in 150 plus pages of the report on O'Hare Incident?
10. Whither the O'Hare UFO: triangulated by 3 disparate radars and multiple witnesses?
11. Why the initial official clampdown on Airline Employees?
12. Does the ufological history of O'Hare predate the most recent one back to the time and involvement of one Donald Keyhoe?
13. Does Paul Kimball give good radio?
14. In a Nehru jacket is Stephen Greer a ufological Benny Hinn?
15. Given the default focus of legitimate media on "nut-balls" when there is an alternative credible witness to UFOs, what does that say with regard to said media being responsible and performing that responsibility in a forthcoming manner?
16. What is Best Evidence's effect on the general consciousness regarding UFOs, and is the ETH the default summation of same?
17. Is Paul Kimball kinder and gentler these days?
18. Dreams of Nick Pope, civil unions, and child adoption in Massachusetts?

19. Nick Pope should be the default public face of Ufology until Mac Tonnies defeats him in the Ufological ThunderDome!

20. Is Mac Tonnies the 21st Century's Carl Sagan?

Zounds... 40 minutes remain where Paul suggests he sits the fence, pays qualified respects to his Uncle Stanton, then alludes to a ufological cabal he officiates with others, plus what makes UFOs fun! Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own!

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Re: Nuking The Aliens

From: **Mori Kentaro** <kentaro.mori.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 17:54:52 -0300
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 08:56:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Nuking The Aliens

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>Date: Thu, 01 Nov 2007 12:55:15 -0700
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Subject: Nuking The Aliens

>Last night there was a British science show, Horizon, on PBS
>about the causes of gamma ray bursts. Apparently, these strange
>explosions were first detected by a US satellite that was - get
>this - looking for evidence the Soviets were testing their H-
>bombs by blowing them up on the farside of the Moon.

Gamma Ray Bursts were indeed discovered by "accident", as they cannot be detected from Earth's surface, and their detection on space was indeed made by space satellites looking for something else.

But it wasn't secret soviet tests on the far side of the Moon - to do that, you would have to have satellites orbiting there.

These military satellites were looking for nuclear explosions on Earth's surface and orbit.

See:

<http://antwrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/htmltest/jbonnell/www/grbhist.html>

>I'm reminded of the story in the Disclosure book about how we
>fired a 100 megaton monster at the Moon at one point supposedly
>to show just how bad we were, and that the aliens disarmed it.

As Nick has already pointed, this was indeed considered but was never actually conducted.

Mori

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Re: Secrecy News -- 11/02/07

From: Steven Aftergood <saftergood.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 17:00:02 -0400
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 09:23:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Secrecy News -- 11/02/07

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** COURT AUTHORIZES SUBPOENAS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN AIPAC CASE
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COURT AUTHORIZES SUBPOENAS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS IN AIPAC CASE

A federal court authorized issuance of subpoenas to more than a dozen current and former government officials to testify in the case of two former officials of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee who are accused of unauthorized receipt, transmission and disclosure of classified information.

According to the defense, the testimony of the subpoenaed officials will show that the defendants did "nothing more than the well-established official Washington practice of engaging in 'back channel' communication with various non-governmental entities and persons for the purpose of advancing U.S. foreign policy goals."

The government disputes that claim and says such testimony is irrelevant to whether the defendants engaged in a conspiracy to obtain and disclose classified information.

The court, however, ruled that circumstantial evidence of the official use of "back channel" communications could be probative of the defendants' state of mind and could show a lack of criminal intent.

Judge T.S. Ellis III therefore authorized issuance of subpoenas to the following officials:

Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State (then-National Security Advisor)

Richard Armitage, former Deputy Secretary of State

William Burns, U.S. Ambassador to Russia

Marc Grossman, former Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs

Lawrence Silverman, Deputy Chief of Mission of the U.S. Embassy to the Slovak Republic

Matthew Bryza, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State

Marc Sievers, Political Officer, U.S. Embassy to Israel

David Satterfield, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State and Coordinator for Iraq (then-Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs)

Stephen Hadley, National Security Advisory (then-Deputy National Security Advisory)

Elliot Abrams, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisory for Global Democracy Strategy Affairs

Kenneth Pollack, former Director for Persian Gulf Affairs for the National Security Council

Paul Wolfowitz, former Deputy Secretary of Defense

Douglas Feith, former Undersecretary of Defense

Michael Makovsky, former employee of the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Office of Near East and South Asia

Lawrence Franklin, former Department of Defense employee

A copy of the November 2, 2007 Memorandum Opinion in the case of United States of America v. Steven J. Rosen and Keith Weissman is available here:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/jud/aipac/memop110207.pdf>

NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN US POLICY, AND MORE FROM CRS

Noteworthy new reports from the Congressional Research Service include the following.

"Nuclear Weapons in U.S. National Security Policy: Past, Present, and Prospects," October 29, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/nuke/RL34226.pdf>

"National Strategy for Combating Terrorism: Background and Issues for Congress," November 1, 2007:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL34230.pdf>

"China Naval Modernization: Implications for U.S. Navy Capabilities -- Background and Issues for Congress," updated October 18, 2007:

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

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IR Photos Of Moon? [was: Marrs & Mars]

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 16:13:23 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 09:27:07 -0400
Subject: IR Photos Of Moon? [was: Marrs & Mars]

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 1 Nov 2007 12:08:52 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: 'Marrs' & Mars [was: Three Ideas To Follow Through...]

<snip>

>... but also managed to take an infrared image of Mars which
>these scientists still believe reveals an large underground city.

Wonder if there are any similarly interesting IR photos of the
moon?

Eleanor White

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 16:55:55 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 09:35:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 09:26:17 EDT
>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

Whew! You've really spent a lot of time replying to my last post. I simply don't have the time to refute it line by line, nor do I think I need to.

The gist seems to be the "Insufficient Information" cases which you think should be changed somehow to "Non Investigated Objects." You also cite Hynek's caution that Insufficient Information cases should not be included in UFO statistics at all.

I think that if Hynek saw what we were doing, he would be in complete support of it. I think this because while he was alive he and I discussed UFO data many times.

>>In reviewing the debate that has ensued regarding the "true >>percentage" of UFOs that are classified as "Unknown", I must say >>that I am puzzled by the exchanges, and the attacks on me and my >>colleagues.

>Any time there is criticism that cannot be refuted, it is of course >called an "attack" rather than "valid criticism."

Sure seems like an attack. You don't seem to be listening to my points at all, just reiterating your view: that mine is wrong. I am at least agreeing that there are limitations to the studies and that I understand your argument.

>Some have invoked the figures and statistics offered by eminent >ufologists who laid the foundation for "modern" ufology, namely >Hynek and McDonald. Is the percentage of "real UFOs" as high as >25%? 40% or as low as a few percent?
>Notice how there is no mention here of the fact that it was >McDonald specifically who, after extensive investigation of Blue >Book cases, estimated the true percentage of USAF Project Blue >Book Unknowns at 30% to 40% and disputed with Hynek over Hynek's >low figures hovering around 5%.

In previous posts, I have already said that I am not disputing McDonald or Hynek's studies of Blue Book. I am talking specifically about our database of UFO reports using in the Canadian UFO Survey. Any further mention of Blue Book shows you are not listening to what I am saying.

>No mention is made of my review of the sorry history of >deliberate, intentional fabrication of lying statistics by Blue >Book to mammothly raise the percentages of IFO's from a mere 11% >to an enormous 80%+ and to reduce the percentages of UFO

etc.

>No mention that BB's lying tricks continue to be used by UFO
>investigators without a thought about their falsity and

etc,

>No mention that by violating the witness reporting process by
>mindlessly insisting on calling all incoming reports as "UFO's"
>that this aids the debunker cause which gets to claim victory
>year after year with UFO researchers "admitting only a small 5%
>[or the like] percentage are actual UFO's" and that witnesses
>are stupid and incompetent because 95% of their "UFO" reports
>turn out to be mistakes, IFO's. When in reality the witnesses
>never said they saw a "UFO" in the first place in most cases. In
>almost all cases the witnesses accurately report an "object" or
>"light," there is no mistake.

Brad, what would you like the reports to be called? LITS? TOPA?
(Both of which were proposed and used by researchers who thought
"UFO" was too loaded of a term.)

I just had a phone call from a witness reporting a "UFO." Yes,
he actually said "UFO." In fact, it was a follow-up call to a
report I received from the airport, which sent me a "UFO
Report." In the body of the report, there is no mention of the
term "UFO" at all, as the witness was describing four "lights."
They gave him my number if he wanted further information, and he
just called me. But even though nothing in the original report
said "UFO," that's what he told me he wanted to report when he
called me and spoke with me on the phone.

He is typical of the witnesses who file UFO reports. I know. I
deal with several hundred such reports a year, in one way or
another.

Yes, Brad, I know one case does not refute your view.

>My review of thousands of recent NUFORC reports dated post- 2000
>and many early BB cases shows that most witnesses in their own
>words - not words put in their mouths by UFO "investigators" -
> are careful never to say "UFO" or "flying saucer" or
>"spacecraft" or other loaded terms, but use scientifically
>neutral terms like "object" and "light." Witnesses should be
>applauded for this carefulness and not subjected to abuse from
>debunkers accusing them of stupidity or pro-UFO types biasing
>their sighting reports with self-serving "UFO" labeling.

...but I would charge that in person, they would use the term
"UFO" too.

>No mention is made of debunker slander of "UFO" witnesses
>for making stupid mistakes of "saying they saw a UFO" when
>"any PhD meteorologist or physicist" could have explained their
>errors and stupidity, according to debunkers in their typical
>condescending and insulting way. No mention that the pro-UFO
>types who slap the "UFO" labels on witness reports are the ones
>who set witnesses up for this kind of public abuse by debunkers.

I wouldn't mention this because it has nothing to do with our
surveys.

>And when the UFO researchers slap that "UFO" label on every
>single case that comes in, no matter how good or poor the data,

That's how the reports are filed. Live with it.

>But the dumbass mistakes are not made by the witnesses here but
>are made by the so-called UFO "investigators" who want to
>inflate their "UFO" statistics because it is more impressive to
>say that they have processed 5,000 "UFO" reports - even though
>most are poor reports that have "Insufficient Information"

Your implication that I am a "dumbass" is an "attack." I am not
going to return the epithet.

>and/or are not investigated. That is why I proposed the new term
>"NFO" for these indeterminate reports - Non-investigated or non-
> sufficient data Flying Objects (NFO's). They are neither IFO's
>or UFO's. They are garbage that does not properly belong in any
>scientific statistical reporting. But no mention is made of my

>"NFO" terminology proposal.

I've looked back at the posts, and I did mention it. I don't agree with it, but I know your passion for it.

>Did you catch that? "Insufficient Info" cases, what I call
>NFO's, should be completely excluded from UFO/IFO statistics,
>"altogether". You don't know for sure what they are, whether IFO
>or UFO, so they can't just be assumed to be one or the other
>(I've seen it argued both ways). It's garbage and not valid
>data, and does not belong in the statistics. It inflates and
>distorts "UFO" statistics.

Ah, but here's the thing. If we eliminate all the reports of objects that are "Insufficient Information" or "NFOs" we will effectively decimate the database. In fact, all we would be left with would be UFOs and IFOs. So out of, let's say, 5,000 received reports, we would have a database of about what, 1,000? Populated about equally by UFOs and IFOs. Then you could say that 50% of the reports were UFOs! But it would not say anything about the actual nature of the reports received.

That is our point. We are looking at the full set of reports received, of lights, "objects" and whatever. Even UFOs.

>Why is this so difficult to get across??? My "NFO" proposal
>received support from veteran UFO investigators such as
>Dick Hall and Vicente-Juan Ballester-Olmos, but go
>unmentioned here in this thread. This "NFO" proposal was
>a diplomatic and face-saving effort to congenially get the
>point across without acrimony. But it has been
>coldly brushed off here, forcing me to be more insistent in
>getting the points across when I did not want to have to be.

And our annual survey has received support from other ufologists. Give me Dick's phone number. I'm willing to discuss this with him.

I agree with you that there are problems with UFO data. I do not agree that "NFO" will work as a term when looking at general UFO data. I don't see a solution, though. Cases will always be under-investigated and there will always be doubts. Do we ignore them entirely?

>Supposedly this proves that even UFO researchers have great
>difficulty telling the IFO's from the UFO's otherwise why would
>so many (supposedly 95%) be IFO's? Debunkers say or imply the

Some can't. It's not that researchers can't tell IFOs from UFOs, but that investigation is all but gone as a ufological process. Cases are investigated cursorily, if at all, so labeling a UFO as such is very, very difficult.

>Let me be crystal clear here: My position is this, that when
>there are sufficient data in a sighting report it is easy to
>tell whether it is an IFO or a UFO

Okay.

>"Sufficient Info" Visual reports must have at least: Date, Time,
>Location, Multiple Witnesses ID's, Duration, Angular Size,
>Object/Light Description and Motion and Directions of
>Observation. Visual-only sightings not backed up by instrument
>data must be multiple witness cases, and single witness cases
>will not be accepted unless there are exceptional
>circumstances fully justified in writing.

>Angular size must be at least Full Moon and duration at least 1
>minute, and again, exceptions only allowed in special
>circumstances that are fully justified (e.g., if the witness was
>the world-rank astronomer, meteoriticist and mathematician
>Lincoln LaPaz who had decades of first-hand sightings in
>accurately observing 0.4 second meteors - so if he had a UFO
>sighting of less than 1 minute duration he would get a "pass" -
>but these reasons would have to be fully stated in the
>reporting).

You have just eliminated most of the reports in our database. I thought this was the problem in your disagreement with our methodology. Based on your criteria (and I am not disagreeing that these are excellent criteria), the ratio of UFOs to IFOs

would likely remain about the same, but we'd be looking at a very small sample size.

The guy who just called me had a very interesting sighting to report. (Kept me on the phone for 15 minutes.) But the duration was about 7-10 seconds. And single witness. So the report would either be eliminated or I'd have to state explicitly why I thought it should be included. And frankly, I'm not sure if it should be, though I don't *think* it was aircraft or birds.

>Basically this means the object must be big enough and close enough and seen long enough to tell it was a UFO not an IFO.

And when you went through NUFORC you didn't just chuck most of those reports out, based on that criteria? I would have to, based on that.

>Chris Rutkowski ignores these disturbing and fundamental issues raised and plays the game of pretending not to understand what is at stake or at issue, the "golly shucks I don't know what the fuss is all about" or "where's the beef?" pretenses.

I have not ignored your points in the past, and not now. I disagree with you, but I think I'm allowed to do that. Your belittling of me shows where you're coming from.

>I do accuse him and his group of carelessly accepting "UFO"

We're not careless. We consider the implications and the sources in our studies.

>>We call the reports "UFO Reports" because that's what most are called before we get them.

>This is flatly not true and pointedly ignores what I had said in earlier posts that in my study of recent thousands of NUFORC

It is true.

>They're labeled as "UFOs" by the websites which post witnesses' sighting reports and they're called "UFOs" by official government sources.

>He claims he is not responsible for any of this, that he does not have any obligation to the witness to treat their reports with more respect and to correct possible misimpressions. It's

This is something I will take grave exception to. I treat witnesses with great respect, and I have done so for my 30+ years of investigation. My investigative attitude has never been called into question, and you are deeply insulting my integrity. Furthermore, you have no knowledge of how I treat witnesses. I spent 15 minutes on the phone with a guy just now who greatly appreciated my comments, willingness to listen and my insight. He thanked me before we hung up. A skeptic wouldn't have given him the time of day.

>The term "UFO" is a loaded term regardless what you claim. I can't believe I have to remind anyone on this List of that indisputable fact.

Yes, it's true. That's why we're not prejudging reports as alien spacecraft, nor hallucinations.

>>As for witnesses not calling them UFOs, I find that few witnesses who contact Ufology Research directly call them anything other than that.

>I dispute that. Your latest Survey claims 22% of your cases come from NUFORC but I find that 95% of NUFORC cases show that witnesses carefully use neutral terms like "object" or "light" not loaded terms like "UFO."

You state you dispute the callers to Ufology Research, but cite NUFORC. That doesn't make any sense. I just gave an example of someone who called me and used the term "UFO." You are wrong.

>>If you look in our annual Canadian UFO Surveys (and apparently some people do), you see that we have about 15% of the cases listed as "unknowns" every year.

That is now what you told the press earlier this year. You said and I quote:

>>>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.

>Nowhere did you tell the press that your actual figure was 15% Unknowns, not "3% to 5%," and nowhere did you tell the press anything about a special category of "high-quality unknowns."

Have you ever had any experience with media? I can pull out many interviews I did where the reporter cited me accurately. My news release that got the media to call states "high quality unknowns" explicitly. You believe news reports completely? Hmmm.

>Contrary to your smartaleck insinuation that I never read your >Canadian UFO Surveys, you disingenuously evade my detailed >criticism of your faulty and confused Survey statistics - which >I had indeed "read" - and which perpetuates the debunker Blue >Book trick of lumping Possible, Probable and Known IFO's all >together into one lump and then treat them as "IFO's" period.

You're right, Brad. I apologize. You did read them.

Our statistics are not faulty. Geoff is a pretty darned good statistician who knows his stuff. We are not debunkers. We are looking very carefully at the data.

>So where's the beef?

>You mean your E.coli and Mad Cow Diseased beef don't you?

Moo.

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Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 23:17:48 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 09:42:31 -0400
Subject: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

A unique astronomical event is occurring actually. It is baffling scientists: the 17P/Holmes Comet.

The object used to be a small (5 km) comet orbiting between Jupiter and Mars. Of a magnitude of 16-17 (visible only with a powerful telescope), it has exploded to a 2-3 magnitude object visible in the night sky in the constellation of Perseus.

Do the math:

As we speak, the object's distance to Earth is more than twice the distance Earth-Mars.

Seen through 8 power binoculars, the apparent diameter of the object is a conservative 25 times the apparent diameter of Mars.

The real size of Holmes is thus 50 times the size of Mars.

[I know Doc Bruce will jump on this one and demonstrate how wrong this reasoning is. I am waiting for the slashes. But I think I am not too far from reality.]

Mars is about half the size Earth. Jupiter is 11 times the size of Mars.

This thing is roughly 5 times the size of Jupiter, 25 times the size of Earth.

The original volume of the Comet believed to be 80% of water was roughly 66 cubic km (considering the 5 km diameter).

This 66 cubic km was vaporized to a factor of 2.9 followed by 14 zeros.

The Comet has become reportedly one million times brighter.

There is no satisfactory explanation for the event.

I have read no real scientific analysis so far and nobody is displaying the numbers. How could one explain that a 2 inch ice cube (5 cm) would be vaporized to a cubic space of 1.6 by 1.6 by 1.6 miles?

One astronomer said that in, forty years of his career, he has never seen or heard of anything like this.

I do not see this event making the front pages though. It seems like science is turning its back on one of the greatest astronomical events ever. There is no speculation, no questions asked, no 'day dreaming', no analysis done.

This attitude makes me think that Science might be rejecting UFOs because it can't explain them or that it has no control over the evident explanation.

Vincent Boudreau

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Ann Druffel Lecture 11-08-07

From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 21:39:32 -0700
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Subject: Ann Druffel Lecture 11-08-07

Ann Druffel will speak on her biography of Dr. James McDonald, Firestorm, at the East Campus of Pima College in Tucson AZ on Thursday 8 Nov 2007 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Professor David G. Iadevaia
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29/10/2007

Aliens Caused Sicily Fires Say Officials

By Nick Pisa in Rome
Last Updated: 1:05am GMT

Aliens were responsible for a series of unexplained fires in fridges, TV=92s and mobile phones in an Italian village, according to an Italian government report.

Canneto di Caronia, in northern Sicily, drew attention three years ago after residents reported everyday household objects bursting into flames.

TV news footage at the time showed electrical appliances as well as cookers, a pile of wedding presents and furniture smouldering.

Dozens of experts including scientists, electrical engineers and military boffins, arrived in the village 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 and at the time the Vatican=92s chief exorcist Father Gabriele Amorth backed up their fears and said: "I=92ve seen things like this before. Demons occupy a house and appear in electrical goods. Let=92s not forget that Satan and his followers have immense powers."

Now in an interim leaked report published by several Italian newspapers it has emerged that the Civil Protection Department has concluded the most likely cause was "aliens".

The report was ordered by the Italian government and brought together dozens of experts including a NASA scientist. Their two year investigation has cost an estimated =A31 million.

According to the report the fires were "caused by a high power electro magnetic emissions which were not man made and reached a power of between 12 and 15 gigawatts."

The report also detailed a possible UFO landing close to the village, citing "burnt imprints which have not been explained were found in a field."

Francesco Mantegna Venerando, Sicily=92s Civil Protection chief who coordinated the report, 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 another one which involves the testing of top secret weapons by an unknown power which are also capable of producing an enormous amount of energy."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>Gamma-ray bursts were first detected in July 1967 by the Vela
>series of satellites, whose function was to monitor compliance
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>in earth's atmosphere or in space. Their orbits (circular,
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Yep but we won't hear any more about that nonsense.

<snip>

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>Actually, such a bomb was built by the Soviet Union in 1961,

I am familiar with the RDS-220 H-bomb and it was not built as
a 100 MT device but was built for an intended yield of about
50 MT (actual yield long reported in the US as 57 MT). It had
the capability of 100 MT but was not built with the extra
uranium which would have made it an extremely "dirty" bomb. I
disagree with your characterization below which makes it sound
like someone had a dial-a-yield and just chose not to dial the
100 MT but only 50 MT.

>although it was not tested at full yield. It was deliberately
>'de-tuned' when tested to suppress radioactive fallout. Had it
>been tested at the full 100 MT configuration, this single
>detonation would have accounted for 25% of all nuclear weapons
>fission fallout to date. See:

<http://nuclearweaponarchive.org/Russia/TsarBomba.html>

>At approximately 27 tons, there was no danger of it being
>launched anywhere, and indeed it had no strategic utility at
>all.

And there was no way in 1961 to even get such a 27+ ton bomb (it would have weighed several tons heavier with the extra uranium built in instead of lighter lead) into low earth orbit let alone to escape velocity to reach the Moon. Hence what I said is confirmed -- absolute nonsense that any "100 megaton monster" was "fired... at the Moon."

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Hi Brad,

With annual secret expenditures for "black budget" projects that are believed to surpass NASA's budget for manned and unmanned space programs, the high level of secrecy prevents the public and their elected representatives from knowing the whole truth. As U.S. President, General Eisenhower spoke about the "military-industrial complex" that operates like a parallel government within the U.S. with its own agenda and goals.

The militarization of space is shrouded by a cloak of secrecy and the public is kept in darkness. Since such secrets are compartmentalized, no one knows the whole truth and for this reason it may never even be revealed to future generations.

For this reason, you cannot dismiss Jay's post to the UFO UpDates List as nonsense unless you are an insider and know differently. Jay's report to the List on the TV documentary is at least supported by evidence from the few facts that have been leaked out.

Two examples of these leaked facts that immediately come to mind were written up in two popular magazines.

The first article is a 'Popular Mechanics' cover story on "America's Nuclear Flying Saucer" which, I have reasons to believe evolved from the secret flying saucer being built at the A. V. Roe Canada Limited at its suburban Toronto facility in the 1950s with initially funding from the U.S. Army (I have a photo of General Trudeau, Col. Corso's boss, together with John Frost, Avro's Chief Designer of the secret flying saucer as well as the secret technical report on this flying saucer) and then by the U.S. Air Force. The identical shapes of the Canadian built flying saucer (Project Y) with the U.S. Air Force's nuclear powered and nuclear armed flying saucer, which I also believe was built based on a recovered ET flying saucer shot down during the flying saucer invasion of Washington, D.C. in 1952, is more than a coincidence.

The second article, "Space Based Weapons: A Legacy Of Disaster And Discovery" written by Jim Oberg, a well known expert on such matters, can be found in the Summer 2007 issue of 'Ad Astra' magazine. It mentions how in 1987 Russian President Gorbachev was invited to witness the launch of Polyus, a large secret payload on the heavy lift Energia booster that was built to launch the Soviet space shuttle Buran. Gorbachev was horrified to learn that Polyus was a powerful Russian Star Wars weapon system - something in violation of treaties signed between Russia and the U.S. Fortunately for world peace, this space weapons system failed to make it into space and ended up in the South Pacific Ocean. Although very little is known about Polyus, from what it was supposed to achieve - take out multiple low altitude targets and incoming ballistic missiles (and UFOs too?) including geostationary satellites Earth many tens of thousands of miles away with its powerful lasers - I suspect that the energy source of Polyus must have been a powerful hydrogen bomb in the megaton range.

I suspect we know a lot more about UFOs and the non-terrestrial intelligence behind them than we know about the amazing vehicles that are being flown by U.S. pilots and astronauts in the "black budget" manned space program.

Nick Balaskas

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 04 Nov 2007 17:14:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 23:17:48 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

>A unique astronomical event is occurring actually. It is
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Well, it isn't quite unique. The same periodic comet did a similar thing in the year of its discovery, 1892. In fact it did it twice that time. Erratic magnitude estimates were also recorded during the 1899 return. A number of other comets have shown similar outbursts, but the scale of this one is said to be greater than any seen for about a century.

See <http://cometography.com/pcomets/017p.html>

There doesn't seem to be any definite consensus explanation for these outbursts yet, but that doesn't mean that astronomers think they are inexplicable in the sense that you appear to mean (see below).

>The object used to be a small (5 km) comet orbiting between
>Jupiter and Mars. Of a magnitude of 16-17 (visible only with a
>powerful telescope), it has exploded to a 2-3 magnitude object
>visible in the night sky in the constellation of Perseus.

<snip>

>The Comet has become reportedly one million times brighter.

>There is no satisfactory explanation for the event.

There is no definite, proven explanation for the event and others like it. There are sensible theories, though.

>I have read no real scientific analysis so far and nobody is
>displaying the numbers. How could one explain that a 2 inch ice
>cube (5 cm) would be vaporized to a cubic space of 1.6 by 1.6
>by
>1.6 miles?

According to Prof Ftizsimmons (member of UK team observing Holmes with the Isaac Newton Telescope in the Canary islands) an estimated 1% of the total mass of the comet has been expelled. This ejecta is dust spreading away from the comet at about 2000km/hr. The density of the huge expanding coma is extremely low.

I think what seems puzzling to people is the brightness ratio. How does a millionfold increase in total reflectivity come from only one hundredth of the mass?

The albedo of the undisturbed nucleus is only proportional to its surface area, but the internal cubic volume of material that isn't reflecting anything is colossal compared to the surface material. So turning one hundredth of the total mass into a cloud of dust is not the same thing as spreading around one hundredth of the brightness, which would only equate to 1/100 of

the surface area. It is a very large amount of material. Even so if it was ejected as a single lump it would probably never have been visible, again because almost all of it would have been shielded from the sun and from us by its own small surface area. But the thinness of the spreading cloud means that virtually every particle of dust gets the chance to scatter photons in our direction.

>One astronomer said that in, forty years of his career, he has
>never seen or heard of anything like this.

I thought you were trying to convince us that astronomers were taking no notice and showing no interest? The one astronomer you do actually quote seems to be quite excited.

>I do not see this event making the front pages though.

It would only make the front pages in a major way if it was a great naked eye spectacle or if astronomers believed there were fundamental mysteries involved requiring fundamental new physics. It isn't, and they don't.

>It seems
>like science is turning its back on one of the greatest
>astronomical events ever.

Huh? The damn thing is still going on! Telescopes all over the world are trained on it. Astronomers are keen as mustard. Message boards are full of talk about it and I'm certain there'll be many papers written over the next few months. When they're published you'll be able to read them, if you're still interested. But it seems what you want is science done instantaneously and splurged over the tabloids. And I don't think you will be interested, because what's written, whilst very exciting for astrophysicists, won't be sensational enough for you.

>There is no speculation, no questions
>asked, no 'day dreaming', no analysis done.

This is utter nonsense. Of course people are thinking about it. There's plenty of speculation. But there are few hard facts available to go beyond sensible likelihoods - i.e., meteoroid impact is a possibility, but not highly probable, especially since Holmes is a "repeater". The most likely explanation discussed seems to be a crustal weakness exploited by heated gases. Please justify in detail your claim that "no analysis is being done". Who is not doing any analysis, who ought to be, and how do you know? And what sort of "day dreaming" would satisfy your definition of sensible science?

>This attitude makes me think that Science might be rejecting
>UFOs because it can't explain them or that it has no control
>over the evident explanation.

I'm afraid this attitude - with its customary generalisation and demonisation of science (sorry, Science, mustn't forget that scare-capital, and maybe add the adjective "big" as well, because Big Science = Nasty Mean Truth-Suppressing Science) - is the sort of blithering nonsense that is most likely to guarantee perpetual rejection of UFO evidence by most of the scientific community.

Martin Shough

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>the distance Earth-Mars.

>Seen through 8 power binoculars, the apparent diameter of the
>object is a conservative 25 times the apparent diameter of Mars.

>The real size of Holmes is thus 50 times the size of Mars.

>[I know Doc Bruce will jump on this one and demonstrate how
>wrong this reasoning is. I am waiting for the slashes. But I
>think I am not too far from reality.]

This is probably an underestimate. By the time this is posted,
the angular width of the coma will be on the order of 15 arc
minutes or larger. The current range from earth is roughly 2.4×10^8 km. The implied diameter of the coma is thus just over 10^6 km, or about 150 times the size of Mars.

<snip>

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This is not the first time this comet has undergone sudden
outbursts. See:

<http://www.cometography.com/pcomets/017p.html>

I observed this comet last night with a small reflector under
excellent seeing conditions in western Colorado. It is quite
striking, and evolving substantially on a daily basis.

Mike

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>>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
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>>No mention is made of debunker slander of "UFO" witnesses
>>for making stupid mistakes of "saying they saw a UFO" when
>>"any PhD meteorologist or physicist" could have explained their
>>errors and stupidity, according to debunkers in their typical
>>condescending and insulting way. No mention that the pro-UFO
>>types who slap the "UFO" labels on witness reports are the ones
>>who set witnesses up for this kind of public abuse by debunkers.

>>Did you catch that? "Insufficient Info" cases, what I call
>>NFO's, should be completely excluded from UFO/IFO statistics,
>>"altogether". You don't know for sure what they are, whether IFO
>>or UFO, so they can't just be assumed to be one or the other
>>(I've seen it argued both ways). It's garbage and not valid
>>data, and does not belong in the statistics. It inflates and
>>distorts "UFO" statistics.

>Ah, ! but here's the thing. If we eliminate all the reports of
>objects that are "Insufficient Information" or "NFOs" we will
>effectively decimate the database. In fact, all we would be left
>with would be UFOs and IFOs. So out of, let's say, 5,000
>received reports, we would have a database of about what, 1,000?
>Populated about equally by UFOs and IFOs. Then you could say
>that 50% of the reports were UFOs! But it would not say anything
>about the actual nature of the reports received.

>I agree with you that there are problems with UFO data. I do not
>agree that "NFO" will work as a term when looking at general UFO
>data. I don't see a solution, though. Cases will always be
>under-investigated and there will always be doubts. Do we ignore
>them entirely?

>>Let me be crystal clear here: My position is this, that when
>>there are sufficient data in a sighting report it is easy to
>>tell whether it is an IFO or a UFO
>Okay.

>>The term "UFO" is a loaded term regardless what you claim. I
>>can't believe I have to remind anyone on this List of that
>>indisputable fact.

>>>>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.

>>Nowhere did you tell the press that your actual figure was 15%
>>Unknowns, not "3% to 5%," and nowhere did you tell the press
>>anything about a special category of "high-quality unknowns."

<snip>

Hello Chris, Brad and List,

The fishy subject of UFO statistics reminds me of the way fish studies are carried.

If you intend to study bass, for example, you setup nets and pick them up once or twice a day.

You take all the bass and discard the rest: perch, carp, etc.

You gather the data on bass, then publish your work. Hopefully, your paper serves as a reference on bass for the next 75 years.

Back to the present discussion: I see two eminent ufologists - two nice guys I am sure who will find people to testify for their integrity and character - fighting each other because they are trying to figure a way to have the reality of UFOs accepted by debunkers and the media.

I do not think this is about scientific methods.

In my bass example, Minnow Clearwater, PhD, might mention she caught one bass for every 45 fish. Nobody will ever say: "Doc, Bass does not exist."

Dialog is possible with honest people. Debunkers debunk, you know. The ones you guys are trying to convince are either uninterested or will not be bothered by the data. Do you know anyone who have really looked at the data and has rejected its reality?

As for the media, I think things are slowly turning around.

It is not on the account of statistics but because of cases that strike the imagination. The Chicago Airport case in one of them. The fact that the French and the British have started releasing official documents also helps. Never mind the value of the data they have released. It creates a buzz and media feed on buzz.

500 is 10% of 5 000 and 30% of 1 500. It is 5% of 10 000.

What do I care? It is still 500.

Maybe ufology should try selling the 500. The way I see it, the present fight is the debunker's meal. Ufology should find a way to sell to the media. The scientists will eventually follow.

3-5% is a debunker straw man. One does not want to get into the argument.

It is a semantic trap of no scientific value.

Hey, only 1% of golfers shoot under 100. If your handicap is 27 or better, does this mean you don't exist?

Vincent Boudreau

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Plan 9 From Outer Space

Fears of an alien invasion created greater alarm in the US than the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack, writes Philippe Mora.

In January 1979, The New York Times reported that despite repeated, feverish denials, the CIA had indeed investigated the UFO phenomenon: "CIA Papers Detail UFO Surveillance" screamed the headline. The report is said to have so upset the then CIA director, Stansfield Turner, that he reportedly asked his staff: "Are we in UFOs?"

The answer was yes - since the late 1940s, apparently. But exactly how, what, when, why and who remained layered in mystery, leaving grist for the conspiracy mill.

But this year a raft of newly unclassified CIA documents revealed that the remote possibility of alien invasion elicited greater fear than the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack.

More interesting still, the CIA documents show that despite decades of repeated public denials, behind the scenes there raged a series of inter-agency feuds that involved the highest levels of the US government.

The subject of UFOs - and dabbling in psychological warfare techniques - not only focused the attention of the US government elite for 50 years, but of some of the greatest scientific and military minds of the era.

Throughout the 1950s CIA files clearly document an explosion of activity by US intelligence and military bodies concerned with studying every possible implication for the US, and other Western democracies, of UFOs. The phenomenon, so adored by the cinematic world, was reflected in the CIA's fixations. Indeed, while highly educated CIA employees experimented by giving each other surprise LSD trips in 1953, there were others, in other parts of the agency, dealing with a flood of UFO reports.

But significantly, after a burst of intense scrutiny in the early '50s, the available documents effectively go cold. Why? The Kafkaesque explanation provided is that few files were kept because these would only confirm that the CIA was investigating UFOs. A 1995 CIA review stated: "There was no formal or official UFO project within the agency in the '80s, and agency officials purposely kept files on UFOs to a minimum to avoid creating records that might mislead the public if released."

But the wildly eclectic UFO files cover everything from "flying saucers over Belgian Congo uranium mines" to Nazi "flying

saucers".

A 1953 memo shows that the physicist John Wheeler, while critically involved with Edward Teller in the creation of the hydrogen bomb, was available to the "CIA attack on the flying saucer" problem. The urgency of the H-bomb race was his priority, but he "would be pleased at any time to discuss the issue briefly", the memo said.

Wheeler recommended two "foreign nationals" who could help with the "problem", including the "mysterious problems of ion paths and magnetic focusing" and "cosmological electrodynamics".

A secret 1995 report was titled: CIA's role in the study of UFOs 1947-90: a diehard issue. Collated and written by Gerald Haines, the CIA's National Reconnaissance Office historian, its detailed summary of CIA involvement inadvertently undermined its "UFOs-don't-exist" conclusion. The document begins with a June 24, 1947, report from the pilot Kenneth Arnold, who spotted nine unidentified objects near Mount Rainier, Washington state, travelling at an estimated 1600 kmh. Haines did not mention that days later, on July 8, 1947, the Roswell Daily Record reported a US Army press release below the headline "RAAF captures flying saucer on ranch in Roswell region".

The report noted that that controversy, coloured with Byzantine denials, dogged the CIA and its UFO investigations for decades. Using operational names like Project Blue Book, Story, Grudge, Sign, Saucer, Moon Dust and Twinkle, the US Air Force and other entities always looked into UFO sightings with the CIA peering over their shoulders.

The US Army, of course, promptly retracted the Roswell story but it and the "flying saucers" spotted by Arnold triggered a flurry of sightings and conspiracy theories that continue to this day.

The US Air Force finally admitted in 1994 that there had been a cover-up at Roswell - of a secret project known as Mogul, created to monitor Soviet nuclear tests using high-flying balloons - and that the "aliens" were crash-test dummies.

"Ufologists", naturally, were sceptical of this belated explanation. For 50 years now, right across the globe, people have been reporting sightings of giant, luminous flying saucers, cigars, globes, triangles and doughnuts. Aliens have allegedly abducted, probed and impregnated scores of hapless earthlings. Some believe that a top-secret entity, called Majestic-12, was formed in 1947 by the then president, Harry Truman, in an attempt to deal with the Roswell event. It was supposedly established to aid interaction with aliens. The FBI labelled the Majestic-12 documents a hoax, but the story persists to this day.

Intriguingly, the unclassified documents show that within the CIA, there was an uber-intelligence group called ONE, created by a CIA director, General William Bedell Smith. His tenure spanned the period between October 1950 and January 1953. These documents confirm that ONE was concerned with UFOs.

In 1978 the CIA came under strong pressure from a series of freedom of information requests about UFOs and reluctantly released about 800 documents. The reasonable claim by The New York Times at the time was that the files confirmed intensive government concern about UFOs.

This was branded by the CIA as the press being sensationalist. According to the CIA's self-critique on the issue, bureaucratic clumsiness, charges that witnesses were being asked to keep sightings secret, and CIA officers talking to civilians about UFOs while wearing air force uniforms, had added "fuel to the growing mystery surrounding UFOs and the CIA's role in their investigation". The 1995 Haines report concluded: "The belief that we are not alone in the universe is too emotionally appealing and the distrust of our government is too pervasive to make the issue amenable to traditional scientific studies of rational explanation and evidence."

My painstaking review of hundreds of unclassified documents reveals that the CIA at the highest level, far from being incompetent, displayed good faith in its efforts to examine the mystery of UFOs over a period of decades. These investigations

covered a gamut of inquiries: scientific, political, cultural and military.

And although the air force was the agency given the task of investigating UFOs from 1948 onwards, the CIA remained deeply involved. This is best reflected in a memo to the agency's deputy director for scientific intelligence, titled Flying Saucers and dated August 3, 1952: "It is recommended that CIA surveillance of subject matter (flying saucers), in co-ordination with proper authorities of primary operational concern at the Air Technical Intelligence Centre (ATIC), be continued. It is strongly urged, however, that that no indication of CIA interest or concern reach the press or public, in view of their probable alarmist tendencies to accept such interest as 'confirmatory' of the soundness of 'unpublished facts' in the hands of the US government."

Although most reports were "phoney" or explainable, it said, "caution requires that intelligence continue coverage of the subject".

On July 28, 1952, Winston Churchill wrote to his secretary of state for air: "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth?" The minister's response on August 9, 1952, provided the ground rules for most official responses that continue until today. These were that a 1951 study had found that all reports could be explained by astronomical or meteorological phenomena, mistaken identification of aircraft, balloons, birds, optical illusions and psychological delusions, or were deliberate hoaxes.

But in the CIA at the time, two other responses were countenanced: the need for vigilance and caution because extraterrestrial life could exist, and the potential for "psychological warfare", including fears that popular hysteria could be exploited by an enemy.

The sceptics are best represented in a memo in March 1949 from a Dr Stone in the CIA Office of Scientific Intelligence to a Dr Machle that states: "A rapid perusal of your [flying saucer] documents leaves one confused and inclined to supineness."

Yet with a deluge of UFO reports over the next four years, the matter suddenly assumed a modicum of gravitas, reflected in many top-secret documents. General Smith said: "There was one chance in 10,000 that the phenomenon posed a threat to the security of the country, but even that chance could not be taken." On July 1, 1952, there was an about-turn: General Smith wrote to the director of the Psychological Strategy Board established by Truman the previous year: "I am today transmitting to the National Security Council a proposal in which it is concluded that the problems associated with unidentified flying objects appear to have implications for psychological warfare as well as for intelligence and operations. I suggest that we discuss at an early board meeting the possible offensive and defensive utilisation of these phenomena for psychological warfare purposes."

Searching for this "proposal", I found versions addressed also to the secretary of defence. Some of their highlights, quoting directly from the documents, include: "[Since] 1947 there have been about 1500 official reports of sightings and [of these] the air force carries 20 per cent as unexplained." And: "Operational problems are of primary importance and should be attacked at once [including] determination of what [use could] be made of these phenomena by US psychological warfare planners and what =85 defences should be planned in anticipation of Soviet attempts to utilise them."

This memo suggested a plot that transcends Stanley Kubrick's Dr Strangelove: the CIA, in the face of unknown phenomena - or even an attack from outer space - was seemingly more concerned about what the Russians might do with UFOs than with the objects themselves. The CIA's interest in the Soviet and Chinese study of UFOs continued for decades. But on October 2, 1952, General Smith received this ominous note from his Office of Scientific Intelligence: "Flying saucers pose two elements of danger which have national security implications. The first involves mass psychological considerations and the second concerns the vulnerability of the US to air attack." In January 1953 the Office of Scientific Intelligence convened a committee to review

the UFO "problem". Its members reviewed "75 case histories of sightings", taking intense interest in a Tremonton, Utah, sighting that included a Kodachrome movie of "1600 frames".

At the air force's request, the US Photo Interpretation Laboratory spent 1000 hours making "graph plots" of the film frames, concluding that the objects were not birds, balloons, aircraft or reflections and that they were "self-luminous". In a tone of reasonable scepticism, it suggested that the public be educated to avoid hysteria.

But the Office of Scientific Intelligence panel dismissed the military conclusions, suggesting instead that the mysterious objects were seagulls reflecting sunlight.

On January 21, 1953, another memo concluded that the panel had found no evidence of "physical threat to the security of the US". The convoluted memo stated: "The subject UFO is not of direct intelligence interest. It is of indirect intelligence interest only insofar as any knowledge about innumerable unsolved mysteries of the universe are of intelligence interest." But it also noted the potential for "interference with air defence by intentional enemy jaxxing", the possibility of interference by "overloading communication lines", or the possibility of "psychological offensive by the enemy timed with respect to an actual attack".

This report and the original Tremonton "seagull" film were then made part of an Office of Scientific Investigation briefing on January 29, 1953, to the entity known as ONE. The air force briefed ONE on UFOs the next day and its 11 members included "Dr Edgar Hoover [sic], William Bundy, General H. Pull and Admiral B. Bieri [Eisenhower's chief of staff]".

These documents reveal that ONE was an elite think tank within the CIA and that General Smith created the Office of National Estimates on the issue.

But it was said its "ultimate approval should rest on the collective judgment of the highest officials in various intelligence agencies". This was to give it the prestige of the best available and most authoritative advice from the government.

General Smith created the Office of National Estimates under the auspices of the National Security Act of 1947. His opinion was that ONE would form the "heart of the CIA and of the national intelligence machinery".

William Langer, a Harvard historian, was its chairman, and while there is no record of whether ONE thought the Tremonton film showed seagulls or UFOs - or of what the air force told them the next morning - ONE is as close as we get to a documented version of the rumoured Majestic-12 group.

With the Cold War in full swing, the CIA was also watching for UFO activity behind the Iron Curtain. Field stations were to be alerted to any mention of flying saucers by Iron Curtain countries and the CIA discovered that the Soviet establishment mirrored its own ambiguity about UFOs.

The files spotlight Soviet articles in 1968 that show some scientists thought they were real, while others ridiculed the sightings as US propaganda.

One Soviet sceptic noted, with tongue firmly in cheek: "The number of saucers always grows sharply on the eve of presidential elections. This is difficult to explain.

"Maybe people on other planets lay bets on who will win in the next elections - the Republicans or the Democrats."

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Whither The Revered Scientist?

Down the tubes, the public seems to think, in the face of market pressures, bungled crises, ethical lapses

Peter Calamai
Science Writer

After two days of provocative ideas and spirited exchanges at an international gathering recently in Toronto, British museum curator Robert Bud neatly summed up the collective wisdom.

"The scientists are terrified."

This widespread angst among scientists has been sparked by evidence that the traditional social compact between science and the public has been irrevocably sundered. Put bluntly, much of the public no longer implicitly trusts either scientists or their pronouncements about everything from climate change to the safety of children's vaccines.

And that matters, not just because of the call on taxpayers to fund increasingly costly research, but also because the impact of science and technology on our lives seems to mount by the minute.

"It is difficult to think of anything we do in public life that doesn't pass through the window of science and technology," observed Sheila Jasanoff, a professor at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government who delivered one of two evening public lectures at the CBC's Glenn Gould Studio.

Yet judging from the tenor of the meeting, restoring some measure of the lost trust will require scientists to rethink the basic tenets of their calling and to fundamentally renegotiate their relationships with the public.

The public, too, will need to accept a more active role, examining critically issues such as who benefits from advances in science and technology, who owns the intellectual property, and how it will be applied.

"Being better informed is not enough, the public must also be empowered," said Peter Broks, author of *Understanding Popular Science*.

Public unease and outright mistrust concerning science has repeatedly cropped up in opinion polling in recent years::

Almost one in four of 1,000 adults surveyed for the British

Royal Society in 2002 didn't trust scientists in general to tell the truth.

A 2004 survey of 2,000 adult Canadians for federal science departments found almost 30 per cent expressing concern that science is "going too far and is hurting society rather than helping it."

The largest ever survey of public values and attitudes toward science and technology involved face-to-face interviews in 2005 with almost 33,000 adults in 32 European countries. Four in five said that the authorities should formally oblige scientists to respect ethical standards, a result widely interpreted as indicating a lack of trust in scientists to police themselves.

Reasons put forward for this unease are many and varied, including the blurring of the lines between science, business and government, the increasing complexity of questions that science is called upon to answer and a general societal mistrust of institutions.

As further evidence of how seriously this angst is being taken, the Toronto meeting came on the heels of publication of a seven-point ethics code for research scientists portrayed as the counterpart of the Hippocratic Oath for physicians.

This new code already binds all government scientists in Britain, where it was developed, and is being promoted worldwide by Sir David King, the U.K. government chief scientific advisor.

"We want to get the idea across to the public that scientists can be trusted," King told an interviewer, "if they live by the code."

It's unlikely to be that simple, judging by the September "Trust in Science" workshop here, which drew more than 60 participants from Canada, the U.S. and the U.K. The driving force behind it was something called the Cluster for the Humanistic and Social Studies of Science, just launched with \$2 million in federal funding.

The participants were overwhelmingly academics from the humanities and social sciences who examine the history, philosophy and impact of technology, as opposed to researchers from the natural sciences, medicine and life sciences. Indeed, knowledge among the participants about those other sciences was highly variable.

In their own fields, however, the participants have carried out pioneering work into public trust in science, with case studies covering such widely varied topics as Toronto's SARS outbreak and the deadly levee breach in New Orleans.

A repeated theme among workshop participants was that many scientists still act as if they possess the "facts," while the public merely has "opinions."

In reality, however, scientists are increasingly expressing opinions, and laypersons sometimes possess greater expertise than the scientists, especially in the case of rare medical afflictions.

Philip Mirowski of the University of Notre Dame laid a large part of the blame for a loss of public trust in science on three factors. First, the withdrawal of governments from even attempting to manage science, thus ceding priorities to the whims of the marketplace; second, outsourcing of research and development by corporations, meaning the demise of anything that could be called national science strengths; and third, the transformation of scientific research into a "fungible" commodity, so it is essentially interchangeable.

"If you buy your science and I buy my science, then how can it act as an arbiter of anything?" Mirowski asked.

Trust in science also suffers when scientists can't come up with definitive answers quickly enough to respond to public concerns, as illustrated by analysis of the 2003 SARS outbreak in Toronto and the continuing controversy over vaccination and autism in children.

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Alan Richardson, a philosophy professor at the University of British Columbia, reached his conclusions after studying reports from the two major SARS inquiries. He noted unfounded advice from experts for the public to stay away from Chinatown.

"All decisions were decisions under ignorance, because there was no reliable data during the outbreak," he said. "It didn't exist."

But the greatest damage may have been inflicted by the observation in the reports from both Dr. Andrew Naylor and Ontario Justice Archie Campbell: that the public health system failed in the SARS outbreak

"The public health system can only work in a structure of public trust," Richardson said. "Saying it failed probably means that public compliance will be harder to achieve in any future outbreak."

Jennifer Keelan, a University of Toronto professor of public health sciences, has been studying the clash between scientists and activists who blame their children's autism on low levels of mercury preservative used to avoid contamination in multi-dose vaccines.

"Mistrust is an understatement to describe the level of vitriol in the debate," she said.

In effect, a scientific stalemate exists. Some research is said to show an "association" between the mercury preservative and autism in lab animals. Yet epidemiologists don't have large enough population surveys to rule out such long-shot adverse reactions.

Keelan said the activists aren't anti-science, like many anti-vaccination groups. Nor do they promote "junk" science. They simply want the scientists to investigate different avenues.

"Will the outputs of science be markedly different if the opportunity exists for citizens to pose questions?" asked Keelan.

Scientists might ask themselves about the erosion of the traditional trust relationships among researchers, who once readily exchanged things like specialized strains of mice or reagents, custom chemicals used in experiments.

Increasingly such exchanges are now circumscribed by material transfer agreements, complex legal documents that spell out details like liability and indemnification, due diligence and standards for care. Some even feature "reach-through" clauses, guaranteeing the supplier of the materials a share in any subsequent commercialization because of subsequent research done elsewhere.

Use of these agreements is exploding. In 1998, the University of Toronto handled about 30. This year, +officials have reviewed 170.

Similar growth at U.S. universities prompted this wry workshop comment from Notre Dame's Mirowski:

"Why should the public trust science when it is becoming apparent that scientists less and less trust each other?"

Star science writer Peter Calamai, based in Ottawa, was a panellist at the Trust in Science workshop, which paid his travel expenses to attend.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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James Fox "The Best UFO Footage Ever"

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Dear Colleagues

In the recent interview on the Paranormal Cafe, James Fox of the Out Of The Blue documentary, stated that he has run across the best UFO footage ever.

In a very interesting chronology Fox has disclosed a set of events about the footage that is not known inside the ufological community. Fox negotiated with Chuck Clark for about 7 years but at the end he was unable to secure the rights to use the clip in Out Of The Blue.

I have exported the best clips from that interview that will give insight into the whole affair.

In another clip you can hear interesting aftermath after the recent Larry King show about the 3rd release of the Out Of The Blue that will be ready for international cinema distribution. Also there is another event that Fox is preparing very soon, according to the interview, that will shake the ground.

Best regards to all;

Giuliano Marinkovic

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>Subject: Re: Three Ideas To Follow Through With CUFOS Research

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>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.

Hello Steven, EBK and List,

Yes, that would be great if a PayPal link is set up. Please let us know when this is done. I pledge at least \$50.00 towards the Project.

However, I do have my reservations about this endeavor. For example, what assurance do I have that those conducting the study are committed to completing the study and sharing the results, especially with those who have contributed towards the Project?

What kind of time frame are we talking about here? As Greg Sandow pointed out in another post in this thread, will JUFOS be publishing the results? More info, please.

Kelly

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>>Thanks for the additional reminder about the fact that this was
>>not solely a CUFOS study, but that MUFON - or a coalition of
>>organizations were involved. Hopefully, this will make it easier
>>to raise the funds needed to complete the study.

>Was it NIDS that funded some allegedly alien implant removals?
>With a wealthy founder, Robert Bigelow, was it, at the helm?

>Anyone think asking him for \$5,000 for potentially
>Earth-shaking results might work?

Hi Eleanor,

When one prominent alien implant researcher recently contacted Robert Bigelow (of Bigelow Aerospace located in north Las Vegas) on the phone for money to pay for further analysis that needed to be done on some of these unusual specimens, Bob immediately wrote out a cheque for several thousand dollars and had it in the mail that same day.

This was not an unexpected thing for Bob to do considering that he had a UFO close encounter during his teenage years. Bob's search for answers and his desire to make direct contact with these UFO occupants led him to create Bigelow Aerospace which has already placed two private space stations in orbit around the Earth. It is not surprising that among the things floating inside these space stations are pictures of an ET which also happens to be a logo of Bigelow Aerospace.

Last December the 'Discovery Channel' had Roger Leir flown in to Toronto where they interviewed him and filmed the analysis of some of his specimens of possible ET origin at the University of Toronto labs where I also arranged to have analysis done on some previous suspected alien implants and UFO crash debris for Roger and other researchers, including Derrel Sims.

For some reason 'Discover Channel' failed to broadcast their documentary on alien implants and the work of Roger Leir on the day and time that they originally scheduled to have it aired on TV. You can see a short promo clip of this documentary on YouTube (see below).

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pA9H2xVe5rQ>

Earlier this year Rob Simone flew to Toronto and showed up at York University with a local film crew to interview me and other

researchers for another documentary on alien implants. Some the things we revealed during the filming of Simone's documentary are surprising and more disturbing than the belief that ETs are the only ones involved in implanting foreign objects in their abducted victims.

To learn about these disturbing findings, listen to our weekly 'Cosmic Horizons' radio show on UofT's Fusion Radio on Monday at 7 p.m. EST, when we will have fellow Toronto researcher Ali Siadatan talk about his own recently completed documentary on alien implants. Anyone can listen to 'Cosmic Horizons' live on your computer via the Internet - unless we suddenly and unexpectedly have another power failure and are taken off the air as has happened on other occasions when we had equally important things to share with the public.

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Nick Balaskas

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Lights, Beings, Beams: Just A Typical Night In Australia's UFO Capital

WYCLIFFE WELL, Australia (AFP) -- On a desert highway in Australia's flat, dry centre is a petrol station by a watering hole where extraterrestrials have been stopping off for millennia, or so witnesses say.

If truck drivers or passing tourists find themselves nodding off on the long drive between Alice Springs and Darwin, a pitstop at Australia's self-proclaimed UFO capital might just revive them.

While filling up the tank or their stomachs at Wycliffe Well's roadhouse, they might notice little green men holding out their hands or staring out at them from nearby walls.

That may be no cause for concern because these are probably just statues and paintings put there for the visitors' benefit. But according to locals the real thing is so common around here that people hardly even blink when they see them.

Lights in the sky, blue domed discs, silvery beings - it is all common stuff in Wycliffe Well, say locals, who see a secret connection with Australia's nearby spy facility of Pine Gap.

Sceptics, on the other hand, say the large number of sightings may rather reflect the high levels of alcohol consumption, for which Australia's Northern Territory is famous.

"When I came down here it was just a common occurrence. It was just one of those things. Even the previous owner just mentioned it to me in passing," said Lew Farkas, who has run the Wycliffe Well roadhouse and caravan park for 23 years and claims around half a dozen sightings of his own.

This tiny dot on the map, 400 kilometres (250 miles) north of Alice Springs, surrounded by scrubland, now attracts international visits from 'experts', occasional UFO conventions and constant local media coverage of the unusual sightings in the vicinity.

"It is recognised throughout the world UFO industry," said Farkas.

Suggestions that the sightings could be caused by such normal phenomena as birds and aircraft landing lights are promptly dismissed by the UFO watchers.

"You take that with a pinch of salt. It's a lot of rubbish," said Farkas.

It's a quiet life for Farkas providing food and petrol for the

dozens of cars that drive past daily on the monotonous drive up the Stuart Highway punctuated only by flat scrub, termite mounds and the occasional dead kangaroo or wandering emu.

But the night time visitations are more than enough to liven things up, he says, describing the most memorable of his own encounters.

There were lights doing manoeuvres in the sky, little ones dancing around the big ones, doing figures of eight, he said.

Farkas, 59, was a physical training instructor in the Australian navy before he took over the roadhouse and says this sighting reminded him of manoeuvres around an aircraft carrier.

"That is how we used to do exercises, in exactly the same way. It looked exactly the same as we used to do at sea," he said.

"Over the years I have had quite a few sightings, mainly lights. I have had a close up encounter where I have actually seen the portholes - just like you read in the comic books of the past."

According to Farkas, Wycliffe Well is one of only four or five places in the world where there are constant sightings of extraterrestrials and UFOs, probably the most famous being the Nevada Desert in the United States.

The remoteness of the Australian outback has made it harder for people to become aware of Wycliffe Well, but it seems the news is slowly spreading.

It was truck drivers who in modern times first noticed the unusual goings on, during World War II, when the waterhole gave rise to market gardens that fed the war effort against the Japanese up north in Darwin. Their stories were mainly of strange lights in the sky.

But local Aboriginals also report that extraterrestrials have been visiting the area for thousands of years, hanging out around some of the area's stunning rock formations, such as the Devil's Marbles, a sandstone formation just to the north along the Stuart Highway.

Recently, a group of Aboriginal women in a local community reported their own close encounter. They were sitting around playing cards when a big beam of light appeared.

UFOs apparently also land in the nearby Tanami desert, according to the believers. "There is no airport so they have got to land somewhere," said Farkas.

It used to be easy to tell when there was UFO activity, he said. The electronic banking and telephone lines would go out. But with a change to fibre optic technology that problem has disappeared.

Farkas dismisses claims that he might want to drum up interest in UFOs to boost business at his roadhouse, saying he has plenty of business from the constant stream of motorists passing by.

Barry Williams, editor of Australia's quarterly journal The Skeptic which attempts to debunk all kinds of suspect science, has other explanations for the sightings.

Many could be of the planet Venus, others would be aircraft landing lights, he says.

"We are not sceptical of people sighting things. We are sceptical of some of the conclusions they come to from what they have seen. They don't stand up to any crucial thinking at all," he told AFP.

The Northern Territory in general has the reputation of having a large number of sightings of UFOs, he said, which he suggests might be connected with the local drinking habits.

"I don't know whether this is in any way connected with the fact that the Northern Territory has the biggest beer consumption of anywhere on earth," he said.

Researcher Keith Douglass, who works as a cleaner at Alice

Springs hospital but follows UFOs on the side, says he has been up to Wycliffe Well about half a dozen times but has never seen anything.

Nevertheless, he has heard lots of tales, for example of an Aboriginal woman who was chased by a UFO.

"It is a flat disc with a blue dome. It has been sighted around Alice Springs a couple of times. It chased this lady into town. She saw it again up at Wycliffe Well," he said.

"Wycliffe Well - that's been going for years."

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:28:43 -0000
>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?

>><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?

Good question, Martin. The finger pointing upward gesture,
though, is known to art historians as the "John gesture",
because it appears in every picture Da Vinci ever did of John
the Baptist. In one painting of the Holy Family, it even appears
on a disembodied arm sticking out from behind a tree. For some
reason, in his pictures, somebody's always pointing at the sky.

Other painters are known to have used it, too, so maybe there
was some secret confraternity after all.

I'd like to be the first to suggest that they are all pointing
at the flying saucer hovering directly overhead, just out of the
picture frame. ;->

Jay

"Ye shall know the truth,
and the truth shall make you mad."
--- Aldous Huxley

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Number Of UFO Sightings Out Of This World

By Kerry Anker

There is something alien in the skies around Toowoomba; the region has become a hot spot for unidentified flying objects (UFOs), and is leading the State in reported sightings.

The most recent sighting was only four months ago.

Coordinator for UFO Research Queensland (Warwick, Southern Downs, Granite Belt and Toowoomba region) Kay McCulloch said Toowoomba had been visited by extra-terrestrials with the most recent sighting reported on July 13 this year, when a local resident arrived home a 5.40pm and saw a dark kite-shaped object moving steadily from south-west to north-east.

The direction the object was travelling put it very close to the restricted airspace over Cabarlah army base, causing great confusion to the observer.

Speculation has surrounded claims of UFO sightings across the Darling Downs for years. In the past 30 years, there have been hundreds of reported UFO sightings in Toowoomba and surrounding areas.

Kay McCulloch has been researching and investigating sightings of UFOs for years and said she was five when she saw her first UFO.

"It occurred just before my sixth birthday when a UFO landed on our family property. From that very moment when I experienced my first UFO encounter I was intrigued and interested," she said.

Kay, a Killarney resident, travels to properties where UFOs have been sighted and conducts further research, and says Toowoomba and district had "quite a few sightings reported in the mid 1990s". She said one reason for the high incidence of sightings may be that UFOs are drawn to the region's granite.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

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Archived: Mon, 05 Nov 2007 07:16:08 -0500
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>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 14:25:33 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 16:55:55 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
>>>>Subject: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

<snip>

>>>No mention is made of debunker slander of "UFO" witnesses
>>>for making stupid mistakes of "saying they saw a UFO" when
>>>"any PhD meteorologist or physicist" could have explained their
>>>errors and stupidity, according to debunkers in their typical
>>>condescending and insulting way. No mention that the pro-UFO
>>>types who slap the "UFO" labels on witness reports are the ones
>>>who set witnesses up for this kind of public abuse by debunkers.

Apparently you don't care that UFO investigators make it easy
for debunkers to slander honest, careful witnesses, because
later on you say we should just ignore the debunkers.

Here the all-important Hynek quote which needs to be
reiterated was deleted:

J. Allen Hynek: "Clearly, the 'Insufficient Information' cases
should have been excluded from the statistical computations
altogether. Instead, these cases were treated statistically as
if they had been solved!" (Hynek UFO Report, 1977, p. 259)

This is a basic concept in scientific data analysis: You don't
include garbage data in your analysis and your statistics.
"Garbage in, garbage out!" Why is that so difficult to accept?

The Insufficient Info or NFO cases as I call them (no one will
use an "II" abbreviation or see a connection with UFO and IFO)
are garbage data. That doesn't mean they are totally worthless
or unworthy of investigation only that at present they cannot be
used in analysis and statistics without misleading or falsifying
the results.

>>>Did you catch that? "Insufficient Info" cases, what I call
>>>NFOs, should be completely excluded from UFO/IFO statistics,
>>>"altogether". You don't know for sure what they are, whether IFO
>>>or UFO, so they can't just be assumed to be one or the other
>>>(I've seen it argued both ways). It's garbage and not valid
>>>data, and does not belong in the statistics. It inflates and

>>>distorts "UFO" statistics.

>>Ah, ! but here's the thing. If we eliminate all the reports of
>>object s that are "Insufficient Information" or "NFOs" we will
>>effectively decimate the database. In fact, all we would be left
>>with would be UFOs and IFOs. So out of, let's say, 5,000
>>received reports, we would have a database of about what, 1,000?
>>Populated about equally by UFOs and IFOs. Then you could say
>>that 50% of the reports were UFOs! But it would not say anything
>>about the actual nature of the reports received.

That's too bad, stop defending bad data, "garbage in, garbage
out" and trying to "say something about the actual nature of the
reports received" even if most are bad data, NFOs, which Hynek
said should be "excluded... altogether" from UFO statistics. You
accept "garbage in," you will then give us "garbage out."

Apparently Rutkowski doesn't read his own Canadian UFO Surveys
which he chastized me for supposedly not reading. The latest
Survey released this year tallies up 693 Explained (IFOs) and
966 Unexplained (UFOs) for an eighteen-year total of nearly
1,700 not 1,000, and the percentage of UFOs at about 58%, well
over 50%, and IFOs at 42%, thus not "equally" divided between
UFO and IFO.

In the US a 58-42 split in a presidential election would be
called a "landslide" win.

However I question even this apparently too high a figure for
the Explained category as the Survey indicates they deliberately
include all meteors and meteor fireballs reported, which thus
"pads" the statistics and contaminates them further than ever.

>>>Let me be crystal clear here: My position is this, that when
>>>there are sufficient data in a sighting report it is easy to
>>>tell whether it is an IFO or a UFO
>>>Okay.

>>>The term "UFO" is a loaded term regardless what you claim. I
>>>can't believe I have to remind anyone on this List of that
>>>indisputable fact.

<snip>

>Hello Chris, Brad and List,

<snip>

>Back to the present discussion: I see two eminent ufologists -
>two nice guys I am sure who will find people to testify for
>their integrity and character - fighting each other because they
>are trying to figure a way to have the reality of UFOs accepted
>by debunkers and the media.

I am not trying to get debunkers to accept anything - they are
hopeless, a lost cause, it's a partisan issue with them and they
as extremists are out to convert the masses.

Instead I am trying to get the mainstream scientific community
to not be turned off by debunker arguments which they see
confirmed by foolish pro-UFO advocates who say the same things
as the debunkers - that 95% of all "UFO" sightings "turn out" to
be IFOs and the tiny remainder of 5% are the UFO Unexplained
cases or Unknowns.

You apparently do not even grasp the issues involved here. The
skeptics have a legitimate point here: They and the debunkers
say that if 95% of all "UFOs" (which I dispute right at the
outset for including "garbage in" data, the NFOs or
Insufficient Infos) "turn out" to be supposedly "real" UFOs
then maybe there is no real difference between IFOs and UFOs,
maybe the last remaining 5% UFOs will also "turn out" to be
IFOs eventually (like it's some kind of natural process of
conversion). They say that the 5% Unknowns are actually
"insufficient info" and that with "sufficient info" they will
"turn into" IFOs - they get away with this because UFO
researchers confuse the categories of insufficient info.

Debunkers also say or imply that the 95% figure is a proof of
failure by UFO researchers to prove the reality of the UFO
phenomenon, that such a high "failure rate" of 95% by UFO

investigators proves that there is no difference between IFOs and UFOs, and that the whole field itself is a delusion, an obsession with random errors and "misperceptions" (a false term that debunkers conjured up to smear highly accurate witnesses) and that UFO researchers are themselves failures.

But the 95% were not "UFOs" in the first place! They never "turned into" anything! They never "turned into" IFOs because as garbage data, poor data, insufficient data, hence what I call NFOs, no one knows what they are, and certainly therefore cannot legitimately treat them as if we do know what they are.

The 95% indeterminate NFOs also therefore cannot be said (as skeptics and debunkers claim) to be "the same things as UFOs and later will turn out to be IFOs," since no one can possibly know what Insufficient Info cases really are until Sufficient Info is obtained. Until then such NFO cases must be discarded in the "gray basket" and not bean-counted by anal-retentives who want to boast about how many thousands of so-called "UFO" cases they have handled.

As Hynek said, these Insufficient Info and/or uninvestigated NFO cases should be "excluded... altogether" from the statistics.

>I do not think this is about scientific methods.

Hynek's discussion about scientific methods was snipped. See above. More "garbage in, garbage out" and some people on this List are fine with that. Well I'm not fine with that.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 23:17:48 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

Martin and List,

There is no need to be so rude.

I am sure it is possible to exchange ideas without the finger pointing and the baseless accusations.

You don't know me. You don't know who I am, where I come from, what I have done. You don't know what are my credentials.

I do not understand why you wish to be so deliberately insulting.

<snip>

>>A unique astronomical event is occurring actually. It is
>>baffling scientists: the 17P/Holmes Comet.

>Well, it isn't quite unique. The same periodic comet did a
>similar thing in the year of its discovery, 1892. In fact it did
>it twice that time. Erratic magnitude estimates were also
>recorded during the 1899 return. A number of other comets have
>shown similar outbursts, but the scale of this one is said to be
>greater than any seen for about a century.

<snip>

Merriam-Webster: unique - third use: unusual. Strange is also considered a synonym.

<snip>

>>The Comet has become reportedly one million times brighter.

>>There is no satisfactory explanation for the event.

>There is no definite, proven explanation for the event and others
>like it. There are sensible theories, though.

It would have been interesting for you to state just a couple.

<snip>

>>One astronomer said that in, forty years of his career, he has
>>never seen or heard of anything like this.

>I thought you were trying to convince us that astronomers were
>taking no notice and showing no interest? The one astronomer you
>do actually quote seems to be quite excited.

<snip>

You got this all wrong. I never said astronomers were taking no notice or showing no interest.

I simply pointed out that, considering the magnitude, the importance and the "uniqueness" of the present phenomenon, I was surprised that there was little if any mass media coverage of the event.

As for sensible theories, I hinted that the difficulty to pinpoint a scientific explanation made astronomers in general shy of talking about it in public.

It is one thing to talk about it on a forum of astronomers. It is another thing to present to the public the image of the baffled scientist who has no clue about what is really happening.

<snip>

>When
>they're published you'll be able to read them, if you're still
>interested. But it seems what you want is science done
>instantaneously and splurged over the tabloids. And I don't
>think you will be interested, because what's written, whilst
>very exciting for astrophysicists, won't be sensational enough
>for you.

<snip>

You are claiming mind reading abilities. You also seem to have a crystal ball. That is tabloid stuff.

You are talking in the name of all astrophysicists and of all astronomers. You do in the biblical stuff also?

<snip>

>>There is no speculation, no questions
>>asked, no 'day dreaming', no analysis done.

>This is utter nonsense. Of course people are thinking about it.
>There's plenty of speculation. But there are few hard facts
>available to go beyond sensible likelihoods - i.e., meteoroid
>impact is a possibility, but not highly probable, especially
>since Holmes is a "repeater". The most likely explanation
>discussed seems to be a crustal weakness exploited by heated
>gases. Please justify in detail your claim that "no analysis is
>being done". Who is not doing any analysis, who ought to be, and
>how do you know? And what sort of "day dreaming" would satisfy
>your definition of sensible science?

<snip>

I have observed that we live in a world where image is everything.

I have also observed that people will grab every opportunity to pitch themselves. Scientists are not the last in the line.

So, my surprise on this one: "Where's everybody?"

Don't mention bulletin boards and the like. I am talking about the real media. The one that will draw attention upon yourself.

<snip>

>>This attitude makes me think that Science might be rejecting
>>UFOs because it can't explain them or that it has no control
>>over the evident explanation.

>I'm afraid this attitude - with its customary generalisation and
>demonisation of science (sorry, Science, mustn't forget that
>scare-capital, and maybe add the adjective "big" as well,
>because Big Science = Nasty Mean Truth-Suppressing Science) - is
>the sort of blithering nonsense that is most likely to guarantee
>perpetual rejection of UFO evidence by most of the scientific
>community.

<snip>

Yes.

As if Science should still be looking for excuses for ignoring something as fundamental and as crucial as UFOs.

This comes as a surprise because, plugged as you seem to be with the milieu. With an ambassador of your caliber, Science should have embraced UFOs long ago.

Are you implying that, because of me, this will not happen?

Jeez, take a deep breath.

Why the unnecessary roughness?

Vincent Boudreau

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UFO Discussions Aren't Completely Alien To Politics
By Robin Abcarian
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES--Presidential candidates have flip-flopped on taxes, on abortion, on gun control and on the war.

But rarely has one flip-flopped on flying saucers.

Until now.

In September, a spokeswoman for Rep. Dennis Kucinich dismissed a report that the Ohio Democrat had a close encounter with a UFO.

"If you have a serious question, just ask me," Kucinich staffer Natalie Laber told a Washington Post reporter who inquired about Kucinich's knowledge of UFOs. "If not, then just keep your silly comments to yourself."

But Tuesday night, Kucinich had no wiggle room when debate moderator Tim Russert posed this question:

"The godmother of your daughter, Shirley MacLaine, writes in her new book that you've sighted a UFO over her home in Washington state, that you found the encounter extremely moving, that it was a triangular craft silent and hovering, that you felt a connection to your heart and heard direction in your mind. Now, did you see a UFO?"

Kucinich replied: "I did."

Kucinich did not elaborate much. He joked about moving his campaign headquarters to Roswell, N.M., the site of the country's most famous alleged UFO crash.

This, in fact, is why a second presidential candidate, New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, was drawn into the fray.

When MSNBC's Chris Matthews asked Richardson after the debate what he thought of Kucinich's UFO response, Richardson smiled, giggled a little and explained that as governor of a state that depends on the UFO-enthralled tourist dollar, he was not in a position to criticize.

Although, Richardson hastened to add, he has never seen a UFO.

He also said it was time for the government to "come clean" on the Roswell matter.

Matthews began to sputter in disbelief, but as it happens,

Richardson was not boldly going where no one (including his own self) had gone before. He has said many times that the mystery surrounding the 1947 crash in Roswell has never been adequately explained.

"Clearly," he wrote in a foreword to a 2004 book about the crash, "it would help everyone if the U.S. government disclosed everything it knows."

Kucinich is not the first presidential aspirant to report seeing a UFO.

According to many news accounts, when Jimmy Carter was governor of Georgia in 1973, he filed a report with the International UFO Bureau in Oklahoma City, saying that he had seen an unidentified glowing object four years earlier in Leary, Ga. Carter said later that he did not believe the object to be an alien craft, and some "ufologists," as specialists call themselves, think he saw a halo around the planet Venus.

Ronald Reagan thought he had seen UFOs at least twice =97 once on the West Coast while driving to Hollywood with his wife, Nancy Reagan, and once, as governor of California, on a plane flying near Bakersfield.

In Landslide, their 1988 book about Reagan=92s second term as president, journalists Doyle McManus, the Los Angeles Times Washington bureau chief, and Jane Mayer, now of The New Yorker, wrote that Reagan=92s staff worked hard to keep the UFO sighting stories under wraps.

That=92s easy to understand, because, as Alejandro Rojas, who handles media relations for the Mutual UFO Network, pointed out, "It=92s typically an issue used on politicians to make them look bad."

But, added Rojas, whose group investigates UFO sightings as well as reports of alien abductions, he was happy to see the issue raised in a presidential forum: "It=92s great because the debate highlighted it."

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Nov 4, 2007

Acadiana Diary: Everybody Saw Something In Sky After Sputnik Launch
Jim Bradshaw

Fifty years ago, in November 1957, the Russians had scared us silly by launching Sputnik I and, just months later, the dog-carrying Sputnik II.

A nation that had never thought much about space suddenly began to panic, and folks with overactive imaginations began to talk about the dangers of a Russian attack from Out There, but also about Superior Intellectuals from Outer Space.

In fact, the month of November 1957 was the single most active period so far recorded for UFO sightings ever. In that one month the Air Force acknowledged 414 reports of sightings and admitted that there were probably many more that were not reported.

Some of the sightings came from fairly reputable people.

Two reports scared the bewhillers out of us on Nov. 6. The first came from a missile engineer named James Stokes, who reported seeing a "brilliant colored, egg-shaped object" that he said stalled cars in New Mexico.

According to the Associated Press, other reliable witnesses reported the same, including "startled citizens, peace officers, and servicemen." They said that 10 cars were stalled on U.S. 54 between White Sands Proving Grounds and Alamogordo, N.M.

The account said this object resembled a "big ball of fire" that had been seen flitting around west Texas a few days earlier. But, even scarier, that same day a Coast Guard cutter reported tracking a UFO that hung over the Gulf of Mexico for more than 10 minutes. The radio report from the Cutter Sabago described something brilliant in the sky moving at "a tremendous rate of speed." It was 300 miles out into the Gulf, due south of the mouth of the Mississippi River.

We got more details the next day, when the Coast Guard ship returned to its base in Mobile.

The navigator of the ship said he estimated the UFO's speed at between 1,000 and 3,500 miles per hour - pretty fast for anything in 1957.

The commander said that there might have been more than one of whatever it was, because the "target" appeared on the radar screen speeding in one direction, then reappeared, speeding in the opposite direction, then appeared to hover near the ship.

The radar operator said that whatever it was appeared on his screen to be about the size of a 10,000 ton ship. (By comparison, Sputnik II, the biggest man-made object launched from Mother Earth, weighed about 1,000 pounds.)

A crew member described the object as brilliant white, with a glow so intense that he could not see its shape.

Nobody heard any sound as it passed nearby. Officials have officially debunked the idea that this was a UFO, but nobody's said what it really was.

It might be worth mentioning, though, that on that very same day, a handful of people in Sarasota, Fla., reported a strange, round, orange-colored object that hovered over land for a few seconds before speeding away.

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[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 12:33:33 -0000
Archived: Mon, 05 Nov 2007 07:49:50 -0500
Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 11:13:15 -0700
>Subject: Re: DaVinci's Last Supper UFO?

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 30 Oct 2007 23:28:43 -0000
>>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?

>>><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?

>Good question, Martin. The finger pointing upward gesture,
>though, is known to art historians as the "John gesture",
>because it appears in every picture Da Vinci ever did of John
>the Baptist. In one painting of the Holy Family, it even appears
>on a disembodied arm sticking out from behind a tree. For some
>reason, in his pictures, somebody's always pointing at the sky.

>Other painters are known to have used it, too, so maybe there
>was some secret confraternity after all.

>I'd like to be the first to suggest that they are all pointing
>at the flying saucer hovering directly overhead, just out of
>the picture frame. ;-)

Thanks, Jay. Intriguing. Well, if it's a religious symbol how
about this: Three fingers folded down and one pointing up might
be a symbol of the Trinity - the three below being one in
heaven? Hmm. But why so cryptic about a basic article of faith,
and why stick a guy behind a tree? Seems more like an in-joke.
And as for the character of indeterminate gender - was it not a
tradition that angels, like many supramundane entities, were
androgynous? Maybe (s)he has come down from that saucer of yours. ;-)

Martin

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Larry King Live This Thursday Night

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Thursday, November 8th, 2007 9 p.m. Eastern

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Pablo Villarubia Reopens Antonio Villas Boas Case

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ANTONIO VILLAS BOAS: TOTAL ABDUCTION
By Pablo Villarubia Mauso

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Secrecy News - 11/05/07

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So, for example, the Washington Post reported on October 16 that a controversial internal U.S. government report on Iraqi corruption had been made "widely available on the Internet." In fact, a Google search indicates that the report was made available only on the Federation of American Scientists web site, where it was published by Secrecy News.

The New York Times reported on October 30 that "several advocacy groups" had filed legal challenges seeking disclosure of the intelligence budget total after September 11, 2001. But there is no record of such a legal challenge brought by anyone other than the FAS Project on Government Secrecy, Secrecy News' publisher.

A widely-noted New Yorker article (February 19) on torture and U.S. government policy stated that the Intelligence Science Board had "released a report" criticizing coercive interrogation. In private correspondence, however, author Jane Mayer courteously acknowledged that she merely assumed the Board had released the report and that she had actually read it on the FAS web site after it was posted there by Secrecy News. (It has since been published elsewhere.)

What these stories indirectly confirm, even without crediting Secrecy News, is that we have succeeded in creating an effective conduit for transmitting restricted or inaccessible government information to the public.

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We were fortunate to have had support for this work over the past year from several philanthropic foundations - including the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, the HKH Foundation, the Open Society Institute, and the Stewart S. Mott Charitable Trust. But their assistance does not cover all of our costs.

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Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 16:10:58 -0000
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 07:26:49 -0500
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>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 04 Nov 2007 22:59:20 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 3 Nov 2007 17:32:38 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

>>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 02 Nov 2007 23:17:48 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Science 17P/Holmes Comet & Denial

>Martin and List,

>There is no need to be so rude . . . I do not understand
>why you wish to be so deliberately insulting . . . Jeez,
>take a deep breath. Why the unnecessary roughness?

Vincent

All this shock and affront because you are told that you are talking "nonsense". It happens often on this List. If you want to avoid the risk then either don't post nonsense or don't post at all. By all means countercharge, that's what the forum is for. But do so with good sense. At the moment you are trying to put out your own fire by dowsing it with petrol.

You claim now that you "simply" meant to convey surprise that the comet had not become a front-page popular media story, you intended no criticism of the scientific response:

>You got this all wrong. I never said astronomers were taking no notice or showing no interest.

>I simply pointed out that, considering the magnitude, the importance and the "uniqueness" of the present phenomenon, I was surprised that there was little if any mass media coverage of the event.

This is utterly disingenuous, as anyone can see.

The title of this thread is yours and advertises "Science" in "denial". Your post expanded on this theme:

"It seems like science is turning its back on one of the greatest astronomical events ever. There is no speculation, no questions asked, no 'day dreaming', no analysis done."

You drew a direct comparison between "this attitude" of "denial" and the "rejection" of UFO evidence - by "scientists", not by the mass media.

><snip>

>>>A unique astronomical event is occurring actually. It is

>>>baffling scientists: the 17P/Holmes Comet.

>>Well, it isn't quite unique. The same periodic comet did a
>>similar thing in the year of its discovery, 1892. In fact it did
>>it twice that time. Erratic magnitude estimates were also
>>recorded during the 1899 return. A number of other comets have
>>shown similar outbursts, but the scale of this one is said to
>>be greater than any seen for about a century.

You apparently object to my "rudeness" in pointing out
explicitly what you now claim you meant implicitly all along,
that the event is not actually unique:

>Merriam-Webster: unique - third use: unusual. Strange is
>also considered a synonym.

So when you said "unique" you reasonably assumed that we would
all know you meant Merriam-Webster's obscure third-rank usage?
This is mere obfuscation. Even if bastardization of "unique" to
mean merely "unusual" has become a vernacular mis-usage
sufficiently common to require mention in your dictionary, we
all know what you meant by describing the comet outburst as
"unique" and "baffling scientists".

You did not mean anything as lame as: "Comet 17/P Holmes is
undergoing one of its unusual outbursts, as some comets do from
time to time, and this one's a doozy - by the way there is still
room for argument as to exactly what the cause of these
outbursts is."

No, you meant what you said: "One of the greatest [baffling]
astronomical events ever". (and don't bother with this tired
"Oh, so you're telepathic - how do you know what I was
thinking?" defence. If we weren't supposed to infer your meaning
from your words what the heck use were they?).

And when you said

>>>There is no satisfactory explanation for the event.

you didn't mean that there was still legitimate debate as to
which mechanism best explains these events, you meant that
"Science" is confounded by it and forced into "denial" of it:

>. . . How could one explain that a 2 inch ice
>cube (5 cm) would be vaporized to a cubic space of 1.6 by 1.6
>by 1.6 miles?

I addressed this already, the size and brightness of the cloud
is interesting and puzzling at first sight but not so puzzling
when you think it through (I'd take this opportunity to add BTW
that the apparent problem is made worse here by your mistake of
assuming the 1% of nucleus material is spread throughout the
cubic volume - it isn't, it's an expanding shell from a brief
ejection event so the density is much closer to being a function
of the surface area of the sphere than the volume). I agreed
that

>>there is no definite, proven explanation for the event and
>>others
>>like it.

But pointed out

>>There are sensible theories, though.

But your sarcastic grumbling response to that was

>It would have been interesting for you to state just a couple,
(I did, but you're not really listening)

which reveals again that when you say there is "no satisfactory
explanation" you mean that a baffled "Science" is all at sea
with (as you now put it) "no clue about what is really
happening" and so scared of its ignorance as to be in "denial"
of this comfort-threatening interloper, as what else could
explain the absence of a front-page media sensation even while
preliminary telescopic observations were still being made.

><snip>

>As for sensible theories, I hinted that the difficulty to
>pinpoint a scientific explanation made astronomers in general
>shy of talking about it in public.

No. Stop it, Vincent. You didn't "hint" that astronomers are
"shy" of getting quoted because the exact physics of cometary
outbursts isn't clearly understood yet - that would have been
close to the obvious truth and would have placed control of the
media agenda where it lies, with the media themselves, making
them responsible for failing to promote an insufficiently sexy
story ("Astronomers Continue to Observe Some Dust Around Remote
Comet - Results Uncertain" - yawn). No, you've asserted boldly
that because Science has failed to secure front-page headlines
about the "Baffling Mystery of Comet Holmes" (or whatever) then
Science is in collective denial of one of the "greatest
astronomical events ever", and you liken this to what you
describe as Science's "looking for excuses" to reject UFOs.

I'll expect further evasion, but I'm really not interested in
playing along any more.

Martin Shough

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Re: SDI #450 - Twenty Questions

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>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 15:09:45 -0500
>Subject: SDI #450 - Twenty Questions

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<snip>

>3. Is ufology a science?

No. Not even close. However, there are people who study UFOs and use the scientific method.

>4. What _are_ UFOs?

I wish I knew. ;-)

>13. Does Paul Kimball give good radio?

Can't say - but it was fun doing the show with you and Errol.

>14. In a Nehru jacket is Stephen Greer a ufological Benny Hinn?

Yes.

>15. Given the default focus of legitimate media on "nut-balls" >when there is an alternative _credible_ witness to UFOs, what >does that say with regard to said media being responsible and >performing that responsibility in a forthcoming manner?

That's a loaded question, but I would point out that ufology hasn't helped itself over the years by focusing on crashed flying saucer tales, claims of government conspiracy, and the abduction phenomenon, at the expense of stressing the best cases (and if anyone still thinks that Roswell is a "best case", then there's not much I'm going to be able to say to change their mind at this point).

>16. What is Best Evidence's effect on the general consciousness >regarding UFOs, and is the ETH the default summation of same?

Who knows, and probably.

>17. Is Paul Kimball kinder and gentler these days?

I was always kind and gentle. Warm and fuzzy, too.

>18. Dreams of Nick Pope, civil unions, and child adoption in >Massachusetts?

Umm...

>19. Nick Pope should be the default public face of Ufology until >Mac Tonnies defeats him in the Ufological ThunderDome!

Yes, for all the reasons I set out on the show. Pope is the here and now. Guys like Mac are the future.

>20. Is Mac Tonnies the 21st Century's Carl Sagan?

Perhaps, but as a commentator and popularizer, not as a scientist, obviously.

Maybe the anti-Sagan!

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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Carter Bush & UFOs

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Monday November 5

Jimmy Carter: No Truth to UFO Rumors

At the Nexus of Politics and Science Fiction "The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe" Sets the Record Straight With Regards to UFOs

PHILADELPHIA, PA--(MARKET WIRE)--Nov 5, 2007 -- Democratic Presidential Candidate, Congressman Dennis Kucinich spoke once again of his experience with UFO phenomena Tuesday before a stunned and amused Drexel University audience. He invoked the name of Former President Jimmy Carter in support of his position.

Kucinich's comments drew fire from veteran political commentator Chris Matthews during a postmortem interview with Governor Bill Richardson. "This is shaping up to be a contest between the de-evolution party and the pro-UFO party," he said.

Former President Jimmy Carter, speaking candidly on a recent episode of The Skeptics' Guide To The Universe, flatly dismissed claims that in 1969 he witnessed an alien spacecraft. Though he did see a mysterious light in the sky, Carter described it as a UFO only because "it was unidentified, it was flying, and it was an object."

"I have never thought there were extra terrestrial beings on a ship from outer space," Carter explained. He went on to speculate that the light may have resulted from military testing at nearby Fort Benning. Carter also rejects a common rumor spread on UFO websites that George H. W. Bush, then director of the CIA, restricted his access to classified UFO documents.

Dr. Steven Novella, president of the New England Skeptical Society (NESS) and host of the The Skeptics' Guide To The Universe" said, "UFO stories like these are almost always the result of mundane astronomical events." He went on to explain that Former President Carter may have witnessed the planet Venus under unusual atmospheric conditions.

A challenge issued by "The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe" for Congressman Kucinich to appear on the show to defend his views has gone unanswered as of this time.

Listen to the complete interview with President Carter free online at:

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Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

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Subject: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

<http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/071105/0323735.html>

It's amazing that it took all this time for Carter to back peddle.

I guess when it's politically advantageous it's okay to say you witnessed or are curious regarding UFOs, but if it brings down the stats, we get the back peddling and nullifying.

Another urban legend bites the dust along with the Buzz Aldrin story, and several others.

Maybe it's good to clean out the coffers to make sure we know exactly who said what when.

For me, it's no more stories, just bring me the irrefutable physical evidence or at a stretch a damned good reason why that evidence is inaccessible.

No more blurry photos, no more vague images of planetary terrains requiring some knowledge of the Masonic rites and 19.5.

Just the facts ma'am.

Best,

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Jimmy Carter: No Truth to UFO Rumors

At the Nexus of Politics and Science Fiction "The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe" Sets the Record Straight With Regards to UFOs

PHILADELPHIA, PA--(MARKET WIRE)--Nov 5, 2007 -- Democratic Presidential Candidate, Congressman Dennis Kucinich spoke once again of his experience with UFO phenomena Tuesday before a stunned and amused Drexel University audience. He invoked the name of Former President Jimmy Carter in support of his position.

Kucinich's comments drew fire from veteran political commentator Chris Matthews during a postmortem interview with Governor Bill Richardson. "This is shaping up to be a contest between the de-evolution party and the pro-UFO party," he said.

Former President Jimmy Carter, speaking candidly on a recent episode of The Skeptics' Guide To The Universe, flatly dismissed claims that in 1969 he witnessed an alien spacecraft. Though he did see a mysterious light in the sky, Carter described it as a UFO only because "it was unidentified, it was flying, and it was an object."

"I have never thought there were extra terrestrial beings on a ship from outer space," Carter explained. He went on to speculate that the light may have resulted from military testing at nearby Fort Benning. Carter also rejects a common rumor spread on UFO websites that George H. W. Bush, then director of the CIA, restricted his access to classified UFO documents.

Dr. Steven Novella, president of the New England Skeptical Society (NESS) and host of the "The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe" said, "UFO stories like these are almost always the result of mundane astronomical events." He went on to explain that Former President Carter may have witnessed the planet Venus under unusual atmospheric conditions.

A challenge issued by "The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe" for Congressman Kucinich to appear on the show to defend his views has gone unanswered as of this time.

Listen to the complete interview with President Carter free online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2wgj5s>

The Skeptics' Guide To The Universe is a weekly podcast with nearly 30,000 regular listeners. For more information, visit:

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Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

From: **Allan Sturm** <Allan.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 15:01:09 -0700
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 08:12:59 -0500
Subject: Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

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Let me know if you'd like to use some of these images on your site.

Keep up the good work!

Allan Sturm
Tucson, Arizona

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Re: Carter Bush & UFOs

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 06:54:12 -0600
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 08:14:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Carter Bush & UFOs

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>described it as a UFO only because "it was unidentified, it was
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After that, it doesn't really matter what he thought it was,
eh?

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
AVG Blog -- <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>
U F O M a g a z i n e -- www.ufomag.com

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The Flatwoods Monster Decoded

From: Loren Coleman <lcoleman.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 09:40:52 -0500
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:20:08 -0500
Subject: The Flatwoods Monster Decoded

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A peek at how academics are viewing "an ultimate postmodern novel/anti-novel, the Gray Barker archive: a hodge podge of correspondences, newsletters, sci-fi stories, photographs, alien seeds, amateur metaphysical musings, [and] folklore."

Lots of photos.

Investigate Further:

<http://www.cryptomundo.com/cryptozoo-news/fw-code/>

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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:10:44 -0000
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:22:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 12:59:20 EST
>Subject: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

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>witnessed or are curious regarding UFOs, but if it brings down
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Hi Greg

Did Carter ever say that he saw an alien spaceship? If he didn't
- and I don't recall reading that he did - he isn't really back-
peddling, is he? He says here that all he saw was literally an
unidentified flying object, he didn't know what it was. Hasn't
that always been his position?

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>exactly who said what when.

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>physical evidence or at a stretch a damned good reason why that
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As for the above, "Hallelujah!" But we've scarcely cleaned up
our lost lunch after the latest disgusting exhibition of
exploitative crud-mongering by Hoagland, and even as we speak
yet another batch of fatuous "lunar anomalies" is promoted in
another post on this List, invisible "hangars" and "mining
operations" as firmly grounded in reality as the Man in the Moon
but helpfully accompanied by line drawings "to help train your
eyes" so that you too can eventually make out the power plants
and space ports "I can so easily identify" in these blobs of
random shadow.

Meanwhile NASA and the entire international scientific community
continues to suppress The Truth about our spaceship moon, the
verdant paradise that is Mars, revolutionary forbidden physics
and bunkers full of crashed aliens.

What hope of sanity?

Against this background, what chance of a rational scientific
appraisal of eyewitness evidence of things seen in the sky?

Frankly it's asking a lot of the most benevolent sceptic.

Ignoring it all does maybe invite the risk of one day throwing out a real baby with these oceans of filthy bathwater. But a depressing history says it's a very tiny risk. Meanwhile a ufology that chooses to wallow in the same scum becomes increasingly its own worst enemy.

Martin Shough

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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 09:13:30 -0800
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:32:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 12:59:20 EST
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Greg, et al,

Having listened to the piece, it could easily be called "Jimmy
Carter 'Reconfirms' His UFO Sighting."

Carter certainly didn't "backpedal". Moreover the comments about
the UFO being something from the near-by base were made by
"others" in his company, and that was of course natural
speculation.

He did say, that he felt that we were not being visited by
ET.

He also said that he felt the government wasn't hiding any
documents, although admitted there could be some that haven't
been uncovered as of yet. Interestingly he speculated that there
might a repository for UFO reports not yet uncovered.

He also said that then head of the CIA Bush never denied him
anything in regards to Ufology, and further stated that this was
the first he had heard of that.

In the end President Carter just reiterated what he has said
all along, he saw a UFO!

Oh, I might add that he admitted using a psychic in an
official capacity - while President to locate... I believe a
missing plane, and the effort was successful!

Cheers ,

Frank

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Re: Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 12:50:49 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:38:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

>From: Allan Sturm <Allan.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 15:01:09 -0700
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<snip>

Hi Allan!

Finding order in disorder is a human quality. Simple geometric shapes such as straight lines, triangles and squares become apparent when we examine many detailed pictures of objects such as the Moon. Are these simple shapes we observe evidence of something artificial or the way our brain interprets lighting artifacts? I am not sure.

One physics colleague is very excited since he claims to have detected triangular shapes in clouds that he suspects are formed by invisible UFOs within them. Although his potentially very important findings have not yet been put to the test (eg. does he also find similar triangular shapes in fluffy balls of cotton?) or been independently verified by others, at least he is making an effort to try to understand those mysterious objects that are still being reported in our skies.

When I look at the Moon, I don't see the "Man on the Moon" but the clear cameo profile of Artemis or Diana, the goddess of the Moon that was evident to my Greek ancestors but is not at all obvious to my astronomy friends. Maybe my prior background and/or my artistic abilities plays a role in interpreting what I see.

From seismic and lunar soil data that we have collected so far, a scientific case can be made that the Moon is an artificial UFO or hollowed out world that is in circular orbit around the Earth. From the large quantity of different independent evidence available, some of it presented in in my friend's father's book 'Secrets of our Spaceship Moon', I believe that the case for an artificial Moon, or one that was or is occupied, is not only a strong one but possibly the only one based on all the facts we have. Maybe the Japanese, Chinese and Indian lunar probes will

soon be able to determine if our suspicions are right about the Moon.

Sometimes the best way to hide something, including the ET presence, is to place it out in the open. This may prove to be the case with "our mysterious spaceship Moon" (the name of an earlier book with this title by written by my friend's father, Don Wilson).

Nick Balaskas

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Complete Set Of Recent UFO Campaign Comments

From: **Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 18:21:09 +0100
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:46:32 -0500
Subject: Complete Set Of Recent UFO Campaign Comments

I have prepared the complete set of links so that it can be easy for you to forward it to others if they are also interested. The links will be up for the next 7 days. They are all converted to avi so it will be much easier for people to play instead of flv original format.

They are;

Carter on CNN about his UFO sightings short version

<http://download.yousendit.com/4850536F7B4A89A5>

Carter on CNN about his UFO sightings full version

http://www.uploading.com/files/LXU72REE/carter_cnn_full_clip.avi.html

Rudy Giuliani and Alien Attack version 1

<http://download.yousendit.com/73898490026A1ABD>

Rudy Giuliani and Alien Attack version 2

<http://download.yousendit.com/2122DB136257D7A6>

Rudy Giuliani and Alien Attack version 3

<http://www.uploading.com/files/IGWJ5EPO/giuliani3.avi.html>

Rudy Giuliani and Alien Attack version 4

<http://www.uploading.com/files/EU5ZDSWX/giuliani4.avi.html>

Mix of campaign UFO statements

<http://download.yousendit.com/DE370F11565E1700>

Dennis Kucinich version 1

<http://download.yousendit.com/FAD3A7E51B37BA10>

Dennis Kucinich version 2

<http://download.yousendit.com/DDAC699E56BF7389>

Obama

<http://download.yousendit.com/18AEE0AF19AB0AED>

Bill Richardson

<http://download.yousendit.com/F365B0F42EB071D1>

Older similar files;

Bill Richardson about Roswell on Sci-Fi

<http://download.yousendit.com/ADE532282D10FE0D>

John Podesta on National Press Club about Kecksburg Sci-Fi initiative

<http://download.yousendit.com/F9383888696B1056>

Mike Gravel

http://www.uploading.com/files/2NR4KE10/mike_gravel.avi.html

Best regards

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Close Encounters Event At National Press Club DC

From: Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 18:37:22 +0100
Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:56:40 -0500
Subject: Close Encounters Event At National Press Club DC

Dear Colleagues,

I have just received this news announcement from James Fox. Fox has also told me that he is involved with the new Larry King show this Thursday.

It is also officially available now on Leslie Kean's page:

http://www.freedomofinfo.org/media/PRESS_ADVISORY.pdf

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

News Advisory

For immediate release:

Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007

Contact: Leslie Kean 415 250 9791

UFO Close Encounters

The Reality as Seen by Former High Level Government and Military Officials

Pilots to Tell Their UFO Stories for the First Time

Group to call on US Government to Re-Open its Investigation

The American public is not alone when it comes to sighting what the US Air Force has labeled Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs).

So too have former governors, high level military and government officials, highly trained airplane pilots and aviation experts. The phenomenon is real. It happens worldwide. No one is sure about its nature. Experts from seven countries will divulge what they have discovered about UFOs at a November 12 panel discussion moderated by former Arizona Governor Fife Symington (R) at the National Press Club.

Just one year ago, pilots, mechanics and managers from United Airlines witnessed a metallic disc-shaped object hovering over the United Airlines Terminal at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. The clearly observed object shot straight up leaving a hole through the clouds. Despite the clear aviation safety issues involved, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) never investigated the incident and dismissed it as weather. This head-in-the-clouds refusal to investigate stands in sharp contrast to efforts by governments of other countries to understand these incidents.

I believe that our government should take an active role in investigating this very real phenomenon, said Symington, who was a witness to the famed Phoenix Lights incident seen by hundreds in Arizona while he was governor. This panel consists of some of the most qualified people in the world with direct experience in dealing with this issue, and they will bring incredible,

irrefutable evidence, some never presented before, that we simply cannot dismiss or ignore, he said.

The group, using previously classified documents, will discuss many well-documented cases, including two investigated by the US government. The first involves a Peruvian Air Force pilot who fired many rounds at a UFO which was not affected. The second was an Iranian Air Force pilot's attempt to fire at a UFO, but whose control panel became inoperable. This case is a classic that meets all the necessary conditions for a legitimate study of the UFO phenomenon, stated the US Defense Intelligence Agency document on the Tehran incident. Both pilots will come forward to speak about these events publicly for the first time.

Who: Fife Symington, Former Arizona Governor, Moderator

Ray Bowyer, Captain, Aurigny Air Services, Channel Islands

Rodrigo Bravo, Captain and Pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile

General Wilfried De Brouwer, former Deputy Chief of Staff, Belgian Air Force (Ret.)

John Callahan, Chief of Accidents and Investigations for the FAA, 1980s (Ret.)

Dr. Anthony Choy, founder, 2001, OIFAA, Peruvian Air Force

Jean-Claude Duboc, Captain, Air France (Ret.)

Charles I. Halt, Col. USAF (Ret.), Former Director, Inspections Directorate, DOD I.G.

General Parviz Jafari, Iranian Air Force (Ret.)

Jim Penniston, TSgt USAF (Ret.)

Dr. Claude Poher, Centre National d Etudes Spatiales, founder, French GEPAN

Nick Pope, Ministry of Defence, UK, 1985-2006

Dr. Jean-Claude Ribes, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France, 1963-98

Comandante Oscar Santa Maria, Peruvian Air Force (Ret.)

What: Former Arizona Governor Fife Symington will moderate a distinguished panel of former high-ranking government, aviation, and military officials from seven countries to discuss close encounters with what the US Air Force describes as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Representatives from France, England, Belgium, Chile, Peru, Iran and the US will call for the US Government to join in an international dialogue and re-open its investigation which the Air Force shut down over 30 years ago in cooperation with other governments currently dealing with this unusual and controversial phenomenon. While on active duty, the panelists have either witnessed a UFO incident or have conducted an official investigation into UFO cases relevant to aviation safety and national security.

When: Monday, November 12, 2007 11:00 AM

Where: National Press Club Ballroom

Event open to credentialed media and Congressional staff only

Contact: James Fox, documentary filmmaker; director of the acclaimed film Out Of The Blue:

jamescfox.nul

Leslie Kean, investigative journalist with the Coalition for Freedom of Information:

lkean.nul

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These are as lame as anything Hoagland has been pushing! Until one can identify artificial structures with the same confidence that I can in spotting the house down the road this is yet more wishful, squinty-eyed thinking.

A "Broken pipe"? Surely, you jest. And you seem to have missed the giant bear staring at the photographer in the "Survey Marker" image. Someone notify Stephen Colbert!

I'm sure Jesus is in there somewhere, also.

>Note that this technique works perfectly for topographical maps where
>the tip top of a mountain is white and the valleys below are black...
>think Google Earth. This doesn't work so great for an image like this
>one shown here, although it can help the viewer discern more shape
>and form from an image.

No, sorry, that won't do at all. You were correct with, "doesn't work so great for an image like this" and should have stopped there.

Brian

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Re-amped Australian UFO Research Network E-Mail

From: Diane Frola <auforn06.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:27:16 +1000
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 09:29:44 -0500
Subject: Re-amped Australian UFO Research Network E-Mail

Hi folks

We have Re-vamped the Australian UFO Research Network E-Mail Lists.

The old AUFORN E-Mail List has gone, unfortunately with 186 mails deleted by accident oops! Spring cleaning... sorry!

1. AUFORN E-Mail News Network List. (NEW)

Non-discussion List - membership to be approved.

To subscribe send an email request to this email.
[AUFORN News Network list-subscribe.nul](mailto:AUFORN_News_Network_list-subscribe.nul)

List Functions:

To post

- a. Australian UFO News stories
- b. World UFO Sightings
- c. Post UFO Public meeting times.

2. The AUFORN UFO Researchers List.

Australian only UFO researchers

Membership - by invitation.

You must be an active Australian UFO investigator or researcher to be invited.

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List Function:

For Australian UFO researchers to discuss UFO cases.

3. Australian UFO Sighting Reports List only. (NEW)

Discussion List - membership - to be approved.

To subscribe send an E-Mail request to:

AustralianUFOSightings-subscribe.nul

List Function:

To give access to up to date Australian UFO reports.

Warmest Regards

Diane Frola

National Director
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Re: Carter Bush & UFOs

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 15:11:57 -0500
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:12:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Carter Bush & UFOs

><http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/071105/0323735.html>

>Monday November 5

>Jimmy Carter: No Truth to UFO Rumors

<snip>

>Carter also rejects a common rumor spread on UFO
>websites that George H. W. Bush, then director of the CIA,
>restricted his access to classified UFO documents.

Wonder how Carter could know that.

Eleanor White

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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 08:33:37 +1000
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:17:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 09:13:30 -0800
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>Oh, I might add that he admitted using a psychic in an
>official capacity - while President to locate... I believe a
>missing plane, and the effort was successful!

Hi Frank,

This was mentioned by Joe McMoneagle in his book The Stargate Chronicles, which is about the U.S. Army/CIA etc remote viewing project. It was a Soviet plane missing in Zaire, a case that Carter first mentioned publicly in 1995. From McMoneagle's book:

"Given the square miles involved, and the difficulty of the terrain, it was difficult finding the aircraft even with the aid of overhead surveillance and photography. Search after search failed. It was brought to the Grill Flame project - an earlier name for the Stargate project - as a target.

This would be the perfect test. If no one else could find it, it would take some extraordinary means to locate the remains of the wreckage.

Mel, Ken, and I placed the aircraft in a specific area of Zaire, our three locations overlapping a thirteen-kilometre circle. A location given by one of the remote viewers at SRI - Stanford Research Institute - also put it within that circle. Search teams were sent into the area and the plane was located within a kilometre of the location given by the SRI remote viewer. All locations were within 8 kilometres of the crash site...

...This one case was publicly known to have reached at least a presidential level of interest. It also belies later CIA claims that remote viewing information was never used as standalone information, or used at national levels of intelligence importance."

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 18:44:12 EST
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:20:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 03 Nov 2007 14:25:33 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 16:55:55 -0500 (CDT)
>>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 2 Nov 2007 09:26:17 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>>>From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Wed, 31 Oct 2007 16:16:18 -0500 (CDT)
>>>>Subject: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

<snip>

Sorry the text of this paragraph in my posting yesterday got garbled with IFO and UFO trading places at one point. Here is the corrected paragraph text:

You apparently do not even grasp the issues involved here. The skeptics have a legitimate point here: They and the debunkers say that if 95% of all 'UFOs' (which I dispute right at the outset for including 'garbage-in' data, the NFOs or Insufficient Infos) 'turn out' to be supposedly IFOs then maybe there is no real difference between IFOs and UFOs, maybe the last remaining 5% UFOs will also 'turn out' to be IFOs eventually (like it's some kind of natural process of conversion). They say that the 5% Unknowns are actually "insufficient info" and that with "sufficient info" they will "turn into" IFOs - they get away with this because UFO researchers confuse the categories of insufficient info.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:31:28 -0500
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:31:28 -0500
Subject: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Bolivia's Mysterious Sajama Lines

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 14:16:18 -0500
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 09:35:49 -0500
Subject: Bolivia's Mysterious Sajama Lines

Source: Tercera Via - Espana and ForoPaleoSETI

http://webs.ono.com/terceravia2/lineas_sajama.html

Date: November 5, 2007

Bolivia: The Mysterious Sajama Lines

The earliest mentions of the Sajama Lines known in the west appear in a study conducted by Aime Felix Tscheffely around 1932. The area is located in the modern Sajama National Park in the Republic of Bolivia, commanding an expanse of several thousand square miles of the altiplano (although a greater extension is not discarded) where we can find an extensive network of lines and roads created as a result of arduous technical extraction, consisting in the removal of vegetation, oxidized rock and stones from the surface to leave the lighter soil exposed, normally having a brighter shade. Archaeologists have not yet been able to determine the approximate date that these geoglyphs were created.

Many of these lines reach lengths of 20 kilometers, although it is believed that some of them achieve even greater distances. They commonly go unnoticed at the surface level and are only perceptible from the hilltops, and on some occasions only from the air. Some of them are incredibly straight, in spite of the rough topography of the soil and the numerous natural obstacles. Their width ranges between one and three meters and on many occasions, a series of lines radiates or converges upon a common center, marking what some researchers believe were the sacred sites of the ancient dwellers of this land. It also happens that some of these lines have been used to connect modern communities and they traverse small "cities of the dead" known as chullpas or "burial towers"

The natives call these lines or roads "ceques" and up to now, researchers have tallied up 436 routes (the actual number is believed to be much greater) that go off in different directions. Some of them are currently "processional routes" having a great religious and ceremonial value in the region. Some theories posit that the lines have astrological significance, such as marking the position of the Sun as it rises or sets during the summer solstice or the equinoxes, or the position of the Pleyades when they first rise over the Andean sky. As we can see, it differs little from what archaeologists have said about similar locations, such as Nazca in Peru or Atacama in Chile, where religious motifs and agricultural needs are the reason for their existence.

Regardless of the reasons given by archaeologists for the existence of places like Sajama, the fact remains that no one has been able to develop a sufficiently reasonable hypothesis to explain the reason why a primitive culture in antiquity, and with a scarcity of means, devoted a considerable part of its resources in building these apparently meaningless lines, and that once again, the main goal of such an arduous task was to create a message aimed at the skies.

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Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:47:59 -0500
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Source: Hugh Phillips' TheHeavyStuff.Com - Marietta, Georgia, USA

<http://theheavystuff.com/?p=33>

Tuesday, November 6th, 2007

The O'Hare UFO Incident - One Year Later

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OR, you could believe the witnesses. Here' a link with a video to one of the NOW FAMOUS situations that arose when the FAA denied the existence of the event at all:

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case958.htm>

yes, this is one of the occasions within this year that CNN interviewed these witnesses (workers at the airport) in silhouette. Darkened, without showing their faces.

The Heavy Stuff asks you - in this world of supposed extreme terror and unbalance on nearly every level - have you seen anyone else interviewed in silhouette this year? Even once? The answer is no. Only this raises to the level of witness protection.

The lesson is this - folks who blow the cover of the government on UFO's can expect the need for witness protection. And, in this case why not. An object hovered in sight, in restricted airspace, over one of the busiest airports in the country. The obvious answer being one of two very unpleasant choices for the media to speculate about - either an advanced non human race or object was here - or - a group of humans here on Earth has access to technology our government doesn't admit to having.

No wonder that the media felt the witnesses needed protection - either of the outcomes outlined above - which, if enunciated by the media in detail - would change the world perspective about 'who's in control'. But, alas, we all didn't have to worry at all. Instead, The O'Hare UFO Incident will go down as the new textbook way the government will deal with these 'obvious'

incidents. The answer; deny the event happened. End of story.

One can hope that perhaps tomorrow, on the anniversary, that the rumored video of the event will surface and shut up the naysayers. But, The Heavy Stuff doubts it. More likely there will be no coverage by the media, even CNN (after all, Britney may be flashing her panties again and that is indeed news to be covered). More likely, the paranormal talk shows and websites will be alone in their 'coverage'.

Finally, earlier this year THS (The Heavy Stuff) speculated that it would take another 'obvious' UFO event before the media ventured into the arena again. Indeed, THS, speculates that only a live UFO event will force a change in the government nay-saying position. THS has speculated that a UFO hovering over a NASCAR event or anywhere long enough to be on live national news is the only chance for an honest answer from the government about UFOs.

The question - would the news-producer who decided to put the coverage on live be provided witness protection?

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Possible Guests On Larry King Show Friday

From: **Giuliano 'Jimmy' Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 16:17:50 +0100
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 10:58:30 -0500
Subject: Possible Guests On Larry King Show Friday

Dear Colleagues,

I have just received this from Aaron Clark of ARUFON.

Below the list of possible guests in this week's Larry King Show. He received the list from CNN's Public Information Staff.

From: arufon.nul
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2007 3:51 PM
To: xxxxxx
Subject: [arufon] Larry King show and Press Conference

Here's a list of possible guests on Larry King on Friday. I guess there's also a press conference being held on Monday!

~Aaron

UFOs
On Monday, November 12, filmmaker James Fox is holding a large press conference in Washington, D.C. with former FAA officials, government officials, military officials pilots from all over the world will discuss their experiences with UFOs.

James Fox
UFO documentary filmmaker, Out Of The Blue: The Definitive Investigation Of The UFO Phenomenon.

Lt. Col Charles Halt USAF
Bentwaters/Woodbridge Case: He was Deputy Base Commander at the time. Halt witnessed several UFOs shooting beams of light into a sensitive weapons storage area at an American airbase in Suffolk, England in December 1980.

Sergeant Jim Penniston USAF
Bentwaters/Woodbridge Case: Penniston examined a landed UFO with 3 other airmen at a military base in England, December, 1980.

Nick Pope
Official for the UK's Ministry of Defense from 1985 to 2006. From 1991 to 1994, he ran the Government's UFO Project, based at the Ministry of Defense.

John Callahan
Former Division Chief of the Accidents and Investigations Branch of the FAA, Washington DC

Fife Symington
Former Republican Governor of Arizona

Jacques Patenet
Group for Study and Information on Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena, which is the French space agency's (CNES - Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales) UFO investigative team.

James McGaha
Astronomer Retired US Air Force Pilot

Thanks for your interest and keep your browser pointed to
<http://cnn.com/>

Sincerely,

CNN Public Information Staff - kepi

Best regards to everyone

Giuliano Marinkovic

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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:44:13 -0800
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 11:00:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>Source: CNN - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

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Are we going to see some physical proof or crystal clear vids
and pics or is this going to be another bunch of official guys
telling stories again while Larry King blurts out questions in
the middle of the panelists answers to the previous blurted out
question that was blurted out whilst in the middle of a previous
answer to a blurted out question?

Wasn't there some other big National Press Club thingie this
week and last week that didn't even make the Frostbite Falls
Gazette?

Next thing you know the National Press Club will have people
selling crystals and spirit rocks and t-shirts with aliens on
them.

Best,

Greg
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Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:47:08 -0800
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 11:01:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:10:44 -0000
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 5 Nov 2007 12:59:20 EST
>>Subject: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>><http://biz.yahoo.com/iw/071105/0323735.html>

>>It's amazing that it took all this time for Carter to back
>>peddle.

>>I guess when it's politically advantageous it's okay to say you
>>witnessed or are curious regarding UFOs, but if it brings down
>>the stats, we get the back peddling and nullifying.

>>Another urban legend bites the dust along with the Buzz Aldrin
>>story, and several others.

>Did Carter ever say that he saw an alien spaceship? If he didn't
>- and I don't recall reading that he did - he isn't really back-
>peddling, is he?

No, and I don't recall my saying he did.

Best,

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I can't resist! The Devil's got the prankster in me goin'.

Here's the way I see this next Larry King interview going.

Larry King: Tonight we look at UFOs with our panelist of experts
Mr. A, Mr. B, and for counterpoint Mr. C.

LK: Mr. A, you worked for the government and you say UFOs are
real and of importance, how so?

Mr. A: Well Larry, I was stationed at the..

LK: WHY ARE THEY HERE?!!

Mr. A: Uh, well I was going to

LK: Mr. B, you too saw a flying saucer and aliens from outer
space. Can you tell us your experiences?

Mr. B: I got my degree at Whassamatta U. in Frostbite Falls
and..

LK: WHAT DO THE ALIENS WANT?!!

Mr. B: W-why, I don't think we've established first that...

LK: Mr. C! You don't believe in UFOs and aliens and you have a
new book and DVD out on Amazon. Why don't you believe in all
this?

Mr. C: Larry, in all the years I've..

LK: YOU DON'T BELIEVE!

Mr. C: D-uh, I... I was hoping...

LK: We've got to go to a commercial from our sponsors the oil
companies and pharmaceutical companies and the psychiatric
lobbyists!

I think I'll wait for the transcripts or the Google video of
this. Any of you chaps brave enough to confront a Larry King
interview my hat's off to you.

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Yes, a year later, no pics, no vids.

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The Headlights' device.

Works every time.

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We are coming up on the 20th anniversary of an equally
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<http://brumac.8k.com/JAL1628/JL1628.html>

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>peddle... we get back-peddalling and nullifying.
>Another urban legend bites the dust."

He originally reported as a UFO a light he couldn't identify. He stated publicly that he saw a light he couldn't identify and called it a UFO. Today he still maintains that he saw a light he couldn't identify and calls it a UFO.

>Just the facts ma'am.

Quite.

Martin Shough

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From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 12:51:44 -0500
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 22:51:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:44:13 -0800
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>>Source: CNN - Atlanta, Georgia, USA

>><http://www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/larry.king.live/>

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Recent Canadian UFO Reports

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 12:19:34 -0600 (CST)
Archived: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 22:54:47 -0500
Subject: Recent Canadian UFO Reports

The following ten reports were sent to Ufology Research during the past few weeks.

September 10, 2007
Cartier, MB
2:00 am

"Something that seemed like a UFO" was seen by a witness. She saw "three very bright/shining lights, barely floating on the sky." She woke her husband and they both witnessed the UFO.

September 14, 2007
St-Anaclet, PQ
10:30 pm

Three witnesses noticed a strange light descending towards them from the north, above the treeline. It appeared to be a round orange light, with a trail of smoke coming from its trailing side. It stopped in mid-flight, remained motionless for about 30 seconds, then "turned" from its original path and flew away out of sight. The sky was overcast at the time and a strong wind was blowing until the object appeared, then "all went silent." When the object "turned away," it looked "like a car turning with its lights in the fog." The duration of the observation was 90 seconds. Investigated by the RCMP.

September 30, 2007
God's River, MB
2:00 am

A "bright flashing light in the sky" was seen by two witnesses in a car. The object "was shaped like a bowl" and frightened the witnesses who drove faster to get away from the object. No further details available.

October 6, 2007
Winnipeg, MB
5:00 am

A light described as being "like a satellite" was seen by a witness.

October 16, 2007
Winnipeg, MB
5:00 am

A light described as being "like a satellite" was seen by a witness.

October 18, 2007
Sandy Bay, MB

2:00 am

Lights were seen to be hovering over Lake Manitoba. The witness reporting the sighting was certain the lights were not stars.

October 19, 2007

The Pas, MB

9:00 pm

A witness observed a fast-moving formation of triangular, green, wing-shaped objects moving eastward across the sky at high speed. "It was similar to a "V" formation of birds, but without the 'apex' V." There were three objects per side, each looking like green boomerangs. There was no noise or flashing lights. The witnesses said the formation traveled from directly overhead to the horizon in less than one second: "extremely fast." Her husband, walking beside her, did not see the objects because he had not been looking in that direction.

Rough diagram of formation:

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v          v
 v          v
  v        v
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October 24, 2007

Pine Creek, MB

8:30 pm

A report from Winnipeg Airport reported that witnesses observed a "bright, lemon-yellow object the size of a house, with a green tail one mile long." It was seen by both a pilot in an aircraft and a person on the ground. It was streaking downward at a high rate of speed, and when it hit the ground, a witness reported seeing an explosion, and an orange glow remained in the trees. It was said to have fallen "in the southwest." In addition, there are unconfirmed reports from Fisher Branch, MB, far to the east. Checking with the planetarium, we learned that several people in Winnipeg saw a green fireball last night, too, and all described it as falling directly downward, and directly in the west. From the rudimentary triangulation, the fireball must have been very high up and likely fell to Earth over Riding Mountain or even farther west into Saskatchewan.

October 31, 2007

Winnipeg, MB

9:15 pm

A witness was facing north, looking at stars and constellations, when he noticed a relatively faint grouping of four starlike objects moving through the sky. Each object was a "dull, reddish colour," and they moved together, but each one also moved randomly. He likened the appearance to that of "four fireflies in a bottle" with the bottle itself moving through the sky, but invisible to the eye. The objects covered 90 degrees of sky in about seven seconds, then were lost to sight. Reported to DND.

November 2, 2007

Winnipeg, MB

5:30 pm

A witness reported: "I was driving down the road and in the sky (looking west), I saw a super bright white light that was just suspended up there... it floated around for a few seconds and then it just vanished... very odd." Sky conditions were reported as dark, cloudy and the light was "very bright."

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DC UFOs

From: Will Allen <UFOdc.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 14:15:41 EST
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:17:37 -0500
Subject: DC UFOs

<<http://www.avid.com/exchange/files/20/corpidustrial/default.aspx>><http://www.avid.com/exchange/file>

Close Encounter @ The US Capitol

On July 26, 1952 and on July 16, 2002, UFOs visited the US Capitol Building, however this time they were captured in HD. On July 4th and 16th of 2002, I captured on film an incursion on restricted airspace P-51 by unknown anomalies (UFOs).

These images are scientifically and forensically authenticated, and are the result of my film lab of which I invented.

To stand beneath a stationary UFO and take an extended duration image was spectacular to say the least. To experience and photograph this event is within itself truly remarkable, however to have these events repeat on film 2 additional times in the year 2002, is like winning the Lottery 3 times in one year!

The images and the color texture applications maintained the unusual luminosity of the source, making these colors and textures unlike anything currently used on Earth.

<http://www.UFOdc.com>

is the only company on Earth with this US Copyright/Patent Registered Materials.

Original footage rendered 1024 x 751, and this internet transfer does not represent the true quality of this extraordinary forensic sample of UFO incursions in Restricted Airspace P-51 Washington DC.

For the full detailed analysis, please go to:

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for HD analysis or to

<http://www.UFOdc.livedigital.com>

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Larry King Live - 11/9/07 - UFOs/Disclosure

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Wed, 07 Nov 2007 15:14:48 -0500
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:19:35 -0500
Subject: Larry King Live - 11/9/07 - UFOs/Disclosure

PRG
Paradigm Research Group

Media Notice - 11/7/07

Washington, DC - The full hour of Larry King Live on Friday, November 9 will be devoted to UFO/ET phenomena. There will be a number of government witnesses of rank and station. The program airs at 9 pm EST and is usually repeated later in the evening.

See: www.cnn.com/CNN/Programs/larry.king.live

James Fox, the producer along with Tim Coleman, of "Out of the Blue" - the best documentary on the subject of UFOs and government posture created to date - brought the program together.

See: www.outofthebluethemovie.com

This program is very significant due to its content and the timing concordant with the controversy developing around what current presidential candidates are saying about the subject matter.

PRG very strongly suggests that reporters, editors and publishers watch this program in order to better understand the most profound news story in history now close to reaching critical mass. They must decide once and for all whether to engage this issue.

For those who are not in the media: watch the show, tape it, and get portions up on video archive sites ASAP. Contact your local papers and representatives in Congress and suggest they watch the program. Spread the word to your contact lists, blog sites, Face Book, My space, etc. There is a storm coming, and in the eye of this storm is Disclosure.

Also, the Larry King Live program is prelude to an equally important press conference - also assembled by James Fox - scheduled for 11 am, Monday, November 12 at the National Press Club. More government witnesses of rank and station will be presented at that time.

See: www.freedomofinfo.org/media/PRESS_ADVISORY.pdf

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Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat

From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:33:56 -0800
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:23:30 -0500
Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat

----- Original Message -----

From: Lan Lamphere
To: patriot.nul
Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2007 2:20 PM
Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat Today!

Don Ecker returns with a new program on Lunar Transient Phenomena (LTP). Some people refer to it as 'Fastwalkers' which is term that our friend Mr. Don Ecker coined in 1997. His guest in this very special episode of Dark Matters Radio is Mr. Bob Kiviat. The program beings with the JFK Assassination but quickly moves into the realm of the unexplained and un-researched phenomena of Lunar Anomalies, lunar flashes of light, transient vehicles crossing the surface of the lunar surface.

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Key To False Memories Uncovered

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 01:39:42 -0000
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 14:28:17 -0500
Subject: Key To False Memories Uncovered

Source: Duke University

<http://www.physorg.com/news113671556.html>

Duke University Medical Center neuroscientists say the places a memory is processed in the brain may determine how someone can be absolutely certain of a past event that never occurred.

These findings could help physicians better appreciate the memory changes that accompany normal aging or even lead to tools for the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, according to Duke neuroscientist Roberto Cabeza, Ph.D.

Information retrieved from memory is simultaneously processed in two specific regions of the brain, each of which focuses on a different aspect of an past event. The medial temporal lobe (MTL), located at the base of the brain, focuses on specific facts about the event. The frontal parietal network (FPN), located at the top of the brain, is more likely to process the global gist of the event.

The specific brain area accessed when one tries to remember something can ultimately determine whether or not we think the memory is true or false, the researchers found.

"Human memory is not like computer memory -- it isn't completely right all the time," said Cabeza, senior author of a paper appearing in the Journal of Neuroscience. "There are many occasions when people feel strongly about past events, even though they might not have occurred."

Cabeza wanted to understand why someone could have such strong feelings of confidence about false memories. In his experiments, he scanned the brains of healthy volunteers with functional MRI as they took well-established tests of memory and false memory. Functional MRI is an imaging technique that shows what areas of the brain are used during specific mental tasks.

During the brain scans, Cabeza found that volunteers who were highly confident in memories that were indeed true showed increased activity in the fact-oriented MTL region.

"This would make sense, because the MTL, with its wealth of specific details, would make the memory seem more vivid," Cabeza said. "For example, thinking about your breakfast this morning, you remember what you had, the taste of the food, the people you were with. The added richness of these details makes one more confident about the memory's truth."

On the other hand, volunteers who showed high confidence in memories that turned out to be false exhibited increased activity in the impressionistic FPN. The people drawing from this area of the brain recalled the gist or general idea of the event, and while they felt confident about their memories, they were often mistaken, since they could not recall the details of the memory.

These findings, coupled with the findings of other studies, can

help explain what happens to the human brain as it ages, Cabeza said.

"Specific memories don't last forever, but what ends up lasting are not specific details, but more general or global impressions," Cabeza said. "Past studies have shown that as normal brains age, they tend to lose the ability to recollect specifics faster than they lose the ability recall impressions. However, patients with Alzheimer's disease tend to lose both types of memories equally, which may prove to be a tool for early diagnosis."

Cabeza's colleague for this research was Hongkeun Kim at Daegu University in South Korea. The research was supported by the National Institutes of Health and Daegu University.

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Dale Ulmer <dale200499.nul>
Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 20:43:54 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:08:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

I sent a question in for his guests:

"Now that Fife Symington has come forward and revealed he indeed saw the Phoenix Lights and he believed it was not of this earth, do you see this as a door opened for other officials to encourage disclosure on UFOs?"

Dale Ulmer

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From: William Sawers <ufsyntax.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:10:54 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Steve

Hi Steve, Greg, List,

I agree, being in Aust it's difficult to see many of the
programs shown in the USA or Europe so I guess it's easy to
become cynical with many of the shows and hosts. I accept the

pranksterism implied but I'll look forward to seeing the Larry King program and I won't be making any prior judgements, the same as I would watch Stanton, Jerry, Richard, Kevin or Ed present their case. I may not agree with all but we are all in this together and to get too worked up in cynicism maybe a bit too premature.

Regards

William

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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 00:45:37 -0800
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:12:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:12:16 -0000
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:47:08 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:10:44 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>>Did Carter ever say that he saw an alien spaceship? If he didn't
>>>- and I don't recall reading that he did - he isn't really back-
>>>peddling, is he?

>>No, and I don't recall my saying he did.

>You don't recall saying that Carter was back-peddalling on his
>original report of a UFO? Then I suggest you need better
>recollection:

No, I don't recall saying he said he saw an alien spaceship.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 08:27:29 -0500
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:14:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 18:44:12 EST
>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

<snip>

>Sorry the text of this paragraph in my posting yesterday got
>garbled with IFO and UFO trading places at one point. Here is
>the corrected paragraph text:

>You apparently do not even grasp the issues involved here. The
>skeptics have a legitimate point here: They and the debunkers
>say that if 95% of all 'UFOs' (which I dispute right at the
>outset for including 'garbage-in' data, the NFOs or
>Insufficient Infos) 'turn out' to be supposedly IFOs then maybe
>there is no real difference between IFOs and UFOs, maybe the
>last remaining 5% UFOs will also 'turn out' to be IFOs
>eventually (like it's some kind of natural process of
>conversion). They say that the 5% Unknowns are actually
>"insufficient info" and that with "sufficient info" they will
>"turn into" IFOs - they get away with this because UFO
>researchers confuse the categories of insufficient info.

This argument about percentages misses another important point:
the real question is, is there one case that cannot be
explained. Klass had it right: if your time is limited (and
whose time isn't limited?) investigate the best cases.

Where Klass got it wrong was in his "prosaic explanations," many
of which violated physics or contradicted the available credible
information. Whether or not he actually believed that his
explanations were correct, the fact is that had the "desired"
effect of putting a damper on the UFO/TRUFO/AFC evidence and
taking attention away from the really good cases, such as the
one described below.

Consider, for example, his explanation of the Val Johnson police
car damage case of Aug. 1980.

Johnson, while driving in a rural area, saw a bright light which
suddenly moved rapidly toward his police car and caused him to
skid and stop violently and bump his head. It knocked him out
temporarily. When he regained consciousness he called the
police department for help. The responding officers found
several types of damage to the car, including broken lights (as
if smashed with a hammer) and bent antennas and his car clock
and wristwatch were both 15 minutes slow, although he had
checked the clock before he went on duty. (More on this in my
"Prosaic Explanation" paper in UFO Magazine and at
<http://brumac.8k.com>)

In his book "UFOs: The Public Deceived" (aptly titled because he
deceived the public) Klass says that either the damage was
caused by malicious ufonauts or else it was a sort of
practical joke (hoax)...there is no other possible explanation!

He got the idea that it might just have been a "practical joke"
from his "investigation" that included

talking to another officer at the police department where Johnson worked. That officer said Johnson might do a practical joke like "hiding your coffee cup."

Wow! Some compArison: he might hide a guys coffee cup as evidence that Johnson damaged his police car (felony, anyone?)!!! There is no comparison!!

I reiterate: no other possible explanation.

The joke/hoax argument makes no sense and no one (except Klass and his skeptical followers) ever believed that Johnson damaged his car. (I don't know that Klass actually believed that Johnson damaged his car, in fact, based on the way he wrote about it in his book I think he may have "secretly" disbelieved his own "explanation.") Johnson was never charged or even reprimanded by his police chief.

(There was also a strange physical effect regarding the bent radio antennas:

the "bug tar" all spead over the leading edge surface of each stiff wire antenna was uniform, so apparently no one grabbed the antenna and bent it by "normal" force. Hence the bent antennas were not caused by Johnson grabbing them and forcing them to bend.)

So, one is left with a choice: accept the hoax explanation with exactly no evidence that it was a hoax, or accept some version of Klass' ET alternative .

This case was buried inside Klass' book so I guess it was hardly noticed by believers and skeptics, but, IHMO, in this case study Klass proved that at least one UFO was some unearthly phenomenon.

And remember, Ufologists don't need 20% or 10% or even 1% of the sightings to be unexplainable; all they need is one to change the world.

Skeptics have to be correct all the time.

Ufologists only have to be correct once!

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New research On Visible Environmental Effects Of

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 09:16:10 -0500
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:16:03 -0500
Subject: New research On Visible Environmental Effects Of

During the last few months, I've looked at photographic evidence suggesting that UFOs affect the environment in ways that we can detect. Four on-line reports document the results of this work, and some speculative hypotheses are offered in order to try to understand what was observed. My purpose is to alert the ufo research community that there may be an unexploited source of data available to us. Also, if my interpretations are valid, the data suggest that alien activity in the sky is greater than we might think, and it may not be obvious to us.

Please go to the following urls to see the reports. I'm not sure how display resolution affects what you will see. I use a resolution of 1600x1200 and 32 bits/pixel.

A novel property of UFOs from photographic evidence

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/tori.htm>

Photograph of a camouflaged UFO

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tricloud/tricloud.htm>

More evidence that clouds camouflage UFOs

<http://www.treurniet.ca/trianchor/trianchor.htm>

Triangles in the sky

<http://www.treurniet.ca/trishadows/trishadows.htm>

Your comments would be appreciated.

Best regards,

William Treurniet

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From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 12:22:26 -0500
Archived: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 17:18:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 12:51:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:44:13 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Me neither. As the Hoagland thing shows, pretty much anyone can
hold a promotional "press conference" at the NPC, so its just
that much less of a big deal.

>The fact that a former Governor is heading up the Panel, ...

That would presume that all former Governors are a) people I
should trust; and b) relatively sane individuals. I'm not
particularly confident that either of those two criteria will
always be met.

I'm speaking generally here, and this should not be taken as a
slur against Mr Symington himself.

>... and that a number of speakers have come from overseas, seems to
>indicate that this might be interesting.

The world is full of cranks. Perhaps surprisingly, the US
doesn't have a monopoly on misguided or just plain crazy people
with an agenda. The fact that people would be willing to fly
over is, in itself, not a sound reason for attaching any greater
credibility to this.

Again, I'm speaking generally.

That said, I've seen the early version of "Out of the Blue" and
I was quite impressed. I'm looking forward to seeing video of
the presentation (and the final version of the film).

Brian

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Re: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 14:23:01 -0600
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:31:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
>To: <Undisclosed-Recipient:;>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:33:56 -0800
>Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat

>----- Original Message -----

>From: Lan Lamphere
>To: patriot.nul
>Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2007 2:20 PM
>Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat Today!

>Don Ecker returns with a new program on Lunar Transient
>Phenomena (LTP). Some people refer to it as 'Fastwalkers' which
>is term that our friend Mr. Don Ecker coined in 1997.

<snip>

"Fastwalker: in the jargon of scientific intelligence, a source of electromagnetic radiation moving at high speed in the outer layers of the atmosphere, which triggers the sensors of spy satellites."

Vallee's "Fastwalker" (1996)

So NORAD consults Mr. Ecker on the matter of codenames?

alienview.nul
www.AlienView.net
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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 22:32:14 -0000
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:34:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 00:45:37 -0800
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:12:16 -0000
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>>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:10:44 -0000
>>>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>>>Did Carter ever say that he saw an alien spaceship? If he didn't
>>>>- and I don't recall reading that he did - he isn't really
>>>>back-peddling, is he?

>>>>No, and I don't recall my saying he did.

>>>>You don't recall saying that Carter was back-peddling on his
>>>>original report of a UFO? Then I suggest you need better
>>>>recollection:

>>>>No, I don't recall saying he said he saw an alien spaceship.

Then we agree, he hasn't really back-peddled on his earlier
report of sighting a UFO.

Martin

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Re: Key To False Memories Uncovered

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 18:35:51 -0500
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:36:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Key To False Memories Uncovered

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 01:39:42 -0000
>Subject: Key To False Memories Uncovered

>Source: Duke University

><http://www.physorg.com/news113671556.html>

>Duke University Medical Center neuroscientists say the places a
>memory is processed in the brain may determine how someone can
>be absolutely certain of a past event that never occurred.

>These findings could help physicians better appreciate the
>memory changes that accompany normal aging or even lead to tools
>for the early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease, according to
>Duke neuroscientist Roberto Cabeza, Ph.D.

>Information retrieved from memory is simultaneously processed in
>two specific regions of the brain, each of which focuses on a
>different aspect of an past event. The medial temporal lobe
>(MTL), located at the base of the brain, focuses on specific
>facts about the event. The frontal parietal network (FPN),
>located at the top of the brain, is more likely to process the
>global gist of the event.

>The specific brain area accessed when one tries to remember
>something can ultimately determine whether or not we think the
>memory is true or false, the researchers found.

>"Human memory is not like computer memory -- it isn't completely
>right all the time," said Cabeza, senior author of a paper
>appearing in the Journal of Neuroscience. "There are many
>occasions when people feel strongly about past events, even
>though they might not have occurred."

>Cabeza wanted to understand why someone could have such strong
>feelings of confidence about false memories. In his experiments,
>he scanned the brains of healthy volunteers with functional MRI
>as they took well-established tests of memory and false memory.
>Functional MRI is an imaging technique that shows what areas of
>the brain are used during specific mental tasks.

>During the brain scans, Cabeza found that volunteers who were
>highly confident in memories that were indeed true showed
>increased activity in the fact-oriented MTL region.

>"This would make sense, because the MTL, with its wealth of
>specific details, would make the memory seem more vivid," Cabeza
>said. "For example, thinking about your breakfast this morning,
>you remember what you had, the taste of the food, the people you
>were with. The added richness of these details makes one more
>confident about the memory's truth."

>On the other hand, volunteers who showed high confidence in
>memories that turned out to be false exhibited increased
>activity in the impressionistic FPN. The people drawing from
>this area of the brain recalled the gist or general idea of the
>event, and while they felt confident about their memories, they

>were often mistaken, since they could not recall the details of
>the memory.

>These findings, coupled with the findings of other studies, can
>help explain what happens to the human brain as it ages, Cabeza
>said.

>"Specific memories don't last forever, but what ends up lasting
>are not specific details, but more general or global
>impressions," Cabeza said. "Past studies have shown that as
>normal brains age, they tend to lose the ability to recollect
>specifics faster than they lose the ability recall impressions.
>However, patients with Alzheimer's disease tend to lose both
>types of memories equally, which may prove to be a tool for
>early diagnosis."

>Cabeza's colleague for this research was Hongkeun Kim at Daegu
>University in South Korea. The research was supported by the
>National Institutes of Health
>and Daegu University.

Hi Cathy,

Glad to see that you are still on board, and this is a
fascinating study. Especially to me as I am an aging human brain
(I will be 77 in December).

I would simply point out that there are other human factors that
must be considered. For example, if someone asks me to report on
events that happened a long time ago, the first thing I do is
look for documents or records to enhance my memory. I am a
trained and experienced documentarian and always try to get the
facts straight.

Also, I am inclined to say that I seem to recall so and so, but
I am well aware that memories easily can be telescoped over time
and, particularly, gotten in the wrong chronological order. So I
qualify my comments. The point being that the sophistication and
experience of the reporter must be taken into account.

I have seen a lot of evidence (both as a UFO investiagtor and as
a history researcher and author) that often people get the facts
right insofar as they perceive them, but also tend to mix in
false memories or unreliable estimates. Hence it is important to
try to distinguish between honest and conscientious reporters,
and those who by their past record may be less trustworthy or
less sophisticated in their judgments.

To me, one of the potemntial fallacies in this kind of study is
the hidden assumption that all human beings are created equal in
this regard.

Dick

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>that much less of a big deal.

[snip]

Brian, Greg, William and everyone else,

I just want to say that I have little hope for the Larry King
show's impact, but I would hope that the Monday Press Briefing
is more interesting.

It should also be noted that while Paradigm Research has put
out two press releases on the Larry King show and the Monday
Press Briefing, to my knowledge they have no involvement in
either event.

Leslie Kean of the Citizens for Freedom of Information (CFI) and
James Fox have worked hard on this and I believe they're
honestly fighting the good fight. The list of witnesses is
different than we've seen before, and perhaps it will be of some
interest to the Press.

Steve

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Mysterious Sky - Soviet UFO Phenomenon

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 01:00:49 +0000
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:45:05 -0500
Subject: Mysterious Sky - Soviet UFO Phenomenon

Mysterious Sky, Soviet Ufo Phenomenon
Book Review
By Kathy Kasten

Mysterious Sky, Soviet UFO Phenomenon
by Philip Mantle and Paul Stonehill
Published by PublishAmerica, Baltimore
ISBN: 1-4241-05498

There are many people interested in the UFO phenomena who have never had access to Soviet case reports. The authors of this book attempt to close the gap in Western knowledge of the extensive collection of Soviet case reports. Along with those reports, the reader is introduced to the personalities - past and present - involved in the research (whether official or not).

The book is divided into chapters discussing the phenomena by regional sections of the Soviet Union. I had wished that I had a detailed map of the Soviet Union hanging next to me as I read the book. Not only are famous, infamous and rare cases provided, but a short history of the region gives the reports what could be called a Russian flavor. The authors include - where appropriate - the name of the tribe that settled the region and their folklore. Much of the folklore involves strange lights, strange creatures and just plain strange phenomena. The text is spiced with Russian words. One of my favorites was the term "taiga". At one point the word is used to describe the area of the Tunguska explosion. Taiga implies a tangled, almost impenetrable undergrowth of trees and brush. Sometimes the area contains a watery marsh area.

The chapter I found the most interesting involved CIA documents. The authors provide some of the CIA documents that were evaluated by that agency trying to determine whether the Soviets were the source of "flying disks". There was well founded concern because the Soviets, after World War II, had marched triumphantly into Prague and Breslau. The Soviets had immediately seized the German engineering archives containing the plans of successfully flown "flying saucers". Along with the plans, the Soviets captured German engineering personnel. Everything was transferred under heavy guard back to the Soviet Union. Another coup for the Soviets was the Berlin designer of the Stuka JU-87 dive bomber defected after the war. The designer later developed the MIG13 and 15 aircraft for the Soviet Union. The outcome of the American's CIA analysis turned out to be circular as many of the confiscated Soviet documents showed the Russians wondering whether the Western Alliance was a source of the UFO phenomena.

The book is dense with information. The authors attempted to cram as much information as possible into their book. If I were start listing much more of the information they cover, I would not do it justice. For example, they have put forth some interesting ideas as to why UFOs are attached to specific places. In their chapter called Strange Places and Anomalous Zones, after briefly describing an area called Monchegorsk and the report of a geological expedition searching for the cause of an anomalous effect, the authors report that the expedition

discovered a group of facilities. Secret facilities. The authors state:

"The ecology of the areas was polluted to such an extent, that geological reports were classified until the 1990s."

The authors then ask a couple of questions:

"Could it be that UFOs are attracted to the areas of most dangerous pollution: Chernobyl, Monchegorsk, and nuclear power plants? Or do such facilities produce phenomena that become labeled as UFOs?"

They end this section of anomalous zones by stating that the former USSR has more anomalous zones than any other country in the world. However: "It is quite probably that modern day experiments have caused ecological disasters in such areas but this excuse cannot of course be used for all such anomalous episodes reported down the centuries. It is quite clear that in such zones we not only have reports of UFOs, but of reports of missing time, phantom people and places, and even reports of creatures thought to be long extinct."

If there have been American/Western researchers writing about ecological disasters as a possible source or cause of UFO phenomena, I am not aware of it. It is my opinion that this book opens discussions of the phenomena in new directions. This opinion is reinforced by the same suggestion made by the authors throughout their book. It is their reason for writing Mysterious Sky. To encourage the reader to pursue further research into some of the really intriguing cases they put forward. Especially, towards eliminating the role of Soviet secret research facilities, secret towns and secret military bases play in the phenomena. Thereby, shining a light on possible extraterrestrial source of the phenomena.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:47:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Dale Ulmer <dale200499.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 20:43:54 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>I sent a question in for his guests:

>"Now that Fife Symington has come forward and revealed he indeed
>saw the Phoenix Lights and he believed it was not of this earth,
>do you see this as a door opened for other officials to
>encourage disclosure on UFOs?"

The term "Phoenix Lights" has become a common reference to all the phenomena seen that night (March 13, 1997). However, the 'lights' which are generally referred to by the media were 60-80 miles southwest of Phoenix and seen by only 3 people who videotaped them at about 10 PM.

Of more importance was the triangle UFO that flew right over Phoenix at about 8:30 PM This is what Symington saw.

I have been informed that the view southwestward from his house where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

People did report lights on the triangle, by the way.

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From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 22:34:38 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:53:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 08:27:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 18:44:12 EST
>>Subject: Re: Percentage Of UFOs That Are Unknowns?

>>...
>>You apparently do not even grasp the issues involved here. The
>>skeptics have a legitimate point here: They and the debunkers
>>say that if 95% of all 'UFOs' (which I dispute right at the
>>outset for including 'garbage-in' data, the NFOs or
>>Insufficient Infos) 'turn out' to be supposedly IFOs then maybe
>>there is no real difference between IFOs and UFOs, maybe the
>>last remaining 5% UFOs will also 'turn out' to be IFOs
>>eventually (like it's some kind of natural process of
>>conversion). They say that the 5% Unknowns are actually
>>"insufficient info" and that with "sufficient info" they will
>>"turn into" IFOs - they get away with this because UFO
>>researchers confuse the categories of insufficient info.

>This argument about percentages misses another important point:
>the real question is, is there one case that cannot be
>explained. Klass had it right: if your time is limited (and
>whose time isn't limited?) investigate the best cases.

>Where Klass got it wrong was in his "prosaic explanations," many
>of which violated physics or contradicted the available credible
>information. Whether or not he actually believed that his
>explanations were correct, the fact is that had the "desired"
>effect of putting a damper on the UFO/TRUFO/AFC evidence and
>taking attention away from the really good cases, such as the
>one described below.

>Consider, for example, his explanation of the Val Johnson police
>car damage case of Aug. 1980.

>Johnson, while driving in a rural area, saw a bright light which
>suddenly moved rapidly toward his police car and caused him to
>skid and stop violently and bump his head. It knocked him out
>temporarily. When he regained consciousness he called the
>police department for help. The responding officers found
>several types of damage to the car, including broken lights (as
>if smashed with a hammer) and bent antennas and his car clock
>and wristwatch were both 15 minutes slow, although he had
>checked the clock before he went on duty. (More on this in my
>"Prosaic Explanation" paper in UFO Magazine and at

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

>In his book "UFOs: The Public Deceived" (aptly titled because he
>deceived the public) Klass says that either the damage was
>caused by malicious ufonauts or else it was a sort of
>practical joke (hoax)...there is no other possible explanation!

>He got the idea that it might just have been a "practical joke"

>from his "investigation" that included talking to another
>officer at the police department where Johnson worked. That
>officer said Johnson might do a practical joke like "hiding
>your coffee cup."

>Wow! Some comparison: he might hide a guys coffee cup as
>evidence that Johnson damaged his police car_ (felony,
>anyone?! There is no comparison!!

>I reiterate: no other possible explanation.

>The joke/hoax argument makes no sense and no one (except Klass
>and his skeptical followers) ever believed that Johnson damaged
>his car. (I don't know that Klass actually believed that Johnson
>damaged his car, in fact, based on the way he wrote about it in
>his book I think he may have "secretly" disbelieved his own
>"explanation.") Johnson was never charged or even reprimanded by
>his police chief.

>(There was also a strange physical effect regarding the bent radio
>antennas:

>the "bug tar" all spread over the leading edge surface of each
>stiff wire antenna was uniform, so apparently no one grabbed
>the antenna and bent it by "normal" force. Hence the bent
>antennas were not caused by Johnson grabbing them and forcing
>them to bend.)

>So, one is left with a choice: accept the hoax explanation with
>exactly no evidence that it was a hoax, or accept some version
>of Klass' ET alternative.

>This case was buried inside Klass' book so I guess it was hardly
>noticed by believers and skeptics, but, IHMO, in this case study
>Klass proved that at least one UFO was some unearthly
>phenomenon.

>And remember, Ufologists don't need 20% or 10% or even 1% of the
>sightings to be unexplainable; all they need is one to change
>the world.

>Skeptics have to be correct all the time.

>Ufologists only have to be correct once!

Hi Bruce,

Ideally, yes. But we know that one of anything is not enough for
scientists. For a phenomenon they still consider utterly
bizarre, they will always believe that there is some tiny chance
that Klass had overlooked a more reasonable alternative than the
hoax theory. Thus they place a heavy burden of proof upon the
ufologist. So the scientific community will demand not one but
100 "best" cases. If presented with 100, they will demand 1000,
meanwhile picking at any weak spots they can find in the first
100. They have not been able to understand the power of proof
that comes with an accumulation of independent evidence,
although any judge and jury understands this.

However, if the phenomenon should become considered rather
humdrum after 60 years, then this heavy burden of proof should
dissipate, or even shift over to the negative skeptic. I think
this development is gradually in progress, with more and more
publicly known persons speaking out on their sightings these
days.

Jim Deardorff

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From: **John Velez** <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
Archived: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 08:56:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Yours steeped in hype,

John Velez

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In The Wake of AVB: Sex and Saucers

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 08:53:25 -0500
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 06:40:13 -0500
Subject: In The Wake of AVB: Sex and Saucers

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November 9, 2007

In The Wake Of Antonio Villas Boas: Sex And Saucers

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

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Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 00:45:37 -0800
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 06:42:12 -0500
Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:12:16 -0000
>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 07:47:08 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 15:10:44 -0000
>>>Subject: Re: Jimmy Carter Backpeddles On UFO Claim

>>>Did Carter ever say that he saw an alien spaceship? If he didn't
>>>- and I don't recall reading that he did - he isn't really
>>>back-peddling, is he?

>>No, and I don't recall my saying he did.

>You don't recall saying that Carter was back-peddling on his
>original report of a UFO? Then I suggest you need better
>recollection:

No, I don't recall saying he said he saw an alien spaceship.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 06:18:51 -0800
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 06:44:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Dale Ulmer <dale200499.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 20:43:54 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>I sent a question in for his guests:

>>"Now that Fife Symington has come forward and revealed he indeed
>>saw the Phoenix Lights and he believed it was not of this earth,
>>do you see this as a door opened for other officials to
>>encourage disclosure on UFOs?"

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>where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would
>have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

>People did report lights on the triangle, by the way.

Now this raises some questions.

Did the large triangle craft appear before or after the lights
were seen?

I know from when I was at a multiple sighting in broad public
view including a dozen journalists that when a circular
formation of multi-colored lights appeared over our city, then
the big triangle ship appeared.

If so, we may have something here.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 06:26:31 -0800
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 06:47:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 18:36:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>I just want to say that I have little hope for the Larry King
>show's impact, but I would hope that the Monday Press Briefing
>is more interesting.

>It should also be noted that while Paradigm Research has put
>out two press releases on the Larry King show and the Monday
>Press Briefing, to my knowledge they have no involvement in
>either event.

>Leslie Kean of the Citizens for Freedom of Information (CFI) and
>James Fox have worked hard on this and I believe they're
>honestly fighting the good fight. The list of witnesses is
>different than we've seen before, and perhaps it will be of some
>interest to the Press.

Aye Steve.

I say now and have said over and over again to deaf ears,

_Do_not_trust_the_mainstream_press_!

But no, everytime they say jump ufologists say 'how high?' and
the answer is 'high enough to hit that glass ceiling'.

I admit that it was Larry King and then Coast to Coast AM that
brought the big numbers in to people interested in ufology but
the mainstream still treats it as though it was a roll around
joke.

Abductees and victim witnesses don't bitch hard enough is the
reason why. If ufology had it's own versions of Al Sharpton and
Jesse Jackson then it would be a 'cause terrible' (french
pronunciation).

People can emphathize and associate with anger. If some
abductees got on the air and tossed out enough words to get
bleeped you'd have national ufo abductee crisis centers
springing up overnight. Also we don't have enough blonde hottie
chicks involved in controversial escapades to draw the attention
of the press and the sympathy of the public.

It's all about the 'tude.

Best,

Greg
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Re: Key To False Memories Uncovered

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 09:03:16 -0600
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 06:49:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Key To False Memories Uncovered

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 18:35:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: Key To False Memories Uncovered

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 01:39:42 -0000
>>Subject: Key To False Memories Uncovered

>Also, I am inclined to say that I seem to recall so and so, but
>I am well aware that memories easily can be telescoped over time
>and, particularly, gotten in the wrong chronological order. So I
>qualify my comments.

Ah, yes, Dick, though I have not reached your august and distinguished age, I, too, no longer run among the spring chickens, and I know whereof you type. My own qualification is usually expressed thus:

"If memory serves, though it has become an ever more disobedient servant...."

Sigh,

Jerry Clark

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 Nov 2007 12:30:39 -0500
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 07:03:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>men and hucksters.

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I'm with you there, John. Adding Ms MacLaine to the guest list
is obviously a cynical move to keep the event squarely in the
goofy corner.

Note that this isn't meant as a swipe at Ms MacLaine, per se,
but at the show's producers, who will only have included her
because of the decidedly tabloid flavour she will bring to the
show.

Screw 'em. I'll skip it and look out for the thing on monday.

Brian

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Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 17:47:23 -0000
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 07:07:05 -0500
Subject: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Thanks for once again making this distinction clear between the
videotaped lights and the earlier reports. As I'm not very well
informed on this case I wonder if you could answer a couple of
questions?

It may be because some proponents of the event themselves seem to
conflate the videotaped lights with the 8:30 event that I find
I'd like to be clearer in my own mind about how certain this
distinction is.

From your own investigations, is there a clearly defined
clustering of times around 8:30 in original reports recorded as
having been submitted that night or within the next day or so?

The reason I ask is this.

From <http://phoenix.about.com/cs/weather/qt/timezone.htm> :

"Arizona does not observe Daylight Saving Time. This means that
in Arizona we never change our clocks like most of the rest of
the country does. On the first Sunday in November (starting in
2007), when everyone else "falls back" or sets their clock back
one hour, we do not. From that first Sunday in November through
the second Sunday in March we are one hour ahead of those states
on Pacific Time, like California and Nevada; one hour behind
states in the Central Time zone, such as Texas and Illinois; and
only two hours behind those states on Eastern Time, such as New
York and Florida."

The lights over the Estrellas now identified as flares are said
to have been seen between about 9:30 to 10:00 PM (according to
Peter Davenport's summaries and others). I've seen reports
apparently associated with the earlier cluster that are timed as
late as 9:00PM or later, some prior to 8:30. So in very broad
terms there looks to be about an hour between these events.

March 13 1997 was a Thursday, so the second Sunday in March when
the Phoenix clocks on MST effectively fell 1 hour behind
national DST must have been 16th March, only 3 days after the
UFO sightings. I imagine many of the reports were collected
during later days and weeks. Has this been looked into? Can we
be sure that retrospective verbal reports logged by ufologists
during later days as having occurred at around an hour earlier
than the flare drop were not confused by the time change (or
even that the timers on the videos were not showing DST) ?

(A similar confusion appears possibly to have occurred in the March 1993 "RAF Cosford" case in the UK, where a number of reports of what reason suggests was probably the Cosmos booster re-entry were logged with times differing by an hour or even more, apparently because of the change from GMT to BST two days previously)

Is it at all concerning, do you think, that the identifiable 10:00 PM flare drop was (you tell us) witnessed by only 3 people (or groups) all of whom managed to film it; whereas the earlier UFO lights are said to have been witnessed by a great many people - hundreds, thousands are claimed - none of whom seems to have filmed anything? Or perhaps I'm not aware of them. But if someone did, why are those videos of triangles flying overhead not on YouTube instead of the flares? Are they available anywhere?

>I have been informed that the view southwestward from his house >where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would >have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

This is the sort of thing I'd like to know more about. Is there a definitive study you could recommend that goes into lines of sight and other issues in sufficient detail to make a cast iron case for a distinct 8:30 UFO (or flap of multiple UFOs)?

Thanks

Martin Shough

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From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 Nov 2007 13:18:21 -0600
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:14:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>Date: Tue, 6 Nov 2007 12:50:49 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Archived: Tue, 06 Nov 2007 13:38:52 -0500
>Subject: Re: Virtually Strange Lunar Anomalies

<snip>

>From seismic and lunar soil data that we have collected so far,
>a scientific case can be made that the Moon is an artificial UFO
>or hollowed out world that is in circular orbit around the
>Earth.

Nick,

The scientific consensus is that the lunar soil composition indicates that the Moon was created by a collision between the Earth and a Mars-sized protoplanet that stripped off part of the Earth's crust but none of its denser core, thus explaining why the Moon's density is significantly less than Earth's and why its composition is different from Earth's, being a combination of materials from both Earth's crust and the protoplanet. Are there any good reasons to doubt that explanation?

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Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 19:02:06 -0500
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:15:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Addendum:

I have heard from a couple of trusted associates who inform me that Steve Bassett and his PRG have absolutely nothing to do with this effort. I was confused by the "official" PRG promotional posts that make the whole thing sound like its a PRG project. Bassett doesn't make this clear in his posts. Granted, it is a 'grey-area' attempted rip-off, but it is a rip-off nonetheless.

Bassett has a lot of balls trying to put his exopolitical spin on this event. To usurp the work of others by sticking his own version of the "disclosure project" label on it is simply self-serving and dishonest. Nowhere in his post does he acknowledge or give any credit to Kean or Fox. He leaves the impression (maybe intentionally,) that this event is a PRG effort.

Leslie Kean and James Fox deserve the credit for assembling this impressive group of witnesses and professionals. Steve Bassett is simply taking unfair advantage by using the opportunity to color this effort with his particular brand of exo-excretion.

It is nothing short of shameless and I just wanted to say so to his face. I know he reads these posts. If not, one of his exopolitical cronies will inform him I'm sure.

Leslie, Jim, thank you for your work and effort to make this happen. You are both to be commended. I hope, along with many

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others, that something positive and substantial comes of it.

Bassett... shame on you, man!

John Velez

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CNN Larry King Live

UFOS: Are They for Real?

Aired November 9, 2007 - 21:00 ET

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Larry King, Host: Tonight, close encounters with UFOs - is national security on the line?

High ranking government and military officials from around the world have seen what you won't believe. And they risk their reputations to make the case. They're here.

And so is Shirley MacClaine, who's had her own spacecraft sightings and can't wait for the chance to get on board.

Next on Larry King Live.

Good evening.

An historic occasion will take place in Washington on Monday. Former high level government employees, military officials and pilots from all over the world will come together. They'll discuss their own UFO sightings and encounters - and they'll do it at the National Press Club in the nation's capital. Some of them will share their stories for the first time.

This group has gathered together to call on the United States government to take an active role in investigating cases involving unidentified flying objects.

That's the topic of our program here tonight.

Our panel here in Los Angeles, Fife Symington, the former governor of Arizona, who in 1997 ridiculed an infamous UFO sighting by thousands of people in the state and later admitted that he himself saw a craft.

James Fox, the filmmaker who is the executive producer of the award-winning feature length documentary "Out of the Blue" - the definitive investigation of the UFO phenomenon.

Colonel Chuck Halt, United States Air Force, retired, was the deputy base commander of Bentwaters Woodbridge, a U.S. military base in Suffolk, England. And in 1980, Chuck and his patrol investigated an internationally known UFO encounter in

Rendlesham Forest, close to the Bentwaters Woodbridge case. Sergeant Jim Pennison, United States Air Force, retired, was a Woodbridge security supervisor at that base in 1980. He says he sat with a UFO on the ground for 45 minutes before it hovered above him and shot into the air at an unearthly speed.

And in Copenhagen, Denmark is Nick Pope. For 21 years, Nick was a government official for the British Ministry of Defence. From '91 to '94, he ran the British government's UFO project at the Ministry of Defence, where he researched and investigated the UFO phenomenon for the British government.

Fife, are we now saying that the United States is taking this seriously or is this just an event?

FIFE SYMINGTON, former Arizona Governor, ridiculed UFO-sighters then admitted he saw one, too:

I think the United States is taking it seriously. And they need to. It's long overdue. The issues that James has so courageously tackled with his production deals with, really, the very top sightings around the world. And he's brought this group together for this press conference on Monday. And I think it's a great public service that he's providing.

KING: And you're going to moderate it, right?

SYMINGTON: I'm going to moderate it.

KING: You were certainly a skeptic, right?

SYMINGTON: Originally, I was a skeptic.

KING: And what changed yourself was a sighting?

SYMINGTON: Well, I was part of the Phoenix light - the lights over Phoenix event back in 1997. And I saw a wedge-shaped craft of enormous proportions fly over what we call the Squaw Peak area in Sunny Slope in Phoenix the night of the event. And it was really - it was something to behold.

KING: James, you haven't sighted it, right?

You just did the film?

JAMES FOX, Producer, UFO documentary, Out Of The Blue, former skeptic, now believer:

Yes. I just did - I've spoken with a lot of high-ranking military and government officials from several countries.

KING: What did - what got you involved to even do the film?

FOX: Well, it was an interest I had - of mine. And I started - it was a personal investigation, I guess. And I started to document some of this stuff on camera. And the next thing I knew, I ended up with the film.

KING: And will you be...

FOX: Twelve years later.

KING: Will you be there Monday, too?

FOX: Absolutely. Yes.

KING: Are they going to show that film in Washington?

FOX: No, we're not. This is - this is just to establish the fact that the phenomenon is real and it's happening worldwide.

KING: All right, Colonel Halt, the United States Air Force, retired, was deputy base commander at Bentwaters Woodbridge - that's the U.S. Military base in Suffolk England, right?

Col. Charles Halt, USAF, Retired, witnessed UFO landing in 1980:

That's correct.

KING: Is it still there, that base?

HALT: It's still there, but the base is now closed.

KING: OK.

HALT: It's been returned back to its civilian owners and made into counsel housing - something like Section 8 housing.

KING: What, if anything, did you see?

HALT: I saw some lights I couldn't explain - very unusual lights. I don't mean just a light like a bulb. I saw something that was oval-shaped - maybe 10, 12, 14, 16 inches across. It had a black center. It sort of winked and it appeared to be dripping something like molten metal off it. It moved horizontally through the trees, avoiding trees. It occasionally bobbed up and down, a little vertical distance. It came toward us at one point. It receded. We were very concerned. We tried to approach it to see if we could get close enough to discern what it was.

It actually moved out into a farmer's field beyond us. We got up to the edge of the field. We looked at the object, watched it for a few minutes. I was very concerned because the object was illuminating the farmhouse behind it and I wasn't sure whether there was some damage being inflicted on the people that lived there or what.

Suddenly the object just exploded silently into five white objects and it disappeared.

KING: What time of day?

HALT: This was about two or three o'clock in the morning.

KING: Did you report it?

HALT: Oh my, yes.

FOX: One thing I want to say quickly is that I think the objects overhead were far more interesting.

HALT: Yes.

FOX: Your next - the next series of events...

HALT: While we were in the field investigating - and we were actually looking for the burn marks on the ground from what was apparently dripping off this object - we noticed three objects in the north in the sky. They initially were elliptical. They were illuminated with multiple lights and were moving at high speed in sharp, angular patterns.

We noticed two objects to the south. One of them approached us at very high speed and sent down a beam - I would equate it now to a laser beam - at our feet.

KING: Who is the we, Colonel?

HALT: There were five of us. I took five people out to investigate.

KING: What did your command superiors say?

HALT: At that time, my superiors were silent. It was two or three o'clock in the morning. I was communicating with the command post. I did make an audio tape. In fact, I brought the original tape recorder with me. It's a little Lanier tape recorder that I carried around the base. And I made a tape recording which is about 15 or 20 minutes long. It's rather famous now.

KING: And did you play it for them?

HALT: Oh, definitely. I played it the next day.

KING: Well, what did they say?

HALT: Well, my - my boss took it to the Third Air Force Commander, to the staff meeting the following Wednesday and played it for the staff. The reaction of the staff, from what I'm told, is they didn't know what to do. And the General at

that time said well, it happened off the installation, it's a British matter. Let the British handle it.

KING: Were you there, Sergeant Penniston?

SGT. JIM PENNISTON, USAF Retired, witnessed ufo landing in 1980:

I was there on the first night. I went off-base to check out a possible aircraft downing. I thought it was an aircraft crash. And I took a team with me. And when we got to the wooded line off the east gate, we discovered a craft of unknown origin. It was triangular in shape.

KING: On the ground?

PENNISTON: On the ground.

KING: Did you touch it?

PENNISTON: We touched it, walked around it, photographed it. We did a full investigation of it on the ground for 45 minutes.

KING: Any sign of anything in it?

PENNISTON: There was no exterior openings, no crew compartments, no intakes, no engine compartment that I could observe. It was a very smooth fabric craft. It was black in color with lighting running through the fabric of the craft.

KING: Were you frightened?

PENNISTON: Yes, it was - I was very concerned.

FOX: Where's your logbooks?

Can you show the symbols on it?

PENNISTON: In my logbook...

FOX: You know in your logbook, with the symbols on it?

PENNISTON: Yes. As long as I - when I was taking notes, it was progressively, it got worse. As a matter of fact, you can barely read my writing by...

KING: And then it took off, right?

PENNISTON: After 45 minutes, then it powered up with lightning and went to tree level and, took off and...

KING: Did it make a sound like an engine?

PENNISTON: Absolutely no sound and no air displacement.

KING: Just up?

PENNISTON: Up and gone.

FOX: And the symbols - I think they're showing the symbols right now.

KING: Yes, there it is. The symbols.

We'll check in with Nick Pope in a moment.

Do you believe there is extraterrestrial life?

Head to our Web site, CNN.com/larryking, to vote.

There's also a special guest commentary by Governor Symington about what he saw in the Arizona skies.

Also ahead, Shirley MacClaine.

We'll be back with more right after this.

[Begin audio clip, original field recording, made by LT. Col. Charles Halt, Bentwaters, England, Describe, 1980]

LT. COL. HALT: There's no doubt about it, there's some type of strange flashing red light ahead [INAUDIBLE].

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SGT. NEVILLES: Yellow.

HALT: It's coming this way. It is definitely coming this way.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

KING: Before we check in with Nick Pope in Copenhagen, Colonel Halt investigated the area days later. He's here with us now. Colonel Halt ended up seeing something himself.

Listen to this audio tape.

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Now we've got an object about 10 degrees directly south. Ten degrees off the horizon...

SGT. NEVILLES: There's one to the left.

LT. COL. HALT:...and the ones to the north are moving, one's moving away from us.

SGT. NEVILLES: It's moving out fast.

MSGT. BALL: There's one on the right heading away too.

LT. COL. HALT: Yes, they're both heading north.

[END AUDIO CLIP]

KING: And we have with us - he brought it along, Colonel Halt's notes that he kept while this was going on, right?

FOX: Actually, that's Sergeant Penniston's notes.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes.

KING: Oh, your notes? PENNISTON: Yes.

KING: I'm sorry, Chuck.

It was Sergeant Penniston's notes.

You kept these while you were viewing this thing?

PENNISTON: Yes. We had needed the times and that for, you know, our log entries and stuff like that. It's routine. Yes.

[LAUGHTER]

[CROSSTALK]

FOX: Notice the symbols on that. The symbols are so fascinating.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Routine activities, not a routine event.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's right.

KING: Let's check in with Nick Pope in Copenhagen - 21 years a government official for the British Ministry of Defence.

Nick, what do you make of all of this?

NICK POPE, FORMER OFFICIAL, U.K. [PH] Ministry Of Defence:

Well, the Rendlesham Forest case was certainly one of the most compelling UFO incidents in the British government's files on this. And, critically, one of the very important things about this case is that - I don't know if the colonel has spoken about the radiation readings that were taken at the landing site. Well, the British government's defense intelligence staff subsequently assessed those radiation readings at significantly higher than background levels. So there was a real tangible, solid, piece of evidence to back up this extraordinary testimony.

KING: Nick, does the British government take the same position of the United States government, as if to say it doesn't exist?

POPE: Well, the position is broadly similar. But having said that, the Ministry of Defence still does have a small UFO project, although investigations are somewhat on the back burner these days. But, you know, I think there are still cases being reported to the government. There are still, for example, many reports coming in from pilots - reports of UFOs being tracked on radar. And the Ministry of Defence says that it keeps an open mind about the UFO phenomenon.

KING: Fife, what do you believe?

Do you believe there is life somewhere else?

SYMINGTON: I would be astonished to find out - if it were possible - that we were alone in the universe.

KING: Do you think...

SYMINGTON: I just, you know, we're this wonderful planet in the Milky Way surrounded by billions of objects. And the universe is such a big place. I just think that you have to be open to that possibility.

KING: Isn't it also open to the possibility, James, that this was just phenomenon?

FOX: Well, yes, they're definitely phenomenon. But I mean I think the people in a position to know what's really going on are about to disclose that on November 12th at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. And hopefully [INAUDIBLE]...

KING: You're saying the government is going to disclose something?

FOX: Government officials from seven countries - military and government officials.

KING: Will disclose on Monday?

FOX: Yes, they will.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Yes, there's - this is an unprecedented gathering of top officials.

KING: Why now, Colonel Halt?

HALT: I think there's greater acceptance now that there really is something there, despite the fact there's kind of a stigma that goes with UFOs.

KING: Do you believe that, too, Sergeant - they're ready to come across and say at least there's something?

PENNISTON: I think it's unavoidable right now. I think that there's been so much cases and so many points made over the last

20 years, I think it's overwhelming.

KING: Nick, do you think the British government is ready?

POPE: Yes, I think so. I think part of the problem with all of this is the stigma that's sometimes attached simply to the world UFO. And some colleagues and I at the Ministry of Defence actually tried to do away with that term and replaced it with unidentified aerial phenomena, because we were certainly convinced that there were some serious defense, national security and flight safety issues here, even though we didn't know what the UFO phenomenon actually was.

KING: What did this do to your head, Jim?

PENNISTON: Well, I'll tell you what, it was a very difficult situation. And it had a terrible effect on, also, the airmen that were out there with me. Some won't go on camera. Some will not talk about it today. I think that it would probably cause a lot of - it - I had problems with, you know, Post-Traumatic Stress after it, that type of thing.

KING: Sure. Psyche.

PENNISTON: Yes. It was - it was a very traumatic experience.

KING: We've got lots more to go.

Our complete program tonight is devoted to unidentified flying objects. We'll interrupt our panel.

We've been talking with military officials about UFOs.

Coming up, we'll ask Shirley MacClaine what she thinks about these reports.

That's next on LARRY KING LIVE.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Did you see a UFO?

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER: I did.

PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER:

I don't really know what happened to it. I saw one, but I don't know what - it just disappeared.

JOHN PODESTA, Former White House Chief Of Staff:

It's time to find out what - what the truth really is that's out there.

PRESIDENT GERALD FORD, NOVEMBER 2000:

That such an investigation be taken...

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP FROM "OUT OF THE BLUE," COURTESY JAMES FOX/HANNOVER HOUSE]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: One of them is coming.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We will return him to you eventually - and the police officer, too.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They're coming.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: And that was from a movie.

Don't take this is war of the worlds.

Don't go panicking out into the streets.

[LAUGHTER]

KING: She's an old and dear friend, and one of the more talented people on the American scene. Shirley MacClaine, the Oscar-winning actress, author of new book, "Sageing While Aging." All of her books are major best-sellers. There you see its cover. There's a lot in this book that we are not into tonight, but we're going to discuss one aspect of it - which is UFOS, fitting our subject tonight.

By the way, Shirley came up during a recent Democratic presidential debate in Philadelphia.

Tim Russert is asking Representative Kucinich about MacClaine's book.

Watch.

[AUDIO GAP]

KING: Oh, I'm sorry. I thought we had it. They've lied to me again.

Anyway, many people react with laughter when they hear people talk about UFOs.

How do you explain that?

SHIRLEY MACCLAIN, Actress, believes in UFOS, hopes to board one:

I don't know. I think the unknown is traumatizing to people. I think we do have a built in DNA of fear. One of the reasons I'm so interested in all of this - I'll tell you how I got interested in a minute, if you want to know. But I think the consciousness of how we relate to this phenomenon and the consciousness of change that happened to people who were taken aboard crafts - because I've talked to a lot of them...

KING: Like the Sergeant said he's never been the same.

MACCLAIN: He was afraid. The whole idea of what induces fear is something they talk about a lot. It's - to me, I don't want to get into arguments are they real or not anymore. I've had too much experience talking to people all over the world - particularly in Peru - who have satisfied me. But what...

KING: So you believe in them?

MACCLAIN: Oh, yes. Oh, yes. I think maybe the problem with accepting it and the need to have a kind of curtain of humiliation drawn is that it confounds us relating to our religion and our belief in God.

But what I've found with the people - and I worked a lot with Johnny Mack, the head of the psychiatry at Harvard, an old friend of mine - a wonderful man. And he said that we have to get clear in our own heads and our own consciousness what God is.

KING: And do you think this sort of to people - it tells us there is no God because there's...

[INAUDIBLE]

MACCLAIN: The opposite there. The opposite. Because what they've told me is they're being taught two things. They're being taught that we are trashing the planet in a fierce way. Be careful. Then we're being taught that they, too - even though they may be extremely superior in many technological ways, they're trying to teach us about the superiority of our technical spirits and knowledge that we haven't even touched.

KING: Why do you think - just think. They don't land in downtown Washington.

MACCLLAINE: Well, listen. I was 18-years-old, Arlington, Virginia - where we lived. UFOS buzzed the Capitol and buzzed the White House on July 19, 1952. I recorded it in my diary. No one knew what it was. The switchboards lit up. Everybody was confused. A few days later, Truman - who was president then, had General Sanford go on television - I have the kinescope, actually - and say, look, they're not ours and they're not Russians. We don't know what they are.

KING: And you've got the form that Jimmy Carter filled out?

MACCLLAINE: Yes. I found the actual one where he's got all of his handwritten...

KING: Well, he saw a sighting.

MACCLLAINE: Oh, sure. Well, a lot of people...

KING: And you've got - the Vatican said something?

MACCLLAINE: Yes. Now, this is interest in relation to the question and problem of religion and God. Padre Balducci - a wonderful man, Monsignor Balducci - very close to each Pope. He has come out with a statement. You see how thick it is, so I can't read it. They're real, they have discussed what to do about it. Vatican intelligence would really like to discuss it.

That's the problem here. We need the governments to reveal these files. The Chinese have done it. The Brazilians have done it. The French did it about a month ago and it so lit up their switchboard it crashed their Net.

So I think the people are way ahead of military intelligence.

KING: Well, what is the - since they're not attacking us and they have been seen for years, what's the fear?

What's the government's fear?

MACCLLAINE: That's an interesting question. I've been working with Paul Hillard. He's the minister - the ex-minister of defense, Canada, under Trudeau. He is upset because the Americans are planning the weaponization of space, as though they are enemies.

KING: Really? MACCLLAINE: Yes. And it is very troubling to him. It came out of a project called Project Paper Clip, in which - and this is what Eisenhower warned us against - the sustention of the military industrial complex. In order to extend the power and the funding of the military industrial complex, you have to be afraid of things. Number one was communism. If that petered out, number two is terrorism. That's here for a while.

Number three is asteroids.

And number four is extraterrestrials.

So there might be a built in reasoning here to have induced fear just to keep the military industrial complex going.

KING: You've talked to a lot of people over the years, right?

MACCLLAINE: Oh, yes.

KING: Astronauts, presidents, etc.?

MACCLLAINE: Right.

KING: And your belief is firm, right?

MACCLLAINE: No question.

KING: Do you think we'll ever know, know?

MACCLLAINE: Yes. And I think there will be sightings and I get the feeling - and this is where consciousness comes in, because all of these guys who were talking about how they were afraid, etc. - and I've talked to so many who had these feelings. It's all about feelings. It's all about what goes on in the spirit of your head. I think - I think, really, the government in this country wants to release this information. Military intelligence

does, because I've - I know some of them. And I think they are watching what happens in terms of the public's reaction.

KING: This conference Monday, then, is important?

MACCLAIN: Yes, I think it's important.

KING: Thanks, Shirley.

MACCLAIN: OK.

KING: Shirley MacClaine and her new book. All of her books have been best-sellers. The new one is "Sageing While Aging."

We'll be right back with our panel.

But as we go to break, here is the aforementioned clip, which we didn't have before. Dennis Kucinich in a recent debate explaining to Tim Russert his encounter with a UFO.

MACCLAIN: They should ask Governor Richardson. He's the governor of that...

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, COURTESY MSNBC]

TIM RUSSERT, Moderator: The godmother of your daughter, Shirley MacClaine, writes in her new book that you've sighted a UFO over her home in Washington State...

[LAUGHTER]

RUSSERT:...that you found the encounter extremely moving, that it was a triangular craft, silent and hovering, that you felt a connection to your heart and heard directions in your mind.

Now, did you see a UFO?

REP. DENNIS KUCINICH [D], PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I did. And the rest of the account...

[LAUGHTER]

KUCINICH: I didn't - I - it was an unidentified flying object, OK?

It's like - it's unidentified. I saw something.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: And he's looking at a radar and he sees a big mass of something coming toward his airplane. It goes from his nose to the right and to the back. And it moves and nine or 10 seconds, it goes from six, seven miles in front of him to six to seven, eight miles behind him and back over to the left.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Welcome back. Our panel remains. Added to it is John Callahan, the former division chief of accidents and investigations branch of the FAA in Washington. He was sworn to secrecy about what we're going to tell you now.

In 1986 a Japanese pilot said he saw twin cylinders flying in formation within 500 feet of his air cargo jet. He claimed the object was the size of two aircraft carriers and it followed him for over 30 minutes. Anchorage air controllers registered a radar target. The U.S. Air Force controllers reported seeing a blip. But moments later it was gone.

This, I imagine, will also be discussed at this big meeting on Monday. John Callahan, what did you make of this?

CALLAHAN: Well, we went up to - when I got a call from Alaska

about what to tell the media that was overrunning their office. When I asked him why, he said, oh, it's that UFO thing but who believes in UFOs? I said, I have no idea what you're talking about. And he went on to explain how the 747 was chased for 31 minutes in Alaska.

So I said, well, tell the media this under investigation and send all of the data, all of the disks, the voice tapes, all of the printouts to the FAA tech center in Atlantic City and we will go up and take a look.

I went up to Atlantic City the next day, the FAA tech center the next day and I had the specialist up there play back what the controller seen on his scope, you would call it. And I had him synchronize the voice tapes to the radar so you could hear what was happening and look over the controller's shoulders if you were sitting there.

And a blind man could see there was a target along with that 747 where there shouldn't have been any target. And it came more than once. And when we got all done with that, we had the specialist put out a chart that's about eight or 12 feet long that showed every hit on the radar of the 747 and where the other targets were.

The hardware people got up to explain what we were looking at and they said, there's nothing wrong with the hardware. Everything over here is a software problem. The software people come up and said, there's nothing wrong with the software. Everything you're looking at here is a hardware problem.

KING: All right. And after this incident, you said that Admiral Angle, the then FAA administrator, held a briefing with the members of FBI and CIA and President Reagan's scientific study team. What was the result of that meeting?

CALLAHAN: Well, he set the meeting up and my task was to hand off this event to the Reagan scientific study team because the FAA does not handle UFOs.

KING: And what did they do with it?

CALLAHAN: When we got all done with our briefing, it took a couple of hours, the CIA man stood up and said, this event never happened, we were never here, you're all sworn to secrecy and we are confiscating all of this data.

KING: What do you make of that, Sergeant Pennison, what do you make of that?

PENNISON: That's exactly what happened with Bent Warst [ph]. I don't want to admit - the deniability of it...

KING: Why Colonel, why deny what it?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: That's puzzled me for years. Very interesting thing, I made a memo up that's now public through no fault of mine. I did not release it is what I'm saying and I fully expected an investigation. I have never, ever been debriefed.

KING: James Fox, who by the way has a new movie in the works called "Beyond the Blue." His early one was "Out of the Blue." why do they deny it, as a layman?

FOX: What you condition the control, why disclose that information? Why worry the public? Their very job is to protect us and yet they have no means to protecting us should these things turn out to be hostile. I'm not saying they are hostile but they have no control of the situation so why control it.

KING: Fife [ph], it is it a bet they dent know don't like to say they don't know?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I think that's human nature, wouldn't you, Larry, especially if they are in the charge or in the government. They don't like to admit they are not in control or don't know something because if that's true, there's a high degree of vulnerability out there and the public might get very concerned about that.

KING: Why would so many people like all of yourselves be lying?

What's the - you would be more humiliated, you're kind of laughed at.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Well, I think less so now. And that's the purpose of this press conference on Monday with very convincing, new evidence that's going to be put out there. And I, you know, I would hope that the United States government would start another Project Blue book or a very high-level commission that's instituted to really look objectively at these sightings.

FOX: I thought it was very interesting because the air force's official position is they closed, terminated Project Blue Book back in 1969 and they no longer investigate UFO sightings. But you said OSI investigated your case and yet the order came from somewhere else.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Came from somewhere beyond the base. And it was not known to base officials. It was done through back channel means.

FOX: So they did investigate it. They say they haven't been investigating it since '69 was the official position but they did.

KING: Weird. We'll be back with more of this edition of LARRY KING LIVE as we further investigate the subject of UFOs. Don't go away.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

WOLF BLITZER, CNN HOST: Members of the Mexican Air Force think they could be UFOs. Pilots taped 11 unidentified flying objects over southern parts of the country near the Gulf of Mexico.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was not a weather balloon nor an aircraft nor a missile. It is something else which we didn't know what it was.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The government likes to have power and that's a powerful thing to keep secret from the masses.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I had the evidence that a crash did happen here.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: The red light was sort of passing and it glowed over the whole thing so it looked like a round disk.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE": People say Mike, no, you saw a B-2 bomber. My response was we could land all 40 of our B-2 bombers on the wing of that craft.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Thought we'd go ahead and feel the craft, which was warm.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Our panel remains. Joining us from Tucson, Arizona, is James McGaha, he is an amateur astronomer and retired United States Air Force pilot and skeptic about all of this.

Now, James, after all you hear and all you see and these responsible people, these are not kooks coming off the street, doesn't that cause you to bend a little?

MAJ. JAMES MCGAHA, USAF [RET]: No, not at all. Because what they are talking about is basically anecdotal stories and all of these things are basically easily explainable.

There's simply no compelling evidence that an alien spacecraft has ever visited the earth. If there were, of course, we would have scientists interested in this and they are not. For this to

be a real phenomenon, a spacecraft from another world, we would have to expect that the conspiracy would not only be among governments, among militaries, among the news media, but it also would have to be involved in all scientists and scientific organizations in the world.

KING: All right. So James, are you saying that Colonel Halt and Sergeant Pennison did not see what they say they saw?

MCGAHA: I think they misinterpreted what they saw. I think they saw lights that night. There was a Cosmos 749 satellite rocket booster that came down that night, a bright meteor fireball on the first night, and there was a police car driving around in the far city area that night with his lights on as well. On the second night it's clear that from the tape which at the lighthouse has a five-second period in that he was actually looking at the lighthouse. It's also clear...

KING: Colonel - I'm sorry, go ahead, Jim.

MCGAHA: It's also clear that the instruments they were using, they were using improperly. They didn't understand what they were doing. A star light scope doesn't measure energy, it only amplifies photons. They were using a radiact [ph] meter in an improper way that was used for radio field and not for point sources. I have watched the ground there. I have taken a very specific Geiger counter to measure the area. There's nothing background radiation....

KING: Let them respond. Chuck?

HALT: First of all, you have ever seen a lighthouse move through the forest, Larry, horizontally, approach you, recede from you, explode into five white objects, send down an equivalent of a laser beam and do so into the weapons storage area? And I would defy anybody to take a police car into the woods. When Jim went on, he took a jeep and he had to dismount because he couldn't go any further.

KING: Do you think he's lying, James?

MCGAHA: No, I think they are just misinterpreting what they saw that night. There were numerous lights that were out there that night. Let's put it this way, where would have been best to have viewed this object that night? It would have been best viewed from the Woodbridge Tower. I interviewed the people that were in the tower that night. They saw nothing, they heard nothing. There was nothing on radar.

KING: The Sergeant says it wasn't manned.

PENNISTON: It wasn't manned that night. The tower was empty.

MCGAHA: The ATC, the tower was manned that night and the ATC facilities did have control that night. The British radar also saw nothing that night.

KING: Let me get a break and we'll come back with more. James will stay with us. We will also ask him to talk to Callahan about that Tokyo plane incident. You're watching Larry King Live.

<snip PROMO>

We will be back with more of our out-of-this-world panel when we come back.

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

JEANNE MOOS, CNN correspondent [voice-over]:

Jimmy Carter saw a UFO and really submitted a report on it. Though debunkers say what he really saw was the Planet Venus. Even Ronald Reagan saw a UFO while flying in a small plane. Fourteen percent report seeing UFOs. They are all over YouTube. Shaped like disks, often blurry. The best-looking UFOs are almost always fake. And though beat me up Dennis was ridiculed on the Web, he was rewarded with a lost post debate smooch from his wife.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

[BEGIN VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Tell me about the time you once saw a UFO.

JIMMY CARTER, former President:

Well, I was the district governor of a 56 Lions' Clubs in southwest Georgia, and I had to visit all of the Lions' Clubs and make a speech. I was outside a school lunch room one night, right before sundown. It was getting dark and we were getting ready to eat supper. And I and about 25 men were standing around. And all of a sudden in the western sky we saw a strange light coming towards us, a round light. And it got closer and closer and right above the pine trees it stopped and then it began to change colors from blue to red to white. And then it stayed there for a while and we were all aghast. We deposit know what it was. And then it just disappeared into the west. That was the end of it.

So it was a genuine UFO in that it was an unidentified flying object but I have never thought and still don't think it was possible for creatures from Mars to come here and visit us and go back home.

[END VIDEO CLIP]

KING: Before we have Jim McGaha respond to the story of that Japanese pilot and what he saw from his Japan air cargo jet, Sergeant Penniston wants to respond something to what James said.

PENNISTON: Thank you, Larry. You know, it's just I respect James for his opinion. If I was in his position right now looking at us and looking at this story, I probably have a lot of doubt about it, too. But this is not about lights in the sky. This is about objects that has landed in the woods and was investigated by a team of experts that are familiar with aircraft identification and that. And there's just no way in the world that this could be anything other than - it was a physical crash.

KING: Jim, he is saying he touched the object and surrounded the object and the object took off and went into space. That's either a madman...

MCGAHA: Well, there's no evidence of that. I've never seen any evidence.

KING: You're saying he's lying?

MCGAHA: No, I'm saying he may truly believe he touched an aircraft.

KING: And also flew...

MCGAHA: Something called confabulation. But the question is, is there any evidence other than his anecdotal story, his report, that anything occurred? And there isn't. There simply is no evidence. I would like to respond to something about Colonel Halt talking about the idea that the Air Force never contacted him or investigated him. This incident. Since the closing of Blue Book in 1969, it has been official United States Air Force policy not to take a UFO report. Pro, con, negative or any otherwise.

KING: Why?

MCGAHA: Well, because it caused a great deal of bad publicity for the United States Air Force and they didn't want to be involved with it. The official policy is if someone calls up the Air Force about a UFO, they simply say, they simply refer the people to local law enforcement actions without comment. That is official policy.

KING: We have John Callahan standing by. You want to say something quickly?

HALT: Let's say one thing, are you aware that the OSI did investigate this?

MCGAHA: I'm aware the OSI investigated it. The OSI looks into anything very often that security police do. I do not want to get into why that is.

KING: Why do you think, Jim, of the story of that Japan air cargo that saw the twin cylinders flying in formation?

MCGAHA: Well, it's - you have to look at what happened that night. He reported seeing initially a light following him. It's interesting the direction he was looking was directly at Jupiter, which happened to be at its brightest that night.

But all of the radar targets that were reported that night, the FAA itself in its reports says was transponder clutter and scatter and the Air Force as well. But what's interesting is two airplanes that night, a United Airlines aircraft and C-130 that were in the area were asked to be vectored slightly off their courses so they could view the aircraft that night. And both of them flew near the aircraft that night and didn't see any target, any aircraft around the 747. KING: Let John Callahan respond. John?

CALLAHAN: Well, if you looked at the videotape that we took, you can see that there's a target every time the Japanese pilot said there was a target at 12:00 at 2:00 that we had a primary hit there. Our own...

MCGAHA: Well, the FAA doesn't agree with that, Sir.

CALLAHAN: The FAA doesn't want to control UFOs.

MCGAHA: Well...

CALLAHAN: They think it's not there. You got to remember, now, if you were flying today and you looked out the window as a pilot and you said who is at my altitude. The first thing the controller would think of is I have got two together. Then he would say, tell me what kind of airplane it is.

You would say, it looks like an F-105. And he would say do you have numbers you can give me off of it and we will track that guy down and we'll good and fix him for being up there and you will say, yeah, here's his tail number. Now, we can't do that with a UFO. When the pilot looked out and said I have traffic out here. Apparently the three Japanese pilots are also lying. It's funny that everybody that's involved...

KING: I got to get a break, guys. You made a good point. We will come back with our remaining moments. Just skimmed the surface. Don't go away.

[COMMERCIAL BREAK]

KING: I want to get a quick call for James. You wanted to say something?

FOX: I wanted to say I thought that James McGaha made a very interesting point when he said they thought the planets, was it Saturn? I'm sorry, Jupiter and that the CIA considers Jupiter classified and I guess the FAA officials were told never to talk about the Planet Jupiter. So that's interesting.

KING: So a call from Los Angeles. Hello.

CALLER: Good evening, Larry. How are you guys doing tonight?

KING: Fine. Quickly. Go ahead.

CALLER: What was the most recent sighting in the United States and where was it and who saw it?

KING: Do we know, Fife [ph]?

FOX: O'Hare. United Airlines, O'Hare. Right over the airport. There was a lot of press about it.

KING: Yeah.

HALT: United Airlines pilots, crew, maintenance people on the ground.

FOX: I actually talked to a couple of the United Airlines personnel and privately they admitted what they saw was a disked shape object broad daylight punch a hole through the clouds when it left but they would not go in the record because they were debriefed by United Airlines and they said they would lose their jobs.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was headlines in the national news.

KING: James, they would have no point in lying, would they?

MCGAHA: Are you asking me?

KING: Why would these, military officers, why would they lie?

MCGAHA: Oh, don't question that military officers are lying. I just doubt whether they are accurately seeing and reporting what they are seeing.

KING: Well, they're seeing an object...

MCGAHA: It's very easy to be fooled.

KING: Yeah. We have run out of time but I thank you all very much. By the way, dial up our Web site, cnn.com/larryking. You can download our current podcast, Dog the Bounty Hunter and we have an extraterrestrial quick vote. Great commentaries, including one from tonight's guest Governor Fife Symington.

Tomorrow night - two LARRY KING LIVES. At 9:00, Dog the Bounty Hunter and then at 10:00, Dr. Phil's reaction to Dog. And then Sunday night, Tom Brokaw, Danielle Steele, Ed McMahon, Deborah Norville and Englebert Humperdinck. And Monday night Judge Judy and later in the week, Donnie and Marie.

AC 360 with Anderson Cooper right now. Anderson?

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Larry King Live UFOs Now

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 08:01:25 -0500
Subject: Larry King Live UFOs Now

Dear Listers:

lastyesterday night with a lot of interest, as certainly most of you did. It is not every day that Ufology gets such a huge media attention. I was glad to see the invited guests discussing their experiences so openly and in a very serious way, specially Arizona former-Governor Fyfe Symington, as that will add to Ufology credibility.

But I was particularly glad for James Fox and Leslie Kean, as the LKL show will certainly help to boost the historical Press Conference that they are working on, scheduled for next Monday, 12th, in Washington D.C. I have no doubt that it will be a great moment for Ufology, both American and worldwide.

Check out info here: <http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

However, I was kinda disappointed to see two very old and sad mistakes being repeated on this edition of LKL. Real cliches. The first one, of course, was to see the show presenting a mix of real and compelling UFO footage and photos together with a bunch of fake UFO footage and photos that are widely known as garbage. That was something that I didn't expect to see in this kind of show. Larry King's people could and should do better!

And the second one was to verify that there is still a big need by the media in inviting on their shows, by any network, members of the skeptic community, and give to them an enormous amount of time. As a journalist I understand why LKL producers had to do that, of course. But I regret that so much time was given to someone trying to debunk just about everything with silly 'explanations'. Instead, that valuable time could be better used to present more witnesses, more evidence or perhaps skeptics with better 'explanations'!

Now, after reading the 'explanations' that amateur astronomer James McGaha, from Tucson AZ, had for the Rendlesham Forrest and for the Japanese 747 case over Alaska, it was even more disappointing. The 'explanations' he tendered for such important cases were so artificial, so pushed, that someone outside the UFO arena would find much more acceptable to believe in UFOs!

Have you all a great weekend and let's see what will happen in Monday.

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Larry King 11/9/07 UFO Program

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: Larry King 11/9/07 UFO Program

First let me ask these questions:

Who and where did they dig that McGaha guy up from?

Who moved the rock?

Is there some zoo that is missing an occupant?

The program went better than I expected until this clown showed up and engaged in the kind of analysis that makes President Bush look like a genius.

McGaha dude is in some state of denial or something that made him look like any moment some ventriliquist was going to show up, whip out a glass of water and drink it to show he could do that while McGaha talked.

Even McClaine looked credible up against this guy. I'm glad she didn't get too far into the speculation end and King kept her more on the fact reporting end. She really is a treasure.

It's laughable that on this Larry King programt we have the historical reports of mass sightings over the Washington D.C. in 1952, mass sighting in Phoenix in 1977, military officials on the ground, pilots, radar, and then this ass/clown McGaha saying he hasn't seen any evidence nor that the officers at the Rendelsham event didn't have any evidence and that trained military personnel misinterpreted what they saw. The military aren't in the business of misinterpreting things that's why we give them big-ass guns. The only misinterpretation that goes on in the military is from the arm-chair leadership from quasi or non-military trained bureaucrats who think someone has weapons of mass destruction.

I wouldn't even call McGaha a skeptic. He gives skeptics a bad name.

I had hoped someone would have presented the overall picture of what's been experienced by the public at large. The skeptic side has just one sound argument and that is to this date no irrefutable physical evidence has been presented. That's it. It doesn't get any more complex than that.

A friend of mine said one of the reasons people laugh when you say UFO is the phonetics. 'You-A-Foe' sounds like an enemy acknowledgement.

Bottom line is a comprehensive presentation of the entire UFO history needs to be presented to the public so they don't get confused and know exactly where we stand. That we have tons of personal reports from people of all walks of life, religions, etc. That we have radar hits, images, confessions, trace evidence. We have everything in overwhelming abundance except two things: irrefutable physical evidence and official disclosure.

So in a nutshell the King program was much better and perhaps he'll not have the round-robin-type thing again but just some reps from the ufology community to bring it to bar. Mayhaps

another Larry King Special with just the facts and no more with the specktips - speculator skeptics.

I wonder if all the skeptics are getting beaten up in school now for their lunch money because of McGaha. Even the nerds and geeks rank higher in the pecking order in schools now than the skeptics.

Best,

Greg
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 06:18:51 -0800
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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>>>"Now that Fife Symington has come forward and revealed he indeed
>>>saw the Phoenix Lights and he believed it was not of this earth,
>>>do you see this as a door opened for other officials to
>>>encourage disclosure on UFOs?"

>>The term "Phoenix Lights" has become a common reference to all
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>Now this raises some questions.

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>were seen?

Hmmmm.... the answer to that question is already in what you
have read, and I "hate" to repeat myself (repeat myself) but to
reiterate, the triangle sighting began near Prescott AZ and, as
people reported to the National UFO Reporting Center, it
apparently moved southward to Phoenix and then the sighting sort
of "terminated" in some way as the object traveled over Phoenix
at about 8:30 PM. This is when Symington saw it.

The "lights" of such major fame (Lynn Kitei's video was shown
very briefly on Larry the King's show last night) occurred at 10
PM. At least a 1 - 1.5 hour gap between the two events.

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McGaha Or Magoo

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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Subject: McGaha Or Magoo

There are none so blind as those who will not see... it has been said.

I'm sure Penniston, in particular, was flabbergasted to have McGaha tell him (on the Larry King show) that he misidentified a lighthouse after Penniston has described walking around and even touching a landed object of a definite shape and strange lighting in the presence of about half a dozen other witnesses.

And Halt probably didn't know what to say to a guy who implied that Halt couldn't tell the difference between stars or a satellite reentry and laser beams coming out of an object and termination on the ground only a few feet from his feet (maybe I should have written, only a meter from his feet!). McGaha wanted physical proof. Halt didn't point out that he had some guy make plaster casts of the three depressions in the soil made by the weight of the object on its legs. (I have seen one of these casts.) But I suppose, if Halt had mentioned the depressions McGaha would have recited the "rabbit hole" explanation proposed many years ago.

In fact, McGaha was reciting numerous explanations that have been proposed over the years. I will give him credit for one thing: he said he actually went there to investigate himself, so I applaud the person who puts his body where his mouth is, in a manner of speaking! But I have a problem when evidence is placed directly in front of a person who is willing to propose 'any' explanation, whether it fits the evidence or not.

Callahan knows his radar but he, unfortunately, is not the most qualified defender of the JAL1628 case. The FAA will always 'get away with' repeating their 'solution' of 20 1/2 years ago, announced on March 5, 1987, which was in two parts: Part the First: stated that the ground radar detections were "split images" (hardware/software temporary malfunctions) and Part the Second: don't say anything about the visual sightings or the airplane radar sighting.

As for McGaha claiming that Jupiter was the likely source of the lights seen in front of the aircraft, he got the Klassic explanation - by Philip J. Klass, skeptic/debunker extraordinaire, who was McGaha's predecessor as the "skeptic of choice" for the newsmedia - that was published by CSICOP (now CSI - I wonder why) only partly correct.

The complete explanation published by CSICOP in January 1987, before the FAA publicized its findings, was that the two lights that suddenly appeared in front of the aircraft and stayed there for many minutes before disappearing were Jupiter and Mars. However, as I would have been quick to point out, having very carefully studied this case, the pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer saw these lights - actually two groupings as lights, as in two objects with multiple sources of light - first one above the other for a 3-5 minutes and then suddenly they reoriented and were side by side for another 10 minutes before they disappeared. Now this sudden 're-arrangement' would have been a difficult maneuver for Mars and Jupiter to accomplish in such a short time. I might also point out that Captain Terauchi reported feeling "heat on my face" as soon as these objects

appeared. Few people (if any) have reported "heat on my face" from Mars or Jupiter.

The postscript to this story is that, after I published my large article on this case in the IUR that took up the whole journal issue in June-July 1987, CSICOP published a second Klassic explanation: this time it was moonlight on clouds.

<ROFLOL>

Sorry if I treat this with less than full respect.

Maccabee's First Rule for Debunkers: Any explanation is better than none, so, propose an explanation. (If one is bold and proposes an explanation the press is likely to publish it and thereby end the discussion. See, for example what happened to the O'Hare Airport event a year ago (and 20 years after the JAL1628 event): the FAA said "weather phenomena" and... well, there you have it. The official explanation is "weather phenomena."

How stupid do they think we are?

As for McGaha, to paraphrase great UFO guru Ed Ruppelt, the harder you stick your head into the sand the more likely the UFO problem it is to go away.

Scenario: Mr. Magoo is standing close to a sign that he is looking at. His friend is standing nearby.

Magoo: Tell me what the sign says.

Friend: You're looking at it. Can't you read it?

Magoo: [sensitive to implied accusations that he can't see well because of his shortsightedness] Of Course I Can Read It!! Now, tell me what it says!!

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Larry King UFO Show On-Line

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Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 11:17:35 -0500
Subject: Larry King UFO Show On-Line

Dear colleagues,

Yesterday's Larry King UFO show is online. It is split into 4 parts.

You can check it here;

part 1

<http://tinyurl.com/26rt3m>

part 2

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

part 3

<http://tinyurl.com/3796xx>

part 4

<http://tinyurl.com/3b8fv1>

Best regards,

Giuliano

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>view including a dozen journalists that when a circular
>formation of multi-colored lights appeared over our city, then
>the big triangle ship appeared.

>If so, we may have something here.

I believe that the Triangular craft was seen earlier in the evening, just at dusk; while the 'string of lights' that the media keep showing were from an event that occurred after 10:00pm. Bruce's web site has a good write up on this and he's convinced me that the "string of lights" were flares dropped by the Maryland National Guard when returning to the air base (if memory serves). The earlier event, meanwhile, was witnessed in several areas by several people as the craft moved through the State. This is far too complicated for the media and they like to use the video they have, which doesn't help the perception of what happened that night.

Steve

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>Subject: In The Wake of AVB: Sex And Saucers

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>November 9, 2007

>In The Wake Of Antonio Villas Boas: Sex And Saucers

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

This is very interesting supplementary information about the Villas Boas Case and about other similar cases in Brasil. I thank Scott for publishing this.

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Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 20:23:35 +0100
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 12:24:54 -0500
Subject: New Download Links For Larry King UFO Show

Dear Colleagues,

I have been able to capture youtube Larry King parts and I have converted them to *.avi so the clips could be more user friendly for your players (originaly they were in *.flv format).

I have uploaded all 4 parts so you could have them on your hard drive. Download links are;

part 1

<http://files-upload.com/files/610994/larry> king part 1.avi

part 2

<http://files-upload.com/files/611000/larry> king part 2.avi

part 3

<http://files-upload.com/files/611002/larry> king part 3.avi

part 4

<http://files-upload.com/files/611004/larry> king part 4.avi

After you click the links you will see countdown to zero and then you should be able to get download link.

I have uploaded that to "files-upload" service. I think the links will be up for few weeks. I am recommending you not to share those links on mailing lists and forums becuase I am not sure what is the limit of bandwith - or at least don't share until you download the files first for yourself.

Best regards to everyone,

Giuliano

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Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 13:44:11 -0600
Archived: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 12:26:48 -0500
Subject: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

I watched The Larry King Show and thought it was very interesting and that the participants did a good job. I also thought Shirley McLaine represented the subject well, from her point of view. (She's aging quite gracefully - we should all be so lucky.)

Did anyone notice towards the end, one of the men being interviewed saying something to the effect, "...on Monday at the US Press Corps briefing there will be full disclosure..."? Larry King sort of did a double-take and responded, "Full disclosure?" This is not a direct quote, but this really caught my attention.

Does anyone know if C-SPAN will be airing this press conference on Monday? Sometimes they do, but I could not find it on their schedule. If anyone knows, I'd like to tape it.

Thanks -

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Australian UFO Hotline Followups #6280 & #6318

From: Robert Frola <auforn.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 07:13:13 +1000
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 08:11:41 -0500
Subject: Australian UFO Hotline Followups #6280 & #6318

Three calls were made to follow-up on calls made to the hotline. Unfortunately there was some delay in calling, as there was a communication problem between Queensland and Jeff Faush=B9s computer in South Australia. None of these calls yielded a recent UFO sighting of interest for further pursuit. They are summarized below:

1) Call 6280 SA? Phoned in on 25/08/07 at 8:54 pm by Graham Pierce.

I called Mr. P on 9 October. (It turned out that he lives in Lemming in Western Australia.) He told me that following his original call to the hotline, he phoned a local TV station and was told that several people had already called this sighting in. The sightings were explained as a spotlight display being given by a lighting company for a promotion. At the time the weather conditions were cloudy and stormy, and there was some lightning, which probably contributed to an eerie effect.

2) Call 6280 SA (same as ID above; should be checked)? Phoned in on 28/08/07 at 10:10 pm by Bradley R.

I called Mr. R on 9 October. He informed me that he had taken drugs prior to his hotline call, and he now believed that what he saw was probably a hallucination. As he was at work at the time of my call, he could not talk very long. I told him I would call him back in a few days to check if there was anything further he would like to discuss. I then spoke to him again on 14 October for a follow-up. He felt that what he had seen was indeed a hallucination, and he did not want to pursue the matter further.

3) Call 6318 SA. Phoned in on 19/09/07 at 9:16 pm, no name given.

I called the gentleman who made the hotline call on 9 October. The gentleman proved to be Jose Duran, who had gained notoriety through a film he had taken of a UFO in 1979 with a Super 8 camera. As it turned out, Mr. Duran was still trying to =B3reach someone with a lot of power in the UFO area to prove aliens really exist.=B2 He seemed to feel that his 1979 film provides substantial evidence =B3to prove that they were really here.=B2 He expressed frustration that he was not able to get more attention or reach someone with the power to take matters further. I gave him Kevin Robb=B9s phone number with Cosmic Connection, and encouraged Mr. Duran to contact Kevin. I mentioned the seminar that Kevin is hosting this December, and thought that Mr. Duran might obtain further contacts there, or perhaps even be able to make a short presentation to the attendees.

By Roger Kosh. AURA

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Australian Hotline Follow-Ups May - Sept 2007

From: Robert Frola <aufor.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 08:01:19 +1000
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 08:16:50 -0500
Subject: Australian Hotline Follow-Ups May - Sept 2007

Date of sighting: July 1992
Time of sighting: Midnight
Location: Lake Crescent, TAS

Two witnesses were shooting near the lake when they noticed a large ball of light. The light was estimated as 6m wide and hovering some 10m above the lake. They proceeded towards the light over the next 15 minutes and also noted the usually abundant night life was absent.

They tried to shine their spotlight on the object but the spotlight failed to work. Eventually the light rose vertically and quickly disappeared into the night sky. They returned to their shack and found the spotlight now worked. The following morning they both noted that their watches were 45 minutes slow.
CE2

Investigator: Keith Robert TUFOIC.

Hotline callin Code: #6129 & #6130
Date reported: 25/05/07
Date of sighting: (?)
Time of sighting:
Caller: Leo
Location:
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

This caller rang to say that his father had taken a picture of an alleged UFO and that he wanted to sell his pictures to the media did we know how best to do this? Were we interested in buying it ourselves?

The caller rang to say that he would also be in this neck of the woods in the not too distant future and would be happy to supply camera, image an all so long as someone was willing to pay! I m not interested and I did not know of anyone who would be!

Investigator: Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6208
Date reported: 26/07/07
Date of sighting: June 2007
Time of sighting: Approx 5pm
Caller: Damien K
Location: Toukley, Central Coast
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

This gentleman called to tell us about a UFO he saw and subsequently read about in an article published in the local paper relating the story of a UFO sighting by another gentleman at Terrigal.

His sighting took place sometime in June, in the afternoon at

approximately 5 pm. It was seen from a position underneath the Toukley Bridge near the foreshore. The object was white in color, 5 times the size of a bright star, just sitting there. It was still hovering there when he left 5 minutes later.

The local paper reported the same circumstances from a different perspective at Terrigal.

Investigator: Lorraine Cilia AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6211
Date reported: 26/07/07
Date of sighting: June 2007
Time of sighting: 10:30pm
Caller: Leah
Location: Berkeley Vale, Central Coast
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

Leah was outside getting into her car, when she noticed what she first described as something coming down from the sky . After questioning her she then went on to describe an object, which came from the East over the water as a ball of light entering the atmosphere. It came down on an angle, stopped still and then went straight back up. All of this happened so quickly that even though she called out to others, nobody else saw it and none believed her story. She said it was orange in colour and made no sound even though it was as big an object as Venus in the sky.

Investigator: Lorraine Cilia AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6180
Date reported:04/07/07
Date of sighting: 10/06/07
Time of sighting: 6:20pm
Caller: Barry
Location: Gosford
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

A little after 6 pm, Barry had stepped out into his Gosford back yard on or about the 10th June 2007, to look at the sky something he often does. He looked up into a clear sky and was able to catch sight of something he does not always get a chance to see a satellite. As he watched the satellite slowly slip across the sky, he saw that it was about to cross an area below a pair of stars in the background.

As the satellite passed by, one of these so called stars dropped down and took a sharp left and tracked the satellite!

Although the original object was indeed a satellite as best as can be made out with the unaided eye, the second was obviously not a star!

From then on, Barry lost sight of the pair after only 5 or 6 seconds.

Investigator: Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6176
Date reported: 29/06/07
Date of sighting: 29/06/07
Time of sighting: 8.00am
Caller: William
Location: Parramatta
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

William rang to say that he had seen something very strange whilst driving along the Great Western Highway one morning on his way to work. On 29th of June, at around 8 O clock in the morning, William was headed East toward Parramatta, when he observed a single object he thought must have been a balloon. But when he observed it at a closer distance, he discovered that

it was a spinning object. When queried as to the object s shape, William described it as definitely disk shaped and spinning but on it s edge, not roundabout .

I took a great length of time to be sure that what William was describing was in fact akin to spinning a coin on edge on a tabletop.

William described the object as silent against the background traffic, shiny and definitely not drifting with the winds as the object first moved from North to South and then went back the other way.

After losing sight of it in the traffic, William spotted it from his work car park but no one was able to see it again before it had seemingly vanished.

Investigator: Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6190
Date reported: 11/07/07
Date of sighting: 11/07/07
Time of sighting:
Caller: no name left
Location: Sydney
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 1

This lady called to report a bright light in the evening sky, which apparently, repeatedly came back each night in the same place! It became obvious that this lady was looking at Venus.

Investigator: Lorraine Cilia AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6200 WA
Date reported: 18.07.07
Caller: Sandra R
Location: Perth
State: WA

The above sighting was two lights changed and split into 4, as they darted all round the sky, like they were playing chase, at 7.30pm not searchlights.

She has had other sightings 6-7 years ago, made her hair stand on end. Also 2 years ago with a friend at Scarborough/Observation city Cigar shaped object. Large as big as a 747.

Investigator: Andy Dillan

Hotline callin Code: #6202 WA
Date reported: 20.07.07
Caller: Excelsia
Location: Highgate, Perth
State: WA

Heading to the Northern suburbs had fallen asleep on the bus, when awoke saw 2 different craft, one classic Adamski saucer... hovering, it was a mile away and an mile high estimates.

Investigator: Andy Dillan

Hotline callin Code: #6155
Date reported: 12/08/07
Date of sighting: 12/08/07
Time of sighting: 9:30pm
Caller: Joe
Location: West Hoxton, Sydney
State: NSW
No Objects: 1?
No witnesses: 4

A resident of West Hoxton called to say that he and three others had observed a small grouping of lights out on the N, NW horizon on the 12th of August 2007. Although he does not hold much belief in the idea of other worldly objects in the sky, he had

never seen anything so strange before and felt it necessary to call someone and report the incident.

He went on to describe a group of 5 lights coupled closely together which uniformly went out and turned on again twice in succession before going out for good. During that time, he had called out his partner and another couple who were visiting to observe and confirm what it was he was seeing. None of them had ever seen anything quite like it. The object(s) made no sound in the still night. They did not seem to be moving in any direction and were emitting their own light.

The entire sighting lasted some 5 minutes or more and the object(s) did not return

Investigator: Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Date of sighting: 20.08.07
Time of sighting: 7.40pm
Location: George Town, TAS

The witness noticed a bright star like light in the western sky. It looked to accelerate until passing high overhead when it seemed to slow down before changing course towards the south-east. Once again the light picked up speed and disappeared towards the horizon. No satellites were listed at the time plus anything to the south-east would have been in the earth's shadow. NL

Investigator: Keith Robert TUFOIC.

Hotline callin Code: #6275
Date reported: 22/08/07
Date of sighting: 26/12/06
Time of sighting: 4pm
Caller: Frank
Location: Prestons, Sydney
State: NSW
No Objects: 1
No witnesses: 2

The witnesses involved in this case were a mother and son. They were in the family car on Boxing Day 200 when the pair of them caught sight of a strange, large grey object in the distance. Because they were driving in fringe suburbs, they experienced both clear and interrupted views of the low horizon.

After the car slowed to a stop, the boy reached for his new Christmas present a 5-mega-pixel camera. The boy took two shots of the object through the front windscreen of the car. Looking at the data size and low clarity of the images, it seems clear that the camera was digitally zoomed.

Having present knowledge of the reference points in the image and a familiarity with the streets, we were able to reproduce the angles shown by the images in order to get a better feel for the surrounding area and to help rule out down to earth, prosaic explanations. The area of the sky they were looking at is overlooking the Hoxton Park airfield and although the image does not appear to match anything conventional, on the day I surveyed the area, no less than 4 helicopters rose from beyond the tree line and circled the area.

The image seemed inexplicable, especially when the witness testimony was taken into account. According to both, the object appeared to hover up and down rapidly. Although the pair lost sight momentarily when they had to turn the car at a T junction, when they regained sight of it, the sighting did not last long before the object just simply did not reappear the next time the same part of the sky was in view.

According to the description, the object was metallic and appeared to be a great distance from them - as far as 1km away and therefore must have, in their opinion, been huge .

Investigators: Lorraine Cilia & Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Date of sighting: 30.08.07

Time of sighting: 8.30pm
Location: New Norfolk, Lyell Hwy. TAS

The witness was travelling home to New Norfolk and was still several km east of the town when something lit up the car's dashboard. Visible in the interior and exterior mirrors was a large round white light. The light looked to be just above the boot of the car and some distance above the highway. Almost at once the car pulled away to the left of the road, the witness could not seem to steer the car. However, the car seemed to right itself and the witness continued on at a reduced speed. Only a short distance later the car seemed to zigzag across the road with the tyres screeching. Again the witness says she could not control the car which after a short distance resumed a straight path. The light had now disappeared but the witness was not sure when it departed. On arriving home her husband checked out the 1 year old car but found nothing wrong, it has operated without a problem since the incident on August 30th. CE2

Investigator: Keith Robert TUFOIC.

Hotline callin Code: #(?)
Posted on the 05-09-07

The caller is someone who wanted to refer a witness in order to get a statement to us about a sighting they claimed from years ago. When I suggested that the witness should be able to contact us herself, he replied that he would be happy to refer her but that it may take a little while. The reason he gave was that she was a singer and had released a song that she claimed was based on the experience.

Having heard of this release myself from a couple of months earlier, I carefully arranged that there would be no media intent and that we were not interested in divulging information other than the essential facts of the case in which her anonymity, should she wish to preserve it, could be assured.

The caller arranged a meeting time or two with the witness and was eventually able to discuss the exactness of her claimed experience, only to discover that it was not true and that the whole thing was simply embellished for the sake of publicity. This was something that seemed to shock the caller as being out of character for the supposed witness involved, but did not surprise any of us.

For the sake of the caller, I am thankful. We might never have known if not for his having taken the task. In fact, he was so annoyed he left her a message I'm sure many would like to know about! As for the claimant, I still like the words and music and still hear what I know is true for so many.

For most, the claimant had not done anything wrong until she claimed something that was not true. After all, she had managed to take something that has happened to very few people and convey it to the masses something we strive to achieve. Many would have readily identified with the content. But instead of admitting to artistic licence on a topic other than the theme of relationships, the claimant hoaxed it something that hurts serious research a thousand fold.

Investigators: Lorraine Cilia & Dominic McNamara AUFORN NSW

Hotline callin Code: #6312
Date reported: 17/09/07
Date of sighting: ca.1997
Caller: Alister
Place: QLD

Spoke to Alister, has had an experience with some grey looking beings, this is not an abduction case, he moved into this house approx 10 years ago. This event had happened when he moved into the house, believes a girl lived in the house prior and they were there to contact her. This event happened 7 times in a row. Its happening in a particular room in the house only. It was 2 grey like beings, not in full form, like ghost images of them but clear, transparent like as in astral projection. This event took place at the same time every night for 7 nights. Alister tried talking to them but communication was not working that

way. He knew there was some form of communication happening though.

He would like to talk to someone who has experience in this field, he is looking to do some form of hypnotic regression to find out more about what happened. Wants to know if he can find out what form of communication was said during a hypnosis session.

He has taken this very seriously and says he is not crazy. Other people he has tried to talk to didn't take him serious, he was not too happy about that.

Investigator: Daniel Sims AUFORN QLD

Hotline callin Code: #6319 TAS
Date reported: 20.09.07
Date of sighting: 02.09.07
Time of sighting: 11pm
Caller: Robert W
Location: Claremont, Hobart
State: TAS

The witness was travelling north through the suburb of Claremont. A bright yellow/orange light was seen moving from west to east across the road ahead, gaining elevation at the same time. It continued its movement away to the east going higher in the sky until out of sight. In all probability yet another 'hoax balloon'.

Investigator: Keith Roberts... TUFOIC

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 22:46:52 +0000
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Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

I was sad enough to stay up and watch the programme last night.

On balance, I think it was quite good, it didn't do any harm.

I thought Shirley MacClaine was the most likely to scare off any serious interest, with comments like:

"I don't want to get into arguments are they real or not anymore. I've had too much experience talking to people all over the world - particularly in Peru - who have satisfied me."

<snip>

"And he [John Mack] said that we have to get clear in our own heads and our own consciousness what God is."

<snip>

"They're [The contactees (are)] being taught that we are trashing the planet in a fierce way. Be careful. Then we're being taught that they, too - even though they may be extremely superior in many technological ways, they're trying to teach us about the superiority of our technical spirits and knowledge that we haven't even touched."

<snip>

"That's the problem here. We need the governments to reveal these files. The Chinese have done it. The Brazilians have done it. The French did it about a month ago and it so lit up their switchboard it crashed their Net."

I wasn't aware that the Chinese have released their official UFO documentation, is anyone else? Also, I don't know what MacClaine expects to find in any Government documents. The majority of them have already been released in the US, and we're well on the way to the same situation here in the UK. If the documents don't contain what she believes is in there, no doubt the cover-up accusations will just continue.

The duty sceptic (James McGaha) started off very feeble, but did improve. He eventually managed to make a few good points, notably in relation the Rendlesham Radiation (virtually Nick Pope's only contribution to the show).

I think that the other thing the programme demonstrated was the sheer confusion surrounding Rendlesham - multiple events, multiple contributory factors, late reporting, mistakes in dates, and no effective official investigation.

I'm not overly familiar with some of the cases discussed, but some interesting details were offered by McGaha in relation to the JAL1628 airline encounter.

On the whole, it wasn't worth waiting up for, there were no new revelations (are there ever?), but it didn't do any damage either. The Press conference may be lucky and strike a note with the media, given the notoriety of UFOs in recent political debates on-air. It won't take long for the nutters to destroy

any positive reaction, though.

Cheers,

Joe

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November 9, 2007

Clinton Library Releases Files On UFOs

By Josh Gerstein
Staff Reporter of the Sun

Under fire for its sluggish processing of files from President Clinton's White House, the National Archives released files and photographs yesterday responding to 14 Freedom of Information Act requests from members of the public.

The records appear unlikely to contain any political bombshells, though there could be fodder for the tabloids. Many of the requests sought information about the Clinton White House's records on unidentified flying objects or UFOs.

The files detail the predilection of one of Mr. Clinton's chiefs of staff, John Podesta, for the extraterrestrial-laden television series, "the X-Files." A listing of the newly-released files is available on the Web at <http://www.clintonlibrary.gov/textual-foia.html#0313>.

In a recent court filing, the Clinton Library's acting director, Emily Robison, said it had 287 pending requests for information from the Clinton Library's archives. The responsive records could total 10.5 million pages, she said.

So far, the library has released records in response to just 18 Freedom of Information Act requests, according to the library's Web site.

At a debate for Democratic presidential candidates last week, one of the moderators, Timothy Russert of NBC News, questioned Senator Clinton about her husband's decision to ask the library to consider for withholding certain records about Mrs. Clinton, as well as other files.

Mr. Clinton later called the questions "breathtakingly misleading." He noted that the letter he sent the archives dated from 2002, long before Mrs. Clinton's presidential bid. He also said the thrust of the request was to speed up release of some records.

One of the former president's aides, Bruce Lindsey, said in a statement last week that Mr. Clinton had not blocked any record from being released.

The bulk of the delays in responding to the public requests, which often focus on substantive issues like Mrs. Clinton's Health Care Task Force, seems to stem from thin staffing at the

library, which is run by the National Archives. Only six staffers conduct the page-by-page review required to weed out classified and private information, as well as information a former president is entitled to withhold for 12 years after leaving office.

Asked by e-mail about the newly disclosed files and any possible impact on Mrs. Clinton's presidential bid, Mr. Podesta repeated an "X-files" catch phrase: "The truth is out there." He declined further comment.

More substantive records about the Clinton White House appear to be on the verge of release.

"We have had a breakthrough," a National Archives spokesperson, Susan Cooper told The New York Sun yesterday. "There should be a significant addition of materials coming up in the next few weeks."

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UFO In Kearney?

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UFO In Kearney?

This week marked the anniversary of some out of this world occurrences.

It was 50 years ago, that this station reported an encounter with a spacecraft.

Back in 1957, a grain buyer known by the name of Reinhold Schmidt was driving through Kearney, when he claimed to have encountered German speaking "Saturnians from Saturn." Schmidt claimed they stalled his car, and took him aboard their cigar shaped spaceship. And now, 50 years later, Bob Ayres is a local resident still trying to piece the puzzle together.

"I believe he saw something, but I believe it was very possibly enhanced. The encounter that he had, he claims that he went aboard and talked to space people, and they told Schmidt about global warming," said Ayres.

So some say that Schmidt was a little crazy, but according to official documentation, he appeared to be just fine.

"They took him in for mental evaluation, and there was rumors that he was a little bit off.

But I saw the report at the courthouse ten years later. And it said he passed his mental test, and seemed normal," explained Ayres.

But something not so normal about that time, was the fact that there was another encounter by a farmer that same day. The farmer's tractor stalled, and he apparently had strange time himself. Bob was lucky enough to interview the farmer's brother, and this is what he said.

"Well, he said, my brother had a strange experience out there at the same time."

So definately some inconclusive evidence. But there are a couple things that we can look for some reasoning behind these reports.

"There were some movies that came out and I think it could have influenced a lot of things.

To me, "The Day the Earth Stood Still" comes to mind," said Ayres.

And the other thing that comes to mind, is of course a hoax.

UFO In Kearney?

"I'm going to think probably 90 percent. Because a lot of people aren't trained observers. And maybe some people drink I suppose."

And needless to say, wether it did or did not happen, it is a good story.

Keith tells us that the Air Force went to the alleged location the very next day. And deemed the whole occurence a hoax.

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Sunday November 11, 2007

NASA Told To Solve 'UFO Crash' X-File

Richard Luscombe in Miami
The Observer

For four decades, residents of the tiny Pennsylvania town of Kecksburg have told their story of strange blue lights in the sky one winter's evening and a fireball crashing into woods.

On 9 December, 1965, they say, they saw armed soldiers cordoning off the area and a large metallic acorn-shaped object bearing strange hieroglyphics driven off at speed on the back of a lorry. They talk of menacing plain-clothes officials visiting homes and warning local people not to tell anyone of what they saw.

Until now the US government has denied that anything sinister took place. It has maintained that a thorough search of the woods by the air force, the only federal agency to have acknowledged it was there, found nothing. But now NASA has been ordered to examine its X-Files to solve the mystery.

Steve McConnell, NASA's public liaison officer, has admitted two boxes of papers from the time of the Kecksburg incident are missing. The episode has parallels to the 1947 Roswell incident, when a UFO was said to have landed in New Mexico.

'For so many years, a lot of good people in Pennsylvania were told by their government that what they had to say was a lie or that they were hallucinating,' said Leslie Kean, a journalist who launched a lawsuit four years ago to force NASA to open its archives.

Washington judge Emmett Sullivan refused to accept NASA's claim that the papers had been lost. He gave it until the end of the year to examine its records. 'Something came down that night,' said Kean.

'NASA has been stonewalling and now it's required to do the search it didn't do in the first place. It's a victory for those patriotic people who didn't like being told that they were making things up.'

Stan Gordon, a UFO investigator living close to the site, interviewed several witnesses. He said: 'It's interesting that [witnesses say] it was made of one solid piece of metal with no panels or rivets, and that it was moving relatively slowly and made almost a controlled landing.'

'I have no doubt the government knows a lot more about this than it has revealed to the public.'

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I appreciate your interest and patience,

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The Real Reason For UFO Disclosure

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 07:55:45 EST
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 09:30:13 -0500
Subject: The Real Reason For UFO Disclosure

Here's the real reason for this sudden wave of UFO disclosures:

Because I've written my first and only UFO novel.

Because it's chock full of disclosure stuff and things that'll go kaboom in the night, exactly five minutes before the book goes to press UFOs will be seen throughout the skies, aliens will land on the White House lawn, Martians will be going door to door raising funds for the poor Martians who live on the lower east side of Mars, flying saucers will show up cruising on Sunset Blvd here in Hollywood adorned with neon hot rod pimped out lights thingies.

The aliens who've been hiding in disguise with us will rip off their chemical skin and reveal their reptilian skin and then try to sell Noxema.

Why? Because I decided to write a book about the subject.

No more complex reason than that.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: McGaha Or Magoo

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO<aj.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 09:59:04 -0300
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 09:39:10 -0500
Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:39:09 -0500
>Subject: McGaha Or Magoo

<snip>

Dear Listers:

Skeptics never change and they are all alike anywhere in the world.

Mr. Magoo (very well said, Bruce!) or Mr. McGaha reminded me of the most stubborn skeptic we have in Brazil for decades, who happens to be one of our most distinguished and awarded astronomers, a guy with dozens of books published and a celebrirty in his field. Dr. Ronaldo Rogerio de Freitas Mourao, used to be the director of the National Observatory, in Valongo, Rio de Janeiro.

Mourao has been a skeptic all his life and was the guy that the press would call and have in newspapers and TV programs any time we had a big case in Brazil (and other countries as well). Many, many times, and always giving the most silly and absurd 'explanations'.

An example is the case of the pursuit of a 727 Boeing by a UFO in February 8th, 1982. That was a night time flight of VASP 169 (an extinct company), from Fortaleza to Sao Paulo with stops. The Captain of that flight had accumulated over 26,000 hours of flight at that time and was regarded one of the most experienced commercial pilots in the country. Gerson Maciel de Britto was instructor to pilots at AA and Canadian.

About one hour after take-off Fortaleza, Britto and his crew spotted and the in-flight radar detected a UFO just over Petrolina, Pernambuco, on the left side of the plane. The object as later confirmed by the Air Traffic Control System (Cindacta) in Brasilia and pursued the plane for hours, interrupting the pursue only when the Beoing had to make stops in Belo Horizonte and Rio. In Rio, it was seen also by people on the ground in places as the Baia da Guanabra Bridge.

During the flight, the UFO made several soft and extreme manouvers, sometimes going to positions in front and at the right side of the plane. It repeated that many times, and some manouvers where confirmed by the Air Traffic Control System (Cindacta) in Brasilia and regions. Particularly interesting was the revelation by Britto, done in 1986 in an interview to the Brazilian UFO Magazine, that he tried telephatic contact with possible occupants of the objects, and they responded to the attempts by making more manouvers.

During the flight, after having the detection of the object confirmed by the Air Traffic Control System (Cindacta), while the plane was still over Petrolina, Britto woke up all passangers on board and invited them to see the UFO and take pictures etc. That was very unique. All of them could see clearly the bright object doing its show of the left side of the

plane. All except a Catholic Bishop, who refused to "waste time with nonsense", and his secretary, forbidden by the Bishop to look through the window.

When the plane landed at its final destination, Sao Paulo, some 7 am, the pilot, crew and passengers were extensively interviewed by the press. And so was Mourao. The case is famous and was a big thing here. Even after all details given by Britto, his crew and many passengers, Mourao insisted, on TV, that the UFO was... Venus. He was invited to do the same flight later, and he did to "prove to everyone that the UFO was Venus". It wasn't! Venus could be seen on both flights, both days, clear in the sky. And in that February 8th flight sometimes it was visible just next to the UFO .

Mourao kept his opinion for decades, and last year I interviewed him for the Brazilian UFO Magazine for many hours. The interview resulted in two parts of 12 pages each. During the interview, I cross-questioned him as far as I could, to check out for a possible shift in his mind. But even after 25 years have passed since the VASP 169 incident and many other pilots have had the same stories to tell, Mourao still would insist that "the UFO was nothing but Venus".

A. J.

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Argentine Police Report UFO & 4 Aliens Near Irene

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 10:31:02 -0500
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 12:47:08 -0500
Subject: Argentine Police Report UFO & 4 Aliens Near Irene

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
November 11, 2007

Source: Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO
Date: 11.11.07

ARGENTINA: Police Report UFO and 4 Aliens Near Irene

Agents of law enforcement were engaged in routine patrols of local roads. The sighting took place from a pickup truck. The figures observed were short in stature. Bracamonte and Orellano were paralyzed by the strange apparition. Residents of the fields and couple driving along the road witnessed a phenomenon having similar characteristics.***

The apparition of a strange unidentified flying object, preceded by a enveloping white light, and the sighting of four strange beings in the vicinity of Irene, Coronel Dorrego district, kept residents speculating as to their origin.

The event occurred last Wednesday at 1:30 a.m. when two police agents from the Oriente station reconnoitered the rural area in the vicinity of Irene, specifically at the property of Felipe Fernandez. That is when the inexplicable episode occurred, startling Luis Bracamonte, first lieutenant at Oriente, and Osvaldo Orellano, a sub-lieutenant from the same police station. The police officers were engaged in a routine patrol when at one and a half hours past midnight, Orellano got out of the police pickup truck to take a look, while Bracamonte remained aboard.

"At that time I was loading a telephone calling card into my cellphone, and for that reason I remained in the vehicle. While I stared at the phone in my hand, I saw a small light, like that of a pickup truck approaching, but when I saw that it was closing in quickly, the light became larger as though from a large gray pickup truck. I wasn't disturbed by the scene, but at a distance of 10 meters I saw a shape moving and my first thought was that it was a dog. Then I saw that it was a silhouette, like that of a little man, standing approximately 80 centimeters tall, with a large head, large prominent gray eyes and a greenish cast. I then tried to dial my fellow officer's cellphone, but when I pressed the 1 and the 5, my hand remained sort of static. I could see that three more creatures came out of that vehicle or craft, two similar to the first and a fourth with a slightly more robust appearance," said Bracamonte with complete certainty.

The policeman also said that "at that time, my partner was seeing the same thing I was seeing and shouted, "what's going on?!" In a flash, the four little men boarded that craft again and it took off swiftly toward the north, scattering a white light that extinguished itself, leaving behind a green halo and a strong odor of sulfur or gunpowder, making a sound like a thunderclap."

When sub-lieutenant Santiago Walter of the Aparicio station added his testimony to the facts provided by Bracamonte. He had a similar while on patrol a few kilometers away from Irene with police officer Walter Carabajal between 1 and 2 a.m. "We were

heading out of [the town] of Nicolas Descalzi toward Aparicio on a routine patrol when we saw a large white light that appeared to engulf us. At that time the pickup stopped dead and I tried to place a call on my cellphone, but there was no signal. My partner, Carabajal, asked me to look up. That's when we saw a powerful light that appeared to stop above our pickup truck and then vanished in a flash," he said in a telephone interview. Walter contacted first lieutenant Damian Sandoval, the officer-in-charge at Oriente, only minutes later, and who was on patrol in the La Turca area, far from his present position. Sandoval reported nothing unusual. When [Walter] checked in with Bracamonte, part of the events and details of their respective experiences coincided. Both men have found no explanation for the event.

Orellano, Bracamonte's partner, acknowledged that the situation was strange, but does not regret having been a witness to it in the least. "When I went back to the pickup truck, Bracamonte was silent, with his hand paralyzed for an unknown reason. For two hours he had some trouble with his eyes, something that made them weep, but nothing major came of it."

Several residents of Oriente confirm the police officers' testimony, claiming having seen a strange glow that surrounded the towns of Irene and Aparicio at the time in question. A couple traveling from to Marisol from Oriente at the stated time saw a light toward Irene that engulfed them from the rear. It could not have been a lightning bolt, which made them feel even more curious. Farmworkers also witnessed the glow, which they cannot explain and which has been a source of speculation among locals.

At least a dozen local residents heard a loud report that startled them around 2 a.m. on Wednesday morning, which jolted them awake. However, there was no apparent cause of origin. Today, listening to the reports of unidentified creatures, the situation dovetails with the reports given by the policemen.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: La Voz del Pueblo

<http://tinyurl.com/34mu7n>

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now

From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 10:38:21 -0600
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 12:48:26 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now

James Fox and crew did an excellent job. They were very straight forward and believable. I don't think we could have chosen a better candidate for the debunker position than McGaha. He came across as willing to say the absurd. He didn't even appear confident in what he said. And even Larry King thought little of him as he kept trying to pin the guy down as to whether he wanted to call Pennison a liar...either Pennison touched the craft or he is lying; he certainly didn't imagine it.

The main negative was the ridiculous UFO that CNN kept buzzing around when it returned from the commercial breaks and the ridiculous UFO cult movie clips that somebody at CNN must have thought was cute. It was also clear that the interview with Shirley MacLaine was not done simultaneously with the main show. At least Shirley didn't say anything too outrageous.

Monday will be interesting.

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Re: McGaha Or Magoo

From: Joachim Koch <koch.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:43:58 +0100
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 12:53:40 -0500
Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:39:09 -0500
>Subject: McGaha Or Magoo

>There are none so blind as those who will not see... it
>has been said.

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>How stupid do they think we are?

>As for McGaha, to paraphrase great UFO guru Ed Ruppelt, the
>harder you stick your head into the sand the more likely
>the UFO problem it is to go away.

List,

First, thanks to those of you who provided links to the LKL
show for those who haven't seen it. I have made people aware of
that show here in Germany.

Hello Bruce,

I am sitting here and have my fists clenched. How can it be that
Larry King on one hand invited those experts and Shirley McLane,
all of them seriously reporting what they have seen, wherein
they have been involved and what they think and on the other hand
presented the notorious stereotyped obstructionist in the
person of Mr. McGaha.

The show went so well in the beginning and ended so
disappointingly.

I felt reminded of what we have here in Germany with the person
of the archdebunker Werner Walter. Both look nearly the same
except the glasses, both are overweight and show the same amount
of cheek to declare witnesses being "misinterpreters" of what
they have seen.

Imagine that the Societe Belge d'Etude des Phenom=E8nes Spatiaux
once issued a 700 page book/report about the UFO wave in Belgium
and this Werner Walter, from his armchair at home, explained
away this massive wave as having been ultra light kite planes in
the night sky and was broadcasted with this absurd explanation!

How could LK have done this? Who ordered him to chose Mr.
McGaha? I have nothing against healthy scepticism but these men
are sick from themselves.

Is there hope for the press conference on Monday?

Joachim Koch

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 11:57:38 -0600
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 13:58:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 10:38:21 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now

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>wanted to call Pennison a liar...either Pennison touched the
>craft or he is lying; he certainly didn't imagine it.

McGaha was a disaster for the pelicanist position. Even Phil
Klass, at least to those who didn't know him, could have a
certain oily charm on television or other public forum, but not
this guy, who came across as arrogant and clueless, not to
mention downright rude.

Let's hope, in other words, that he gets plenty more television
time in the future.

Jerry Clark

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Re: New Download Links For Larry King UFO Show

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 13:07:28 -0600
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:46:55 -0500
Subject: Re: New Download Links For Larry King UFO Show

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 20:23:35 +0100
>Subject: New Download Links For Larry King UFO Show

>Dear Colleagues,

>I have been able to capture youtube Larry King parts and I have
>converted them to *.avi so the clips could be more user friendly
>for your players (originaly they were in *.flv format).

>I have uploaded all 4 parts so you could have them on your hard
>drive. Download links are;

These links were broken because there is a space in the file
names. Never put a space in a file name, especially if it is to
be used in a weblink.

I've added links that will work.... I think. The site won't let
me DL the files.

Part 1

<http://files-upload.com/files/611004/larry%20king%20part%201.avi>

Part 2

<http://files-upload.com/files/611004/larry%20king%20part%202.avi>

Part 3

<http://files-upload.com/files/611004/larry%20king%20part%203.avi>

Part 4

<http://files-upload.com/files/611004/larry%20king%20part%204.avi>

Terry

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Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 13:11:34 -0600
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:48:43 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 08:18:11 -0800
>Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

>>Source: Hugh Phillips' TheHeavyStuff.Com - Marietta, Georgia, USA

>><http://theheavystuff.com/?p=33>

>>Tuesday, November 6th, 2007

>>The O'Hare UFO Incident - One Year Later

><snip>

>Yes, a year later, no pics, no vids.

>Aliens don't need cloaking devices they have a special shield
>around their ships called the 'Mouth Agape Human Staring Into
>The Headlights' device.

>Works every time.

<http://tinyurl.com/2cz5b9>

4/3/2003 HIPLINKXS TO MANAGE CRITICAL MESSAGING OPERATIONS AT
O'HARE AIRPORT

1/23/2003 SEMOTUS SOLUTIONS IQLINKXS, DEPLOYED AT UNITED NATIONS

<http://tinyurl.com/228ypj>

6/13/2005 SEMOTUS SOLUTIONS BWI AIRPORT

<http://tinyurl.com/29bctg>

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<http://tinyurl.com/2x6msv>

BALTIMORE - March 7, 2007 - Concourse Communications Group, LLC, the world's leading operator of airport neutral-host wireless access systems, today announced that the high-speed Wi-Fi network at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI) is now operational in all secure areas of the airport. Access in baggage claim and ticket counters will be completed by the end of March 2007.

The network's comprehensive coverage includes Concourses A, B, C, D and E of the BWI terminal.

John

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:22:17 -0500
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:52:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 17:47:23 -0000
>Subject: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>The term "Phoenix Lights" has become a common reference to all
>>the phenomena seen that night (March 13, 1997). However, the
>>'lights' which are generally referred to by the media were
>>60-80 miles southwest of Phoenix and seen by only 3 people who
>>videotaped them at about 10 PM.

>>Of more importance was the triangle UFO that flew right over
>>Phoenix at about 8:30 PM This is what Symington saw.

>Thanks for once again making this distinction clear between the
>videotaped lights and the earlier reports. As I'm not very well
>informed on this case I wonder if you could answer a couple of
>questions?

>It may be because some proponents of the event themselves seem to
>conflate the videotaped lights with the 8:30 event that I find
>I'd like to be clearer in my own mind about how certain this
>distinction is.

It is true that many proponents have combined the events.
However, they may be 'forgiven': The situation is quite
complicated and I'm not certain that even to this date anyone
has published a complete (or nearly complete) and exact history
of the sightings. Dr. Lynn Kitei's book, The Phoenix Lights,
provides a version of the history, but quite slanted toward her
interpretation.

However, without being historically precise one can say this
about how the UFO investigators and the press got their
impression that it was all one big event during the in the days
immediately following the sighting(s); it was known that
sightings had occurred north of Phoenix starting at about 8 PM.

The object (triangle or V) was reported in sequential locations
moving southward from the Prescott area (about 50 miles north of
Phoenix). At about 8:30 people who were outside in Phoenix
watching the Hale Bopp comet or whatever they were doing, saw a
huge V or triangle pass overhead or nearly overhead.

Then there was at least one sighting south of Phoenix north of
Tucson by people who, as I recall, claimed they drove underneath
a huge object as they were driving northward. Then in the 9:30-
10 PM time frame there were people who saw glowing orbs in the
sky (but not overhead!) and, of course, those who videotaped
(see below). In the days following the event the ufo
investigators decided that this was all one event and "invented"
the following story that the press accepted as probably true (no
press person, to my knowledge, carried out an investigation that
would support or refute this version of the history):

the V/triangle UFO had passed over Phoenix, had headed toward Tucson then had turned north and stopped just south of Phoenix (or over Phoenix from the perspective views of Kitei and Krzysten) when it then "turned on its lights" and these lights on the object were what appeared in the videos.

So, you can see how the idea that the "lights" (videotaped lights) became associated with the V that flew over the city.

The big differentiators between the 8:30 and 10 PM events (and I just know you like differentiation) are (a) the time difference and (b) the difference in angular elevation: the V passed overhead with people looking "straight up" at it, whereas the "lights" were always low on the horizon for the people in the Phoenix area.

>>From your own investigations, is there a clearly defined >clustering of times around 8:30 in original reports recorded as >.having been submitted that night or within the next day or so?

>The reason I ask is this.

>From <http://phoenix.about.com/cs/weather/qt/timezone.htm> :

>"Arizona does not observe Daylight Saving Time. This means that >in Arizona we never change our clocks like most of the rest of >the country does. On the first Sunday in November (starting in >2007), when everyone else "falls back" or sets their clock back >one hour, we do not. From that first Sunday in November through >the second Sunday in March we are one hour ahead of those states >on Pacific Time, like California and Nevada; one hour behind >states in the Central Time zone, such as Texas and Illinois; and >only two hours behind those states on Eastern Time, such as New >York and Florida.">

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Re: McGaha Or Magoo

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Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:33:01 -0500
Archived: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:54:37 -0500
Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO<aj.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 09:59:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:39:09 -0500
>>Subject: McGaha Or Magoo

<snip>

>Dear Listers:

>Skeptics never change and they are all alike anywhere in the
>world.

>Mr. Magoo (very well said, Bruce!) or Mr. McGaha reminded me of
>the most stubborn skeptic we have in Brazil for decades, who
>happens to be one of our most distinguished and awarded
>astronomers, a guy with dozens of books published and a
>celebrity in his field. Dr. Ronaldo Rogerio de Freitas
>Mourao, used to be the director of the National Observatory,
>in Valongo, Rio de Janeiro.

>Mourao has been a skeptic all his life and was the guy that
>the press would call and have in newspapers and TV programs any
>.time we had a big case in Brazil (and other countries as well). >
>Many, many times, and always giving the most silly and absurd
>'explanations'.

>An example is the case of the pursuit of a 727 Boeing by a UFO
>in February 8th, 1982. That was a night time flight of VASP 169
>(an extinct company), from Fortaleza to Sao Paulo with stops.
>The Captain of that flight had accumulated over 26,000 hours
>of flight at that time and was regarded one of the most
>experienced commercial pilots in the country. Gerson Maciel de
>Britto was instructor to pilots at AA and Canadian.

>About one hour after take-off Fortaleza, Britto and his crew
>spotted and the in-flight radar detected a UFO just over
>Petrolina, Pernambuco, on the left side of the plane. The object
>as later confirmed by the Air Traffic Control System (Cindacta)
>in Brasilia and pursued the plane for hours, interrupting the
>pursue only when the Boeing had to make stops in Belo Horizonte
>and Rio. In Rio, it was seen also by people on the ground in
>places as the Baia da Guanabara Bridge.

I think I recall this sighting. Thanks for recalling it to my
attention. Makes me think of the New Zealand sightings of Dec.
31, 1978 which were initially attributed to Venus. (Then they
found out that the plane had landed before Venus was rising.)

It appears that McGaha is now the 'skeptic of choice', said
position having been left empty with the passing of Philip J.
Klass. OF course, we'll see a lot of Shirmer, too, I suppose.

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Skylab 3

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Subject: Skylab 3

Just in time for Veteran's Day... Veteran Astronauts, that is!

Alan Bean, Jack Lousma and Owen Garriott (the first scientist in space). It was more than 30 years ago, and it has taken me a long time (!) to complete the analysis and post this. But the data are still good.

If you want to find an astronaut sighting of an unidentified space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you are.

Comments welcome

<http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

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Group Urges U.S. To Re-Open UFO Investigations

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Group Urges U.S. To Re-Open UFO Investigations

Source: CTV News - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/2k8oap>

Sun. Nov. 11 2007

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CTV.ca News Staff

The Coalition for Freedom of Information is calling on the U.S. government to re-open investigations into Unidentified Flying Objects that it shut down 30 years ago.

James Fox, producer and director of the documentary film Out Of The Blue joined forces with the Coalition to organize the panel.

"We want to demonstrate that the phenomenon is real and that it's happening world wide and we want the United States government to start an international exchange of information (and) dialogue on an official level, openly," he told CTV.ca

Using previously classified documents, the group intends to discuss many well-documented cases, including two already investigated by the American government.

The two cases include a Peruvian Air Force pilot who fired several rounds at a craft that was not affected and an Iranian pilot who claims his control panel became inoperable when he attempted to fire on a UFO.

Both pilots will speak publicly about the events on Monday at a panel discussion in Washington D.C., moderated by Arizona Governor Fife Symington.

The panel will include former government, aviation and military officials, with representatives from France, England, Belgium, Chile, Peru, Iran and the U.S. It will call for the U.S. government to re-open its UFO investigations.

The panelists have all either sighted UFOs or conducted an official investigation.

Symington himself claims that he had a sighting 10 years ago during his second term as governor. He said he witnessed a massive object navigate over Squaw Peak, a mountain range in Phoenix, Arizona.

A pilot and former Air Force officer, Symington said the craft didn't resemble any man-made object he'd ever seen.

"It was truly breathtaking," Symington told CNN on Friday. "I was absolutely stunned because I was turning to the west looking for the distant Phoenix Lights."

The governor said that the incident was witnessed by hundreds of

concerned Arizona residents who called his office.

The U.S. Air Force eventually claimed responsibility, admitting that they'd dropped flares. However Symington said that what he saw was something else, as flares don't fly in formation.

There are many high-ranking officials who share Symington's concerns, and they want the U.S. government to stop telling the public that all UFOs can be explained in down-to-earth terms.

"I would now like to set the record straight," Symington said.

"My office did make inquiries as to the origin of the craft, but to this day they remain unanswered."

Fox told CTV.ca that they have overwhelming evidence that, although they officially ended decades ago, the U.S. government has continued UFO investigations covertly.

"Several generals are here, and they said that it's difficult for any military force to disclose information that would suggest they don't have control, and expose their weaknesses," he said.

Fox, who is producing a follow-up to his UFO documentary, thinks the outing of such information "would definitely have a unifying effect on all of us, and it would give us the bigger picture of how we fit into the universe. We're not the only planet with life or the only intelligence in the universe, which in my opinion would be rather depressing."

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:45:35 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:59:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 13:44:11 -0600
>Subject: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>I watched The Larry King Show and thought it was very
>interesting and that the participants did a good job. I also
>thought Shirley McLaine represented the subject well, from her
>point of view. (She's aging quite gracefully - we should all be
>so lucky.)

I'm hard to please when it comes to televised UFO material, but I thought overall that the net result probably benefitted the field. Shirley MacLaine took the trouble to bring documentation - that was a good thing.

I don't think James McGaha came off as credible at all, and that people who haven't made up their mind will not be persuaded by his presentation.

One Lister predicted Larry King would repeatedly cut off discussion before a speaker could make a point. I saw next to none of that, and when he did cut someone off, his question made good sense.

My major complaint was that Buzz Aldrin seemed, to me anyway, at one point, to be saying that UFO sightings are highly dubious because people are easily fooled.

Eleanor White

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Re: Gulf Breeze

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 23:25:23 +0100
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 09:02:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Gulf Breeze

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:10:01 -0500
>Subject: Gulf Breeze

>For those of you with a long memory, Nov. 11 is recalled
>as

>(a) the day Washington, DC area got a surprise snowstorm
>that dropped 16 inches of snow

>(b) in Gulf Breeze, Florida the 'rain' of UFO sightings began at
>about 2:30 AM when Billie Zammit wife of a Naval officer,
>heard her little dog barking as if it wanted to go out.

Hello Bruce,

Thank you for reminding us. I would like to add that your paper Gulf Breeze Without Ed Walters is an investigational cornerstone of that case because it shows the true reality and that something really happened there.

And regarding snow: we had our first snow here in Berlin today, it was not a snowstorm but the town was pretty white for several hours.

Joachim Koch

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
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Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:22:17 -0500
>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 17:47:23 -0000
>>Subject: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>So, you can see how the idea that the "lights" (videotaped
>lights) became associated with the V that flew over the city.

>The big differentiators between the 8:30 and 10 PM events (and I
>just know you like differentiation) are (a) the time difference
>and (b) the difference in angular elevation: the V passed
>overhead with people looking "straight up" at it, whereas the
>"lights" were always low on the horizon for the people in the
>Phoenix area.

Hi Bruce

Yes, I did get that impression about the reports in the early
cluster triangle(s) from the summaries I read, that objects were
several times reported passing across the sky near the zenith.
In some cases also the objects were definitely reported as first
appearing over the N horizon, which seems to be opposite to the
direction of the ranges where the flares were. So point (b)
looks good. It would be reassuring to have point (a) proved by
key triangle-overflight reports that were logged, by police or
press or NUFORC, say, in real time. If "thousands" or even (I
saw somewhere) "hundreds of thousands" saw these things then
surely there must be at least some police or FAA logs containing
timed reports, of explicit triangle overflights, made well
before the known flare drop time. This would be a clear proof.
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OK, so the ~8:30 triangle reports I've read about, describing
those very un-flare-like properties mentioned above, were in
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Intriguingly there is one report in the Cosford case of exactly the kind I'm asking about here. The penumbra of much earlier and later reports around the core 0110 group (which appear to have been Cosmos) contains several which have a descriptive factor in common - objects (or patterns of lights) with two components, like "two concordes fixed together", a twin-hulled "catamaran" or just "two lights". We can fit this to Cosmos by assuming gross timing errors, since the Cosmos group of reports also shares a basic "two light" pattern (augmented sometimes by a faint third). At the same time, at least one of these penumbral reports can also possibly be explained as a pair of Navy helicopters known to have been operating in the sighting area, so it's a bit messy. But maybe these "windfall" reports which emerged over subsequent days were selectively shaken out by descriptions that people heard, so that two-component UFO descriptions were favoured? That seems plausible. Except for the existence of one early report of an object with two rows of white lights, which was actually logged by police hours before Cosmos re-entered. For me this one fact keeps open a chink of curiosity about aspects of the Cosford affair, even though it seems inescapable that the Cosmos booster re-entry was responsible for the bulk of reports and, if pressed, I'd have to say that the Pennistone report is probably coincidental.

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OK, so four shots at goal, and four scored, for the flares. Makes the absence of triangle-overflight videos just a little more concerning, then. Especially if (as you indicate above) the flare videotapers only realised after the publicity on the 14th that they may have filmed the Phoenix triangle - i.e., they were not primed by breaking-news stories to get their cameras out and look for UFOs.

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This overflight of a V of military aircraft doesn't tend to reduce my unease about the absence of giant-triangle videos. Although whether people were amazed by a V of aircraft lights or by a spacecraft shouldn't, one imagines, make any difference. There should be about an equal likelihood of videos in either case, so this is a unsolved mystery and is not negative evidence. Unless we suggest that some more videos were indeed

made of an aircraft formation but - like the one you mention - turned out to be too small, faint and unimpressive in comparison with the witness descriptions and so never made it past first viewings? I doubt that somehow. Surely there would be at least a shakey zoom shot or two showing what YouTubers could tell each other was a giant triangle? I think this is a bit of a puzzle however you look at it.

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I must say, I wish you had been able to investigate the rest, with your usual thoroughness. I'd have more confidence in the case if you had, though I do agree it's on the face of it still very intriguing.

Martin Shough

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:08:30 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 06:18:51 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 8 Nov 2007 23:48:08 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>>>>"Now that Fife Symington has come forward and revealed he indeed
>>>>saw the Phoenix Lights and he believed it was not of this earth,
>>>>do you see this as a door opened for other officials to
>>>>encourage disclosure on UFOs?"

>>>>The term "Phoenix Lights" has become a common reference to all
>>>>the phenomena seen that night (March 13, 1997). However, the
>>>>'lights' which are generally referred to by the media were 60-80
>>>>miles southwest of Phoenix and seen by only 3 people who
>>>>videotaped them at about 10 PM.

>>>>Of more importance was the triangle UFO that flew right over
>>>>Phoenix at about 8:30 PM This is what Symington saw.

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>>>>where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would
>>>>have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

>>>>People did report lights on the triangle, by the way.

>>>>Now this raises some questions.

>>>>Did the large triangle craft appear before or after the lights
>>>>were seen?

>>>>Hm... the answer to that question is already in what you
>>>>have read, and I "hate" to repeat myself (repeat myself) but to
>>>>reiterate, the triangle sighting began near Prescott AZ and, as
>>>>people reported to the National UFO Reporting Center, it
>>>>apparently moved southward to Phoenix and then the sighting sort
>>>>of "terminated" in some way as the object traveled over Phoenix
>>>>at about 8:30 PM. This is when Symington saw it.

>>>>The "lights" of such major fame (Lynn Kitei's video was shown
>>>>very briefly on Larry the King's show last night) occurred at 10
>>>>PM. At least a 1 - 1.5 hour gap between the two events.

Thanks Doc,

I'm only asking because of conflicting statements or lack of
documentation of the data.

Case in point, the story where Symington says he was looking for the lights at the same time he saw the giant delta wing craft.

If the lights took place much later than when he saw the craft how could he be looking for something that hadn't happened yet?

This case has a Roswellian sort of timeline fragmentation to it and is a bit too confusing for us.

Best,

Greg
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Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:02:38 -0600
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:19:02 -0500
Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

>From: John Scheldroup <johnscheldroup.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 13:11:34 -0600
>Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 08:18:11 -0800
>>Subject: Re: O'Hare UFO's First Anniversary

>>>Source: Hugh Phillips' TheHeavyStuff.Com - Marietta, Georgia, USA

>>><http://theheavystuff.com/?p=33>

>>>Tuesday, November 6th, 2007

>>>The O'Hare UFO Incident - One Year Later

>><snip>

>>Yes, a year later, no pics, no vids.

>>Aliens don't need cloaking devices they have a special shield
>>around their ships called the 'Mouth Agape Human Staring Into
>>The Headlights' device.

>>Works every time.

><http://tinyurl.com/2cz5b9>

>4/3/2003 HIPLINKXS TO MANAGE CRITICAL MESSAGING OPERATIONS AT
>O'HARE AIRPORT

>1/23/2003 SEMOTUS SOLUTIONS IQLINKXS, DEPLOYED AT UNITED NATIONS

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><http://tinyurl.com/228ypj>

>6/13/2005 SEMOTUS SOLUTIONS BWI AIRPORT

><http://tinyurl.com/29bctg>

>BWI needed a centralized messaging system to communicate in the
>event of an emergency of any kind at the airport. With hundreds
>of employees and ever changing requirements, fast communication
>is essential. The Airport also needed everyday communication
>with their internal staff and contractors working onsite to know
>who will and will not complete pending tasks. HipLink helps
>ensure seamless communication between all groups helping to
>manage the growth of the airport.

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><http://tinyurl.com/2x6msv>

>BALTIMORE - March 7, 2007 - Concourse Communications Group,
>LLC, the world's leading operator of airport neutral-host
>wireless access systems, today announced that the high-speed Wi-

>Fi network at Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood
>Marshall Airport (BWI) is now operational in all secure areas of
>the airport. Access in baggage claim and ticket counters will be
>completed by the end of March 2007.

>The network's comprehensive coverage includes Concourses A, B,
>C, D and E of the BWI terminal.

Follow-up:

http://www.ohare.com/doa/avi_news/WiFiPressRelease.htm

Press Release - Chicago Airport System
For Immediate Release:
August 31, 2004

THE CHICAGO AIRPORT SYSTEM TO OFFER WI-FI SERVICE
AT O'HARE & MIDWAY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS

The system is expected to be operational early next year and will allow for high-speed wireless Internet access throughout both airports. Essentially, the Wi-Fi provider radiates an Internet connection to users within designated areas. Currently at O'Hare, only members of VIP airline lounges can access Wi-Fi service.

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

ORD Wi-Fi available in:

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

Search Results for Jan 01, 1996 - Nov 11, 2007

Sep 08, 2006
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John

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Re: McGaha Or Magoo

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 01:01:53 +0000
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:20:34 -0500
Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:33:01 -0500
>Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO<aj.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 09:59:04 -0300
>>Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

>>Skeptics never change and they are all alike anywhere in the
>>world.

I'm not so sure about that. Some sceptics appear confident of their ground and project a supercilious air of condescension. McGaha looks ill at ease and projects an air of uncertainty.

>It appears that McGaha is now the 'skeptic of choice', said
>position having been left empty with the passing of Philip J.
>Klass.

I am surprised if McGaha is indeed to be the new Witchfinder General. I know one should not be unduly influenced by such considerations, but the more I see of him, the more uncomfortable he seems. Body language and facial expressions don't match up well with what he is saying, and he delivers his lines with a stumbling lack of conviction. All in all, he gives the impression of a man who doesn't believe a word of what he is saying, but is going to say it anyway because that's what he has to do to pick up the cheque.

How much is known about his real background?

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Spielberg Alien Epic Hits The Big 3-Oh

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:38:46 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:38:46 -0500
Subject: Spielberg Alien Epic Hits The Big 3-Oh

Source: The New York Post - NewYork, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2o6ekn>

November 12, 2007

'Encounter' - Culture

Spielberg Alien Epic Hits The Big 3-Oh
By Lou Lumenick
Post Movie Critic

One week before Close Encounters Of The Third Kind opened on Nov. 16, 1977, a highly negative article appeared in New York magazine with an illustration of a UFO laying a big egg atop the movie's landmark location, the Devil's Tower.

"In my opinion, the film will be a colossal flop," opined a financial writer who snuck into a test screening in Dallas. The Steven Spielberg classic is celebrating its 30th anniversary this week.

The story said: "It lacks the dazzle, charm, wit, imagination and broad audience appeal of Star Wars", which had been released a few months earlier.

"Columbia Pictures' stock went down precipitously," says Bob Balaban, who plays the interpreter for Francois Truffaut's UFO expert. "But a little skepticism was the best thing that could have happened, given the huge anticipation for Steven's follow-up to Jaws, and how much the movie cost," Balaban continues.

"It sort of cleared the air. There were humorous reactions from the preview audience to stuff that was supposed to be serious, so Steven went back in and made some changes, including taking out the song 'When You Wish Upon a Star.' Everything was fine."

Close Encounters - starring Richard Dreyfuss as a UFO-obsessed man who gets to live out his ultimate dream - went on to become one of the monster hits of the era, grossing \$303 million worldwide. When the figures are adjusted for inflation, it still ranks as the 67th top-grossing flick of all time (Star Wars is No. 2, behind "Gone With the Wind").

Balaban says he didn't have any sense the film would become a classic when he was making it. But he looks back on it on the lengthy shoot - which at one point took him to India - as one of his favorite experiences.

"I've been in a lot of movies, big and small," says Balaban, whose lengthy resume includes Midnight Cowboy, Gosford Park and several as a director, as well as a recurring role as NBC's president on Seinfeld.

"Usually you remember one or two things, but after 30 years, I still vividly recall every day on Close Encounters, where I

was standing next to Francois Truffaut for nine months. At one point, this great French director turned to me and said, 'Now I know what you actors go through.'

Close Encounters is being released tomorrow in a new three-disc 'ultimate' edition that makes the original 1977 theatrical version available on video for the first time. Also included are Spielberg's 1980 'special edition' and a 1999 version that combined the director's favorite parts of the two earlier ones.

Why has the film endured in the public's imagination?

"Steven's spirit and... personality, Steven's most personal inner life got captured on two hours of celluloid," Balaban says. "It's got all this amazing technical stuff, but in the end Steven made a movie that transcended what he set out to do."

More at blogs.nypost.com/movies

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Region Still Astounded By Police Officer UFO Case

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 07:18:27 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:41:51 -0500
Subject: Region Still Astounded By Police Officer UFO Case

Source: La Voz Del Pueblo (newspaper)

http://www.lavozdelpueblo.com.ar/diario/2007-11-11/La_Region/24326.htm

Date: 11.12.07

Argentina: Region Still Astonished by Police Officer UFO Case

The eyewitness accounts of four law enforcement officers who claim having seen alien beings in the wilderness near Irene have given rise to comments among locals. Were there other witnesses to the mysterious episode?

Residents of Oriente and the region are exchanging bewildered views on the police testimony concerning the encounter with humanoid beings on Wednesday in the vicinity of Irene.

Local residents are making their own remarks and speculating, but the alleged episode, by virtue of having been witnessed by four police officers, sets aside any possibility of hallucination or incorrect perception. The color and shade of the light, indicated as white with greenish flashes, and the strong odor reminiscent of sulfur or gunpowder, followed by a report comparable to a thunderclap, all agree with the description of the phenomenon.

=93We were sleeping when we heard a noise that was similar to a tire blowout. It jolted us and caused the windows to rattle for a moment. When we looked out the window, we saw nothing unusual and we gave the matter no importance,=94 said a woman who was surprised by this noise on Wednesday morning. Her testimony is added to that of other locals who heard the rumble but paid it no attention due to the time at which it occurred, and who corroborated their own perception the next day after hearing stories of a UFO manifestation.

Added to these stories are ones from people who drove along rural roads while engaged in farming tasks and observed the white flash in the fields. All conjectures that can be put forth regarding the subject bring up a reality that goes beyond human reason and consequently, leaves behind an aura of mystery to some and of open incredulity to others.

The fact remains that a group of people shared an experience this week that they will not forget for the rest of their lives. This story shall certainly be added to the list of similar experiences transmitted orally by their protagonists, and theories ranging from mistrust to involvement by NASA itself, covering an array of alternatives. A visit by four aliens-- standing 80 centimeters and with large gray eyes and greenish skin=97shall form part of the local folklore.

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Re: Skylab 3

From: TheRobieShark.nul
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:50:29 EST
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:44:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>Subject: Skylab 3

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><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

Bruce:

I would add that this case is also featured in Best Evidence:
Top 10 UFO Sightings, as one of the ten best cases of all time,
as chosen by a panel of UFO researchers (of which Bruce was
one).

NASA was very helpful - they actually couriered the photos to
us, at their expense!

Best regards,

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

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2007 Zorgy Awards Voting Begins

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:58:29 EST
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:46:04 -0500
Subject: 2007 Zorgy Awards Voting Begins

Just a note to folks that voting has begun for the 2007 Zorgy Awards, which may not be quite as prestigious as an Oscar, but are fun nonetheless (and also seem to be the only kind of popular vote award for the paranormal field). People can vote until Dec. 31st in the following categories:

- Top Podcast (SDI is nominated)
- Best Paranormal Blog
- Best UFO/paranormal 'Troublemaker'
- Best Ufologist
- Best website (forums)
- Best website (news summary)
- Top UFO Story of 2007
- Best publication (print)
- Best cryptozoologist
- Best UDO Conference

Also, folks can vote for the next two inductees into the Other Side of Truth UFO Halls of Fame and Shame. Last year, in the initial ballot, Dr. James McDonald, Dr. Jacques Vallee, Stan Friedman, Dr. J. Allen Hynek and Major Donald Keyhoe were voted into the Hall of Fame; Philip Klass, Steven Greer, Marshall Applewhite, Billy Meier and Dr. Edward Condon were voted in to the Hall of Shame.

Come one, come all (already hundreds of votes have been cast in the various categories) - you can rock the vote at:

<http://redstarfilms.blogspot.com>

Results will be released on January 1, 2008.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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Group Urges US To Re-Open UFO Investigations

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:10:45 -0000
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:47:45 -0500
Subject: Group Urges US To Re-Open UFO Investigations

>Source: CTV News - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/2k8oap>

>Sun. Nov. 11 2007

>Group Urges U.S. To Re-Open UFO Investigations

<snip>

>Symington himself claims that he had a sighting 10 years ago
>during his second term as governor. He said he witnessed a
>massive object navigate over Squaw Peak, a mountain range in
>Phoenix, Arizona.

>A pilot and former Air Force officer, Symington said the craft
>didn't resemble any man-made object he'd ever seen.

>"It was truly breathtaking," Symington told CNN on Friday. "I
>was absolutely stunned because I was turning to the west
>looking
>for the distant Phoenix Lights."

>The governor said that the incident was witnessed by hundreds
>of
>concerned Arizona residents who called his office.

>The U.S. Air Force eventually claimed responsibility, admitting
>that they'd dropped flares. However Symington said that what he
>saw was something else, as flares don't fly in formation.

I notice that (according to this) Symington doesn't say, "What I saw couldn't have been the flares because I saw it at 8:30, an hour and half before the flares were dropped," just that the "formation" ruled out flares, which is not as unambiguous as it might be, given that witnesses to the flares did indeed think they were holding a "formation". Admittedly this isn't a direct quote.

But para. 3 above is a direct quote, and he is quoted as saying "I was turning to the west looking for the distant Phoenix Lights", when he saw instead his "breathtaking" triangle of lights. How can he have been "looking for the distant Phoenix Lights" - by which I can only assume he means the videoed "Phoenix Lights", the distant flares which most people associate with that title - at 8:30, when these were not filmed until 10:00, and apparently were not publicised until after March 14th?

There may be some confusion in the reporting here. Can someone please post a link to a detailed early description by Fife Symington of what he actually did see? He told Larry King: "I saw a wedge-shaped craft of enormous proportions fly over what we call the Squaw Peak area in Sunny Slope in Phoenix." Is anyone able to pinpoint on a map exactly where Symington was located in relation to "Squaw Peak" and the Estrellas?

Thanks

Martin Shough

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From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:34:37 -0600
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:48:54 -0500
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><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

Bruce,

One of the images isn't displaying.

<http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/skytrack.jpg>

Thanks

Terry

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:26:44 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 13:41:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 19:02:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

><snip>

>>I was not encouraged by the Bassett/PRG 'The sky is falling' and
>>'The earth will tremble' approach when publicizing this
>>broadcast.

>>Shaping up to be a three-ring circus. So far...

>>I will wait along with interested others and hope that something
>>positive or helpful comes of all this. My 'educated' guess,
>>based on past experience, is that it's all just so much hype for
>>somebody's latest pet project.

>>It's called putting asses in the seats, ladies and gentlemen! A
>>trade practiced by self-serving side-showmen and assorted con-
>>men and hucksters.

>>Let's see if there is any substance/meat to be had.

>Addendum:

>I have heard from a couple of trusted associates who inform me
>that Steve Bassett and his PRG have absolutely nothing to do
>with this effort. I was confused by the "official" PRG
>promotional posts that make the whole thing sound like its a PRG
>project. Bassett doesn't make this clear in his posts. Granted,
>it is a 'grey-area' attempted rip-off, but it is a rip-off
>nonetheless.

>Bassett has a lot of balls trying to put his exopolitical spin
>on this event. To usurp the work of others by sticking his own
>version of the "disclosure project" label on it is simply self-
>serving and dishonest. Nowhere in his post does he acknowledge
>or give any credit to Kean or Fox. He leaves the impression
>(maybe intentionally,) that this event is a PRG effort.

>Leslie Kean and James Fox deserve the credit for assembling this
>impressive group of witnesses and professionals. Steve Bassett
>is simply taking unfair advantage by using the opportunity to
>color this effort with his particular brand of exo-excretion.

>It is nothing short of shameless and I just wanted to say so to
>his face. I know he reads these posts. If not, one of his
>exopolitical cronies will inform him I'm sure.

>Leslie, Jim, thank you for your work and effort to make this
>happen. You are both to be commended. I hope, along with many
>others, that something positive and substantial comes of it.

>Bassett... shame on you, man!

I really don't want to get into another long thread on politically stupid action by amazingly naive ufologists.

However, here are some general comments followed by some specific observations.

1. Most of the media as shown by the Democratic Debate is perfectly willing to ridicule the subject.

(An aside here to illustrate how pervasive this tendency is in people:

Last night I appeared on a radio talk show in Europe, in talking to the host afterwards, he touched on an interesting point. When he had a UFO experience that launched his interest, his co-workers ridiculed him, having a lot of fun at his expense. The person who was the ring-leader in the ridicule later told the witness they he too had a UFO sighting. Both of us have run into this type of behavior before.)

So in this doing anything involving political action you must leave out your half baked theories concerning possible Nazi anti-gravity experiments or that the earth is being visited 54 different types of aliens. However self-evident the above may appear to you it is just a chink in your armor, which no matter how good your presentation, will be used by the media to ridicule. Leave theories, beliefs, and unsupported speculation at the door.

2. If you are doing a live presentation vet the witnesses. Just because someone achieved high rank in society does not mean that they are necessarily reliable or believable. Some of the most cracked brained statements come from famous or high ranking people.

3. Most important in any written presentation for decision makers, put what you want them to do on the first page! If anyone thinks that decision makers are going to plow through 200 pages, to find out what you want, you are crazy, Tell them what you want up front, then arrange your material in convenient easy to reference sections to support conclusions about what you want decision makers to do. If you want to reinforce your arguments place your conclusions again at the end of your written presentation, but if you don't put them up front don't expect any reaction!

Most ufologists are lone wolves. Most UFO organizations have only generalized vague goals, not specific goals especially when it comes to interaction with officialdom. Looking at ufologists from the officialdom's point of view they are naive and ignorant. They apparently have no understanding of basic military correspondence or simple staff procedures. That is why they label things like the "Twining Memo", "McCoy Memo" and "Bolender Memo", etc., which shows not a glimmer of understanding. Its okay to be ignorant, but wanting to stay ignorant when knowledge is offered is just plain stupid and guarantees you will not be taken seriously.

Many ufologists willingly acceptance of silly and hokey things like '45 Levels Above Top Secret' or that 'Cosmic Top Secret' confers some kind of special warrant on its holder beyond access to NATO orginated classified material.

Security procedures are very simple and consist of:

- Access
- Accountability
- Classification Authority
- Levels Of Security
- Need To Know

They are made simple so some enlisted MP, AP or contract civilian guard with little official experience can enforce them.

Methods of accountability may change through the years or be different within various agencies, however, the principles apply... The White House may have different accountability standards or procedures as Presidential Orders determine how

classified information is handled. However, if there are such differences then arguments are won through research at the various Presential Libraries and not through bluster nor rhetorical or debating tricks.

Trying to compare declassified documents to supposedly leaked currently classified documents has problems, as declassified documents have been prepared for public release, and accountability and other markings may have been removed, obliterated or otherwise sanitized.

Another example of altered documents that have been declassified: most Project Blue Book UFO reports have no indication of what agencies inside and outside the AF recieved the documents. I have found UFO reports in other agencies' files which indicate the distribution and indices which tell what distribution was made... generally hundreds of UFO reports were reproduce in up to 200 copies. Routinely, the CIA received 5 copies, Navy 2, Army 2, NSA 5 or 6, etc.

Knowing this fact, it can be demonstrated to various leaders that agencies which release a few hundred pages of documents are not being forthcoming. Also, orginating agency documents found elsewhere in other agencies' files show there are, at the very least, record keeping problems, but more likely a lack of candor. Demonstrating this to decision makers makes more sense than a lot of unsupported claims and contentions that information is withheld.

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Washington Press Conference On CNN Tonight?

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Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:08:56 -0500
Subject: Washington Press Conference On CNN Tonight?

According to a note from Giuliano Marinkovic, CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 will be covering today's press conference at the Washington Press Club.

I've checked the listing for tonight's program - it doesn't mention the Washington event...

Cooper runs from 10-11 Eastern. My DVR is set - you might want to check the program's opening to see if they billboard the event....

ebk

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Re: Skylab 3

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:14:59 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:10:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>Subject: Skylab 3

>Just in time for Veteran's Day... Veteran Astronauts, that is!

>Alan Bean, Jack Lousma and Owen Garriott (the first scientist in
>space). ...

That honour belongs to geologist Harrison Schmitt, Lunar Module
Pilot for the Apollo 17 mission. Both Garriott and Schmitt were
among the group of 6 "Scientist Astronauts" selected by NASA in
1965 to be trained for missions in space.

Brian

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>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:45:35 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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Re: Skylab 3

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 10:31:30 -0700
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:13:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>Subject: Skylab 3

<snip>

>If you want to find an astronaut sighting of an unidentified
>space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you
>are.

>Comments welcome

><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

Bruce,

This is a very interesting case and analysis. A few aspects remain unclear to me:

- Your calculation for the object size is based on an estimate for object distance, which in turn is based on the time delay between Skylab and the object entering earth's shadow. This makes the implicit (and probably unwarranted) assumption that the object is in the same orbit as Skylab, and pierces the same point on the shadow zone surface. It would seem possible to obtain a variety of object distances --and hence sizes-- by relaxing this constraint, even for purely ballistic (i.e., non-maneuvering) trajectories. I note that you consider perturbed orbits later in the analysis, but as far as I can tell the implications for the object size calculation are not mentioned.

- Garriott makes the claim that Skylab and the object were not in a region of the orbit in which sunlight was passing through earth's atmosphere (and thus reddening it). But it is unavoidable that sunlight illuminating Skylab and the object was passing through earth's atmosphere when both objects were in the vicinity of the edge of the shadow zone.

- Given the potential ambiguities in the object distance/size estimate, must we not consider the possibility, as per a recent Space Shuttle mission, that the object was a piece of debris somehow jettisoned from Skylab itself?

Regards

Mike

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Re: Region Still Astounded By Police Officer UFO

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:48:29 EST
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:15:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Region Still Astounded By Police Officer UFO

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 07:18:27 -0500
>Subject: Region Still Astounded By Police Officer UFO Case

>Source: La Voz Del Pueblo (newspaper)

>http://www.lavozdelpueblo.com.ar/diario/2007-11-11/La_Region/24326.htm

>Date: 11.12.07

>Argentina: Region Still Astonished by Police Officer UFO Case

Wow what a story!

Can't beat a multiple witness CE and officers of the law at that.

Scott, did these officers take any pics or vids?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:10:45 +0000
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:18:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:08:30 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>Thanks Doc,

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>the lights at the same time he saw the giant delta wing craft.

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>how could he be looking for something that hadn't happened yet?

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>and is a bit too confusing for us.

Dear List:

Apparently, there is no poster from Arizona. Because, if there were, there might be questions about Symington's credibility. The guy is a convict and doesn't have a real close association with telling the truth. Shouldn't the question of the witness' credibility play apart in UFO investigations?

Much the same as it would in a court trial.

Just wondering.

KK

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:34:11 -0500
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:23:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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Hi Greg,

I haven't heard Symington say anything about going out to look at the
lights.

He acknowledged that he saw a large object floating silently
overhead, and I believe there is evidence that his sighting was
earlier than the later sighting of lights that became prominent
in the media.

There is perhaps a question of the time, since Arizona doesn't
participate in "Daylight Savings Time", but I believe that Bruce
has taken that into account in his analysis. But I can see where
some might get the time wrong and serious confusion could
result.

Steve

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 20:02:10 -0000
Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:25:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 23:13:57 -0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:22:17 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 17:47:23 -0000
>>>Subject: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

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>>>>I have been informed that the view southwestward from his house
>>>>where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would
>>>>have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

>>>>This is the sort of thing I'd like to know more about. Is there
>>>>a definitive study you could recommend that goes into lines of
>>>>sight and other issues in sufficient detail to make a cast iron
>>>>case for a distinct 8:30 UFO (or flap of multiple UFOs)?

>>"The definitive study" of the 10 PM videos, but not the 8:30 PM
>>triangle, is posted at my web site:

>>www.brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html

>And I think you've done an exemplary job.

I just found that in his telephone interview at

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6448045670716671513>

in March this year Symington said "where I saw it was just a little bit north of Lincoln in Glendale in the Valley" and "it was moving I think to the sort of SSE towards Chandler", which seems to imply a line of sight roughly SE. The 10:00PM lights were filmed at ~200 deg from Phoenix, or SSW, more or less orthogonal to this line of sight.

Martin Shough

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Reuter's Coverage Of Washington Press Conference

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Archived: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:29:41 -0500
Subject: Reuter's Coverage Of Washington Press Conference

Source: Yahoo News

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Former Pilots And Officials Call For New U.S. UFO Probe

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Democratic U.S. Presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich may have been ridiculed for saying he had seen a UFO, but for some former military pilots and other observers, unidentified flying objects are no laughing matter.

An international panel of two dozen former pilots and government officials called on the U.S. government on Monday to re-open its generation-old UFO investigation as a matter of safety and security given continuing reports about flying discs, glowing spheres and other strange sightings.

"Especially after the attacks of 9/11, it is no longer satisfactory to ignore radar returns... which cannot be associated with performances of existing aircraft and helicopters," they said in a statement released at a news conference.

The panelists from seven countries, including former senior military officers, said they had each seen a UFO or conducted an official investigation into UFO phenomena.

The subject of UFOs grabbed the spotlight in the U.S. presidential race last month when Kucinich, a member of Congress from Ohio, said during a televised debate with other Democratic candidates that he had seen one.

Former presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter are both reported to have claimed UFO sightings.

Most turn out to be misidentified aircraft, satellites or meteors. A panelist who once worked for Britain's Ministry of Defense said 5 percent of incidents cannot be explained.

But the sightings are often dismissed by authorities without proper investigations, UFO activists say.

"It's a question of who you going to believe: your lying eyes or the government?" remarked John Callahan, a former Federal Aviation Administration investigator, who said the CIA in 1987 tried to hush up the sighting of a huge lighted ball four times the size of a jumbo jet in Alaska.

The panel, organized by a group dedicated to winning credibility for the study of UFOs, urged Washington to resume UFO investigations through the U.S. Air Force or NASA.

"It would certainly, I think, take a lot of angst out of this issue," said former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, who said he was among hundreds who saw a delta-shaped craft with enormous lights

silently traverse the sky near Phoenix in 1997.

The Air Force investigated 12,618 UFO reports from 1947 to 1969 in what was known as Project Blue Book. Investigators concluded that the incidents posed no threat and there was no evidence of space aliens or a super technology in operation.

"Since the termination of Project Blue Book, nothing has occurred that would support a resumption of UFO investigations," the Air Force said on its Web site.

(Reporting by David Morgan; Editing by Joanne Kenen, David Alexander, Stuart Grudgings)

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Brian,

As I have said before, it depends on how you define "UFO sightings" in the first place. Trivial cases where people see meteors, satellite re-entries, etc., are very easy to screen out. UFOs should be those reports that survive careful screening and defy obvious explanation. Otherwise, yes, poor or inexperienced observers are often fooled and do contribute 'noise' to the UFO question. Any halfway serious investigation, though, could easily deal with this problem.

- Dick

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Where, exactly, has it been established that people are "easily
fooled"? I mean this not as a rhetorical question but as a
serious one. Nobody disputes that people can be fooled. It's the
adverb "easily" I have trouble with, at least as a sweeping
proposition.

It seems to me that there may be an implicit but empirically
dubious presumption underlying such claims generally: namely,
people report extraordinary anomalies. Extraordinary anomalies
don't exist. Therefore, people are easily fooled.

This is an empirically testable hypothesis, arguably. So where,
specifically, is the evidence? I'm curious.

Jerry Clark

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Transcript Anderson Cooper On DC Press Conference

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Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:58:16 -0500
Subject: Transcript Anderson Cooper On DC Press Conference

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Anderson Cooper 360 Degrees

Democratic Presidential Race Heats Up; Are We Alone?; Mother of Kanye West Dies

Aired November 12, 2007 - 22:00 ET

This is a rush transcript. This copy may not be in its final form and may be updated.

ANDERSON COOPER, CNN ANCHOR: We're going to report a lot about Kanye West's mom, about how she died, and about some of the hidden dangers of some of the kinds of surgery that she may have had.

Larry, we have been waiting for race for president to warm up, and now it has. Barack Obama, closing the gap, finally catches fire in a rock-star performance the country is talking about. It happened this weekend. We will tell you about it tonight.

And Hillary Clinton says, hey, turn up the heat. The question tonight, will either of them turn heat into votes?

Also tonight, as I said, we're digging deeper into the death of Donda West, Kanye West's mother, after surgery, apparently cosmetic surgery, here in Los Angeles. We're going to look at the kinds of procedures that millions of Americans undergo and what can go wrong with those procedures and what you need to know before going under the knife.

Also tonight, with new calls for the government to get involved, a 360 investigation into the possibility we're not alone. You will hear researchers, astronauts, even a former president of the United States, talk about what they saw, and hear from the UFO skeptics, too - all the angles tonight.

<snip>

COOPER: Well, in the latest Democratic debate, presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said he had seen one. So has Jimmy Carter. So did a pilot who traveled from Iran to Washington so he could speak out today about his encounter with a UFO.

Now, unidentified flying object means just that, unidentified. It says nothing about what or from where. But, for years now, polling has shown that a majority of Americans believe the government, our government, simply isn't telling all it knows about those lights in the sky, whatever they are.

Well, tonight, CNN's Gary Tuchman investigates.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

GARY TUCHMAN, CNN NATIONAL CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): If you flew on Air France from Nice to London on January 28, 1994, your captain says he saw a UFO 1,000 feet long just outside your window.

JEAN-CHARLES DUBOC, RETIRED AIR FRANCE CAPTAIN: It seemed to be a huge flying disk.

TUCHMAN: The now retired pilot is one of 14 men, mainly former government and military officials, from seven different countries talking about their UFO experiences.

DUBOC: It disappeared in about 10 to 20 seconds.

TUCHMAN: This conference took place in Washington, and the cast of characters was almost strangely, well, conventional. One of the believers, former Governor of Arizona Fife Symington.

FIFE SYMINGTON, FORMER ARIZONA GOVERNOR: I saw something that defied logic and challenged my reality.

TUCHMAN: During a visit to Phoenix, Symington described to me what he saw.

SYMINGTON: If you - if you had been here 10 years ago, and standing up out here and looking up there at the lights and the view, you would have been astounded. You would have been amazed.

TUCHMAN: The so-called Phoenix lights were seen by many people in 1997. Skeptics say they were military aircraft or flares, but not the former governor.

SYMINGTON: It was probably some sort of an alien spacecraft.

TUCHMAN: Lots of agreement on this panel - this retired Iranian air force pilot said he saw a UFO while flying.

GENERAL PARVIZ JAFARI, FORMER IRANIAN AIR FORCE PILOT: It looked similar to a star, but bigger and brighter.

TUCHMAN: General Parviz Jafari says he tried to fire a missile, but much of his plane became inoperative.

JAFARI: All the instrument was fluctuating. The radio had garbled. Even, I couldn't have communication with my pilot in my back seat, who was operating the radar.

TUCHMAN (on camera): So, your - so, none of your equipment worked. Your missiles didn't work. Do you think it's because this was an alien from another world?

JAFARI: Oh, yes. Yes.

TUCHMAN: You're sure of that?

JAFARI: Yes, I'm sure.

TUCHMAN (voice-over): This retired U.S. Air Force sergeant stationed in England said he walked up to a UFO that landed in a forest.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It maneuvered through the trees and shot off at an unbelievable rate of speed.

TUCHMAN: A man running for president just said he saw a UFO.

REP. DENNIS KUCINICH (D-OH), PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE: I did. And the rest of the account - it was an unidentified flying object.

TUCHMAN: And so did a man who was president.

JIMMY CARTER, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES: I and about 25 others saw something in the air that changed colors and was round.

TUCHMAN: Although Jimmy Carter says he doesn't think it was another planet, most of these people differ on that point and

want the FAA to investigate all these claims.

But the FAA says that's not its job. "We manage the aircraft that we're talking to. UFOs are called UFO's because they're unidentified and we're not talking to them."

And it's because no one's talking that everybody here is trying harder to make them believe.

Gary Tuchman, CNN, Washington.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

COOPER: Well, we're going to talk about the man who organized the conference, coming up next. He also made a film about 50 years of what he calls official contradictions and denials.

We'll also hear from a noted astronomer and UFO skeptic - skeptic. We'll be right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK) COOPER: We don't take sides on 360. We like to present you with the facts and information from different angles and let you make up your own minds about things.

That's particularly true with mysteries. And for most Americans, there's no mystery greater than UFO's.

James Fox helped organize today's UFO-related event in Washington. He directed the film "Out of the Blue." He joins me now, along with astronomer, former Air Force pilot and skeptic James McGaha.

Thank you for being with us, both of you.

Let me start off with you, James Fox. You helped to organize the panel. Why? What are you hoping to accomplish?

JAMES FOX, DIRECTOR, "OUT OF THE BLUE": I want to establish the fact that the phenomenon is real and it's taking place worldwide. And the reason why we got a panel of 14 high-ranking military and government officials from seven countries, who these guys officially investigated these cases for their governments and militaries.

So it's not private investigators. These are official military and government people.

COOPER: But James Fox, to those who say, "Look, there's no actual evidence. I mean, there's no recovered spacecraft. There's no actual evidence," what do you say?

FOX: I would say, well, we have photographic, radar confirmation, visual confirmation, land trace cases. There are imprints in the ground where these things reportedly landed. You know, and these government and military officials are telling us these things are real. I think we should listen.

COOPER: James McGaha I know you're skeptical. Why?

JAMES MCGAHA, ASTRONOMER: Well, UFO's are basically a modern space-age mythology. It's a conspiracy wrapped in superstition and myth and magic.

People see lights in the sky, and somehow they equate those lights in the sky to spacecraft from another world. It's really wish fulfillment. It's almost a fairy tale among many people to believe that somehow either doom or salvation is coming from the sky. This is a very old concept in human thinking.

But I should say, when we talk about pilots, there's this incredible misidentification idea about pilots being trained observers. Pilots are not trained observers; they're trained to fly airplanes. They are some of the worst people at identifying objects in the sky that aren't other airplanes. They're trained to react quickly in an airplane, which very often makes them to react to wrong stimuli.

COOPER: James Fox, what about that?

FOX: Let me say something. With regard - although I do respect your opinion on this, you keep misleading the public when you

say that these are ambiguous distant lights off at a distance. These are not.

These are unambiguous, up close and personal cases where, in one case in Bentwater in 1980, they actually touched the UFO on the ground. And this was witnessed by 80 people on the ground.

MCGAHA: I am quite skeptical that anyone touched anything at Bentwater's. It wasn't Bentwater's. It was actually Port Ridge (ph).

FOX: With all due respect, sir, I don't think you were there.

COOPER: James McGaha, why shouldn't there be more investigation? Why shouldn't - what this panel is calling for, essentially, is some sort of government investigation of it. Why shouldn't there be further investigation?

FOX: Well, there have been investigations...

MCGAHA: Well, what...

FOX: Hang on a second. Let me just state this clearly. One of the things that...

MCGAHA: What are we going to...

FOX: You keep interrupting me sir, please. One of the things I want to mention very quickly is that the official position from the Air Force is that they terminated Project Blue Book in 1969, and there have been no official investigations since then.

However, we found evidence that suggests the contrary on a number of cases. In Tehran, the general said the Americans were making discreet inquiries about the case - excuse me, there as well as Bentwater's, England. The colonel said that the OSI came in and investigated that.

COOPER: So you believe there is government investigation going on? You just want it more public?

FOX: They're making discreet inquiries, unofficially, yes.

COOPER: James McGaha, final thoughts?

MCGAHA: Yes. Yes, they are making discreet inquiries about strange things that happen, not about UFOs or alien spacecraft. That's not going on at all.

FOX: They are responsible for the security and the deployment of nuclear weapons. If you think they're out there hallucinating, why do they all get promoted?

MCGAHA: Well...

COOPER: We're going to have to leave it there.

MCGAHA: I could actually tell you what happened that night. It's - it's very prosaic crossing; lights in the sky and that's all.

FOX: It's not lights in the sky, sir, thank you.

COOPER: No doubt a debate we're not going to settle tonight, but we do appreciate you guys talking about it. James Fox, James McGaha, thank you.

FOX: Thanks for having us on.

COOPER: There are no skeptics over this next story. As we celebrate Veterans Day today, we give thanks to the men and women who've served in uniform. Of course, veterans are also voters, and you believe the presidential contenders are not forgetting that, as well. Tom Foreman has that and more on tonight's "Raw Politics" - Tom.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

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Dear Colleagues

I received this info from the KCMUFON List:

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The Press Conference was held earlier today. The National Press Club's website lists how to obtain tapes or transcripts of the press conference:

"Transcripts and tapes of the National Press Club Luncheon speakers series are available from Federal News Service at 888.343.1940."

I called the number listed and a recording said that DVD's and VHS tapes could be purchased for \$39.95; audio CD's and cassettes could be purchased for \$19.95 and full transcripts could be purchased for \$22.95. They accept major credit cards and you need to leave your name and phone number.

Due to the high interest in this NPC press conference, I'm sure there will be some resources/news outlets that will at least summarize the conference. I'll keep watching for a news story in the media which hopefully will come soon. If anyone else sees any summary, please post here as soon as you can so we all can learn what transpired at the conference.

Jeff S.

Giuliano

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UFOs Are No Joke Group Says

WASHINGTON (AFP) =97 UFOs may be fodder for comedians but there was no joking Monday when a group of former pilots recounted seeing strange phenomena in the sky and demanded the US government reopen an investigation into unidentified flying objects.

Several pilots offered dramatic accounts of witnessing UFOs - including a transparent flying disc and a triangular craft with mysterious markings - as they insisted their questions needed to be taken seriously more than 30 years after the US file was closed.

"We want the US government to stop perpetuating the myth that all UFOs can be explained away in down-to-earth, conventional terms," said Fife Symington, former governor of Arizona and air force pilot who says he saw a UFO in 1997.

"Instead our country needs to reopen its official investigation that it shut down in 1969," Symington told a news conference.

"We believe that for reasons of both national security and flight safety, every country should make an effort to identify any object in its airspace," said a statement from the 19 former pilots and government officials from around the world.

The subject of UFOs came up in a recent debate among US presidential candidates, with Democrat Dennis Kucinich saying he once saw a UFO - making him the object of ridicule and jokes by late night television comedians.

Skeptics say UFO sightings are merely aircraft, satellites or meteors re-entering the Earth's atmosphere.

But the retired pilots spoke to a sympathetic audience of UFO "believers" who heard them recall their encounters with seemingly other-worldly objects appearing out of the sky.

"Nothing in my training prepared me for what we were witnessing," said James Penniston, a retired US Air Force pilot, as he described seeing and touching a UFO when he was stationed at a British air base in Woodbridge.

He said he saw an inexplicable triangular craft in a clearing in the woods with "blue and yellow lights swirling around the exterior."

The UFO was "warm to the touch and felt like metal," Penniston said. One side of the craft had pictorial symbols and "the

largest symbol was a triangle, which was centered in the middle of the others," he said.

Then after 45 minutes the light from the object "began to intensify" and it then "shot off at an unbelievable speed" before 80 Air Force personnel, he said. "In my logbook, I wrote 'speed: impossible.'"

Rodrigo Bravo from Chile's air force said UFOs needed to be studied but lamented that the media often belittle the sightings.

"Sadly the UFO subject has been contaminated with false information, out of touch with reality, provided by unqualified people to the media," Bravo said.

"One of our most important civil aviation cases occurred in 1988, showing that unidentified flying objects can be a danger for air operations," he said.

"A Boeing 737 pilot on a final approach to the runway at the Puerto Montt airport suddenly encountered a large white light surrounded by green and red."

The pilot took a sharp turn to avoid a collision, according to Bravo.

The panel included a former Iranian fighter pilot, Parviz Jafari, who said in 1976 he tried in vain to fire from his jet at an "object which was flashing with intense red, green, orange and blue light" over Tehran.

But when he approached, "my weapons jammed and my radio communications garbled."

A former Air France captain, Jean-Charles Duboc, said in 1994 he and his crew saw "a huge flying disc" near Paris with a diameter of about 300 meters (1,000 feet) that left no sign on radar.

The disc "became transparent and disappeared in about 10 to 20 seconds," Duboc said.

The former pilot said like other major airlines Air France was mindful of its image and it was difficult to raise the subject of UFOs.

A former official with the Federal Aviation Administration, John Callahan, said government agencies discourage inquiries into UFOs.

"Who believes in UFOs?" is the kind of attitude of the FAA all the time," he said.

"However, when I asked the CIA person: 'What do you think it was,' he responded 'a UFO.'"

When Callahan suggested the government tell Americans about a UFO, the CIA official allegedly told him: "'No way, if we were to tell the American public there are UFOs they would panic.'"

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Arizona's Worst Governor On Arizona's Worst UFO
by Tony Ortega

Before people get too worked up about disgraced former Arizona governor Fife Symington's "disclosure" that he saw the 1997 'UFO' known as the Phoenix Lights - the subject of a breathless Larry King Live show this evening - a few words about that phenomenon from someone who actually investigated it.

In 1997, Symington was in the middle of the bank-fraud scandal that would bounce him from office, but that's not my way of questioning what he saw in the sky - thousands of Arizonans did, in fact, witness the famous Phoenix Lights that March. But from the start, bad reporting of the facts, hyperventilating by UFO "experts," and constant stupidity from television reporters in particular resulted in a false impression that has hardened into seeming fact a decade later - that the 'vee' of lights seen flying over the entire length of the state was explained away by the Air Force as flares dropped from military planes.

That is not the case. But it's not hard to see why people think as much. Because the bare facts of what happened that night almost never get told by a confused press, even ten years later.

Here's the truth: there were two, distinct events that happened the night of March 13, 1997 in the skies over Arizona, which I reported in great detail in a story that appeared a year later in the Phoenix New Times. The first event was the famous 'vee', which appeared over northern Arizona and gradually traveled south over nearly the entire length of the state, eventually passing south of Tucson. This is the 'wedge-shaped' object that Symington and hundreds or even thousands of others saw - including two of my colleagues at the New Times. Timings of the 'vee' sighting started at about 8:15 over the Prescott area, and it was seen south of Tucson by about 8:45. That's 200 miles in 30 minutes, suggesting an air speed of 400 miles per hour.

News of the sighting spread fast, drawing out many other people who began looking at the sky, some with camcorders. And it was this second wave of observers who caught the second event of the night at about 10 pm, a set of nine lights falling behind the Sierra Estrella, a mountain ridge to the southwest of Phoenix. Television reporters were the first to suggest that this was a series of flares dropped over the North Tac range behind the Estrella. But naturally, people who had seen only the 8:30 'vee' were incredulous - how could 'flares' dropped from planes fly over the entire state in a vee formation?

Well, they couldn't, of course. But to this day, reporters almost never distinguish between the two events and the

explanations that were soon presented for each.

The flares over the Estrella were soon cleared up. The Air Force, after some maddening early denials, eventually owned up that the Maryland Air National Guard had dropped them over the North Tac range. So much for the 10 pm sighting.

But what rarely gets reported is that the famous vee was also solved quite early. First of all, contrary to what you usually hear, there was a videotape made of the vee. I saw it after questioning the person who shot it (he also shot the 10 pm flares over the Estrella), and the video quite clearly shows the lights moving in relation to each other, rather than as lights on a solid object.

The human eye, however, seeing point sources of light in a dark Arizona sky, will tend to fill in the space between the lights in a contrast effect - convincing the eyewitness that he's seen a solid object. Again, however, videotape of the 'vee' clearly showed that this was not the case.

(My personal favorite of all the accounts that night is a sighting that was convincing proof that the 'vee' was not solid. A man saw it pass directly over the face of the Moon, and instead of a solid object, he saw five contrails pass over the Moon, making the Moon look blurry. Now, instead of concluding that he'd seen five planes flying in formation with their exhaust plumes plainly showing against the Moon, he instead insisted that the 'captain' flying the alien triangular craft had turned it transparent just at the right moment so that he could see the Moon through it!)

Also, reports that the vee was low overhead and moving slowly have to be discounted. The human eye is notoriously unable to judge the distance to overhead point sources of light in a dark sky. Simple physics dictates that in order to fly from Prescott to Tucson in 30 minutes the vee was moving very fast, and, logic dictates, at a high altitude.

But there's an even better reason to believe that the vee was not what Symington and others believed. As I reported in June of 1997, there was a credible report of the vee's nature that was received immediately by UFO "experts" but not followed up - at least until I checked it out. It turned out that an amateur astronomer, Mitch Stanley, had been outside that night using a Dobsonian telescope, and had captured the vee in his field of view, giving him a view 60 times the magnification of the human eye. (I'm a builder of telescopes, and I thoroughly checked out his telescope and quizzed him about his use of it. There was no reason to question this young man's veracity.) That March evening, his mother was standing nearby and could see that he was looking at the vee through the scope (I questioned them both) and they both say this was his response when she asked him what it was: "Planes."

What I reported a decade ago:

What looked like individual lights to the naked eye actually split into two under the resolving power of the telescope. The lights were located on the undersides of squarish wings, Mitch says. And the planes themselves seemed small, like light private planes. Stanley watched them for about a minute, and then turned away. It was the last thing the amateur astronomer wanted to look at. "They were just planes, I didn't want to look at them," Stanley says when he's asked why he didn't stare at them longer. He is certain about what he saw: "They were planes. There's no way I could have mistaken that."

The only real mystery of the Phoenix Lights is which group of planes this was. I suggested that Stanley's description (squarish wings) sounded like A-10s, not private planes. But the Maryland National Guard denied that they had flown over that path before dropping flares later.

Ten years later, however, the Phoenix Lights still live because it's claimed by UFO supporters that the only explanation for the flying vee was that the Air Force called it flares. You'll hear that explanation ridiculed again tonight on Larry King Live, and the UFO community will no doubt consider it a huge victory. So much for common sense.

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Subject: Re: Press Conference

With regard to the Press Briefing, I want to say that it was well attended by numerous members of the media, from a variety of Continents. While it wasn't heavily publicized in advance, several notable local researchers were in attendance, including Richard Hall, Bruce Maccabee, and Don Berliner (all past Chairmen of the Fund for UFO Research).

Those who watched the Larry King show saw the American witnesses that were involved in this Panel, while all of the others were from other Countries and several required that an interpreter repeat their statement in English for the audience. All were sincere and I will try to get the statements posted for everyone's review.

Larry Landsman with the SciFi Channel said that the credit for pulling this all together goes to James Fox, who has managed to bring witnesses to fairly famous military cases together to seek a further investigation of phenomena they had seen. This is also appears to be part of a larger Production that James is working on as an update to his Out Of The Blue documentary. I believe this is going to be called Beyond The Blue, but someone may have just been floating that name around. Again, the cases mentioned were well known and investigated to some degree. This Event was being used to point them all out as anomalous and caused danger to aircraft and it is not being (openly) investigated.

I would note that CNN carried a segment on this during the Anderson Cooper show on Monday evening, and they are running clips throughout the day today. They are also treating this with respect and I believe this is a positive for the field.

I can try to answer any specific questions, but there are many newspaper write ups and other web sites providing information as well.

Steve

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Re: McGaha Or Magoo

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>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: McGaha Or Magoo

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>>It appears that McGaha is now the 'skeptic of choice', said
>>position having been left empty with the passing of Philip J.
>>Klass.

>I am surprised if McGaha is indeed to be the new Witchfinder
>General. I know one should not be unduly influenced by such
>considerations, but the more I see of him, the more
>uncomfortable he seems. Body language and facial expressions
>don't match up well with what he is saying, and he delivers his
>lines with a stumbling lack of conviction. All in all, he gives
>the impression of a man who doesn't believe a word of what he is
>saying, but is going to say it anyway because that's what he has
>to do to pick up the cheque.

>How much is known about his real background?

I had a formal debate with McGaha at Middle Tennessee State
University, Murfreesboro, TN, on Jan. 28, 2004, before a full
house live audience (avail able on video Are Flying Saucers
Real? - 2 hrs. for \$15. including shipping fromme at POB 958,
Houlton, ME 04730-0958).

He used Power Point, I used slides. He was arrogant and
ignorant. He has his own observatory, was a USAF pilot, did as I
recall more than 1000 parachute jumps, has taught a few
astronomy courses at an Arizona Junior College.

He seemed less ill at ease than he was on the King show.

I love the JAL link with Jupiter as if the FAA and 747 radars
could pick up Jupiter. Note he didn't say how many years after
Rendelsham that he walked the site looking for radiation.

I doubt if many found him even as credible as Dr. Michael
Shermer on LK on July 13 or in the debate with me on C to C on
August 1.

Stan Friedman
Back from vacation...

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>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:22:17 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 17:47:23 -0000
>>Subject: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

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>>>>I have been informed that the view southwestward from his house
>>>>where he was when he saw the triangle view of the "lights" would
>>>>have made it impossible for him to see the "lights" at 10 PM.

>>>This is the sort of thing I'd like to know more about. Is there
>>>a definitive study you could recommend that goes into lines of
>>>sight and other issues in sufficient detail to make a cast iron
>>>case for a distinct 8:30 UFO (or flap of multiple UFOs)?

>>"The definitive study" of the 10 PM videos, but not the 8:30 PM
>>triangle, is posted at my web site:

>>www.brumac.8k.com/phoenixlights1.html

>And I think you've done an exemplary job.

>>I have not investigated the 8:30 event, I have only read about
>>it. The difference here is, I actually talked face to face with
>>the videotapers and went to their respective houses (Krzysten,
>>Kitei and Rairdon). I did speak to an Air Force Col (I was told)
>>who did see the 8:30 triangle and said he was dumbfounded (or
>>words to that effect) as this thing passed silently overhead.

>I must say, I wish you had been able to investigate the rest,
>with your usual thoroughness. I'd have more confidence in the
>case if you had, though I do agree it's on the face of it still
>very intriguing.

I'd like to point out one thing about the videotapers that is
generally not known: Kitei and Krzysten had seen lights in the
sky that appeared to them to be over Phoenix (their sighting
lines passed over Phoenix) quite a few times before March 13.

They believed that they were seeing unusual lights and had
videotaped (and Kitei photographed, as well) these lights. So
the reason that Kitei and Krzysten had their cameras available
was these previous sightings... they were always waiting for the
next sighting.

Not so for the viewers of the overhead triangle.

They, one presumes, were caught off guard so to speak. At the

very least, they did not have previous triangle sightings that would give them an incentive to have their cameras ready in case of another one.

Krzysten expressed this effect on him of having previous sightings and videos when he said something like "We've got 'em this time" - not an exact quote of a statement made while he videotaped the 'krzysten arc'.

So, I am disappointed that no one got a triangle video, but I am not overly surprised.

In the previous message I mentioned an Air Force Colonel I talked to who saw the triangle and was flabbergasted - gobsmacked!

Now I have spoken to another witness of the triangle:

Fife Symington!

Thanks to my attendance at the press conference today (Nov. 12) I was able to talk to him for a short time. He apparently didn't realize there was a time gap between the videotaped 'lights' at 10 PM and his sighting. But he was adamant that he didn't see flares. So I filled him in on the timing difference. But then I asked him a question about the triangle he saw: could he describe them?

He said there were indistinct lights associated with the object, not "sharp" like lights you ordinarily see at night. In his prepared comments, he wrote that they were "enormous lights" on a "solid structure" with a "very distinctive leading' edge." He described it as a "silent", "delta-shaped craft".

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>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>My major complaint was that Buzz Aldrin seemed, to me anyway, at
>>>one point, to be saying that UFO sightings are highly dubious
>>>because people are easily fooled.

>>It is a well-established fact that people, in general, _are_
>>easily fooled. As such, the majority of UFO sightings are
>>'highly dubious' and need to be approached with a healthy dose
>>of scepticism.

>Otherwise, yes, poor or
>inexperienced observers are often fooled and do contribute
>'noise' to the UFO question. Any halfway serious investigation,
>though, could easily deal with this problem.

It depends upon how you define "fooled". Sometimes, as everybody knows, witnesses fail to identify a conventional stimulus, but as a general principle they are not "fooled" about what their senses were telling them. Their accounts of what they saw are accurate enough. That's why it's possible to solve many sightings simply from the witness' description. It's not the details that are in error - they're generally correct - it's the interpretation. As Brad Sparks points out, many of these witnesses are simply puzzled and confused, not (beloved urban legend notwithstanding) out there declaring they saw a UFO/alien spacecraft/whatever.

I spend a good portion of my waking hours reading old newspapers on line in search of anomalous material. It's amazing how often I am able to solve a case simply from what the witness says. Overwhelmingly, in these instances, even before 1947 witnesses were more inclined, simply and wisely, to express puzzlement than to champion some extraordinary interpretation.

There are always exceptions, of course, because human beings are all different. I think, however, that we need to weigh our words carefully. If it were true that as a general principle people's intelligence, faculties, and perceptual apparatuses are so out of whack that they are easily and routinely fooled, you'd have to wonder what human evolution has been up to all this time - or how we can even run a functioning and deeply complicated society which depends on all sorts of accurate perceptual skills. My suspicion is that the "easily fooled" (as opposed to occasionally fooled) trope is more a function of unexamined disbelief tradition - which has to do _something_ to dispose of

masses of extraordinary testimony over the centuries - than with something that can be objectively demonstrated.

We need, for example, to examine under what circumstances mistaken observations are most likely to be made, and in which the observations are more likely to be accurate, without prejudging the epistemological status of the phenomenon reportedly seen - leaving that question for another time.

Disbelief tradition is a classic intellectual error, ensuring that only conclusions that validate preexisting belief are judged free of error. I guess that approach would be defensible if we did indeed know everything, as the CNN reporters who spent part of today sneering at the National Press Club witnesses apparently believe (at least on camera).

Jerry Clark

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:18:50 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:47:48 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 10 Nov 2007 09:08:30 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 06:18:51 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>>The "lights" of such major fame (Lynn Kitei's video was shown
>>very briefly on Larry the King's show last night) occurred at 10
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I don't know why he was outside at the time (didn't think to ask
him that question today at the press conference). Obviously he
wasn't looking for the 10 pm flares.

However, the object itself had some lights attached and, if he
had heard of it before it passed over (people calling the
governor to inform him of something strange in the sky, for
example) then he might have been looking for lights on an
object.

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Re: Skylab 3

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:29:22 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:49:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: TheRobieShark.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:50:29 EST
>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>>Subject: Skylab 3

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>>space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you
>>are.

>>Comments welcome

>><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

>Bruce:

>I would add that this case is also featured in Best Evidence:
>Top 10 UFO Sightings, as one of the ten best cases of all time,
>as chosen by a panel of UFO researchers (of which Bruce was
>one).

>NASA was very helpful - they actually couriered the photos to
>us, at their expense!

Wow! Let's hear it for NASA!

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Re: Group Urges US To Re-Open UFO Investigations

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:55:18 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:54:01 -0500
Subject: Re: Group Urges US To Re-Open UFO Investigations

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:10:45 -0000
>Subject: Re: Group Urges US To Re-Open UFO Investigations

>>Source: CTV News - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

>><http://tinyurl.com/2k8oap>

>>Sun. Nov. 11 2007

>>Group Urges U.S. To Re-Open UFO Investigations

><snip>

>>Symington himself claims that he had a sighting 10 years ago
>>during his second term as governor. He said he witnessed a
>>massive object navigate over Squaw Peak, a mountain range in
>>Phoenix, Arizona.

<snip>

>But para. 3 above is a direct quote, and he is quoted as saying
>"I was turning to the west looking for the distant Phoenix
>Lights", when he saw instead his "breathtaking" triangle of
>lights. How can he have been "looking for the distant Phoenix
>Lights" - by which I can only assume he means the videoed
>"Phoenix Lights", the distant flares which most people associate
>with that title - at 8:30, when these were not filmed until
>10:00, and apparently were not publicised until after March 14th?

>There may be some confusion in the reporting here.

Yup. (see another message)

>an someone
>please post a link to a detailed early description by Fife
>Symington of what he actually did see? He told Larry King: "I
>saw a wedge-shaped craft of enormous proportions fly over what
>we call the Squaw Peak area in Sunny Slope in Phoenix." Is
>anyone able to pinpoint on a map exactly where Symington was
>located in relation to "Squaw Peak" and the Estrellas?

If you define the 'center' of Phoenix as the intersection of
Interstate 10 (running east-west) where it meets Interstate 17 -
running North from its intersection with 10 - then Squaw Peak is
a mountain 7 - 8 miles Northeast of the center, at the Eastern
edge, I guess, of Sunny Slope.

Lynn Kitei's house is essentially on the south side of Squaw
Peak.

Frances Barwood told me that Symington lived on the North-side
of Camelback Mountain which is Southeast of Squaw Peak, so if he
was at home, or near home, when it happened and he saw it go
over Squaw Peak, then he was looking Northwestward at it. And,
Camelback mountain my well have blocked his view to the South.

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 20:16:42 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:55:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 20:02:10 -0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 23:13:57 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 14:22:17 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007?? [was: Larry King Live...]

<snip>

>I just found that in his telephone interview at

><http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=6448045670716671513>

>in March this year Symington said "where I saw it was just a
>little bit north of Lincoln in Glendale in the Valley" and "it
>was moving I think to the sort of SSE towards Chandler", which
>seems to imply a line of sight roughly SE. The 10:00PM lights
>were filmed at ~200 deg from Phoenix, or SSW, more or less
>orthogonal to this line of sight.

I couldn't find Lincoln on a topo map I have, but the Glendale area is west of Squaw Peak and North of the 'center' of Phoenix - where 10 and 17 meet. Chandler is southeast of Glendale. So, if he saw it pass over Squaw Peak (from his point of view) then he was looking eastward at it.

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Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:05:45 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:05:30 -0500
Subject: Walls Come Tumbling Down

It is written that Joshua and his men blew on horns and the walls came tumbling down. The Bastille of Skepticism is being stormed by credible UFO witnesses. Holes are appearing in the 'cover-up'.

Well, maybe!!

>Source: Yahoo News

>http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20071112/us_nm/usa_ufos_dc_1

>11-12-07

>Former Pilots And Officials Call For New U.S. UFO Probe

>WASHINGTON (Reuters) - Democratic U.S. Presidential hopeful
>Dennis Kucinich may have been ridiculed for saying he had seen a
>UFO, but for some former military pilots and other observers,
>unidentified flying objects are no laughing matter.

>An international panel of two dozen former pilots and government
>officials called on the U.S. government on Monday to re-open its
>generation-old UFO investigation as a matter of safety and
>security given continuing reports about flying discs, glowing
>.spheres and other strange sightings.
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Yes, yes, I know. This will last about one news cycle - which could be less than a day - but it will make a splash.

The witnesses all read prepared statements which, I presume, will end up on the net, so I won't summarize them here.

James Fox and Leslie Kean are to be congratulated for an excellent showing of a collection of "high powered" witnesses. No town drunks or even "plain ordinary people" who can make mistakes, here. Only trained witnesses who, according to Magoo/McGaha make mistakes.

Besides the 'plain old' witnesses of distant phenomena - French, British, Chilean and Japanese pilots - we were treated to an Iranian pilot who chased a UFO and had his avionics - electronic instrumentation - temporarily fail when he got too close - about 26 nm according to radar lock-on; this was Jupiter according to the late Philip Klass. Also a Peruvian pilot who chased and fired on a UFO and lived to tell about it and an American serviceman, Penniston, who actually touched a landed UFO at Rendlesham, accompanied by American Col. Halt who had a plaster caste of one of the depressions made in the soil.

Kind of hard to dispute some guy who fired cannon from a jet plane while chasing a UFO. But then, during WWII, we are told, sometimes pilots fired at Venus, thinking it was relatively close by. But, how about someone who actually touched a craft, in the sight of other witnesses. Well, people can make mistakes and get wrong impressions' when acting under duress - what duress? There wouldn't have been duress if this thing had been a normal object sitting on the ground!

Anyway, as long as witnesses of this credibility level keep coming forward the skeptics will be busy and will probably be forced, ultimately, to utilize the last resort: the witnesses are liars.

I got the impression from this press conference that the only thing that stands between the ufological situation at present and high levels of acceptance in the future is money. Given enough money and you can bet that this set James Fox back a pretty penny, one could get credible witnesses from a couple dozen of the largest countries on earth and have a real 'United Nations' sort of press conference with lots of unexplainable sightings. But all witnesses are untrustworthy, of course. Thus Spake McGaha!

If this subject achieves a sufficiently high profile I see great confrontation about to take place between UFO 'skeptics' and 'believers' that would be analogous to the great debate taking place about global warming:

'Is global warming real?' is compared to 'are UFOs/AFCs real?'
AFC = Alien Flying Craft or whatever you want to call evidence of NHI, Non-Human Intelligence, flying around in our skies.

I suspect that that a lot of 'blood will be spilt before there is a final conclusion to either of these debates. On the other hand, it may take decades or centuries to resolve the global warming debate, whereas the UFO debate could be completed in a few years, given enough funding.

But then, there is the danger in getting what you wish for. If AFC reality is generally accepted, what then? Lots of things are going to change, as pointed out by me and others on this List in past years.

We may, in the end, wish we didn't know.

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From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:19:22 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:07:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 08:34:37 -0600
>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>>Subject: Skylab 3

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>><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

>Bruce,

>One of the images isn't displaying.

><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/skytrack.jpg>

Fixed - I hope.

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 23:59:10 -0400
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:10:17 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:10:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>>craft how could he be looking for something that hadn't
>>happened yet?

>>This case has a Roswellian sort of timeline fragmentation to
>>it and is a bit too confusing for us.

>Apparently, there is no poster from Arizona. Because, if there
>were, there might be questions about Symington's credibility.
>The guy is a convict and doesn't have a real close
>association with telling the truth. Shouldn't the question of
>the witness' credibility play apart in UFO investigations?

>Much the same as it would in a court trial.

>Just wondering.

Sure you are. Boy this one has really dug its spurs into you for
you to sink to character assassination. Gov. of Arizona, air
force pilot, now a convict. You sound a bit desperate.

What piece of work you are.

Don Ledger

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A UFO Goodie

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 23:45:26 EST
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:13:20 -0500
Subject: A UFO Goodie

Every day that goes by I think of what would have happened had WWII gone awry and the Axis powers had won.

It's Veteran's Day here in the U.S. and I for one have family who's fought in every war we've had and am thankful no end that the good guys won. When we're right, we're really right!

Now I look at today's newest UFO press conference and I think of all the stuff my grandparents went through fighting in that war and it makes me look at them with greater awe!

Now that they're more accepting of the UFO thing and many talk about it more as they don't care who has what to say, So now there's no shutting them up as they have bragging rights no-end now.

"Lad! I fought real evil when you knew what evil was! We threw around some atomic bombs and fought the flying saucer men! Don't you sit there and tell me you've got it tough! By Cracky!"

You can't argue with that.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 00:59:37 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:15:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:22:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:22:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:45:35 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>My major complaint was that Buzz Aldrin seemed, to me anyway, at
>>>one point, to be saying that UFO sightings are highly dubious
>>>because people are easily fooled.

>>It is a well-established fact that people, in general, are
>>easily fooled. As such, the majority of UFO sightings are
>>'highly dubious' and need to be approached with a healthy dose
>>of scepticism.

>Brian,

>As I have said before, it depends on how you define "UFO
>sightings" in the first place. Trivial cases where people see
>meteors, satellite re-entries, etc., are very easy to screen
>out. UFOs should be those reports that survive careful screening
>and defy obvious explanation.

This is hair-splitting. I - and, I assume, Buzz Aldrin - was
referring to 'UFO' reports, in general.

>Otherwise, yes, poor or inexperienced observers are often fooled
>and do contribute 'noise' to the UFO question. Any halfway serious
>investigation, though, could easily deal with this problem.

Then it would seem that you, me, and Buzz Aldrin are on the same
page with regard to that.

Brian

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 01:50:03 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:18:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 17:24:44 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:22:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>easily fooled. As such, the majority of UFO sightings are
>>'highly dubious' and need to be approached with a healthy dose
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>Where, exactly, has it been established that people are "easily
>fooled"? I mean this not as a rhetorical question but as a
>serious one. Nobody disputes that people can be fooled. It's the
>adverb "easily" I have trouble with, at least as a sweeping
>proposition.

Granted, my throw-away comment could have been worded more
carefully. A sweeping proposition it was. But the kernel of my
argument stands: we are cognitively fallible beings, often
miserably so. We easily misinterpret phenomena, especially if it
is a surprise. We are susceptible to the most irrational
choices, often through superstition or ignorance. Ask a
magician, a politician, a thief what they think about how easily
we humans can be fooled at times.

>It seems to me that there may be an implicit but empirically
>dubious presumption underlying such claims generally: namely,
>people report extraordinary anomalies. Extraordinary anomalies
>don't exist. Therefore, people are easily fooled.

I said nothing of the sort. It seems that there is an implicit
suggestion that I am an idiot who doesn't understand the first
thing about logic. I would be ashamed to make such a dubious
claim, even as a throw-away comment.

Your attempt at redirection is duly noted, though.

The point I was trying to make is that people are - in general -
not very good witnesses - look it up. For that reason, I am
disinclined to take any UFO report - for varying definitions of
'UFO', Dick Hall ;-) - at face value.

>This is an empirically testable hypothesis, arguably. So where,
>specifically, is the evidence? I'm curious.

I'm not a librarian. And I'm frankly surprised and amused that
you are asking me this. Surely you must know something about the
fallibility of witnesses? One could assume that the subject
pertains here, wouldn't you agree? Search google for perception,
credibility, witness, etc. and you'll find plenty to slake your
curiosity. If that doesn't satisfy your objection I won't be put
out if you claim victory here. Suit yourself.

Brian

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UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:33:49 -0500
Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

Hi All,

Not doing a very good job of 'lurking' am I?

This note is a reminder for everyone to please make some kind of monetary contribution to the UFO Coalition so they can complete the analysis of the data from the Abduction Study Project.

I sent my check to FUFOR today. If everybody who was demanding information about the study contributes, we may actually get the information!

Put yer money where yer mouth is! Time to pony up some bucks.

Make all checks payable to:

UFO Coalition

Address to:

Rob Swiatek
The Fund For UFO Research, Inc.
P.O. Box 7501
Alexandria, VA. 22307

Eleanor, talk to the abductees you've been in touch with. See if they can chip in too! If we all work together and make the effort, we can get this thing done.

Contribute now. Tell your friends. Here's to success.

Peace,

John Velez

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:40:12 -0000
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:22:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 17:24:44 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>It seems to me that there may be an implicit but empirically
>dubious presumption underlying such claims generally: namely,
>people report extraordinary anomalies. Extraordinary anomalies
>don't exist. Therefore, people are easily fooled.

>This is an empirically testable hypothesis, arguably. So where,
>specifically, is the evidence? I'm curious.

Hi Jerry - here's the Catch-22:

From empirical research - ignore those political labels -
translate to 'laid-back and 'up-tight':

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/09/070911111852.htm>

"Liberals More Likely Than Conservatives To Break From Habitual
Responses, Study Finds"

we can see that 'laid-back' folk are more likely to see the
unexpected whereas 'up-tight' persons tend to see only what they
expect to.

Problem. Those 'in charge', of evidence seeking and assessment,
are going to be 'up-tight' bookkeeping types.

Cheers

Ray D

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Monday's NPC UFO Conference

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:28:50 EST
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:27:43 -0500
Subject: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

Okay, so again I sat up all night awaiting some Earth shaking UFO disclosure news as I had heard and read would occur during Monday morning's National Press Club gathering of officials and luminaries.

Instead according to the wire stories so far, we had people tell stories and ask that the U.S. Government, NASA, and the Air Force re-open the investigation into UFOs?

Did I miss chunks of history here?

Why would anyone even remotely having researched the history of UFOs attempt to get the above mentioned entities involved?

That's like asking the Bush Administration to take a stance against the illegal alien problem.

It ain't gonna happen.

With the stellar cast assembled at the NPC I expected something far more volatile given the decades long lack of cooperation and especially the claims of CIA intervention.

Nothing around here is going to change unless someone gets mad!

It doesn't get any more complicated than that. Anger proceeds change.

When our ancestors got angry with King George, things changed.
When our ancestors got mad about slavery, things changed. When they got angry about Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo, things changed.

Things didn't change because people shook hands and asked politely.

We don't have sex scandals and political scandals involving blonde celebrity women or sports figures so no one is going to care a hill of beans what happens in UFOlogy.

Those of you who have had your rights trounced on, livelihoods threatened as well as your persons and family members, you'll have to make a decision. You'll either pitch a natural bitch about it including some good ol' fashioned shoe banging on the table or you'll continue to suffer at the indignities hurled by our authorities regarding your plight.

Hate to sound so harsh but this is Earth. Cute bunnies get eaten by big bad wolves here. That's the default procedure.

Best,

Greg
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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 12:22:03 -0000
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:30:39 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 14:34:11 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>>I'm only asking because of conflicting statements or lack of
>>documentation of the data.

>>Case in point, the story where Symington says he was looking for
>>the lights at the same time he saw the giant delta wing craft.

>>If the lights took place much later than when he saw the craft
>>how could he be looking for something that hadn't happened yet?

>>This case has a Roswellian sort of timeline fragmentation to it
>>and is a bit too confusing for us.

>I haven't heard Symington say anything about going out to look
>at the lights.

Steve

Symington says it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2k8oap>

"It was truly breathtaking," Symington told CNN on Friday. "I was absolutely stunned because I was turning to the west looking for the distant Phoenix Lights."

Greg is right, and I also questioned this. But Symington is relying on a 10-year-old memory and has obviously absorbed a great deal of 2nd-hand info and imagery over the years. It wouldn't be too surprising if events had got telescoped together in his mind. This doesn't necessarily mean that the core memory of the sighting is without value.

>He acknowledged that he saw a large object floating silently
>overhead

Not sure about "overhead". Did he say this? As I mentioned in a later post the sighting direction indicated appears to be SE, which is grossly inconsistent with the flare drop (SW of Phoenix). In fact "turning to the west" is consistent with Symington's statement elsewhere that he saw the triangle fly over Squaw Peak. Squaw Peak, as far as I can make out, would be a few miles due West from Symington's location in Glendale. He said the object appeared to be heading about SSE, so we get the picture now of something in the W sky tracking from left to right. Again this a 10-year-old memory, but these are the sort of basic structural facts that are probably most reliable. If Bruce is right that Symington would not have had a view towards

the SW ranges from his location anyway then everything is consistent with him seeing something other than the 10:00PM flares.

>and I believe there is evidence that his sighting was
>earlier than the later sighting of lights that became prominent
>in the media.

Can you tell us what this evidence is?

>There is perhaps a question of the time, since Arizona doesn't
>participate in "Daylight Savings Time", but I believe that Bruce
>has taken that into account in his analysis. But I can see where
>some might get the time wrong and serious confusion could result.

I raised the DST issue in good faith, but I no longer think it important. Bruce has reassured me that the bulk of significant ~8:30 reports were made within one or two days. And in any case we can probably put that whole issue to rest because I've been informed off-List that the change to DST in those days was in April. It's apparently only in the last year that it changed to mid-March? US listers will know more about this than I do.

Martin Shough

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Re: CE: Kaeser On Press Conference

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:45:31 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:32:03 -0500
Subject: Re: CE: Kaeser On Press Conference

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: Current-Encounters.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 07:46:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Press Conference

>With regard to the Press Briefing, I want to say that it was
>well attended by numerous members of the media, from a variety
>of Continents. While it wasn't heavily publicized in advance,
>several notable local researchers were in attendance, including
>Richard Hall, Bruce Maccabee, and Don Berliner (all past
>Chairmen of the Fund for UFO Research).

>Those who watched the Larry King show saw the American witnesses
>that were involved in this Panel, while all of the others were
>from other Countries and several required that an interpreter
>repeat their statement in English for the audience. All were
>sincere and I will try to get the statements posted for
>everyone's review.

>Larry Landsman with the SciFi Channel said that the credit for
>pulling this all together goes to James Fox, who has managed to
>bring witnesses to fairly famous military cases together to seek
>a further investigation of phenomena they had seen. This is also
>appears to be part of a larger Production that James is working
>on as an update to his Out Of The Blue documentary. I believe
>this is going to be called Beyond The Blue, but someone may
>have just been floating that name around. Again, the cases
>mentioned were well known and investigated to some degree. This
>Event was being used to point them all out as anomalous and
>caused danger to aircraft and it is not being (openly)
>investigated.

>I would note that CNN carried a segment on this during the
>Anderson Cooper show on Monday evening, and they are running
>clips throughout the day today. They are also treating this with
>respect and I believe this is a positive for the field.

>I can try to answer any specific questions, but there are many
>newspaper write ups and other web sites providing information as
>well.

>Steve

I will post some comments later today or tomorrow. Let me just
say now that I think the entire press conference was extremely
well planned and conducted, and the panel members did a fine job
of sticking to the point and focusing on hardcore, unexplained
cases that urgently need to be taken seriously and properly
investigated.

Nick Pope, who posts here periodically, was on the panel and did
an excellent job. I chatted with him briefly, and had a chance
to meet and talk with some of the primary witnesses.

More later.

Dick Hall

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>>I haven't heard Symington say anything about going out to look
>>at the lights.

Sorry, in my reply I said:

"Squaw Peak, as far as I can make out, would be a few miles due West from Symington's location in Glendale. He said the object appeared to be heading about SSE, so we get the picture now of something in the W sky tracking from left to right"

I made a silly transposition of E and W. I should have said "a few miles due East" and "in the E sky tracking left to right". This was just a typo and doesn't affect the point being made.

MS

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Re: Witnesses & Their Senses

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:27:54 -0500
Archived: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:37:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Witnesses & Their Senses

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:23:53 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:22:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>Otherwise, yes, poor or
>>inexperienced observers are often fooled and do contribute
>>'noise' to the UFO question. Any halfway serious investigation,
>>though, could easily deal with this problem.

>It depends upon how you define "fooled". Sometimes, as everybody
>knows, witnesses fail to identify a conventional stimulus, but
>as a general principle they are not "fooled" about what their
>senses were telling them. Their accounts of what they saw are
>accurate enough. That's why it's possible to solve many
>sightings simply from the witness' description. It's not the
>details that are in error - they're generally correct - it's the
>interpretation. As Brad Sparks points out, many of these
>witnesses are simply puzzled and confused, not (beloved urban
>legend notwithstanding) out there declaring they saw a UFO/alien
>spacecraft/whatever.

Jerry,

You make some good points about the sense in which witnesses are not fooled. I define "fooled" as reporting a sighting as being something anomalous when it really has a simple and fairly obvious explanation if the witness were more aware of natural phenomena or human aerial technology.

But we could get into an infinite regression of definitions here. What does "anomalous" mean? Clearly in the case of honest witnesses what they saw was anomalous to them (unfamiliar in their experience or knowledge). Just like the definition of UFO we need to distinguish what a 'real' anomaly is by introducing the concept of labeling only after careful and thorough investigation.

Something ought not to be labeled an anomaly merely on the basis of being unfamiliar to a casual observer, otherwise we have utter chaos and confusion.

Dick

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>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:26:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 19:02:06 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>>I have heard from a couple of trusted associates who inform me
>>that Steve Bassett and his PRG have absolutely nothing to do
>>with this effort. I was confused by the "official" PRG
>>promotional posts that make the whole thing sound like its a PRG
>>project. Bassett doesn't make this clear in his posts. Granted,
>>it is a 'grey-area' attempted rip-off, but it is a rip-off
>>nonetheless.

>>Bassett has a lot of balls trying to put his exopolitical spin
>>on this event. To usurp the work of others by sticking his own
>>version of the "disclosure project" label on it is simply self-
>>serving and dishonest. Nowhere in his post does he acknowledge
>>or give any credit to Kean or Fox. He leaves the impression
>>(maybe intentionally,) that this event is a PRG effort.

>>Leslie Kean and James Fox deserve the credit for assembling this
>>impressive group of witnesses and professionals. Steve Bassett
>>is simply taking unfair advantage by using the opportunity to
>>color this effort with his particular brand of exo-excretion.

>>It is nothing short of shameless and I just wanted to say so to
>>his face. I know he reads these posts. If not, one of his
>>exopolitical cronies will inform him I'm sure.

>>Leslie, Jim, thank you for your work and effort to make this
>>happen. You are both to be commended. I hope, along with many
>>others, that something positive and substantial comes of it.

>>Bassett... shame on you, man!

>I really don't want to get into another long thread on
>politically stupid action by amazingly naive ufologists.

>However, here are some general comments followed by some
>specific observations.

>1. Most of the media as shown by the Democratic Debate is
>perfectly willing to ridicule the subject.

>(An aside here to illustrate how prevasive this tendency is in
>people:

>Last night I appeared on a radio talk show in Europe, in talking
>to the host afterwards, he touched on an interesting point. When
>he had a UFO experience that launched his interest, his
>co-workers ridiculed him, having a lot of fun at his expense.
>The person who was the ring-leader in the ridicule later told
>the witness they he too had a UFO sighting. Both of us have run
>into this type of behavior before.)

>So in this doing anything involving political action you must
>leave out your half baked theories concerning possible Nazi
>anti-gravity experiments or that the earth is being visited 54
>different types of aliens. However self-evident the above may
>appear to you it is just a chink in your armor, which no matter
>how good your presentation, will be used by the media to
>ridicule. Leave theories, beliefs, and unsupported speculation
>at the door.

>2. If you are doing a live presentation vet the witnesses. Just
>because someone achieved high rank in society does not mean that
>they are necessarily reliable or believable. Some of the most
>cracked brained statements come from famous or high ranking
>people.

>3. Most important in any written presentation for decision
>makers, put what you want them to do on the first page! If
>anyone thinks that decision makers are going to plow through 200
>pages, to find out what you want, you are crazy, Tell them what
>you want up front, then arrange your material in convenient easy
>to reference sections to support conclusions about what you want
>decision makers to do. If you want to reinforce your arguments
>place your conclusions again at the end of your written
>presentation, but if you don't put them up front don't expect
>any reaction!

>Most ufologists are lone wolves. Most UFO organizations have
>only generalized vague goals, not specific goals especially when
>it comes to interaction with officialdom. Looking at ufologists
>from the officialdom's point of view they are naive and
>ignorant. They apparently have no understanding of basic
>military correspondence or simple staff procedures. That is why
>they label things like the "Twinging Memo", "McCoy Memo" and
>"Bolender Memo", etc., which shows not a glimmer of
>understanding. Its okay to be ignorant, but wanting to stay
>ingorant when knowledge is offered is just plain stupid and
>guarantees you will not be taken seriously.

>Many ufologists willingly acceptance of silly and hokey things
>like '45 Levels Above Top Secret' or that 'Cosmic Top Secret'
>confers some kind of special warrant on its holder beyond access
>to NATO orginated classified material.

>Security procedures are very simple and consist of:

- >Access
- >Accountability
- >Classification Authority
- >Levels Of Security
- >Need To Know

>They are made simple so some enlisted MP, AP or contract
>civilian guard with little official experience can enforce them.

>Methods of accountability may change through the years or be
>different within various agencies, however, the principles
>apply... The White House may have different accountability
>standards or procedures as Presidential Orders determine how
>classified information is handled. However, if there are such
>differences then arguments are won through research at the
>various Presential Libraries and not through bluster nor
>rhetorical or debating tricks.

>Trying to compare declassified documents to supposedly leaked
>currently classified documents has problems, as declassified
>documents have been perpared for public release, and
>accountibility and other markings may have been removed,
>obliterated or otherwised sanitized.

>Another example of altered documents that have been
>declassified: most Project Blue Book UFO reports have no
>indication of what agencies inside and outside the AF recieved
>the documents. I have found UFO reports in other agencies' files

>which indicate the distribution and indices which tell what
>distribution was made... generally hundreds of UFO reports were
>reproduce in up to 200 copies. Routinely, the CIA received 5
>copies, Navy 2, Army 2, NSA 5 or 6, etc.

>Knowing this fact, it can be demonstrated to various leaders
>that agencies which release a few hundred pages of documents are
>not being forthcoming. Also, originating agency documents found
>elsewhere in other agencies' files show there are, at the very
>least, record keeping problems, but more likely a lack of
>candor. Demonstrating this to decision makers makes more sense
>than a lot of unsupported claims and contentions that
>information is withheld.

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Hi Jan, (long time no speak!)

I left in your every word. It's all good, Jan. Your educated and helpful suggestions and comments make perfect common sense.

The "problem" is... it will fall on deaf ears.

The way some groups operate, you'd think they were intentionally sabotaging their own projects. The "disclosure" group, especially the exopolitical wing of the disclosure movement, is one such glaring example. Like you, I'm not up for rehashing the likes of Greer or any of his current 'confused offspring'. I have come to agree with John Alexander (late of NIDS,) that Greer and his bunch have, in fact, sabotaged any hope of actually securing government disclosure.

How? By trivializing it for one.

Example: Greer's last minute addition of the whole "free-energy" and "space-based weaponry" issues. Added I might note, against the advice and better wisdom of Greer's own closest associates.

Another has to do with the vetting of witnesses (as you point out) that are being used/placed before the public, in the name of securing 'full government disclosure' of UFO related data. By thoughtlessly including obvious, and well-known klinkers among the genuinely credible and valuable witnesses, he opened the door for any potentially interested parties (who may have been in a position to actually do something,) to easily dismiss them all. Good and bad alike.

I strongly suspect that it really isn't about 'disclosure' for these exopolitical groups, as it is to put asses in the seats at the conventions they put on regularly. I think it's more about good old fashioned greenbacks and personal glory than it is advancing the pawn of government disclosure.

According to Alexander, serious discussions and efforts were being made to secure open hearings when Greer and ilk came along and jumped the gun with their very public three ring circus. An effort which only netted Greer several years of invitations to speak at conferences, and to provide him an opportunity to sell his "Disclosure video." Besides speaking engagements and video sales, nothing of any substance at all has been accomplished.

What kicks my ass is, they see themselves as "good-guys." Helpful to the cause and all that rot. The practical result of their efforts has been; they have single-handedly caused more division and distraction among the ranks than any other single agent.

Government spooks _assigned to sabotage ufology_ could not do a better, or more effective job of killing disclosure in the cradle as these bumbling, self-serving heros have done.

Kean and Fox seem to be trying to do a competent, credible job this time. You should forward a copy of your post to Kean and Fox. They need to hear your sage advice. Help them in any way you can.

As for PRG and others who attempt to jump on Kean and Fox's bandwagon and paint/tar it with their own peculiar beliefs and agenda, don't kid yourselves, you're not 'getting over' on anyone. Transparency is often the curse of crass opportunists. We can all see where you're coming from! And it's not a 'good' place.

Great to see a post from you, Jan. I miss your contributions here. Please give my very best to my old bud, John Stepkowski next time you communicate with him. John, along with yourself and many others are among the unsung heroes of ufology. Keep up the good work brother-man.

Warmest regards, and many thanks for the thoughtful response, hope it actually ends up doing some good.

John Velez

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>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 00:59:37 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:22:15 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>Brian

Except that I don't consider it "hair-splitting." Far from it. I
consider it to be a fundamental point of methodology,
epistemology.

Dick

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 14:37:21 -0000
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:04:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:15:14 -0500
>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 23:13:57 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

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>>I must say, I wish you had been able to investigate the rest,
>>with your usual thoroughness. I'd have more confidence in the
>>case if you had, though I do agree it's on the face of it still
>>very intriguing.

>I'd like to point out one thing about the videotapers that is
>generally not known: Kitei and Krzysten had seen lights in the
>sky that appeared to them to be over Phoenix (their sighting
>lines passed over Phoenix) quite a few times before March 13.

>They believed that they were seeing unusual lights and had
>videotaped (and Kitei photographed, as well) these lights. So
>the reason that Kitei and Krzysten had their cameras available
>was these previous sightings... they were always waiting for
>the next sighting.

>Not so for the viewers of the overhead triangle.

>They, one presumes, were caught off guard so to speak. At the
>very least, they did not have previous triangle sightings that
>would give them an incentive to have their cameras ready in
>case of another one.

>Krzysten expressed this effect on him of having previous
>sightings and videos when he said something like "We've got 'em
>this time" - not an exact quote of a statement made while he
>videotaped the 'krzysten arc'.

>So, I am disappointed that no one got a triangle video, but I
>am not overly surprised.

I'm still quite uneasy about this. As I understand it there is
one "triangle" video which you indicated was probably a flight
of aircraft. This is evidently the same video described in Tony
Ortega's critical piece:

<http://tinyurl.com/3avof6>

The real triangle is estimated to have been seen by many
thousands, for the reason (as I've read) that so many people
were outside watching for comet Hale-Bopp. Surely some of those
hopeful comet watchers equipped themselves with video and still
cameras? But not one person apparently got a shot, whilst every
one of the four known witness groups to the 10:00PM flares
managed to shoot videos.

Now I take your point that some of the flare-sighters were alert

for unusual lights and had cameras ready, but this really increases my puzzlement. A huge number of people at 8:30 were presumably prepared to see an unusual comet - why did none of them have cameras ready? Well, people can be absent minded, and caught off-balance by unexpected events. So it's a good job then that there were some people who were prepared with video cameras that night because they were hoping to see UFOs. Unfortunately none of them reported or filmed the giant triangle, only the flares.

Martin Shough

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:44:57 -0600
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:06:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 01:50:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:22:58 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>Granted, my throw-away comment could have been worded more
>carefully. A sweeping proposition it was. But the kernel of my
>argument stands: we are cognitively fallible beings, often
>miserably so. We easily misinterpret phenomena, especially if it
>is a surprise. We are susceptible to the most irrational
>choices, often through superstition or ignorance. Ask a
>magician, a politician, a thief what they think about how easily
>we humans can be fooled at times.

Well, these are red herrings, irrelevant to what I was trying to
address, which - contrary to your reading - was intended a
general comment and no attack on you personally. I am sorry you
have responded so defensively, and if that was because I did not
make my meaning sufficiently clear, I apologize for my
imprecision.

I was writing, as I thought you were, about human perception in
ordinary circumstances. Not, in other words, about traumatic
crimes, not deliberate, sophisticated misdirection, not
ignorance of complicated public-policy issues. I was simply
arguing something that I should think is undeniable: that if you
tell me a rabbit suddenly ran across your path in reasonable
viewing conditions, chances are strong that it was a rabbit and
not a large dog or a newspaper page pushed by the wind.

If, on the other hand, you reported something out of the
ordinary, I could - were I so inclined - mutter, without further
justification, that since people are "easily fooled," I can
confidently proceed to tell you what you really saw and make
up any explanation I want, then declare the case solved. Project
Blue Book did it all the time, and UFO history is littered with
innumerable other instances. That's why our "serious" media now
believe that ridicule is response enough to any UFO report,
whatever the level of evidence or the ostensible credibility of
the witnesses. It's not much of a stretch to go from people are
"easily fooled" to people are stupid, meriting only contempt if
they report an observation of something anomalous. Yesterday's
CNN coverage of the National Press Club gathering is a case in
point.

>>It seems to me that there may be an implicit but empirically
>>dubious presumption underlying such claims generally: namely,
>>people report extraordinary anomalies. Extraordinary anomalies

>>don't exist. Therefore, people are easily fooled.

>I said nothing of the sort. It seems that there is an implicit
>suggestion that I am an idiot who doesn't understand the first
>thing about logic. I would be ashamed to make such a dubious
>claim, even as a throw-away comment.

(1) You are not an idiot but among the most interesting and thoughtful contributors to this forum. (2) I was not referring to you but, as I wrote, "such claims generally." Even anomalists internalize debunker arguments without critically examining them. I certainly do not think you consciously endorse presumptions drawn from disbelief tradition. I simply insisted, and continue to insist, that the proposition that people are "easily fooled" warrants critical - dare I say skeptical? - scrutiny.

Jerry Clark

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>same page with regard to that.

I can no longer forebear from asking how Buzz Aldrin got into
this. I don't recall seeing any reference to Buzz Aldrin in
Friday's show transcript. Either one observer is seeing pseudo-
Buzz, or this observer is suffering from Buzz-blindness. Is it
me?

MS

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Re: Arizona's Worst Governor On Arizona's Worst UFO

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:57:50 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:14:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Arizona's Worst Governor On Arizona's Worst UFO

>Source: The Village Voice Blogs - New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/3avof6>

>posted: 5:26 PM, November 12, 2007 by Michael Clancy

>Arizona's Worst Governor On Arizona's Worst UFO
>by Tony Ortega

<snip>

Ortega has it basically right: there were two events.

However, the explanation he has proposed for the 8:30 triangle or V is not convincing (except to him and other skeptics).

I used some of Ortega's previously published information in my analysis of the 10 PM video lights.

Unfortunately the V sightings were not investigated with the thoroughness of the videotaped lights.

It does seem strange to me that planes so high up as to require a reasonably powerful telescope to resolve them could appear to naked eye observers as a huge dark object blocking out the stars as it went over silently.

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Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:06:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:16:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:05:45 -0500
>Subject: Walls Come Tumbling Down

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>'cover-up'.

>Well, maybe!!

According to a Netscape/AOL a poll of about 70,000 web users
shows about 30% considering themselves to be witnesses and about
85% to be for the government reopening the investigation.

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Joshua's Horn & The Osterich Syndrome

From: 'The Norm' <thenorm.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:48:35 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:23:21 -0500
Subject: Joshua's Horn & The Osterich Syndrome

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Two points:

1. Stephen Greer's dramatic press conference in Washington several years ago didn't have any substantial longterm effect on the 'cover up'. Many of the witnesses who testified at Greer's press conference were credible, though some were not. I rather doubt that Greer's press conference was a failure (in terms of bringing down the 'cover-up' walls) because some of the witnesses were unreliable.

Why would yesterday's press conference be any different? Basically the same "horn" is being blown (though the horn blowers may be more consistently credible).

2. There still exists what Dr. Maccabee has called the "self-coverup". I and others call it self-denial by people who don't want to know the truth about UFOs. I don't expect that yesterday's horn blowing will cause the walls of the 'self-coverup' to come tumbling down.

It is amazing that when I inform people about strong supportive evidence regarding UFOs, they often don't want to listen to it. They prefer not to know about it. This is the 'UFO Osterich Syndrome'.

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:05:50 EST
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:25:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 01:50:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 17:24:44 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>The point I was trying to make is that people are - in general -
>not very good witnesses - look it up. For that reason, I am
>disinclined to take any UFO report - for varying definitions of
>'UFO', Dick Hall ;-)) - at face value.

This is simply not true. Most lawyers and police officers - you know, the folks who deal with witnesses on a regular basis - will tell you that people are generally good observers, and poor interpreters. Further, my experience, having been on both sides of the witness coin (that is to say, having examined witnesses and having been one myself), is that witnesses will often get small details wrong, but are usually pretty good at recalling the big picture - especially when that big picture made an impact on them, i.e. was an event out of the ordinary for them.

You also make the mistake of assuming that witnesses can be viewed as individuals, and therefore easily dismissed. I'll agree that a single witness isn't terribly strong, and open to challenge, simply because it is true that some folks are going to make a mistake, despite what I just said above, so I wouldn't hang my proverbial hat on one witness alone.

What you conveniently ignore, however, are the multitude of cases where there are several witnesses who see the same thing independently of each other. That's the kind of corroboration that goes a long way in a court of law - especially if you have a case like Kelly Johnson's 1950 sighting over Santa Barbara Channel, which was confirmed by top Lockheed pilots and flight engineers, who also saw the same object move in the same manner in the same place and at the same time as Johnson and his wife did, independently of Johnson and his wife.

Of course, your entire premise is flawed, as many of the best cases have more than just witness testimony going for them - for example, the 1957 RB47 case (or subsequent cases involving RB47 aircraft), and the 1976 Tehran case.

But you don't seem to want to talk about that... do you?

Paul Kimball
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Re: Witnesses & Their Senses

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 11:18:05 -0600
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:31:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Witnesses & Their Senses

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:27:54 -0500
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Hi, Dick,

>But we could get into an infinite regression of definitions
>here. What does "anomalous" mean? Clearly in the case of honest
>witnesses what they saw was anomalous to them (unfamiliar in
>their experience or knowledge). Just like the definition of UFO
>we need to distinguish what a `real' anomaly is by introducing
>the concept of labeling only after careful and thorough
>investigation.

>Something ought not to be labeled an anomaly merely on the basis
>of being unfamiliar to a casual observer, otherwise we have
>utter chaos and confusion.

Anomalous is broadly definable as "outside current consensus
knowledge" and doesn't mean, of course, simply an individual's
failure to identify a conventional stimulus.

All I was saying, to make myself clearer than apparently I did,
is this, not (I should think) terribly controversial
observation:

Of course people can be fooled. That's beyond any possible
dispute. I was just raising a warning flag about the presumption
that they are routinely and easily fooled. That, I believe, is a
whole other question, and surely the reason we get
"conventional" explanations that are so wildly at variance with
witness testimony and offered with no other justification than
the just-stated.

It certainly ought to be useful to proponents, skeptics, and
agnostics alike to attain more precise clarity on how people are
fooled and how they are not fooled.

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Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 12:24:42 -0500
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:34:15 -0500
Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:28:50 EST
>Subject: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>Okay, so again I sat up all night awaiting some Earth shaking
>UFO disclosure news as I had heard and read would occur during
>Monday morning's National Press Club gathering of officials and
>luminaries.

>Instead according to the wire stories so far, we had people tell
>stories and ask that the U.S. Government, NASA, and the Air
>Force re-open the investigation into UFOs?

<snip>

Hi Greg,

I'm not sure what you expected to come from this effort, but I think a lot of people can be proud of it.

I don't think anyone expected any great "new" revelations from the witnesses, if you took the time to see who they were. These were solid cases that involved military personnel, who all claim that there has been a cover-up. Period. I don't know how you feel about it, but when the media actually begins to present the story in that light (as CNN is today), that's a good thing for the genre (IMO).

My regret was that this is too much information for most of the media, who really only want a short sound bite. There were about a dozen witnesses who spoke for up to five minutes and by the end there was perhaps some confusion in keeping all the event separate. But several of the foreign witnesses have been featured today, and they are insistent that they saw an intelligently controlled craft that they couldn't identify and exceeded our capabilities.

This event was unique and brought a number of people together for this purpose for the first time. The fact that it doesn't have explosive new information shouldn't have come as a surprise.

Steve

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Re: CE: Kaeser On Press Conference

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 09:31:11 -0800
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:38:22 -0500
Subject: Re: CE: Kaeser On Press Conference

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: Current-Encounters.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 07:46:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Press Conference

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>I would note that CNN carried a segment on this during the
>Anderson Cooper show on Monday evening, and they are running
>clips throughout the day today. They are also treating this with
>respect and I believe this is a positive for the field.

>I can try to answer any specific questions, but there are many
>newspaper write ups and other web sites providing information as
>well.

I monitored CNN all day yesterday, and the items on the NPC
event were less than complimentary in my view; they were tainted
with innuendo, using adjectives and nouns, like "believe" and
"believers".

The culmination of CNN's reporting was with Anderson Cooper, and
that report was despicable! Boots on the ground reporter, Gary
Tuchman's bias is evident, and he has a track record as he was
the one who did the report (ala Anderson Cooper) on the O'Hare
Incident; that segment ended with Cooper flipping the lights off
and on while playing the theme music to the original Star Trek
show!

Cheers,

Frank

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Morningstar On NPC Conference

From: **Robert Morningstar** <robert_morningstar.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:24:28 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 07:45:06 -0500
Subject: Morningstar On NPC Conference

I was interviewed by a Canadian TV reporter yesterday in DC at the NPC UFO conference and asked about "the greatest UFO incident" in Canadian history and who would be the best people to contact in Canada on UFO affairs.

I gave her a synopsis of the Shag Harbor incident, recommended that she study the work of Wilber Smith and told her to contact Nick Balaskas of York University and Errol Bruce Knapp of UFO UpDates.

She then asked me "Why don't I know about this, if it is so famous?"

I laughed and said:

"Maybe you don't watch the History Channel enough!"

She also asked me "Does Prime Minister Harper knows about this"?

I replied:

"I cannot answer for Mr. Harper but he should know about it as he is the one most responsible. I would recommend you ask Mr. Harper, himself."

CNN and Fox News were also present. Gary Tuchman of CNN asked some interesting questions and he covered the event in a fair and balanced way - despite 'Wolfman' Blitzer's and McCafferty's snide comments after his piece was aired last night.

I also had long conversations with former Gov. Symington and high-ranking officers of the Belgian, Iranian, Chilean and Peruvian Air Forces, as well as, the representatives from France and England: Mr. Claude Poher regarding GEPAN/COMETA reports, Roy Bower, airline pilot in the English Channel incident, and with Nick Pope, Charles Halt and James Penniston, who actually touched the object with his hands and copied the pictograms on the object in the Rendlesham Incident.

I engaged Major General (Ret) Wilfried De Brouwer, former Chief of Operations in the Air Staff of the Belgian Air Force, in discussion and photo analysis of the Black Triangle incident(s) that occurred over Belgium on 29 November 1989, pointing out previously unnoticed details in the now famous Black Triangle photo, which I had enhanced in 1993 to illuminate details possibly of a second craft seen in the photo that I believe was misidentified as a 'lens flare'.

The new details revealed of the UFO 'dogfights' between General Parviz Jafari in an F-4 Phantom II in Iran and Commandante Oscar S.M. Huerta in a Sukhoi 22 over Peru were literally 'out of this world'.

I shared details of an abduction incident (of a British MD and an Iranian citizen) that occurred NE of Teheran on the day before the F-4 incident with General Parviz Jafari, citing the location in the Erbuz Mountains, near the pilgrimage shrine of a Shi'ite holy man.

General Jafari then confided that he had seen the UFO land, "illuminating the sands around it" and that he had taken a helicopter the next morning to search the landing zone. The general told me, "This was in that same area that you mentioned, the Erbuz Mountains." General Jaffari also gave me a copy of the official USAF report on the F-4 incident.

This conference was truly a historic event in the annals of UFO research. Look for more details on UFO Digest in the near future.

To all concerned, feel free to repost these comments.

Warm regards,

Robert Morningstar
Editor, UFO Digest

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:10:45 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 17:14:31 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

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>>>Thanks Doc,

>>>I'm only asking because of conflicting statements or lack of
>>>documentation of the data.

>>>Case in point, the story where Symington says he was looking
>>>for the lights at the same time he saw the giant delta wing
>>>craft.

>>>If the lights took place much later than when he saw the
>>>craft how could he be looking for something that hadn't
>>>happened yet?

>>>This case has a Roswellian sort of timeline fragmentation to
>>>it and is a bit too confusing for us.

>>Apparently, there is no poster from Arizona. Because, if there
>>were, there might be questions about Symington's credibility.
>>The guy is a convict and doesn't have a real close
>>association with telling the truth. Shouldn't the question of
>>the witness' credibility play apart in UFO investigations?

>>Much the same as it would in a court trial.

>>Just wondering.

>Sure you are. Boy this one has really dug its spurs into you for
>you to sink to character assassination. Gov. of Arizona, air
>force pilot, now a convict. You sound a bit desperate.

>What piece of work you are.

Hi Don,

Regardless of what Kathy wrote, I remember with real bitterness,
and I do mean bitterness, that Phoenix council press conference
with that moron that strode out dressed up as an alien.

We are all used to ridicule and being discrete about to whom and
how we discuss our interest, and we've all long ago accepted it

goes with the territory. But that one really stuck in the craw for me. Above all else, what a statement it made about the council's attitude to a sizeable number of its electorate. And then a few years later he goes and says, "Well actually..."

Good luck to him now and I wish him the best. His face is testament to the fact that he's had a hard time in recent years, and it would have taken some courage as well to turn it round as he did.

But if some resentment remains, I can understand it.

Stuart

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Interview With Guillermo Gimenez Of Planeta UFO

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology

November 13, 2007

Readers of Inexplicata are familiar with the reports on Argentinean UFO and paranormal cases provided by our contributing editor, Guillermo Gimenez, who co-directs the Planeta UFO weblist with Christian Quintero. Mr. Gimenez took some time out of his busy schedule to answer a few questions for us.

Hi Guillermo - Thanks for taking time out of your schedule to answer some questions for INEXPLICATA. As a researcher, what is your opinion on the case involving the four police officers that had the CE-4 experience near the town of Irene?

Hello Scott =96 Well, I can tell you that this is without a doubt a very interesting case, more so when its protagonists were four police officers from the Buenos Aires Provincial Police, holding the ranks of lieutenants and sub-lieutenants. Two of the witnessed not only a large object that came close to them, but also the descent and perception of four small humanoid figures, greenish-hued, large-headed and gray-eyed. You can also add to this the number of witnesses who claim having seen - between 1 and 2 a.m., the indicated time of the encounter on Wednesday, November 7 =96 strange lights in the sky and a loud detonation whose source still remains unknown. There are also reports from other localities which I consider to be "hot spots", such as Coronel Dorrego, Oriente, Tres Arroyos and Necochea, plus the visual testimony of a UFO photographed some days ago at a lagoon near the place where the events occurred. All of this can be added to the veracity of the events.

Can you describe the conditions one finds in rural Argentina? By this I mean the distances to be covered, the population density, the factors that make it ideal for UFO sightings?

The Republic of Argentina is a vast country. Traversing it covers thousands of miles from north to south and east to west. Our fields are fruitful in a number of areas and therefore, distances here are vast, making favorable for UFO events. For example, between my city, which is Necochea, and the neighboring city of Tres Arroyos, there's a distance of 142 kilometers. There are some homesteads and small localities where strange objects are also reported, as well as encounters with their occupants.

This region is very rich in UFO case histories, and we've had all kinds of encounters with beings of various descriptions. Perhaps the first recorded CE-3 case in this region took place in Tres Arroyos around 1940 and its protagonists were also police officers from the Province of Buenos Aires. They witnessed a luminous, disk-shaped object and could see a number of humanoid figures "coming and going", in the words of Sgt. Vicente and Patrolman Gitani. This sighting impressed them to the extent that they withdrew from the area. A startling case. Imagine what it must've been like, Scott, to undergo an

experience like this one.

Does this case remind you of other cases involving police officers that ran into UFOs in your country's rural areas?

Argentina has had many UFO cases involving police officers. I'm reminded of the events of the Julio Orozco case from May 1999 in the province of La Pampa, a region that has always offered rich and interesting case histories. Another would be the one that occurred in Salta, in the vicinity of the Tin Tin straight road, near the Cachi Pass at an elevation of 6100 meters, when a patrol car was escorted by a huge UFO along a beautiful region of our country. This was around May 2001. Another event would be July 2002 incident in the Province of Cordoba, when various law enforcement officers sighted a large object. As you can see, I can keep listing cases, but I think this offer a good sample.

Have you had the chance to investigate any similar cases in Necochea and its environs?

I had the chance to investigate several UFO cases involving police officers as well as regular citizens, highway chases and even encounters with occupants. All of this took place in Province of Buenos Aires, in cities such as Necochea, Miramar, Tres Arroyos, Coronel Dorrego, Oriente, etc., in other words, the same area as the main events. Case histories are abundant and have taken place at different times.

Which ufological mystery intrigues you most?

My interest in ufology came about in the summer of 1977 in my city, Necochea, when I was able to see the maneuvers of a large mothership that crossed the city at a very low altitude and in perfect silence. There were hundreds of witnesses. From that moment I felt the urge to research. I've had the opportunity to travel all over the world and find in various parts of the world (the Americas, the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, etc.) many encounters that were similar to others that took place enormous distances away and in other times. Surprising cases involving different witnesses. There's no doubt that cases involving the presence of occupants intrigue me the most. Here in Necochea I have looked into real encounter cases. Our area is rich not only in cases, but in the quantity and quality of the eyewitnesses involved.

Thanks for sharing your insights with us!

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

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>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
>Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

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>This note is a reminder for everyone to please make some kind
>of monetary contribution to the UFO Coalition so they can
>complete the analysis of the data from the Abduction Study
>Project.

John -

What do you think about trying to get Robert Bigelow to fund the full shot?

Eleanor White

[Or Danny Aykroyd? --ebk]

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Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:28:50 EST
>Subject: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

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>Nothing around here is going to change unless someone gets mad!

Sadly, nothing around here is going to change unless
_significant_numbers_ of people get mad.

That's why we need TV documentaries where credibility of ufologists and the best cases is portrayed prominently, and the message to the viewer is "Hey, viewer, you are being ripped off! This information, which could well include advanced, Earth-problem-solving technology, belongs to _you_, yet your public 'servants' are keeping it from you!"

If the slant of TV documentaries about UFOs would get more proactive, that would very likely be one of the most effective ways to stir up those significant numbers of citizens.

Another way would be to get what is a really small sum - \$5,000 - fifty loads of groceries, or fifty tanks of gasoline on full size vehicles - to the coalition to get that abductee data analyzed and published! (And, I urge, releasing the raw data _must_ be part of that!)

If not Robert Bigelow, how about Laurance Rockefeller?

If Shirley MacLaine has managed her money wisely, how about asking her? Are there any other media stars with the interest?

How about Larry King, who no doubt has the finances, and who could 'scoop' the results on mainstream TV?

I'd ask, except I think an abductee, who has an obvious personal stake in the outcome, would have a better chance.

Eleanor White

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Richard Hall On NPC Conference

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National Press Club Press Conference, November 12, 2007

In my 50 years of more or less active involvement with the UFO subject I have been present or a participant in numerous press conferences, private and public meetings with high-level people present... you name it.

This press conference was one of the most impressive experiences I have ever had just sitting in the audience, though I did get a chance to chat with various of the witnesses eventually. The affair was beautifully planned and well-conducted. To me, it struck just exactly the right note... which I will get to in a minute.

First I must say that some people who outspokenly demand alien bodies on a gurney or a crashed saucer with the hull still warm be displayed at a press conference like this have their heads up their posteriors. Only the Government could possibly produce the corpus delicti, and this was decidedly not a Government press conference. It was implicitly very critical of governments for failing to openly and honestly address cases like those reported by the panel members.

The press coverage was quite accurate insofar as it went and was widely disseminated (via Reuters, Agence France Presse, ANI, and other news services), but extremely shallow. A mile wide and a foot deep. The presenters - especially the former military pilots of several countries - reported mind-blowing experiences, most of which were well-documented, contained radar verification, etc. They provided smoking guns all over the place and lots of fodder for reporters (old-fashioned reporters, anyway).

The news coverage focused almost exclusively on the carefully orchestrated and well-justified message that some very strange encounters have been experienced by highly credible observers like these, and the need to re-open a serious investigation on a basis of international information sharing, since UFOs are a global phenomenon as illustrated by the reports made. This is exactly the central point that needs to be hammered home.

I don't recall yet seeing any one of the outstanding cases summarized in a news account as an example of what they were talking about. Not one. Something may come of their testimony later, I hope, but in that respect the reporting was superficial.

What questions did the newsmen present ask? "Why would the [U.S.] Government want to cover it up?" This silly question has been asked over and over in the past 40 years, as if suggesting that the witnesses must be mistaken because the Government would have no need or desire to cover up the information. Several of the case reports they had just listened to included specific examples of the information being swept under the rug! Why?

My retort would be, "Ask the Government!" Any veteran UFO researcher could (and has many times) suggested four or five possible reasons for a cover-up, but at bottom that is only speculation and we cannot provide a definitive answer. What we can provide is outstanding and highly credible witnesses whose

testimony establishes a serious mystery badly in need of international scientific investigation with a free flow of information. Don't ask for speculations, Mr. or Ms. Reporter, ask for credible witnesses to and documentation of cases like these people described... and there is plenty of that available Ask the Government how they can possibly continue to ignore such cases.

I assume that the individual witness reports will be posted by others and discussed, but if not I will add case information later on UFO UpDates.

Dick Hall

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<http://erstarnews.com/content/view/1533/179/>

Tuesday, 13 November 2007

Was It A UFO? Two Witnesses Believe It Was

by Elizabeth Cook
Staff writer

An Elk River resident and his girlfriend claimed to see an unidentified flying object in the area recently.

On Nov. 2 at 2:37 a.m., the couple called police reporting seeing a UFO in the eastern sky from the 11000 block of 200th Avenue NW.

They said it was jellyfish-shaped and displayed alternating blue, green and red lights. It was also moving back and forth and hovering in one spot. According to UFO Evidence, a Web site that contains information about the UFO phenomena, 50 percent of the population believes in UFOs and 5 percent of the population have seen a UFO.

After the call came in, an officer responded to the residence and also observed the object the two were squinting at, which appeared to be an unusually bright star or visible planet.

The officer also took note that neither of the parties was intoxicated or in need of medical attention.

Later, dispatch called the Princeton Airport for a possible radar contact and learned they did not have the capability to do so. But, airport personnel did refer dispatch to the National UFO Reporting Center's hot line, which said a star named Sirius was visible in the eastern sky approximately 30 degrees off the horizon.

The officer advised the complainant of this new information, but the resident was still convinced it was a UFO.

Peter Davenport, the director of the Washington-based National UFO Reporting Center said many calls come in related to sightings when people are looking at the night sky and really just seeing twinkling stars.

It's impossible for him to accurately say what was seen Nov. 2 in Elk River because he wasn't in the area and doesn't know what they were looking at in the Minnesota sky, but it could have been Sirius, the brightest star in the sky.

Also there's a lot of pertinent information missing to determine whether or not it was really a UFO. Davenport said people need to fill out a written report pertaining to the direction in terms of degrees and angle of elevation, or how high up from the

horizon the object was. Also, a written description of the object is crucial for investigators to determine what was seen.

One of the biggest problems with trying to investigate UFOs is the lack of written reporting to the center.

Davenport said out of the approximate 10,000 Americans who have seen a UFO, only one will actually report the sighting and go the extra measures of calling emergency departments and military bases to see if anyone else witnessed it.

But, reports of seeing UFOs are not unusual in the Elk River area.

The Star News reported in 1992 for several weeks many reports of UFO sightings.

Even Don Heinzman, who was the editor of the paper at the time, believed the residents making these reports really were seeing something.

The first report was on Sept. 17, 1992, at 4:45 a.m. when a woman got up to use the bathroom, looked out the window and saw three huge lights hovering about 6 feet off the ground in her neighbor's back yard. Within seconds, they disappeared.

After her initial report to police, which ended up turning into a story the paper ran, a rash of sightings followed. By October 1992, a sign was even put at the entrances to Elk River reading "UFO Capital of the Universe."

Davenport said just because it might seem like there was a saturation at the time, doesn't necessarily mean it was true.

A lot of times people will pull pranks, and others really have no idea what they are seeing and assume it's a UFO. He said in every community there are normally three or four people who think they've seen a UFO and tell their friends, who then tell their friends and before long the area seems like a "hotbed" of sightings, and it's really not.

Calls that were really space shuttles, aura borealis, space stations, stars, rocket launches and a variety of other things have been called in as UFOs in the past.

Elk River Police Capt. Bob Kluntz said he remembers the rash of UFO reports in the early 1990s, but can't remember any after that.

"I can't remember the last time we got a call on this," he said. "This is pretty rare."

But the only way to really know is if people report what they see. Davenport encourages anyone who thinks he or she has seen a UFO to fill out a written report at www.ufocenter.com.

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CFi International Declaration

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Dear Colleagues,

This is a new addition to the CFI site at:

http://www.freedomofinfo.org/national_press.htm

[picture]

The 14 members of the panel with James Fox and Leslie Kean,
after the press conference on November 12th, 2007

Wilfried DE BROUWER, Major General, Ret.
After spending 20 years as a fighter pilot, he was appointed to the Strategic Planning Branch in NATO while a Colonel in 1983. He then became Wing Commander of the Belgian Air Force Transport Wing and, in 1989, chief of the Operations Division in the Air Staff. It was in this function that he was confronted with the Belgian UFO wave. Promoted to Major General in 1991, he became Deputy Chief of Staff of the Belgian Air Force, in charge of Operations, Planning and Human Resources. General De Brouwer retired in 1995 and subsequently worked more than ten years as consultant in the United Nations to improve the UN Logistics rapid response capabilities during emergencies.

Rodrigo BRAVO Garrido, Captain and Pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile.
In 2000, he was assigned to conduct an internal study titled "Introduction to Anomalous Aerial Phenomenon and their considerations for aerospace security" involving previous case reports military planes encounters with UAP. For the last several years he has continued this research on recent and current cases affecting aviation safety in cooperation with the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (CEFAA), a branch of the General Administration of Civil Aeronautics, Chile's FAA.

Jean-Charles DUBOC, Captain, Air France, Ret.
While piloting an Airbus A 320 over France in 1994, he observed a large lens-shaped UFO at about 25 NM to the left of the plane, also seen by the copilot and one steward. It didn't move and then disappeared after one minute almost instantaneously. Duboc reported the sighting to Air Traffic Control and Air Defense Operations (CODA); simultaneously CODA recorded an unidentified object on radar crossing the track of the plane. The object seemed to disappear from the radar scope at the same instant as it did from the view of the crew. CODA investigations ruled out a weather balloon or any other aircraft.

Dr. Claude POHER, engineer, astronomer and astrophysicist.
Had a 33 year career in space research at CNES (Centre National d Etudes Spatiales), the French equivalent of NASA and was awarded the National Order of Merit. In 1977, he created and directed, at CNES, the GEPAN (Groupe d Etude des Ph=É9nom=É8nes A=É9rospatiaux Non identifi=É9s ; Group for the Study of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena), the official French agency dedicated to the investigation and analysis of UFO reports. (Today, the agency is called GEIPAN.) He investigated numerous well-documented UFO cases while training investigators for

GEPAN.

Dr. Jean-Claude RIBES, Astrophysicist.
Radio Astronomer, Paris Observatory and associate director of National Institute for Astronomy and Geophysics. Member, New York Academy of Sciences. Contributed to the COMETA report, 1999, and the new book "Phenomenes spatiaux non identifies." As a long term consultant to GEIPAN, he was asked by the Steering Committee to represent GEIPAN at this event.

Parviz JAFARI, General, Iranian Air Force, Ret..
In 1976, as a major and squadron commander, he was ordered by the Air Force Command to approach, in his Phantom F-4 jet, a large UFO observed over Tehran. During a wild cat and mouse chase, he attempted to launch a Sidewinder missile at the brilliant object but at that instant his fire control console became inoperable. The UFO exhibited an extraordinary degree of maneuverability. Other electromagnetic effects were reported. The object was pursued by a second pilot, recorded on radar and witnessed by a General and experienced air navigation crews. A US Government officer interviewed Jafari in Tehran and the incident was described in a detailed US Defense Intelligence Agency document, released through the Freedom of Information Act. The DIA assessment said this case is a classic that meets all the necessary conditions for a legitimate study of the UFO phenomenon. Later, as a General, Jafari became the coordinating officer between the Iranian Army, Navy and Air Force. He retired in 1989.

Dr. Anthony CHOY
Lawyer and founding member in 2001 of the Air Anomalous Phenomenon Investigation Office (OIFAA), of the Peruvian Air Force, with a Masters from the Peruvian Air Force in High Management in Defense and Aerospace Development. He conducted a three year investigation on a sequence of sightings and landings of a UFO on behalf of the OIFAA in 2002, which were recorded on video. In 2003, this case became the first official UFO investigation in Peru to be disclosed by the Air Force.

Comandante Oscar Alfonso SANTA MARIA HUERTAS
Commander with the Peruvian Air Force (FAP), Ret. Specialization as an Air Force fighter jet pilot. In 1980, while a FAP Lieutenant, he encountered a UFO while flying his SU-22 "SUKOI" jet over the La Joya Military Base. He fired at the object, strafing it with sixty-four 30mm rounds, but the UFO remained unaffected. A US Department of Defense document for the CIA and the NSA, titled UFO Sighted in Peru, describes the incident. The Peruvian Air Force tried to intercept and destroy the UFO, but without success," it states, adding that the vehicle's origin remains unknown. CMDT Santa Maria is currently a Flight Safety and Accident Prevention Consultant for the airline industry.

Ray BOWYER, Captain, Aurigny Airlines.
In April 2007 he observed a UFO estimated as being up to a mile long, visible from about 50 miles away, in the vicinity of the Channel Islands. Some of his passengers saw the object, as did at least one other pilot in the area. An anomalous radar return was detected and the incident was reported by the BBC.

Nick POPE, official for the UK's Ministry of Defence from 1985 to 2006.
From 1991 to 1994, he was the desk officer responsible for investigating officially documented UFO sightings to determine whether they involved any potential threat to the UK. As a result of his thorough study of some incidents involving the police and military during his watch, he and some colleagues became privately convinced that there were important defense, national security and flight safety issues involved with the unexplained phenomenon.

John CALLAHAN, (Ret.)
Division Chief of the Accidents and Investigations Branch of the FAA in Washington DC, for 6 years during the 1980 s. He investigated an incident in which a 1986 Japanese Airlines 747 flight was followed by an unidentified object for 31 minutes over Alaska. The UFO also trailed a United Airlines flight until the flight landed. Data includes visual confirmation, air-based and ground-based radar confirmation, videotape radar evidence, air traffic voice communications and official reports.

Charles HALT, Col. USAF Ret.

Deputy Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters, former US Air Force facility in the UK. He witnessed multiple UFOs at close range with six other military personnel in December, 1980, and documented this event on a pocket tape recorder. He also saw a UFO shooting beams into sensitive weapons storage areas at the base. He wrote an official memorandum for the Ministry of Defence (MOD) describing a UFO maneuvering through the forest and ascending, which was released through the US Freedom of Information Act.

Jim PENNISTON, TSgt USAF Ret.

Also stationed at RAF Bentwaters, he witnessed a landed UFO with two military patrolman in nearby Rendlesham Forest. He conducted a 45 minute ground investigation and filed an official report. He has the original log book with drawings including details of symbols on the craft; radiation records; and plaster casts of landing gear imprints. He is the only person out the three witnesses that actually touched the UFO.

Fife SYMINGTON

Two term Governor of Arizona in the nineties; cousin of the late Missouri Senator Stuart Symington; former Captain, USAF. While Governor, he witnessed to a massive craft up to a mile across over Arizona in 1997, also seen by hundreds of citizens. Although he attempted to investigate at the time, he also publicly spoofed the sighting so as not to add to the public hysteria, while keeping his own observation secret. He first revealed his sighting last March, and states that the craft is of unknown origin and the incident remains unsolved.

International Declaration To The United States Government

Facilitated by the Coalition for Freedom of Information

November 12, 2007

Preamble:

We, the signatories below, with backgrounds and careers in government, aviation, or the military, hereby present this declaration as a result of our common experience and purpose. While on active duty, each of us has either been a witness to an incident involving an unidentified flying object or has conducted an official investigation into UFO cases relevant to aviation safety, national security, or for the benefit of science.

We use the term unidentified flying objects (UFOs) simply to mean any airborne phenomena that cannot be identified or explained, a definition first used by the U.S. Air Force in the 1950 s. We make no claim as to the nature or origin of these objects.

While most UFO sightings can be explained as misidentifications of known objects or natural phenomena, those governments that have studied them, including some with which these signatories have been on staff, have consistently found that a small percentage of sightings defy conventional explanation. Reports of these incidents often involve credible witnesses such as police officers, military personnel, pilots and air traffic controllers, and include solid, official documentation.

Therefore:

We believe that for reasons of both national security and flight safety, every country should make an effort to identify any object in its airspace. Especially after the attacks of 9/11 it is no longer satisfactory to ignore radar returns for which no transponder data are available and/or which cannot be associated with performances of existing aircraft and helicopters. While civil aviation radars and air traffic controllers mainly rely on secondary radar, military air defense radars should be configured such as to detect and track any object in the air, even when static or operating at very slow or very high speeds.

In this regard, we refer to the incident that occurred at O Hare International Airport in November, 2006 when a metallic disc was observed hovering over the United Airlines terminal for several

minutes. Since it was not detected on radar, the Federal Aviation Administration declined to investigate. The FAA also did not accept the many corroborating reports from United Airlines pilots and other personnel at face value, dismissing the sighting as weather. We suggest that prejudice against the term 'UFO' and against reports of unknowns could lead officials to dismiss sightings that involve unconventional aircraft or unmanned aerial vehicles engaged in espionage or terrorist activity, especially when radar returns are not available.

However, important sightings have also been ignored when radar is not a factor. Even though hundreds of citizens witnessed a massive triangular object traveling over Arizona in 1997, the U.S. government ignored inquiries from state officials about the incident, and never offered the public any explanation about this invasion of US airspace by a strange, unknown flying machine. We believe this kind of disengagement represents both a missed opportunity and a potential risk.

We maintain that a restive, concerned public has the right to be informed of the facts about UFO incidents that are well-documented and involve multiple witnesses. In addition, science lacks potentially important knowledge that may be gained by the study of these events involving objects demonstrating speeds, maneuvers or other characteristics that challenge our current scientific paradigm.

Call-to-Action:

We, the undersigned, ask the United States to join in cooperation with those governments which, recognizing the reality of unidentified flying objects and related aviation safety concerns, have already set up their own investigative agencies. Following in the footsteps of its now defunct Project Blue Book, we propose that the United States Air Force reopen its research effort, or that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration initiate such a research effort, to address the international concerns stated herein, provide needed reassurance and increase scientific understanding.

We call on the United States of America to engage with us and with currently active officials around the world to address this problem in an ongoing dialogue, beginning with the gathering of some of the signatories below in Washington, DC on this 12th of November, 2007.

Signed,

Vasily Alexeyev - Major General, Russian Air Force, Space Communications Center in Russia

Ricardo Bermudez S. - General, Brigada A=E9rea (Ret.); Former President of the CEFAA.

Ray Bowyer - Captain, Aurigny Air Services, Channel Islands, UK

Wilfried De Brouwer - Major General, Deputy Chief of Staff Operations and Planning (Ret.)

Belgian Air Force

John Callahan - Division Chief of Accidents, Evaluations and Investigations, FAA (Ret.)

Don C. Donderi, Ph.D. - McGill University; Contract Researcher, Dept. of National Defence, Canada

Julio Cesar Chamorro Flores - Comandante Peruvian Air Force (Ret.); Founder of the OIFAA, 2001

Rodrigo Bravo Garrido - Officer Chilean Army, Military Pilot, Associate with CEFAA

Richard F. Haines, Ph.D. - Sr. NASA Research Scientist (Ret.)

Charles I. Halt - Col. USAF (Ret.), Former Director, Inspections Directorate, DOD I.G.

Parviz Jafari General, Iranian Air Force (Ret)

Denis Letty - Major General, French Air Force (Ret.); Chairman of COMETA

Oscar Santa Maria - Commander and Fighter Pilot of the Peruvian Air Force (Ret).

Anthony Choy Montes - Lawyer, researcher with the OIFAA, Peruvian Air Force, 2001-2003

James Penniston TSgt, US Air Force (Ret.)

Nick Pope - Ministry of Defence, UK, 1985-2006

Jean-Claude Ribes - Astronomer, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France, 1963-1998

Yves Sillard - Chair of the Steering Committee, GEIPAN in France

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Clinton Library Offers Peek At UFO Files

By Andrew DeMillo
Associated Press Writer

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - In a move sure to provide fodder for conspiracy theorists, the Clinton Library withheld e-mails with subject lines like "X-Files" and "Area 51" from a batch of documents recently released at a UFO buff's request.

National Archives officials made several files =97 ranging from a White House staffer's obsession with the TV show "The X-Files" to President Clinton's push to hook up the Sci-Fi Channel at Camp David =97 available for viewing starting last Thursday in response to Freedom of Information requests.

Several pages, however, were withheld because they would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy," according to National Archives documents.

Among the released pages, 27 come from the files of former White House Chief of Staff John Podesta, a fan of "The X-Files," a show about FBI agents investigating extraterrestrials and other supernatural events. The files include articles forwarded to Podesta about the canceled Fox show.

Peter Baker, a Washington Post reporter, relied on Podesta's interest in the show to persuade him to help on a book about the White House.

"Why am I skeptical that this book constitutes an opportunity for us?" Podesta wrote in a March 24, 1999, e-mail to Baker, who eventually wrote a book about the former president's impeachment and trial.

"Because any good X-Files fan is skeptical by nature and understandably so," Baker replied the next day.

In 1995, a group called the "Project Starlight Coalition" sent President Clinton a letter asking him to declassify any documents about extraterrestrials or UFOs.

Two months later, an aide replied that he had forwarded the request for a meeting to White House staff.

"The President appreciates your interest and long-standing involvement in this issue," James A. Dorskind, a special assistant to the president, wrote to members of the coalition.

The files also include an e-mail between White House spokeswoman Patricia F. Lewis and Mary Ellen Glynn over a Hollywood Reporter question about Clinton's insistence on installing the Sci-Fi channel at the presidential retreat.

"I know we're not going to talk about it, but it's one of the better questions I've heard in a while and I wanted to share," Lewis wrote.

The records are being released in response to a slew of requests from UFO enthusiast Grant Cameron, who operates a Web site on presidential history with extraterrestrials. Cameron has several other requests pending, including one for "all files on the Kennedy assassination."

He did not immediately respond to an e-mail message seeking comment Tuesday.

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UFO Conference Attracts The 'Conventional Man'

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Nov 13, 2007

UFO Conference Attracts The 'Conventional Man'

Reporter: Gary Tuchman, CNN

In the latest Democratic debate, presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said he's seen one. So has Jimmy Carter. So did a pilot who traveled from Iran to Washington so he could speak out about his encounter with a UFO.

But for years, polling has shown that a majority of americans believe the government simply isn't telling all it knows about those lights in the sky, whatever they are.

If you flew on Air France from Nice to London on January 28, 1994, your captain says he saw a UFO 1,000 feet long just outside your window.

"It seemed to be a huge flying disc," explained Jean-Charles Duboc, Retired Air France Captain.

The now retired pilot is one of 14 men, mostly former government and military officials from 7 different countries, talking about their experiences with unidentified flying objects.

"The most incredible aspect of it is that it became transparent and disappeared in about ten to twenty seconds," says Duboc.

UFO believers often hold conferences, but this one was a little different. it took place in Washington, DC, and the cast of characters was almost strangely, well conventional. One of the believers: former Governor of Arizona Fife Symington.

"I saw something that defied logic and challenged my reality," describes Symington. "If you were here ten years ago, and looked at the lights and the view you would have been astounded. You would have been amazed."

The so called Phoenix lights were seen by many people throughout southern Arizona in 1997. Skeptics say they were military aircraft, or flares, but not the former governor.

"And I suspect that unless the defense department tells us otherwise, it was probably some form of alien spacecraft."

Lots of agreement on this panel, but a retired Iranian air force pilot says he saw a UFO while flying.

"It looked similar to a star, but bigger and brighter."

General Parviz Jafari, retired from the Iranian Air Force, says

he fired on the UFO, but much of his plane became inoperative.

Jafari: "All the instruments were fluctuating. The radio had garble. I couldn't talk with the pilot.

Tuchman: "Do you think they were aliens?"

"Oh yes. Yes. I'm sure."

A retired U.S. Air Force sergeant stationed in England said he walked up to a UFO that landed in a forest.

"It maneuvered through the trees and shot off at an unbelievable rate of speed, tell Sgt. James Penniston, retired from the U.S. Air Force. "It was gone in the blink of an eye."

This month alone, a man running for president said he saw a UFO on MSNBC.

"I did and the rest of the account. It was an unidentified flying object," says Dennis Kucinich, Democratic presidential candidate.

And so did a man who was president -- Jimmy Carter.

"I and about 25 others saw something in the air that changed colors and was round.

Although Carter says he doesn't think it was possible that it was from another planet, most of the people at the conference differ on that point and want the FAA to investigate all of these claims, but the FAA says that's not its job.

"We manage the aircraft that we're talking to," says a FAA representative. "UFO's are called UFO's because they're unidentified, and we're not talking to them."

and it's precisely because no one's talking that everybody here is trying harder to make them believe.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police

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Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 06:10:02 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 07:51:17 -0500
Subject: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
November 14, 2007

Source: Guillermo Gimenez, Planeta UFO
Date: 11.13.07

Argentina: UFOs Photographed in Tres Arroyos Near Site of Police Incident

The photos were taken by a young woman while she focussed on lights on the horizon. The next day, while playing the digicam's zoom, her father ascertained that they were vehicles similar to the Unidentified Flying Objects seen on the Internet.

A teenage girl from Tres Arroyos photographed a group of UFOs while she spent a weekend fishing with her family at a lagoon near Oriente. The sighting took place on Wednesday, October 17. However, her father detected the vehicles in the image the next day, while playing with the zoom on his daughter's camera.

Yesterday afternoon, Carlos Fabian Sapag approached La Voz del Pueblo with his wife Marta Daniela Arias and his daughter Carla, 12, to share the images and his experience with our readers.

"It took place on October 17 at the Norrild Lagoon, some 30 kilometers from Oriente heading toward Irene, where the police officers had their experience on Wednesday," Carlos recalled as he thought back to an episode that he is certain he will never again see in his life.

"We were fishing, stopped doing it, and started to boil water while the girl took photos of the horizon. She likes photography a lot and snaps the shutter at everything that moves," explained her dad, whose own experience took place the next day, when he reviewed the images taken by Carla. "The next day, toying with the camera's zoom, we saw there was an airplane in one of the photos. In the measure that I enlarged it, I saw a bunch of little things that were unknown to me. We checked on the Internet and were able to see that they were all lights of the same kind."

Their curiosity ended there. Several days went by without the photo being deleted from the camera's memory until a family friend suggested that they share the image with the press. "We decided to approach the press at a friend's recommendation. Besides, we didn't want this to end up in limbo," he remarked.

Displaying the detail of his images on a computer, Sapag discussed what he felt after the experience. "I don't know what I would do if I experienced something like [what happened] to these policemen. I can't imagine. I believe in life in other planets, since there's life here, there must be life elsewhere." He also stated that he had informed himself about the presence of UFOs in the region. "All of the UFOs seen around here appear in bodies of water like lagoons, such as the one at Sierras de los Padres in Mar del Plata. That's where they're usually seen."

Meanwhile, his daughter Carla, who took the images, acknowledged

having done so by pure chance and that when she did so, she did not pick up any noises or strange odors, unlike what was described by the police officers from the Oriente station. "I didn't see anything moving. I took [the photo] because I like the combination of colors, and I like photography," she said.

Before saying farewell, Carlos referred to the way that this experience will influence his life. "I didn't feel like fishing again. I felt fear and the sensation that something's watching one. Yesterday (Sunday) I was going to go, but changed my mind in the end."

The sighting reported by the Sapag Family to the newspaper took place 4 weeks before the contact experience reported by the police officers from the Aparicio station. The difference with this latter case consists in the chance to see the occupants of the strange vessels."

For more information and images:

Diario La Voz del Pueblo de Tres Arroyos

http://www.lavozdelpueblo.com.ar/diario/2007-11-13/La_Ciudad/24407.htm

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 05:02:26 -0800
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 07:54:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 19:46:17 +0000
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 23:59:10 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:10:45 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>Hi Don,

>Regardless of what Kathy wrote, I remember with real bitterness,
>and I do mean bitterness, that Phoenix council press conference
>with that moron that strode out dressed up as an alien.

>We are all used to ridicule and being discrete about to whom and
>how we discuss our interest, and we've all long ago accepted it
>goes with the territory. But that one really stuck in the craw
>for me. Above all else, what a statement it made about the
>council's attitude to a sizeable number of its electorate. And
>then a few years later he goes and says, "Well
>actually..."

>Good luck to him now and I wish him the best. His face is
>testament to the fact that he's had a hard time in recent years,
>and it would have taken some courage as well to turn it round as
>he did.

>But if some resentment remains, I can understand it.

>Stuart

Well said Stuart and thank you.

Perhaps Symington has had access to information most wouldn't
want to confront. He may have come to realize his foolish
behavior added to the inhumane treatment of witnesses, abductees
etc... Maybe guilt has crawled up his butt and stomped it dry.

We all, every one of us believer, skeptic or not knows the
horror stories and they keep coming in each day.

At this point you have to put your cards on the table and either
it's true without a doubt, you're still unsure, or you're too
scared to face it.

Either way, for us who know the real deal we're up against the
same type of oppression people in Europe went through when the
Nazis rose to power. You know something isn't right but you
don't want to ruffle any feathers, especially your own.

I'll say it again, all the talking and profiling (posing for the cameras), and press conferences aren't going to do jack squat. You have far more than needed in the credible witness arena we need to dogpile on the press and let them know we will not tolerate anymore giggle factor. That this is far past just serious business and that's that.

Either get mad or sit there in your own mess.

Angry,

Greg
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Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 05:05:59 -0800
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 07:58:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 12:24:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:28:50 EST
>>Subject: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>>Okay, so again I sat up all night awaiting some Earth shaking
>>UFO disclosure news as I had heard and read would occur during
>>Monday morning's National Press Club gathering of officials and
>>luminaries.

>>Instead according to the wire stories so far, we had people tell
>>stories and ask that the U.S. Government, NASA, and the Air
>>Force re-open the investigation into UFOs?

>><snip>

>>I'm not sure what you expected to come from this effort, but I
>>think a lot of people can be proud of it.

>>I don't think anyone expected any great "new" revelations from
>>the witnesses, if you took the time to see who they were. These
>>were solid cases that involved military personnel, who all claim
>>that there has been a cover-up. Period. I don't know how you
>>feel about it, but when the media actually begins to present the
>>story in that light (as CNN is today), that's a good thing for
>>the genre (IMO).

>>My regret was that this is too much information for most of the
>>media, who really only want a short sound bite. There were about
>>a dozen witnesses who spoke for up to five minutes and by the
>>end there was perhaps some confusion in keeping all the event
>>separate. But several of the foreign witnesses have been
>>featured today, and they are insistent that they saw an
>>intelligently controlled craft that they couldn't identify and
>>exceeded our capabilities.

>>This event was unique and brought a number of people together
>>for this purpose for the first time. The fact that it doesn't
>>have explosive new information shouldn't have come as a
>>surprise.

No Steve, it did come as a surprise, because the night before or
so on Coast To Coast AM it was declared that there would be such
monumental disclosures.

So we got fooled.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:28:12 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 09:10:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 14:55:13 -0000
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 00:59:37 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 18:22:15 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>Brian,

>>>As I have said before, it depends on how you define "UFO
>>>sightings" in the first place. Trivial cases where people see
>>>meteors, satellite re-entries, etc., are very easy to screen
>>>out. UFOs should be those reports that survive careful
>>>screening and defy obvious explanation.

>>>This is hair-splitting. I - and, I assume, Buzz Aldrin - was
>>>referring to 'UFO' reports, in general.

>>>Otherwise, yes, poor or inexperienced observers are often fooled
>>>and do contribute 'noise' to the UFO question. Any halfway serious
>>>investigation, though, could easily deal with this problem.

>>Then it would seem that you, me, and Buzz Aldrin are on the
>>same page with regard to that.

>I can no longer forebear from asking how Buzz Aldrin got into
>this. I don't recall seeing any reference to Buzz Aldrin in
>Friday's show transcript. Either one observer is seeing pseudo-
>Buzz, or this observer is suffering from Buzz-blindness. Is it
>me?

>MS

Martin,

See how easily we can be fooled? He came in Stage Left when we
were foolishly looking Stage Right and didn't see him.

- Dick

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
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Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:06:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:05:45 -0500
>>Subject: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>It is written that Joshua and his men blew on horns and the
>>walls came tumbling down. The Bastille of Skepticism is being
>>stormed by credible UFO witnesses. Holes are appearing in the

>'>cover-up'.

>>Well, maybe!!

>According to a Netscape/AOL a poll of about 70,000 web users
>shows about 30% considering themselves to be witnesses and about
>85% to be for the government reopening the investigation.

Since U.S. politicians are notorious poll watchers, perhaps it
is time to commission a large-scale public poll by a respected
pollster. The central question would be:

If the U.S. Government proposed the establishment of a public-
private commission to receive and analyze UFO reports from
highly credible witnesses and to promote an international
exchange of information with other governments, would you favor
or oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to support such a program?

If the response mirrored the Netscape/AOL poll results, we might
have some powerful ammunition for action by the government along
the lines suggested by the international panel on Monday.

Dick

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The following is the individual witness testimony distributed to those who attended the Briefing at the National Press Club on Monday. This is in the order of the presentations:

Summary by Major General (Ret) Wilfried De Brouwer

My name is Wilt ned De Brouwer. I am a retired Major General of the Belgian Air Force and I was Chief Operations in the Air Staff when an exceptional UFO wave took place over Belgium. Indeed, during the evening of 29 November 1989, in a small area in Eastern Belgium, approximately 140 UFO sightings were reported. Hundreds of people saw a majestic triangular craft with a span of approximately 120 feet, powerful beaming spot lights, moving very slowly without making any significant noise but, in several cases, accelerating to very high speeds.

The following days and months, many more sightings would follow. The UFO wave would last rrore than one year during which a Belgian UFO organization conducted more than 650 investigations and recorded more than 400 hours of audio witness reports. On one occasion, a photograph revealed the triangular shape and four light beams of the object.

Belgium had no official focal point for reporting UFO observations. Nevertheless, in my function of Chief Operations, I was confronted with numerous questio9s about the origin and nature of these craft. In the first instance, and in consultation with other NATO partners, I could confirm that no flights of stealth aircraft or any other experimental aircraft look place in the airspace of Belgium. In addition, the Civil Aviation Authorities confirmed that no flight plans had been introduced. This implied that the reported object(s) committed an infraction against the existing aviation rules.

The Belgian Air Force tried to identify the alleged intruder(s) and, on three occasions, launched F 16 aircraft. On one occasion, two F 16 registered rapid changes in speed and altitude which were well outside of the performance envelope of existing aircraft. Nevertheless, the pilots could not establish visual contact and the investigation revealed that specific weather conditions may have caused electromagnetic interferences and false returns on the radar screens. The technical evidence was insufficient to conclude that abnormal air activities took place during that evening.

In short, the Belgian UFO wave was exceptional and the Air Force could not identify the nature, origin and intentions of the reported phenomena.

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Claude POLLER Scientific Position Statement

Bonjour, I am Dr Claude POHER, retired astrophysicist and space

research engineer from the National Center for Space Studies, the French equivalent of NASA. I was the founder of the GEPAN, the Group for the Study of Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena, which was an official agency devoted to the study of UFO observation reports, and which remains active today, under the name GEIPAN.

I first learned about the existence of official US UFO reports early in the sixties, from Dr J. Allen Hynek, the well known astronomical consultant to the US Air Force's Project Blue Book. I then began to investigate official French UFO reports, and to undertake scientific analyses of the data. I received approval from ONES to create and direct the GEPAN about 15 years later, in 1977.

I trained our first investigators, teaching them how to conduct official investigations into the different kinds of reports, from lights in the sky to landings with physical evidence and observations of occupants. We had an independent scientific steering committee. This committee recommended that we continue to pursue this work during the two years of my direction. For example, I trained our investigators on the case of CUSSAC, where, in August 1967, two young witnesses were alerted by the agitation of dozens of frightened farm animals at around noon. The witnesses then observed a landed spherical UFO at a distance of 80 yards, with four occupants near it.

Very high luminosity was reported after slow takeoff, leaving physiological effects on the witnesses eyes that were confirmed by the village mayor. The hiss noise described by the two witnesses was also heard by the hunting guard of the village. The UFO acceleration after vertical takeoff was estimated to be about a hundred g's by GEPAN experts. The occupants were seen floating in the air while entering the craft, from its top, in a hurry.

Physical traces on the ground from the craft were confirmed by the local police, as well as a sulfur oxide odor. CNES experts in meteorology and space debris worked in the field with the witnesses, along with a Juge, a psychologist, an optical engineer and aeronautical engineer. They had full measuring equipment and worked with the police as well.

The official conclusion of GEPAN in 1979, was that about 15% of cases remained unidentified after careful analysis by our experts. We concluded that the objects, in most of these cases, were compatible with flying machines whose flight physics were foreign to the experts knowledge.

What I have stated is about the past. Now there are some recent experimental facts, in direct relation to my GEPAN and UFO investigation involvement, that I believe are of great importance for our future, and for the way you should now handle UFO observations in the USA.

After I left the GEPAN but remained at CNES, I continued to work on the UFO subject in the domain of theoretical physics. Last April, the physical theory about gravitation and inertia I was working on since 1980, was successfully tested in the laboratory.

Effectively, I patented and tested devices able to reproduce, in the laboratory, the causes of the strange effects that are described in UFO observation reports. I am talking about such effects as tremendous accelerations, sharp turns, sudden stops, powerful emission of light, silent supersonic speed, etc

These experimental results are currently open to be demonstrated, in my laboratory in Toulouse, for qualified scientists, scientific journalists and industrial representatives, including those from the USA.

Thanks for your attention.

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Jean-Charles DUBOC

My name is Jean-Charles DUBOC, and I am a retired Air France

Captain.

During Air France Flight 3532 from Nice to London, on 28 January 1994, I observed, with my crew, a daylight UFO near Paris. We had few passengers on board and none of them had reported that observation to the crew.

The time was 1:00 P.M, and the visibility was excellent with some altocumulus clouds.

That object had been identified initially by a steward who was in the cockpit and by the copilot as a weather balloon, but when I identified it, it looked quite different.

In fact this UFO was in evolution and it looked like this (I shall then show a drawing), with a bank angle of 45=B0. It seemed to be a huge flying DISC. It stabilized and stopped moving (moving horizontally the draw.

We observed it over one minute on the LEFT on our plane, surprisingly totally stationary in the sky, and it disappeared progressively (turn of the drawing).

This large object was below us at the altitude of 35, 000 ft (we were at 39 000 if), at a distance of about 25 nautical miles.

The colour was RED BROWN with BLURRED outlines.

The apparent diameter of this object could be compared to the diameter of the moon, or the sun. That means that it was about 1000 feet wide.

We had no idea of the structure of the UFO that seemed to be embedded in a kind of magnetic or gravitational field, with no lights or visual metallic structure, which gave it a really FUZZY appearance.

The most incredible aspect is that it became transparent and disappeared in about 10 to 20 seconds. My co-pilot, chief steward and I quickly realized that what we were seeing did not resemble anything known to us, and we reported our sighting to Reims traffic control. Simultaneously, the radar of the Operational Centre of the Air Defence (the CODA), registered a one minute spot crossing the track of our plane. When I recorded the estimated position of the UFO on an aeronautical map I was surprised to realize that its position was near the base of Tavemy which hosts the headquarters of the French Strategic Air Command.

This sighting has been studied by the French military COMETA group under the direction of General Denis Letty and with the participation of several high ranking officers of the French Defence, as well as by GEPAN under the French National Space Centre (CNES I.

The investigations determined this could not have been a weather balloon, and estimated the approximate length of the UFO to have been 800 feet.

This sighting remains unexplained.

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Jean-Claude Ribes Position Statement

My name is Jean-Claude Ribes and I am an astronomer, working for the French Centre National de Ia Recherche Scientifique from 1963 to 1998. I contributed to the French COIvIETA report, a three year military study on UFOs and National Security released in 1999, and more recently to the book Phenomenes aerospatlaux non identifies, under the direction of Yves Sillard, chairman of the Steering Committee of GEIPAN. He asked me to represent him and GEIPAN here today. General Denis Lefty, chairman of the COMETA group, also asked me to represent him here, because he was unable to attend.

The COMETA report was written mainly by high ranking military people from the French High Studies Institute for National Defence. It analyzes the possible explanations for UFOs and their implications in terms of Defence, with the

extraterrestrial hypothesis presented as the most logical one, even if not formally proven. Some recommendations are made, including that all managers of the Army, Police, Politics, and pilots be informed about UFOs; that detection systems be modified to take UFOs into account; and that the French government contact the United States and other allied countries to initiate cooperative action on the subject. So far, these recommendations have not been implemented.

However, last March, my country took a big step forward. Jacques Patenet, current director of GEIPAN, released the French UFO files to the public. They were posted on a website - more than 1,600 sightings spanning five decades. Some cases involved multiple sightings and physical evidence such as bum marks and radar trackings. Others documented UFOs with flight patterns or accelerations defying the laws of physics. M. Patenet told the press at the time that We do not have any proof at all that extra-terrestrials are behind the unexplained phenomena. Nor do we have any proof at all that they aren't.

GEIPAN's Steering Committee plays an important role, with representatives from the Army, Police, Civil Aviation, Meteorology and the scientific community. This Committee insures the best conditions for gathering reports by instructing the agencies involved in investigations, and by protecting any witnesses who request anonymity for fear of ridicule.

My personal opinion is that UFOs should be taken seriously and studied without prejudice. There may be several possible explanations, such as rare atmospheric phenomena, but some cases strongly suggest actual flying machines with characteristics well beyond our terrestrial capacities. If these cases could be completely proven as such, then the extraterrestrial hypothesis would probably be the most likely explanation for these advanced craft. Admittedly, it is a fantastic possibility, but not an irrational one, given the data that we have.

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Parviz Jafari

Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen

My name is Parviz Jafari, and I am a retired General of Iranian Air Force.

At about 11 pm on the evening of 18th September, 1976, citizens were frightened by the circling of an unknown object over Tehran, the Capital city of Iran, at a low altitude. It looked similar to a star, but bigger and brighter. They reported it to the tower and it was seen by the tower man too. He alerted the Air Force command post and Deputy General Yousefi decided to scramble an F-4 jet to investigate.

The pilot in the first jet lost instrumentation and communications when he got too close to the brilliant object, so he headed back. About 10 minutes later, they scrambled a second jet, which I was piloting. At the time I was Squadron commander. I approached the object, which was flashing with intense red, green, orange and blue light so bright that I was not able to see its body. The sequence of flashes was extremely fast, like a strobe light. We locked on it with radar; it was at 30=B0 left, at a range of 25 miles. The size on the radar scope was comparable to that of a 707 tanker.

Four other objects with different shapes separated from the main one, at different times during this close encounter. Whenever they were close to me, my weapons were jammed and my radio communications were garbled. One of the objects headed toward me. I thought it was a missile. I tried to launch a heat seeking missile to it, but my missile panel went out. Another followed me when I was descending on the way back. One of the separated objects landed in an open area radiating a high bright light, in which the sands on the ground were visible.

We could hear emergency squawk all the way, which was reported by other airliners flying at the time and continued for another couple of days. During my interview at H.Q, after the incident, an American colonel took notes, but after it was over I could not find him to talk with. Later, a once-classified document

was released here in America through the Freedom of information Act. The Defense Intelligence Agency documented the event in great detail, and it was sent to NSA, The White House and the CIA. The DIA assessment said this case is a classic that meets all necessary conditions for a legitimate study of the UFO phenomenon.

I would be happy to answer questions and tell you more.

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Rodrigo Bravo Garrido

Declaration For The Press Conference At The National Press Club
In Wasihngton D.C., United States Of America

Since the beginning of Chilean history, there have been reports of unidentified phenomena, sometimes called UFOs, observed in our skies.

Over the years, we have increased our capacity to explain many of the sightings, but some continue to remain without a scientific or logical explanation. For that reason, in October of 1997, the Department of Civil Aeronautics, the Chilean equivalent of the American FAA, set up the Committee for the Study of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena, known as the CEFAA. This agency handles the best reports of unidentified aerial phenomena in cooperation with aeronautic specialists.

In 2000, the Aviation branch of the Army of Chile assigned me to research anomalous aerial phenomena, which they knew were real, and their affect on aerospace security. I then graduated to become a military pilot, and learned that the Aviation Amy had in its files many reports of UFO incidents from military pilots. A link was then established between our Army office and the CEFAA, and as a result, nine official cases have been documented. This has helped to create awareness among The flight crews about UFOs, and they now cooperate with flight security to report any abnormal situation.

One of our most important civil aviation cases occurred in 1988, showing that unidentified flying objects can be a danger for air operations. A Boeing 737 pilot, on a final approach to the runway at The Tepual Airport in Puerto Montt City, suddenly encountered a large white light surrounded by green and red. The light was moving in the opposite direction of the airplane, coming straight at it. The pilot had to make a steep turn to the left in order to avoid a collision. The phenomenon was observed by the control tower personnel.

In 2000, the crew of a Chilean plane from the Aviation branch of the Army, flying South of Santiago, observed a long cigar-shaped object, a brilliant gray. It flew parallel to the right side of the aircraft for two minutes and then disappeared at a very high speed. This object was detected by the radar of the Control Center of Santiago which notified the crew minutes before the incident.

Sadly, the UFO subject has been contaminated with false information, out of touch with reality, provided by unqualified people to the media. This has moved the issue away from a scientific and specialized study where it belongs. In light of that problem, we now make the call to all the countries that are presently working on this issue in a serious and factual way, to unite their efforts. We would like this to include the United States of America. This cooperative effort would help all of us counteract the potentially unsafe effects of UFOS on air operations around the world.

New cases are being documented by pilots, traffic controllers, operations staff at the wor d's airports, and by many others with the proper training to determine if a flying object is something unusual. The true origin of these UFOs is unknown, yet they do affect aviation all around the planet, and this must be addressed.

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Oscar Alfonso Santa Maria Huertas

I am Oscar Santa Maria Huertas, official pilot of the Peruvian Air Force, currently retired.

On April 11, 1980, at 7:15 in the morning, 1800 men were in formation at the Air Base of La Joya, Arequipa. They all observed a stationary object in the sky which looked like a balloon, at about three miles distance, and approximately 1,800 feet altitude. It was luminous because it reflected the sun.

My unit commander ordered me to takeoff in my Sukoi -22 jet to shoot down the spherical object. It was in restricted airspace, without clearance, and we were concerned about espionage. I approached the object and strafed sixty-four 30mm shells at it. Some projectiles went towards the ground, and others hit the object fully, but they had no effect at all. The projectiles didn't bounce off; probably they were absorbed. The cone-shaped wall of fire that I sent out would normally obliterate anything in its path.

The object then began to ascend, and move farther away from the base. When I was at about 36,000 ft., it made a sudden stop, forcing me to veer to the side since I was only 1500 feet away. I flew up higher to attack it from above, but just as I had locked on to the target and was ready to shoot, the object made a straight vertical climb evading the attack. Two more times I had the object on target, when the object was stationary. Each time, it moved away at the very last minute, when I was just about to fire, always eluding my attack.

I decided to climb at full thrust to get above the object, but it began to ascend almost parallel to my plane, and when I reached 63,000 ft., it stopped. At this point, I came to within about 300 feet of the UFO. It was about 30 feet in diameter. It was an enameled, cream-colored dome, with a wide, circular, metallic base. It had no engines, no exhausts, no windows, no wings or antennae. It lacked all the typical aircraft components, with no visible propulsion system. It was at that moment that I realized this it was not a spying device, but that it was a UFO, something totally unknown. I was almost out of fuel, so I couldn't attack or maneuver my plane, or make a high speed escape. I was afraid. I thought I might be finished. When I had calmed down, I radioed for another plane to come and have a look, trying to hide my fear. They said no, it's too high, just come back. I had to glide part way down due to lack of fuel, zigzagging to make my plane harder to hit, always with my eyes on the rearview mirrors hoping it wouldn't chase me. It didn't.

I had spent 22 minutes maneuvering with this object. After I landed, the object remained stationary in the sky for two hours, for everyone at the base to see.

A US Department of Defense document titled UFO Sighted in Peru described the incident, stating that the vehicle's origin remains unknown.

It still gives me chills to think about it.

Oscar Alfonso Santa Maria Huertas

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Press Release: Peru And The Chulucanas Incident.

First Case Of A UFO Investigation Officially Disclosed.

I am Dr. Anthony Choy, founding member of the Office of Investigations of Anomalous Aerial Phenomena (OIFAA), and an investigator for this office. This agency was established by the Peruvian Air Force in December, 2001.

I am the author of Project 33, the first integral study on the UFO phenomenon in Peru. I traveled all over my country for about three years, speaking with witnesses, obtaining audio-visual information such as photographs and videos, and collecting data for this study.

On October 13, 2001, in the northern city of Chulucanas, and before hundreds of people, eight spheres of light, of an intense red-orange color, were recorded on video. We were the first ones to obtain this video and we gave it to the air force. These objects were suspended in the air for over five hours, moving in an apparently intelligent manner, and in absolute silence until they disappeared.

A few days later, on October 25th, the luminous tear-shaped object of some 25 meters diameter (approx. 80 feet), was recorded over the countryside near the city. Within a few minutes, the apparent landing of light spheres in the woods was also recorded.

In February of 2002, the Air Force's 01 FAA ordered me to investigate these sightings.

Taking responsibility for the so-called Chulucanas Incident, in February 2003 Peruvian Air Force Colonel Jose Raffo Moloche, Director of Aereal and Space Concerns, made an open statement to the media acknowledging that the Chulucanas Incident was the first official UFO investigation in Peru.

The preliminary conclusion was that the sightings, although being physically real, had no explanation. The case remains open, and the investigation continues independently

The climax occurred on August 6 of 2004 when, in collaboration with the American television channel of Univision, we were able to record for 55 minutes a distant object of unknown nature and origin, moving at great velocity in the sky, going up and down, and right and left.

I believe the Air Force in Peru has done the right thing by opening an office to conduct these investigations. The evidence we have from actual UFO cases and incidents that have taken place in our country show that the UFO phenomenon remains one of the greatest challenges to our current knowledge of science and technology.

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Ray Bowyer

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for coming today. My name is Ray Bowyer and I fly a civilian airliner as Captain. I have been invited here due to my sighting last April of multiple as yet unidentified objects over the Channel Islands region of the English Channel. This encounter lasted for 15 minutes with the first object being visible from 55 miles distant.

On nearing the object a second identical shape appeared beyond the first. Both objects were of a flattened disk shape with a dark area to the right side. They were brilliant yellow with light emanating from them. I estimated them to be up to a mile across.

I found myself astounded but curious. But at 12 miles distant these objects were becoming uncomfortably large, and I was glad to descend and land the aircraft.

Many of my passengers saw the objects as did the pilot of another aircraft 25 miles further south. There is also possible radar information still being investigated.

A team headed by Dr. David Clarke looking at this case will shortly publish a report but I understand that at this time no definitive solution has been discovered to explain the sighting.

I have taken note of the differences between the British and U.S. reporting system. It appears that attitudes on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean are very different when it comes to the required reporting and recording of this type of event.

Air Law stipulates quite clearly that if an operating crew of an aircraft see another aircraft a place that it should not be, then at the earliest opportunity the whole scenario is to be reported to the relevant authority.

In my case the British Civil Aviation Authority knew within 20 minutes of the sighting what was seen, as described in the flight log faxed directly to the relevant CM office. The military were informed by Jersey Air Traffic Control at the same time. This is not an option; it is an obligation that crews react in this manner.

In my experience, having reported the incident as required has had no negative effect. And there was no problem with me talking about it on British television. Indeed, my company Aurigny Air Services have offered every support to date. The assistance of Jersey ATC in releasing recorded information to myself and the investigating team has been a great benefit. I did not feel that I was in any danger of being ridiculed, because all I did was report what actually happened, as was my duty.

I heard about the multiple witness sighting at Chicago O Hare Airport a year ago, on November 7, 2006. I was surprised to hear how this was handled. Despite many pilots and airport personnel witnessing the object hovering over the terminal, there was no investigation by the FAA. It appears that pressure may have been applied to crew members by their company not to discuss this incident.

These witnesses were afraid to talk about what they saw, due to concerns about job security. The FAA told the witnesses that what they saw was actually not what they saw but that it was simply weather,

I would have been shocked if I was told that the CAA would obstruct an investigation, or if the CAA told me that what I had seen was something entirely different. But it seems that pilots in America are used to this kind of thing, as far as I can tell.

I would urge all aircrew to report whatever they see as soon as possible, and to stand up and be counted. It is only when crucial witnesses such as professional pilots make reports that the authorities will be kick-started into a broader investigation of these phenomena.

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Nick Pope Position Statement

My name is Nick Pope, formerly with the British Ministry of Defence.

Since 1950 the British Government has received over 10,000 UFO reports. Responsibility for this subject rests with the Ministry of Defense, whose remit is to look for evidence of any potential threat to the UK, or anything else of any defense significance. From 1991 to 1994 I was the desk officer responsible for these investigations.

Most UFO sightings turned out to be misidentifications of things such as aircraft, satellites and meteors, but in around 5 per cent of cases no explanation could be found. These cases include incidents where reliable witnesses such as police officers and pilots reported structured craft performing speeds and maneuvers significantly in excess of anything they had seen military jet aircraft perform. Other cases included in this category involved UFOs tracked on radar and incidents where photos or videos were produced and where the MoD's technical experts found no evidence of fakery.

The MoD takes no position on the nature of the UFO phenomenon but I and some of my colleagues were privately convinced that whatever was going on, there were important defense, national security and flight safety issues involved.

In March 1993 I investigated a case where a UFO was seen by about 60 witnesses, including military personnel at two air force bases. Witnesses included a patrol of air force police, together with a meteorological officer with 8 years experience. This latter witness described a triangular-shaped craft midway in size between a c-i 30 and a Boeing 747. He said that it was emitting a low frequency humming sound and he said it moved slowly at first, before accelerating away many times faster than

a military jet. My Head of Division's brief to the Assistant Chief of the Air Staff concluded 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. The case file - published on the MoD website

- also mentions related enquiries from the US authorities, asking if the UK had a black programme that might explain some UFO sightings involving large triangular-shaped craft. That's interesting, given the US government's public position that UFOs are no longer investigated.

Britain's best known UFO sighting occurred in 1980 and involved USAF personnel from two military bases in the UK. There were multiple witnesses and an object was seen to land in a place called Rendlesham Forest. A Geiger counter was used to take radiation readings at the landing site and the assessment undertaken by the MoD's Defence Intelligence Staff stated that the levels recorded seemed significantly higher than the average background. We are fortunate to have two of the witnesses to these events here today and I should like to hand over to one of them now, so that he can give you the specifics.

Thank you.

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James Penniston Statement

My name is James Penniston, United States Air Force Retired.

In 1980, I was assigned to the largest Tactical Fighter Wing in the Air Force, RAF Woodbridge in England. I was the senior security officer in charge of base security.

At that time I held a top-secret US and NATO security clearance and was responsible for the protection of war-making resources for that base.

Shortly after midnight on the 26th of December, 1980, Staff Sergeant Steffens briefed me that some lights were seen in Rendlesham Forest, just outside the base. He informed me that what ever it was didn't crash... it landed. I discounted what he said and reported to the control center back at the base that we had a possible downed aircraft. I then ordered Amn. Cabanzak, AIC Burroughs to respond with me.

When we arrived near the suspected crash site it quickly became apparent that we were not dealing with a plane crash or anything else we'd ever responded to. There was a bright light emanating from an object on the forest floor. As we approached it on foot, a silhouetted triangular craft about 9 feet long by 6.5 feet high, came into view. The craft was fully intact sitting in a small clearing inside the woods.

As the three of us got closer to the craft we started experiencing problems with our radios. I then asked Cabanzak to relay radio transmissions back to the control center. Burroughs and I proceeded towards the craft.

When we came up on the triangular shaped craft there were blue and yellow lights swirling around the exterior as though part of the surface and the air around us was electrically charged. We could feel it on our cloths, skin and hair. Nothing in my training prepared me for what we were witnessing.

After ten minutes without any apparent aggression, I determined the craft was non hostile to my team or to the base. Following security protocol, we completed a thorough on-site investigation, including a full physical examination of the craft. This included photographs, notebook entries, and radio relays through airman Cabanzak to the control center as required. On one side of the craft were symbols that measured about 3 inches high and two and a half feet across.

These symbols were pictorial in design; the largest symbol was a triangle, which was centered in the middle of the others. These

symbols were etched into the surface of the craft, which was warm to the touch and felt like metal.

The feeling I had during this encounter was no type of aircraft that I've ever seen before.

After roughly 45 minutes the light from the craft began to intensify. Burroughs and I then took a defensive position away from the craft as it lifted off the ground without any noise or air disturbance. It maneuvered through the trees and shot off at an unbelievable rate of speed. It was gone in the blink of an eye.

In my logbook, (that I have right here) I wrote, Speed: IMPOSSIBLE. Over 80 Air Force Personnel, all trained observers assigned to the 81st Security Police Squadron, witnessed the takeoff.

The information acquired during the investigation was reported through military channels. The team and witnesses were told to treat the investigation as top secret and no further discussion was allowed.

The photos we retrieved from the base lab (two rolls of 35 mm) were apparently over exposed.

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Statement By Charles I. Halt

My name is Charles I. Halt. I retired from the US Air Force in 1991 as a Colonel. I was a base commander at two large installations and at the time of my retirement was Director, Inspections Directorate for the DOD IG. In that position I had inspection oversight of all military services and defense agencies.

In 1980 I was the Deputy Base Commander of RAF Bentwaters, the large twin base complex in East Anglia England. At the time this was the largest Tactical Fighter Wing in the Air Force.

In late December 1980 I was called upon to investigate a strange event that was distracting our Security Police from their primary duties. Early on the morning of December 26, 1980 our police patrolmen discovered strange lights in the forest east of the back gate of RAE Woodbridge. Three patrolmen were dispatched into the forest to investigate. They reported discovering a strange triangular craft sitting on three legs. The craft was approximately 3 meters on a side. The craft had multiple lights. It rapidly maneuvered and quickly left the area.

I was not immediately aware of the details only being told of strange lights and assumed there was a reasonable explanation.

Two nights later the family Christmas party was interrupted by the on duty police commander. He told of strange events and claimed it was back. Since my boss had to present awards I was tasked to go out and investigate. I fully expected to find an explanation.

I took two senior Security Police, a Disaster Preparedness expert and the reporting On Duty Police Commander. At the site we found the three 1 1/2 indentations in the ground in a triangular pattern. [SHOW PLASTER CAST],

We discovered mild radiation, and evidence including broken branches. We suddenly observed a bright red/orange oval object with a black center. It reminded me of an eye and appeared as though blinking. It maneuvered horizontally through the trees with occasionally vertical movement. When approached it receded and silently broke into five white lights which quickly vanished. We moved out of the forest into a pasture and observed several objects with multiple lights in the Northern sky. They changed in shape from elliptical to round.

Several other objects were seen to the South. One approached at high speed and sent down a concentrated beam near our feet. Another object sent down beams into the weapons storage area. The whole time we had difficulty communicating with the base as all three radio frequencies kept breaking up. This activity

continued for about an hour.

During this entire event I had my pocket recorder and taped the event as it unfolded. A copy of the tape was released without my knowledge. This is the original recorder and tape.

I have no idea what we saw but do know whatever we saw was under intelligent control.

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John Callahan

What I am about to tell you now, is about an event that never happened.

I am John Callahan, and I was Division Chief of the Accidents, Evaluations and Investigations Division of the FAA in Washington, for 6 years during the 1980's.

in early January of 1987, I received a call from the Air Traffic Quality Control Branch in FAA's Alaskan regional office, requesting guidance on what to tell the media personnel who were overflowing their office. The media was requesting information about the UFO that chased a Japanese 747 across the Alaskan sky for some 31 minutes at flight levels between 31000 and 35000 ft. on November 17, 1986. Somehow, the word had got out.

What UFO; when did this take place; why wasn't Washington Headquarters informed? I asked.

Hey, he replied, who believes in UFOs? I just need to know what to tell the media to get them out of here.

The answer to that question was easy: Tell them it's under investigation. Then, collect all the data - the voice tapes and data disc for both the facility and the military. Send them overnight to the FAA Tech Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Japan Air Lines flight 1628, a cargo jet with a pilot, co-pilot and one crew member, was just north of Anchorage, and it was about 11 pm when the pilot first reported the UFO. He described it as a huge ball with lights running around it. He said it was about 4 times bigger than a 747, and he saw it with his own eyes. So did the other two crew members.

Over the course of 31 minutes, the UFO jumped miles in a few seconds, changing places to different spots around the 747, in one sweep of the radar scope.

After receiving the data from Alaska almost two months later, I briefed my boss Harvey Safer and the FAA Administrator Admiral Engen, and Safer and I went to the FAA Tech Center to observe the playback.

The FAA had developed a program capable of recreating the traffic on the controllers scope, or plan view display. I instructed the FAA specialist to synchronize the voice tapes with the radar data so we could hear everything the controller and pilot said. I video taped the radar display.

Later that day, I requested that the FAA automation specialists plot the radar targets along the route of flight and explain what each target was doing. I video taped the resulting chart.

The print out and radar play back displayed primary targets in the vicinity of the 747. These target returns were displayed about the same time and place as the pilot advised viewing the UFO.

Both the radar and manual controller observed the primary target. The military controllers also viewed the primary target on their radar and identified it as a double primary. The pilot and crew viewed the target on their radar and were able to see the huge UFO at the same time as it approached their aircraft.

If this craft had been a leer jet or military aircraft at the wrong attitude, that would have been clear. The FAA has procedures that cover tracking unidentified aircraft violating

another's airspace - but it has no procedures for UFOs.

Back at FAA headquarters, I gave Administrator Engen a quick briefing and showed him the video. He set up a briefing with President Reagan's scientific staff, and told me my function was to give them a dog and pony show and hand this event off to them, since the FAA does not deal with UFOs.

I brought along a copy of the video and all the data print outs available at the time.

One of the scientists asked a number of questions, such as, what is the range of the radar, what is the frequency of the radar, what is the band width, what is the formula for the height equipment, etc.

I was impressed with the response from the FAA experts. At the end, one of the three people from the CIA said, This event never happened; we were never here; we're confiscating all this data and you are all sworn to secrecy.

What do you think it was? I asked the CIA person.

A UFO and now they have over 30 minutes of radar to go over, he responded.

Well let's get a TWIX out and advise the American public that we were visited by a UFO, I suggested.

No way, if we were to tell the American public there are UFOs they would panic, he informed me.

Some time after the briefing, the detailed FAA report which included extensive interviews with the pilot and crew, the chart prepared at the Tech Center; and facility voice tapes arrived at my office and were placed on a small table waiting for the CIA to request more data. The material stayed there until I retired 2 years later, and I've had it ever since.

Most people including FAA controllers really aren't familiar with how the FAA radar system works and why all aircraft traveling through our airspace are not caught on radar or displayed on the controllers PVD. But I am.

The system and organization of the FAA is not configured to identify and track these types of performances.

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Final Statement Fife Symington

In 1997 during my second term as Governor of Arizona, I saw something that defied logic and challenged my reality.

I witnessed a massive delta-shaped craft silently navigate over Squaw Peak, a mountain range in Phoenix, Arizona. It was truly breathtaking.

To my astonishment this apparition appeared, and it was a solid structure; this dramatically large, very distinctive leading edge with some enormous lights was traveling through the Arizona sky.

I still don't know what it was. As a pilot and a former Air Force Officer, I can definitively say that this craft did not resemble any man-made object I'd ever seen. And it was certainly not high-altitude flares because flares don't fly in formation.

The incident was witnessed by hundreds, if not thousands of people in Arizona and my office was besieged with phone calls from very concerned Arizonians.

The growing hysteria intensified when the story broke nationally. I decided to lighten the mood of the state by calling a press conference where my chief of staff arrived in an alien costume. We managed to lessen the sense of panic but at the same time, upset many of my constituents.

I would now like to set the record straight. I never meant to

ridicule anyone. My office jamake inquiries as to the origin of the craft, but to this day, they remain unanswered.

Eventually the Air National Guard Force claimed responsibility stating that their pilots were dropping flares. This is indicative of the attitude from official channels. We get explanations that fly in the face of the facts. Explanations like weather balloons, swamp gas and military flares.

I was never happy with this silly explanation. There might very well have been military flares in the sky later that evening, but what I and hundreds of others saw had nothing to do with that.

I now know that I am not alone in witnessing something extraordinary. There are many high ranking military, aviation and government officials who share my concerns; some of them have joined me here today. There is absolutely no doubt as to the veracity of what these men have told you. They have fought in wars, guarded top secret weapons arsenals and flown countless passengers thorough the world's skies.

Incidents like these are not going away. One year ago, Chicago's O'Hare airport experienced a UFO event that made national and international headlines. Pilots and many other airline employees observed a metallic disc hovering over the United Airlines terminal for several minutes. It then shot straight up and cut a hole in the clouds. The FAA did not investigate, dismissing the sighting as weather.

We want the US government to stop putting out stories that perpetuate the myth that ALL UFOs can be explained away in down-to-earth, conventional terms. Instead, our country needs to reopen its official investigation that it shut down in 1969. The US government can no longer shun an international dialogue about this, and we invite the government to work in cooperation with the countries represented at this table.

When it comes to events of this nature that are completely unsolved, we deserve more openness in government, especially our own.

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Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

From: **Richard Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:55:57 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 09:34:29 -0500
Subject: Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:24:28 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Morningstar On NPC Conference

>I was interviewed by a Canadian TV reporter yesterday in DC at
>the NPC UFO conference and asked about "the greatest UFO
>incident" in Canadian history and who would be the best people
>to contact in Canada on UFO affairs.

>I gave her a synopsis of the Shag Harbor incident, recommended
>that she study the work of Wilber Smith and told her to contact
>Nick Balaskas of York University and Errol Bruce Knapp of UFO
>UpDates.

>She then asked me "Why don't I know about this, if it is so
>famous?"

<snip>

>I also had long conversations with former Gov. Symington and
>high-ranking officers of the Belgian, Iranian, Chilean and
>Peruvian Air Forces, as well as, the representatives from France
>and England: Mr. Claude Poher regarding GEPAN/COMETA reports,
>Roy Bower, airline pilot in the English Channel incident, and
>with Nick Pope, Charles Halt and James Penniston, who actually
>touched the object with his hands and copied the pictograms on
>the object in the Rendlesham Incident.

<snip>.

>This conference was truly a historic event in the annals of UFO
>research. Look for more details on UFO Digest in the near
>future.

Robert and I sometimes disagree on this List as far as
interpretations are concerned. I met him for the first time at
this conference and he seemed like a very nice gentleman.

I, too, talked with many of the witnesses and garnered new
details about some of the important cases. I totally agree with
his assessment of the conference reported here.

While I'm at it, I sat with Steve Kaeser and agree with his
general assessment and his comments about the problems with the
news media. This was an important occasion, even though it fell
on deaf ears of news media representatives in some cases. Their
sound-bite mentalities and unwillingness to address strong,
detailed UFO cases is (are) a serious problem.

Dick

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:05:51 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:03:40 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 15:57:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
>>Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

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>Eleanor White

>[Or Danny Aykroyd? --ebk]

We are trying to get a good idea of the exact cost of this analysis, with the \$5,000 figure being an estimate that was based on finding someone who would do it for a "fire sale" price. I am not fully aware of all that is needed in this analysis and how involved it would be.

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION: Money donated to the UFO Coalition, and earmarked for the AMP project, will be matched by an anonymous donor, up to the first \$2,500 dollars. This means that the first \$2,500 in donations will reach our \$5,000 goal for the analysis (as it now stands).

As John Velez pointed out yesterday,

Make all checks payable to:

UFO Coalition

Address to:

Rob Swiatek
The Fund For UFO Research, Inc.
P.O. Box 7501
Alexandria, VA. 22307

Once a good figure is arrived at, I believe that a Paypal link will be established and can be used to make a donation.

Steve

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From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:10:34 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:04:54 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

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

Bigelow disowned us a long time ago after we refused to play his
manipulative game. Besides, his UFO interest has faded into the
background in favor of his space program.

Aykroad might be a better bet, though I have no idea whether he
actually puts up money for research.

Dick

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Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:29:45 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:06:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 14:37:21 -0000
>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:15:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Phoenix March 13 2007??

<snip>

>The real triangle is estimated to have been seen by many
>thousands, for the reason (as I've read) that so many people
>were outside watching for comet Hale-Bopp. Surely some of those
>hopeful comet watchers equipped themselves with video and still
>cameras? But not one person apparently got a shot, whilst every
>one of the four known witness groups to the 10:00PM flares
>managed to shoot videos.

>Now I take your point that some of the flare-sighters were alert
>for unusual lights and had cameras ready, but this really
>increases my puzzlement. A huge number of people at 8:30 were
>presumably prepared to see an unusual comet - why did none of
>them have cameras ready? Well, people can be absent minded, and
>caught off-balance by unexpected events. So it's a good job then
>that there were some people who were prepared with video
>cameras that night because they were hoping to see UFOs.
>Unfortunately none of them reported or filmed the giant

It has been a 'long time' now, but it is my recollection that
Hale Bopp comet had been in the sky for many days before this.
In other words, Hale-Bopp was not a one night event.

People could have had the fill of photos and videos of the comet
well before March 13. Any astronomer with pertinent Hale-Bopp
data could comment on this. As I recall it was visible in the
sky at various times of night for many days, perhaps a couple of
weeks.

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Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 10:45:55 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:09:12 -0500
Subject: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

Just heard from one of the abductees that he isn't well enough off, especially this time of year with the holidays coming up, to donate to the abduction study completion fund.

I believe there are enough people with comfortable incomes who also have a known interest in ufology that advising them by letter that the abduction study is only \$5,000 from completion, and asking them to help, might be the shortest route to getting the study finished.

So along with directly soliciting contributions, I wonder if soliciting people connected with ufology, abductees, and simply members of the public who are interested to sign such an appeal might be a parallel and useful approach?

(There would be identity theft concerns, and I'm not suggesting an actual digitized or photocopied handwritten signature, rather just their name and city/province or state/country.)

People interested in ufology would probably quickly recognize the signatures of well known researchers, authors, and others who are recognized as being part of the field, for example, well known abductees. In fact, along with the signer's name, it might be worthwhile to add a qualifier such as 'ufologist', 'author', 'journalist', 'broadcaster', 'scientist', 'study staff member', 'abductee', or just 'interested member of the public.'

The letter itself should describe the study progress to date, and ideally would have one piece of the data showing something unusual waits to be analyzed. I have in mind some of the power failures matching abductee incident logs. The letter itself would best be composed by people who participated in running the study to ensure accuracy.

Would gathering signatures, creating a letter of appeal, and compiling a list of possible benefactors to send it to be worth the effort? I'm not suggesting this should replace the appeal for funds, but rather this might be a worthwhile parallel activity.

Eleanor White

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Re: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 12:32:11 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:53:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 17:49:10 -0500
>Subject: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

>National Press Club Press Conference, November 12, 2007

>In my 50 years of more or less active involvement with the UFO
>subject I have been present or a participant in numerous press
>conferences, private and public meetings with high-level people
>present... you name it.

>This press conference was one of the most impressive experiences
>I have ever had just sitting in the audience, though I did get a
>chance to chat with various of the witnesses eventually. The
>affair was beautifully planned and well-conducted. To me, it
>struck just exactly the right note... which I will get to in a
>minute.

<snip>

Thanks, Dick. This is one media event I wish I could have
attended. Too far away and right on the heels of a knee
operation.

I assume that James Fox recorded this in its entirety for later
release.

The media doesn't have a handle on this phenomenon these days
and really don't know the right questions to ask. I have no
doubt that many questions were asked illiciting the silly
factor. It will take some truly disturbing event involving one
of these things before they really take it seriously.

Don Ledger

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 11:37:33 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:55:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:44:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 01:50:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>Granted, my throw-away comment could have been worded more
>>carefully. A sweeping proposition it was. But the kernel of my
>>argument stands: we are cognitively fallible beings, often
>>miserably so. We easily misinterpret phenomena, especially if it
>>is a surprise. We are susceptible to the most irrational
>>choices, often through superstition or ignorance. Ask a
>>magician, a politician, a thief what they think about how easily
>>we humans can be fooled at times.

>Well, these are red herrings, irrelevant to what I was trying to
>address, which - contrary to your reading - was intended a
>general comment and no attack on you personally. I am sorry you
>have responded so defensively, and if that was because I did not
>make my meaning sufficiently clear, I apologize for my
>imprecision.

Don't apologise! I was really rather bemused, not upset at all.

>I was writing, as I thought you were, about human perception in
>ordinary circumstances. Not, in other words, about traumatic
>crimes, not deliberate, sophisticated misdirection, not
>ignorance of complicated public-policy issues. I was simply
>arguing something that I should think is undeniable: that if you
>tell me a rabbit suddenly ran across your path in reasonable
>viewing conditions, chances are strong that it was a rabbit and
>not a large dog or a newspaper page pushed by the wind.

No, I was referring more to our reactions - generally - to
unexpected or confusing situations.

>If, on the other hand, you reported something out of the
>ordinary, I could - were I so inclined - mutter, without further
>justification, that since people are "easily fooled," I can
>confidently proceed to tell you what you really saw and make
>up any explanation I want, then declare the case solved. Project
>Blue Book did it all the time, and UFO history is littered with
>innumerable other instances. That's why our "serious" media now
>believe that ridicule is response enough to any UFO report,
>whatever the level of evidence or the ostensible credibility of
>the witnesses. It's not much of a stretch to go from people are
>"easily fooled" to people are stupid, meriting only contempt if
>they report an observation of something anomalous. Yesterday's
>CNN coverage of the National Press Club gathering is a case in
>point.

Agreed. That certainly was not my intention. However, I stand by
my suggestion that - in general - an average witness's
recounting of an unexpected, surprising event is not all that
it's been cracked up to be.

>(1) You are not an idiot but among the most interesting and
>thoughtful contributors to this forum.

OK, now you're being absurd.

(2) I was not referring
>to you but, as I wrote, "such claims generally." Even anomalists
>internalize debunker arguments without critically examining
>them. I certainly do not think you consciously endorse
>presumptions drawn from disbelief tradition. I simply insisted,
>and continue to insist, that the proposition that people are
>"easily fooled" warrants critical - dare I say skeptical? -
>scrutiny.

Fair enough. I shouldn't have said that people, generally, are
"easily fooled" but that it is easy for people to be mistaken in
their perceptions of unexpected phenomena.

I don't wish to side with the "debunkers" but remain sceptical
of reported "UFO events" for which there is nothing but witness
testimony to work with. This isn't because I am inherently
sceptical of the veracity of the phenomenon as a whole. And I
certainly don't mean to say that all of such testimony is
hogwash.

Brian

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>I can no longer forebear from asking how Buzz Aldrin got into
>this. I don't recall seeing any reference to Buzz Aldrin in
>Friday's show transcript. Either one observer is seeing pseudo-
>Buzz, or this observer is suffering from Buzz-blindness. Is it
>me?

Actually, I was wondering the same thing. Perhaps it's that
funny perception problem I've been referring to ;-)

Brian

[I believe it started here:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/subscribers/2007/nov/m12-001.shtml>

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 10:40:47 -0600
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:08:10 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
>Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>Hi All,

>Not doing a very good job of 'lurking' am I?

>This note is a reminder for everyone to please make some kind
>of monetary contribution to the UFO Coalition so they can
>complete the analysis of the data from the Abduction Study
>Project.

>I sent my check to FUFOR today. If everybody who was demanding
>information about the study contributes, we may actually get the
>information!

>Put yer money where yer mouth is! Time to pony up some bucks.

>Make all checks payable to:

>UFO Coalition

>Address to:

>Rob Swiatek
>The Fund For UFO Research, Inc.
>P.O. Box 7501
>Alexandria, VA. 22307

>Eleanor, talk to the abductees you've been in touch with. See if
>they can chip in too! If we all work together and make the
>effort, we can get this thing done.

>Contribute now. Tell your friends. Here's to success.

Hi John & List:

I sent my check over a week ago. Also, a fellow Lister suggested
that I mention this, and I must say, it has been on my mind.

Why not ask Robert Bigelow to fund this study - or has that
already been attempted by all of the members of the Coalition?
Five-thousand dollars would be a drop in the bucket for someone
like R.B. He has funded several studies in the past. Why not ask
for his help with this one?

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Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:32:28 -0800
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:13:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:06:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:05:45 -0500
>>Subject: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>It is written that Joshua and his men blew on horns and the
>>walls came tumbling down. The Bastille of Skepticism is being
>>stormed by credible UFO witnesses. Holes are appearing in the
>>'cover-up'.

>>Well, maybe!!

>According to a Netscape/AOL a poll of about 70,000 web users
>shows about 30% considering themselves to be witnesses and about
>85% to be for the government reopening the investigation.

I saw that poll! I was going to post it but wanted to see if
anyone else had caught it.

I can attest to having done daily polls for almost 7 years
working for AOL that the percentage of those not trusting the
government regarding the issue was at 80% if not more. I'd say
that 30% of witnesses is conservative but good.

Now it's getting that data to the top of the daily news services
but with constant bombardments of Britney Spears and OJ Simpson
stories it's not likely unless both of them admit to seeing UFOs
or both get abducted in mid paparazzi pursuit.

Best,

Greg
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Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:38:50 -0800
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:42:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 16:16:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 05:28:50 EST
>>Subject: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

><snip>

>>Nothing around here is going to change unless someone gets mad!

>Sadly, nothing around here is going to change unless
>_significant_numbers_ of people get mad.

>That's why we need TV documentaries where credibility of
>ufologists and the best cases is portrayed prominently, and the
>message to the viewer is "Hey, viewer, you are being ripped off!"
>This information, which could well include advanced, Earth-
>problem-solving technology, belongs to _you_, yet your public
>'servants' are keeping it from you!"

>If the slant of TV documentaries about UFOs would get more
>proactive, that would very likely be one of the most effective
>ways to stir up those significant numbers of citizens.

>Another way would be to get what is a really small sum - \$5,000
>- fifty loads of groceries, or fifty tanks of gasoline on full
>size vehicles - to the coalition to get that abductee data
>analyzed and published! (And, I urge, releasing the raw data
>_must_ be part of that!)

>If not Robert Bigelow, how about Laurance Rockefeller?

>If Shirley MacLaine has managed her money wisely, how about
>asking her? Are there any other media stars with the interest?

>How about Larry King, who no doubt has the finances, and who
>could 'scoop' the results on mainstream TV?

>I'd ask, except I think an abductee, who has an obvious personal
>stake in the outcome, would have a better chance.

I always enjoy Eleanor White's posts.

I wouldn't count on any big money people throwing in to resolve
this problem or it would have been done long ago. Reason why is
because anyone with big money who's asked and investigated
realized right off the bat that if all the data were disclosed
they wouldn't be big money people anymore.

It gets no more complex than that.

Let's not hold our breath for those in power to disclose or
cooperate. If it was in their best interest, the conservatives,
liberals, muslims, atheists, christians, buddhists, and every
other religion and ethnic and social group that has the

resources to get the real scoop like many of us already have, we'd have it blasted all over the news.

To date, not even the mortal enemies of the U.S. and U.K. whom we often read are part of some bizarre conspiracy, have yet to come forward. Why? Because they'd be out of business too.

Just think of it. Any one of us could come up with a good idea and make millions if not billions of dollars. Then we turn around and pay off some guys a few million or a few hundred G's to spill the beans. The beans spilled basically say if you tell the public you'll lose your fortune, lose protection of your family and friends.

What would you do?

Best,

Greg
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CFi NPConference Updates

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 13:58:23 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:50:07 -0500
Subject: CFI NPConference Updates

Leslie Kean wants everyone to know that www.freedomofinfo.org will be updated to include information about the results of the press conference as soon as possible.

Which means as soon as the intense press reaction cools off...

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Re: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 19:56:40 +0000
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:52:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 17:49:10 -0500
>Subject: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

>National Press Club Press Conference, November 12, 2007

<snip>

>My retort would be, "Ask the Government!" Any veteran UFO
>researcher could (and has many times) suggested four or five
>possible reasons for a cover-up, but at bottom that is only
>speculation and we cannot provide a definitive answer. What we
>can provide is outstanding and highly credible witnesses whose
>testimony establishes a serious mystery badly in need of
>international scientific investigation with a free flow of
>information. Don't ask for speculations, Mr. or Ms. Reporter,
>ask for credible witnesses to and documentation of cases like
>these people described... and there is plenty of that available
>Ask the Government how they can possibly continue to ignore such
>cases.

Dick:

I would have asked the name of the reporter asking the question,
and what newspaper they represented. Further, I would have
wanted to know how long they have been a reporter? I guess what
I am saying is that it is time to turn the hostile reporting
back on the hostile reporter.

KK

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 15:26:20 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:54:02 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 15:57:25 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
>>Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

><snip>

>>This note is a reminder for everyone to please make some kind
>>of monetary contribution to the UFO Coalition so they can
>>complete the analysis of the data from the Abduction Study
>>Project.

Hi Eleanor,

You asked:

>John -

>What do you think about trying to get Robert Bigelow to fund the
>full shot?

Ask him! Let me know if he ponies up the necessary funds. In the meantime, we shouldn't wait for, or rely on, "possible" funding sources. Let's all take responsibility ourselves, as interested individuals and see to it that this work is completed.

If not us, who else cares enough to put up hard-earned cash?

Please, don't wait around to see if Bigelow or somebody else is going to come along and save the day. Make a contribution now.

BTW, we only need to come up with half! (+-\$2500.00) There is an anonymous sponsor who is willing to 'match donations dollar for dollar up to \$2500.00. If we each send in some dough we can make a number like 2500 easily.

Write the check today... we'll talk about who we can hit up for more later.

>[Or Danny Aykroyd? --ebk]

John

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 15:53:12 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:56:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:10:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>I have come to agree with John Alexander (late of NIDS,) that
>Greer and his bunch have, in fact, sabotaged any hope of actually
>securing government disclosure.

I suggest that if a gathering of UFO witnesses telling their stories could sabotage anything as serious as government disclosure of UFO information, then those members of Congress who were thus dissuaded were never serious about disclosure in the first place.

Eleanor White

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 17:20:57 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:59:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:10:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 12:26:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 19:02:06 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 9 Nov 2007 01:08:22 -0500
>>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

><snip>

>>>I have heard from a couple of trusted associates who inform me
>>>that Steve Bassett and his PRG have absolutely nothing to do
>>>with this effort. I was confused by the "official" PRG
>>>promotional posts that make the whole thing sound like its a PRG
>>>project. Bassett doesn't make this clear in his posts. Granted,
>>>it is a 'grey-area' attempted rip-off, but it is a rip-off
>>>nonetheless.

>>>Bassett has a lot of balls trying to put his exopolitical spin
>>>on this event. To usurp the work of others by sticking his own
>>>version of the "disclosure project" label on it is simply self-
>>>serving and dishonest. Nowhere in his post does he acknowledge
>>>or give any credit to Kean or Fox. He leaves the impression
>>>(maybe intentionally,) that this event is a PRG effort.

<snip>

>>Knowing this fact, it can be demonstrated to various leaders
>>that agencies which release a few hundred pages of documents are
>>not being forthcoming. Also, originating agency documents found
>>elsewhere in other agencies' files show there are, at the very
>>least, record keeping problems, but more likely a lack of
>>candor. Demonstrating this to decision makers makes more sense
>>than a lot of unsupported claims and contentions that
>>information is withheld.

>>Jan Aldrich

>Hi Jan, (long time no speak!)

>I left in your every word. It's all good, Jan. Your educated and
>helpful suggestions and comments make perfect common sense.

>The "problem" is... it will fall on deaf ears.

<snip>

>Great to see a post from you, Jan. I miss your contributions
>here. Please give my very best to my old bud, John Stepkowski
>next time you communicate with him. John, along with yourself
>and many others are among the unsung heroes of ufology. Keep up
>the good work brother-man.

>Warmest regards, and many thanks for the thoughtful response,
>hope it actually ends up doing some good.

Hi John, sure you're right, anything I say does fall upon deaf ears.

I don't want to rain on the Kean and Fox parade here, but it has been done before (the latest version is much professional and better than before.) Your comments about former attempts to mobilize ufology failing because the sponsors added other political agenda items to their presentation are well taken.

However, ufo fans have over and over again poisoned the well. To wit, sending all congressmen copies of the MUFON Journal with articles on alien skeletons, cloned prostitutes, and the like.

My comments of lone wolf ufologists apply here to the latest presentation! We have here an impressive list of witnesses with interesting stories. I certainly applaud such efforts. However, now what!?

After a few stories in various media around the world, then the subject again slips back into obscurity.

Let's review the bidding here. The Sturrock Panel issued a report which essentially overthrew the Robertson Panel. The new panel said there might be some reasons to consider serious information in ufology. My question to ufology at that time was, "so we have this opening, what next?" The silence was deafening! The only replies I got were from bomb throwers who were unhappy that the panel did issue a sweeping endorsement of ETH.

The ABC Peter Jennings presentation was a mixed bag. The Lords of American Ufology wanted Jennings and his staff turned over the Grand Inquisitor so they could be tortured into confessing their sins against Roswell before being burned at the stake. Actually, Jennings on ABC Evening News presented to a long positive segment to the public, an airing of the 1968 Minot AFB B-52 case, one of the most impressive and well documented military cases available. It was again presented with even greater detail in "Seeing Is Believing."

Another opportunity handed to ufology, but instead all we got were internal complaints as how Jennings had messed up the Roswell sandbox or disrespected Bud Hopkins. Talk about looking a gift horse in the mouth!

Some ufologists say they want a scientific investigation of UFOs. For the most part what they really mean is they want scientists to swallow whole one of the hundreds of cracked brained conspiracy theories about UFOs and wild theories about ET.

One may ask, "Okay smart guy, what's your grand scheme?"

Well, we generally don't know what will capture and retain the public's and the media's interest in the subject. Maybe this dust up in the Democratic Debate will. At the very least the UFO Research Coalition and others should meet to consider how to exploit a situation in which both public and press become interested. What are the next steps ufologists want to take? Congressional hearings, presentations to decision makers, a new funded transparent investigation? Maybe the best idea is to review the old NICAP goals in this area.

Specific proposals for further action might be:

Search of govt files for all UFO info (ala the Kennedy assassination investigation.)

Review of various radar and other sensor systems records for unknown objects.

The initiation of a program to probe UFO events and learn more

about them.

Analyze any artifacts, traces and secondary effects associated with UFOs.

From personal experience some Congressmen seem to be interested in the national security aspects involved with UFOs such as reports of UFOs in or near nuclear facilities, and apparent interference with nuclear weapons or delivery systems. This might be a good angle to start with and compile all known information involved here. Information such be persented in a scheme going from the info considered the most reliable and well documents to incidents which might be complete or have some questionable info.

Once such a political action program were established, lone wolves should be invited to cooperate with the political action agenda, before springing their presentations on the public. We obviously can't do anything about a network news presentation like Jennings' except be prepared to present our the proposals to the public afterwards.

Jan Aldrich

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Re: How Far Are You Willing To Go?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 17:27:23 EST
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:00:30 -0500
Subject: Re: How Far Are You Willing To Go?

Pardon me for being a bit harsh again but the question regarding the activist level of UFology begs answering.

How far are you willing to go?

School prayer, abortion, civil rights, women's lib, war, all these topics have seen people willing to lay down their lives for. People since the time of my forefathers went to jails and the gallows and firing squads for protesting.

So here we are 60 years after the first solid disclosure regarding flying saucers and then the compiling stories of alien abductions and we're still up against a brick wall regarding the government and the mainstream press.

This week's press conference was nice, Dr. Greer's Disclosure Project was nice, all suits and ties and howdy do's, but howdy do's are not the stuff of change.

One really sympathizes with abductees who not only have to battle alien beings with advanced technology but also their own government agencies and information industries their tax and advertising dollars support.

The customer is always right.

Getting on a soapbox would be an understatement.

You want change and answers then you'd better be prepared to go to jail for them or worse, die for them.

Best,

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From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 16:42:27 -0600
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:02:12 -0500
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>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 17:49:10 -0500
>Subject: Richard Hall On NPC Conference

>National Press Club Press Conference, November 12, 2007

>In my 50 years of more or less active involvement with the UFO
>subject I have been present or a participant in numerous press
>conferences, private and public meetings with high-level people
>present... you name it.

>This press conference was one of the most impressive experiences
>I have ever had just sitting in the audience, though I did get a
>chance to chat with various of the witnesses eventually. The
>affair was beautifully planned and well-conducted. To me, it
>struck just exactly the right note... which I will get to in a
>minute.

Dick,

Thank you for that insight. It's always good to get a view of an issue from someone who has been involved with UFOs for as long as you have. As for why the government would want to cover anything up, I would just ask the reporter, "Why did the government cover up their involvement with the assassination attempt on Castro, which they have now admitted? Do you believe everything the government tells you?"

Robert Powell

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 01:06:08 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:44:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 19:46:17 +0000
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 23:59:10 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 19:10:45 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>>>Apparently, there is no poster from Arizona. Because, if there
>>>were, there might be questions about Symington's credibility.
>>>The guy is a convict and doesn't have a real close
>>>association with telling the truth. Shouldn't the question of
>>>the witness' credibility play apart in UFO investigations?

>>>Much the same as it would in a court trial.

>>>Just wondering.

>>Sure you are. Boy this one has really dug its spurs into you for
>>you to sink to character assassination. Gov. of Arizona, air
>>force pilot, now a convict. You sound a bit desperate.

>>What piece of work you are.

>Regardless of what Kathy wrote, I remember with real bitterness,
>and I do mean bitterness, that Phoenix council press conference
>with that moron that strode out dressed up as an alien.

>We are all used to ridicule and being discrete about to whom and
>how we discuss our interest, and we've all long ago accepted it
>goes with the territory. But that one really stuck in the craw
>for me. Above all else, what a statement it made about the
>council's attitude to a sizeable number of its electorate. And
>then a few years later he goes and says, "Well
>actually..."

>Good luck to him now and I wish him the best. His face is
>testament to the fact that he's had a hard time in recent years,
>and it would have taken some courage as well to turn it round as
>he did.

>But if some resentment remains, I can understand it.

Yeah the charade was unfortunate, Stuart, and one wonders why
people go to these lengths. But as far as I know he wasn't
convicted of anything but got turfed [lost at re-election] for
whatever association he had with it. To be a convict you
actually have to be convicted hence the word convict. I'm sure
he regrets this action now. If he is like many others this

experience has probably been eating away at him for many years.
Sooner or later he had to spill it.

Don Ledger

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 10:02:53 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 14:29:06 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:44:57 -0600
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>Well, these are red herrings, irrelevant to what I was trying to
>address, which - contrary to your reading - was intended a
>general comment and no attack on you personally. I am sorry you
>have responded so defensively, and if that was because I did not
>make my meaning sufficiently clear, I apologize for my
>imprecision.

>I was writing, as I thought you were, about human perception in
>ordinary circumstances. Not, in other words, about traumatic
>crimes, not deliberate, sophisticated misdirection, not
>ignorance of complicated public-policy issues. I was simply
>arguing something that I should think is undeniable: that if you
>tell me a rabbit suddenly ran across your path in reasonable
>viewing conditions, chances are strong that it was a rabbit and
>not a large dog or a newspaper page pushed by the wind.

Jerry, you've put your finger on it here. People sometimes
report that a puma or some other big-cat has run across their
path. When this happens in somewhere like south-east England,
researchers often have to decide whether or not what the witness
say was actually a large dog or a paper bag or some other
mundane object.

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Skeptical Inquirer On Gulf Breeze

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
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Subject: Skeptical Inquirer On Gulf Breeze

Hi all,

The latest issue of Skeptical Inquirer features a review (by Robert Sheaffer) of "War of the Words: The True but Strange Story of the Gulf Breeze UFO", by Craig R. Myers.

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2007-05/sheaffer.html>

Kind regards,

Greg

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Don Ecker's 1988 Informant 'Paul'

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Subject: Don Ecker's 1988 Informant 'Paul'

Where was Joe Friday during these intense conversations? The material is about 20 years-old, rambling, and vaguely interesting. These undisclosed agents pop out of the woodwork in the UFO DIScommunity so often, always breaking their oaths for the greater good. Label this HUMER/HUMOR/HUMOUR.

Terry

In fantasticreality.nul

Royce Holleman <mrparanormal.nul> posted:

[by Don F. Ecker State Section Director MUFON,
for the State of Idaho - circa 1988 --ebk]

This summer, while on vacation back to my families residence, I encountered a family friend that I had not seen since 1973. For obvious reasons I will not identify him, but for this record will call him "Paul".

Paul is retired from over 30 years of distinguished government service, is a widower, and is one of the most closed-mouthed men I have ever known. When I first came back from Viet Nam in 1972, I saw Paul at a family get-together, and even though he was just back from South East Asia, he never mentioned it. I found out through his brother.

When I went back east, I had taken a number of text files from my records, for my sister, who is fascinated by the subject of UFOs. It so happened that one evening, my sister and I and wife and another friend, Bob, were sitting outside my mothers house, and were discussing several of the files that I had taken back. Paul stopped out at the house, as he was going to a function with his sister and my mother. He sat down on the patio with us, and as usual, did not say much.

My sister was reading the file concerned with the Majestic 12 papers and making some comments, that if this file was for real, the implications of alien contact could be staggering for the world if verified. At this point Paul leaned forward and asked if he could see the papers. My sister passed several of the texts to him, and until he left, he spent the remainder of his time reading them.

Just before he left, he got me off to the side, and asked how I was involved with UFOs. I told him that I was an investigator for MUFON, and was involved with a computer network system with Paranet.

This was the first of several conversations I had with Paul, and I don't ask anyone to believe it, because, frankly, I have problems with several things he told me. And you may wonder why Paul would tell me anything, considering his government service, and the agency he worked for.

To begin with, Paul is very ill, the last time I spoke with him, he told me that he doesn't expect to be around for more than 18 months, maximum. Next, he told me that he never agreed with all the secrecy that surrounded the government and the subject of UFOs. And lastly, what he hinted at was actually occurring seemed to haunt him. As he said, there wasn't a hell of a lot that even the government was able to do about the situation.

I present the following, and you can make up your own mind about whether to believe or not.

This summer past - 1988 - was the 20th reunion of my High School. This was the reason that I traveled back, and besides, my wife is in love with the east coast. While back, I became ill, and ended up spending almost two weeks in the hospital. Paul came and visited me, and this is how we ended having the several conversations that we had.

Paul at first ask if I realized what dangers were present in the subject of UFOs. I said "No", but I had heard rumors that this could be the case. He said you damned betcha it could. "If you stumbled over the right information you could end up among the missing, and Don, this sure as hell wouldn't be the first time."

I asked him how he came to know so much about the subject, and he said with the job he held, it was his business to know about a lot of things. I then said come on Paul, I had dealings with spooks while in Viet Nam, so don't try that line on me. He told me then, that this was to his knowledge, still one of the most highly classified subjects in the intelligence community. That brought to mind the 'Smith Memo' from the 50's, and I relayed it to Paul. I mentioned that Smith had stated that the subject of UFOs had been rated higher than the H bomb, and in perspective, was this still the case? Paul sreply follows, and for the purposes of this file, I have condensed our talks into one session.

In the 40's, when the 'flying saucer' scare started, the military and government were concerned that it was possible that the Soviets had made a breakthrough in technology with their German scientists, that our German scientists had not been able to duplicate. It then became evident that this technology was above and beyond what we were able to achieve, so the phenomenon had to come from outside. For awhile there was a deadlock as to what to do, but then apparently the military was able to secure one of the craft.

I asked Paul if he meant Roswell, and he only smiled. He said to read the MJ 12 stuff again, that there were enough facts to get an idea of what he was talking about. After that, it was apparent that the technology was well above what we were capable of.

There were fears among certain people that this could be the prelude to invasion, or possibly even worse. Others saw this as a straight shot to technology that we couldn't even dream of, and to exploit everything we could out of it.

Paul stated that there was a genuine fear that if the Soviets could get one of these, and exploit it, the United States would be in deep excrement. There was a think-tank that was set up, and the decision for secrecy was understandable in that scenario.

Many of these craft were flying over nuclear installations, and one thought at the time was that they could be after uranium among other things, if they were, as believed then, coming from a 'dying' planet.

I asked if at that time, were they considered to be benign, and Paul said yes, they were, but then several things happened to change that idea. He would not elaborate, so I mentioned the Mantell incident, and he said that is the most well known case, but there were others, and some very bizarre.

The think-tank that was set up in the 40's were concerned that some of these cases would become public knowledge, and they still remembered the War Of The Worlds scare that Wells threw

into the public in 1938. They did not want a panic that could affect the nations security, commerce, industry, finances and so forth. The result was to debunk the whole damn thing, and hope it would either go away, or they could solve it in time before it did become public knowledge.

I asked Paul about several cases that I read about in Clear Intent, one of them being the Cuban Jet Incident. Paul said that he had heard about that, he wouldn't say much, but this is not the only case where one of these objects had shot down aircraft, "and it didn't all happen outside the U. S. either".

"Look", he said, "if you were out in a very primitive area, and were lost, or hungry, or what ever, and came across a primitive native tribe, and I mean compared to you, really primitive, would you trade with them, or take what you needed, food, women, whatever, if you were very amoral?"

Look, if in this case, you regard these natives as less than dirt, and the only thing they have in common is that they have what you need.

You are familiar with the animal mutilations aren't you? Many people think that this was a government sponsored operation, testing chemicals or something. Well, it wasn't, and farm animals are not the only thing that has been tested. The guys I know that are still active have said that right now, is one of the biggest 'UFO flaps' that they have ever heard of, and there is a lot of concern as to how long it can be kept secret."

I hated to break in on Paul when he was talking this freely, but had to ask about the reported astronaut sightings.

Yes, there were sightings on damn near all the 'shots', and it was always feared that the news services would pick up on some of the reports. We did a damn good job of damage control though.

"Well Paul, what about reports that these things have been seen on the moon?" I asked.

"Yes" he said, "they have been seen there, and some of this has come out, so I don't think I am breaking any oaths, but , haven't you asked yourself why, after all the billions of dollars that we had spent to get to the moon, after the early 70's, no one, us or the Russians, have gone near the place."

Yes, I admitted, I had wondered why, and then asked him if he knew why. Paul just smiled and then pointed to the file that contained the Lear Text.

"You know", he said, "this guy has hit pretty close on several points, and I wonder if anyone has approached him?"

I asked what he meant, and he looked at me and said "Don, you know what I mean, and after all, if a lot of the general public became aware of this, they would scream like a mashed cat, and demand to know what the hell the government is doing about it. The proble mis, there are some that still think that they can control events and keep a lid on this, and others that know we are way in over our head and are looking for a way out."

Alright then, what are these things, where do they come from, and what do they want? I must have looked pretty exasperated then, and Paul looked at me and gave me kind of what I thought was a sad smile.

"Don" he said, "I don't know where they come from, as to what they are, they are very different, and as to what they want, you are gonna sleep a lot better if I just go." And he did leave then.

I haven't talked to Paul since I got back home, and just several days ago, I got word that he had a heart attack and is in very poor condition.

I have wondered about a lot of what he said, and have decided that in lieu of keeping the whole thing to myself, I would put it on my word processor, and then make a decision whether to release it or not.

Paul had stated on several occasions that this subject had the potential to be very dangerous, and to be careful of pursuing it.

"With access to the right information, if it became known, people have disappeared."

I don't think he was just trying to scare me, the guy had been a professional intelligence agent for longer than I have been alive, and I am sure he knew a hell of a lot more about this, than I would even want to. He had mentioned several things, that even now I hesitate to put down, but the thing that inclines me to accept what he said, was knowing a bit of what kind of man he was, he seemed haunted and scared.

Well, in light of several things that have occurred recently, with the 'New and Improved' Blue Book, which I might add I distrust wholeheartedly, the meltdown within MUFON, the continuing 'flap' that doesn't show any signs of slowing down, much less stopping, and the fragmented community of UFO investigators, I discussed this with my better-half, and have decided to throw it out, and see where it landed.

Take it for what it is worth, and remember, I have just relayed what I was told, and I did warn you up front that this was almost beyond belief.

Anyone with any additional information is requested to contact me in care of Paranet RHO at 1-208-338-9187.

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Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
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>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 05:05:59 -0800
>Subject: Re: Monday's NPC UFO Conference

<snip>

>>This event was unique and brought a number of people together
>>for this purpose for the first time. The fact that it doesn't
>>have explosive new information shouldn't have come as a
>>surprise.

>No Steve, it did come as a surprise, because the night before or
>so on Coast To Coast AM it was declared that there would be such
>monumental disclosures.

>So we got fooled.

Hi Greg,

James is very excited about this entire Event, having pulled together a monumental gathering of witnesses with credentials. That in and of itself was a monumental endeavor, IMO, and this is the first time that all of these high level witnesses have been brought together to tell their story to the press. This brings it to the verge of a hard news story, which helps to keep this story out of the "Style" or "Entertainment" sections of the paper. How many reporters actually knew in advance that Penniston had allegedly touched the craft at Rendalsham/Bentwaters and had 30 minutes to take notes while he and others walked around it in a field? How many of the reporters knew that an Iranian pilot had climbed to 63,000 feet chasing a craft and then was ordered back to base because he had used up nearly all his fuel and he was at the limit of his F-4 Phantom? These are stories that may well have been "monumental disclosures" to the reporters, but certainly not to those of us who've been reading about this and dealing with it for years.

Now, with all this being said, I don't have any illusions that the Press Briefing is going to break open the floodgates and information will flow from Government sources. But this Event, and the recent small legal win to force NASA to re-examine their files to answer an FOIA request, make this an interesting time.

Steve

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Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
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>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:38:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 10:06:00 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 21:05:45 -0500
>>>Subject: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>>>It is written that Joshua and his men blew on horns and the
>>>walls came tumbling down. The Bastille of Skepticism is being
>>>stormed by credible UFO witnesses. Holes are appearing in the

>>'>cover-up'.

>>>Well, maybe!!

>>According to a Netscape/AOL a poll of about 70,000 web users
>>shows about 30% considering themselves to be witnesses and about
>>85% to be for the government reopening the investigation.

>Since U.S. politicians are notorious poll watchers, perhaps it
>is time to commission a large-scale public poll by a respected
>pollster. The central question would be:

>If the U.S. Government proposed the establishment of a public-
>private commission to receive and analyze UFO reports from
>highly credible witnesses and to promote an international
>exchange of information with other governments, would you favor
>or oppose the use of taxpayer dollars to support such a program?

>If the response mirrored the Netscape/AOL poll results, we might
>have some powerful ammunition for action by the government along
>the lines suggested by the international panel on Monday.

Nothing personal Mr. Hall but why in the world would anyone want
to waste resources by asking the people who've stonewalled,
lied, supported the threats in regard to this issue
to_investigate what they're not going to do???

Why are we even wasting our time contemplating it.
They're_not_going_to.

I'm sitting here listening to the same ideas that have been
tossed about for decades and there's no resolution. The federal
government nor any of it's agencies is going to investigate
anything regarding UFOs to our satisfaction.

It ain't because there's nothing there. We all know that by
leaps and bounds.

They're_not_going_to_investigate_UFOs_to_anyone's_satisfaction.

How many credible witnesses can we toss out there? For cryin' out loud it doesn't matter if presidential candidates state interest so why would we toss mere mortalls into the lion's den?

I say the government and the agencies and the mainstream press can kiss my entire butt in regard to the issue. I don't need people I pay to tell me what's real or not. I didn't get up this morning to ask some congressman whether the Sun was shining so that's my level of faith in their opinions about stuff. Too much bureacracy impinging on our own common senses.

This uneding desire and push to legitimize and gain respect for UFOlogy is useless. If your integrity is sound then to hell with the press and government because the internet is the deciding factor due to it's expansive communication network. We no longer have to depend on stuffed shirts and talking heads we can rely on we_the humans and kinfolk. I can chat with people in all four corners of the Earth and we know what's real and don't need some yes men to tell us.

If you want government complicity you have to get friggin' angry and embarrass them into disclosure.

Gad, we're probably the only species in the Universe who address an alien invasion with boring ass press conferences.

Best,

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Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2007

The Clinton Files And The X-Files

By Karen Tumulty in Washington

Ever since last month's debate in Philadelphia, Hillary Clinton's opponents have been clamoring for her and her husband to release all the papers from the National Archives pertaining to her role in his presidency. After all, they claim, what better way to judge the experience that she cites as her chief qualification to hold Bill Clinton's old job? So is Clinton holding something back, as her rivals suggest, or is this simply, as she insists, a question of moving "as quickly as our circumstances and the processes of the National Archives permits."

"I was born into a middle-class family in the middle of the country in the middle of the last centur..."

"It's complicated," says National Archives spokeswoman Susan Cooper. "There's no wrong answer and no right answer. It's not black and white."

Like his two most recent predecessors, Bill Clinton is subject to the Presidential Records Act of 1978. Under the law, all records are kept from the public for five years from the time a President leaves office. After that, every President has an option =97 and all of them have taken it =97 of withholding for further review six types of records for another seven years. Among the types of documents that can be subjected to further review are confidential advice between the President and his advisers. All three Presidents who have been covered by the act have invoked that option, though Cooper notes that Clinton's order =97 which called for further review of documents that include negative or derogatory information about individuals involved in the appointment process, confidential foreign policy communications, and communications between the President and Vice President, First Lady, or former Presidents or Vice Presidents =97 was actually less restrictive than either Ronald Reagan's or George Herbert Walker Bush's.

Even if Bill Clinton were to lift that restriction today, however, it would likely be years before the public actually got to see all of the documents from his presidency. (At the archives, Richard Nixon =97 whose papers have taken years to sort through and continue to yield bizarre troves of information =97 is known as "the gift that keeps on giving.") Thanks in part to the technology of the era in which he presided over the country, Clinton generated an unusually large volume of material: an estimated 20 million e-mails, averaging three pages each, plus another 78 million pages, enough to fill something like 36,000

boxes .

Before being made public, each document must be reviewed individually by a handful of overworked archivists. The archivists screen them for privacy issues (there are, for instance, lots and lots of Social Security numbers in all of this material) and potential breaches of national security. Once the archivists scrub them, the documents go to Bruce Lindsey, the longtime confidant whom Clinton designated to handle them. (Lindsey wrote in a recent memo, "Currently, none of the FOIA requests NARA has processed and provided for my review involve Senator Clinton.") And then they go to the current President, who under a 2001 executive order can look at them as long as he cares to.

The first priority is requests pending under the Freedom of Information Act. And any potential political muckrakers must get in a line =97 a very long line =97 of nearly 300 FOIA requests. Those requests are given full-time attention by a mere six archivists, whose numbers reflect the budget limitations they are working under.

What's more, the FOIA requests must be dealt with on a first-come, first-served basis, which means that issues of national security or domestic policy don't get priority. On the contrary, as it happens, the first people to get in the Clinton archives queue had a set of requests for information dealing with the issue of unidentified flying objects.

Extraterrestrials, in fact, still seem to be getting an inordinate amount of attention down in Little Rock. If you take a look at collections of material that have recently become available for research you will find:

FOIA 2006-0543-F: Records or correspondence related to President Clinton wanting the Sci-Fi Channel at the White House and Camp David

And

FOIA 2006-0535-F: All files on UFOs in the files of Mike McCurry, White House Press Secretary

And my personal favorite:

2006-0492-F: All files on UFOs, Roswell, New Mexico, flying saucers, Area 51 or the TV show X-Files in the files of John Podesta

Why John Podesta? The Clinton Library helpfully tells us of Clinton's White House Chief of Staff:

FOIA request 2006-0492-F consists of e-mails to and from John Podesta, containing the words either, X-Files or Area 51. John Podesta was a renowned fan of the "X-Files" television show.

Podesta, through a spokesperson, said of the FOIA requests, "the truth is out there." But like all FOIA requests, it may take a while before we get to see it.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>>I also had long conversations with former Gov. Symington and
>>high-ranking officers of the Belgian, Iranian, Chilean and
>>Peruvian Air Forces, as well as, the representatives from France
>>and England: Mr. Claude Poyer regarding GEPAN/COMETA reports,
>>Roy Bower, airline pilot in the English Channel incident, and
>>with Nick Pope, Charles Halt and James Penniston, who actually
>>touched the object with his hands and copied the pictograms on
>>the object in the Rendlesham Incident.

><snip>.

>>This conference was truly a historic event in the annals of UFO
>>research. Look for more details on UFO Digest in the near
>>future.

>Robert and I sometimes disagree on this List as far as
>interpretations are concerned. I met him for the first time at
>this conference and he seemed like a very nice gentleman.

>I, too, talked with many of the witnesses and garnered new
>details about some of the important cases. I totally agree with
>his assessment of the conference reported here.

>While I'm at it, I sat with Steve Kaeser and agree with his
>general assessment and his comments about the problems with the
>news media. This was an important occasion, even though it fell
>on deaf ears of news media representatives in some cases. Their
>sound-bite mentalities and unwillingness to address strong,
>detailed UFO cases is (are) a serious problem.

Awesome. Glad to see you upper-echelon Ufologists showing the
kind of comraderie that's needed Mr. Hall.

It's good to see the conference hit the wires with some good
strength too.

From one end of the planet to the other there are wire news
stories and blogs and message boards abuzz about the conference
and of course the lack of the mainstream press to headline it.
Even the Drudge Report didn't headline it and had it done so it
would have sent shockwaves around the world.

I disagree however with these soft stepping attempts to get the
mainstream press to pay attention. I have armies of friends in
the press. I grew up in the press. I know for a fact dozens and
dozens of media folk who are witnesses and abductees and privvy
to bona fide physical and testimonial evidence but they're not

willing to risk their skins by breaking ranks. They'll tell you it's because the issue of UFOs has not reached anywhere near a volatile level.

In other words, it's interesting for slice_of_life stories but blazing headlines or top of the hour breaking news, no way.

We have to stop and look at things here. What we're professing and how we're reacting to it.

We're saying the planet is and has been invaded by alien beings who kidnap and experiment on us. Some of these experiments are painful, some ghastly, some beneficial. We're talking about a total invalidation of every facet of our national security being breached by these beings. We're talking Ma, Pa, Grandma and Mrs. Cleaver and the Beaver down the street suffering unimaginable terrors that can lead to debilitating psychological results, but we're going to handle that problem by 'discussing' the issue.

What?

Oh, I get it, let's address the evil terrorists bent on our demise by 'discussing' the issue and pushing for more red tape investigations.

Our asses are in immediate danger or they're not and to me, being kidnapped by hideous creatures and used as a lab rat is far more than enough grist-for-the-mill for outright screaming and stomping my feet at the authorities. To hell with them if they call someone crazy, we're not the ones invading other people's countries and blowing up stuff on false reports.

I think it's an old Celtic saying that "The stew is either on the boil or tis not!"

Best,

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Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 08:12:09 -0700
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:50:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

During various interviews TSgt. Penniston stated that he walked around, touched and photographed the UFO. What happened to the photos?

David Iadevaia

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Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 10:24:42 EST
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:51:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 05:02:26 -0800
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live UFOs Now Friday Night

<snip>

>Either way, for us who know the real deal we're up against the
>same type of oppression people in Europe went through when the
>Nazis rose to power.

And to think that people within ufology seriously wonder why the
"mainstream" doesn't pay them much attention. Part of the reason
is that it contains people who make completely ridiculous
statements like this one, under the guise of talking about UFOs.

Jeez... talk about a penchant for self-inflicted wounds.

Paul Kimball

www.bestevidence.blogspot.com
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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UFOs Are Not Alien To Everyone

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:55:46 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:55:46 -0500
Subject: UFOs Are Not Alien To Everyone

Source: Gulf News, Dubai, Arab Emirates

http://www.gulfnews.com/opinion/editorial_opinion/world/10167597.html

November 14, 2007

Editorial/World

UFOs Are Not Alien To Everyone

The mysteries of our universe would have us believe that there's more to life than what we already know. The fact is, our knowledge is bound to be limited when it comes to unravelling the secrets of our infinite galaxies and we shouldn't always be able to define objects.

From that standpoint, it is fascinating to learn that a group of American pilots have demanded their government reopen an investigation into unidentified flying objects (UFOs) which was closed in 1969. They are convinced that not all UFOs can be explained away in "down-to-earth, conventional terms".

UFOs have fascinated many for some time. People are split on whether or not UFOs exist. Some believe them to be a celestial phenomenon while others, the majority that is, think they are simply fictitious. Investigations cost money and can be time-consuming. Perhaps the US government can investigate other more pertinent issues facing it.

Just a thought.

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Re: Skylab 3

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 11:26:26 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:04:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 10:31:30 -0700
>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>>Subject: Skylab 3

<snip>

>>If you want to find an astronaut sighting of an unidentified
>>space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you
>>are.

>>Comments welcome

>><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

>This is a very interesting case and analysis. A few aspects
>remain unclear to me:

>- Your calculation for the object size is based on an estimate
>for object distance, which in turn is based on the time delay
>between Skylab and the object entering earth's shadow. This
>makes the implicit (and probably unwarranted) assumption that
>the object is in the same orbit as Skylab, and pierces the same
>point on the shadow zone surface. It would seem possible to
>obtain a variety of object distances --and hence sizes-- by
>relaxing this constraint, even for purely ballistic (i.e., non-
>maneuvering) trajectories. I note that you consider perturbed
>orbits later in the analysis, but as far as I can tell the
>implications for the object size calculation are not mentioned.

Of course, the farther away the object is assumed to have been
at the time of the fourth photo the larger it must have been to
have an angular size of .0029 radians (this assumes the 300 mm
focal length lens was used). As pointed out in the analysis
(especially the revised version now on my site), if the object
was another man-made satellite or something ejected from the
skylab (e.g trash), then it must have been no larger than 10 m
(maximum separation of reflective points of the assumed
satellite corresponding to the separation between the upper and
lower red 'dots') and hence no further away than about 10
m/.0029 rad = 3,400 = 3.4 km at the time of the fourth photo.
There is a problem with the assumption that it was this close
(or smaller and closer) when the Skylab went into the
shadow: regardless of where you place the object relative to the
Skylab, it would pass into the shadow no more than about 1
second after the Skylab.

The minimum estimated time difference between when the Skylab
entered the shadow and when the assumed other satellite entered
the shadow was 5 seconds. This corresponds to a distance of
about (5 sec) (7.6 km/sec) = 38 km.

This travel distance can be achieved by a supposed satellite traveling 'above' the Skylab in an orbit that places it at a slightly higher altitude. Both the Skylab and the assumed satellite would have been in orbits with very close or identical inclinations that intersect the shadow boundary at an acute angle. About 21 degrees; this angle lies in the plane of the orbit where the 'vertical' orbital plane crosses the 'horizontal' - perpendicular to the earth's radius-shadow boundary.

Assume the satellite or object happened to be above the Skylab (i.e., at a greater orbital radius) at a distance of $38 \sin(21) = 13.6$ km at the time that the Skylab went into the shadow and assume the fourth photo was taken at this time. Then this would, I think! have been the closest an assumed satellite could have been to the Skylab and still have a 5 second time difference. At this distance the size of the object would have been about $.0029 \times 13.6$ km = 39 m, about four times larger than a man made satellite.

The above calculations assume that the object was close when they crossed the shadow boundary, but far apart initially (so that the camera could not resolve the structure of the assumed satellite in order to explain the single dot images).

One can 'reverse' the scenario and assume that the object was close when they first saw it and that the four photos were taken when it was close. Assume it then moved away (lagged behind in its orbit) so that when the Skylab entered the shadow the assumed satellite was at least 38 km away from entering the shadow.

In this scenario it would have been in an orbit very close to that of the Skylab in terms of both inclination and altitude and speed. One can assume even a small object, initially nearby, which drifted 'backward' about 38 km.

If one assumes it was something small - perhaps from the Skylab - then the questions would be, would it still be visible at 38 km, why didn't the astronauts see that it was moving away from the Skylab, getting smaller and dimmer, during the 10 minute observation and why does the fourth photo show more detail (which suggests the object was closer during the fourth photo)? Their report makes it seem that the object maintained a roughly constant distance from the Skylab.

The comment that it never moved more than 10-20 degrees as seen through the window makes it seem as if the object was 'keeping station' with (remaining at the same approximate position relative to) the Skylab.

One can try numerous scenarios of orbital intersection but I think it will be difficult to satisfy the requirements of

- 1) 5 second time lag
- 2) manmade size of object (10 m or less) in an orbit
- 3) while also requiring that it be close enough to the SKylab to be visible for 10 minutes, during which time the Skylab traveled nearly 50 km. As Garriott pointed out during the debriefing, the 'satellite' must have been in an orbit very close to that of the Skylab.
- 4) no identification by NASA/NORAD

Even if one can figure out some way to explain the dynamics of the situation, it still doesn't explain the red color (a characteristic of the sighting that is 'orthogonal' to the dynamics)

>- Garriott makes the claim that Skylab and the object were not >in a region of the orbit in which sunlight was passing through >earth's atmosphere (and thus reddening it). But it is >unavoidable that sunlight illuminating Skylab and the object was >passing through earth's atmosphere when both objects were in the >vicinity of the edge of the shadow zone.

That is true, but the passage through the region where the sunlight is reddened would have taken place in some number of seconds at the end of the 10 minute period of observation, most

of which occurred when the Skylab and object were far from (but approaching) the reddened area.

>- Given the potential ambiguities in the object distance/size
>estimate, must we not consider the possibility, as per a recent
>Space Shuttle mission, that the object was a piece of debris
>somehow jettisoned from Skylab itself?

As pointed out above, the smaller the size one assumes for the object (e.g., a meter size piece of trash or less), the closer it has to be at the time of the fourth photo, and the closer it is to the orbit of Skylab and the more likely to be detected by NASA radar.

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Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 11:29:51 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:06:04 -0500
Subject: Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:55:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

>While I'm at it, I sat with Steve Kaeser and agree with his
>general assessment and his comments about the problems with the
>news media. This was an important occasion, even though it fell
>on deaf ears of news media representatives in some cases. Their
>sound-bite mentalities and unwillingness to address strong,
>detailed UFO cases is (are) a serious problem.

There's a saying attributed to the famous and martyred labor leader Joe Hill: "Don't mourn, organize."

The question now is how to build on this impressive event. One press conference, however impressive, can't turn the media around on UFOs. Anyone who's been in the PR business knows you need a sustained campaign. Look for instance at General Motors, which (if I'm to believe a story this week in the NY Times) has finally learned how to make cars as good as Toyota's. But the public doesn't know this yet, and so sales are still low. GM therefore has to figure out a marketing strategy, to get the public interested.

It's the same with UFOs. Someone has to keep this campaign going. If there's a big PR and marketing push in the music business, journalists will not only be invited to press conferences. They'll be sent detailed press kits, often with even more information than the press conference will deliver. They'll be invited to lunch with the organizers of the event, and most of all with the participants. When the NY Philharmonic introduces its next music director, you can bet that every notable music journalist in the New York area will be invited to spend time with him. The same thing - ideally - should have done with this UFO event. The participants should have been available for one-to-one meetings with people in the media for a couple of weeks before the press conference happened.

This is simply Public Relations 101. If people in the media had been strongly courted long before the press conference happened, I'm sure the questions would have been more intelligent.

I know it's hard to make this happen. Probably there wasn't a large budget from the event, and the participants, coming from many locations, would have had a hard time staying in Washington long enough to carry out a serious media campaign. But this doesn't change the reality. There are standard tools that everyone - celebrities, corporations, orchestras, opera companies, museums, pop record companies, film studios, universities, political campaigns, social causes, any person or organization with a public presence - standard tools that everyone will use, when they need to turn public opinion around. If we can't or won't use these tools, we shouldn't be surprised that a UFO campaign doesn't have the effect we hoped it would.

So now we have something else to raise money for!

Greg Sandow

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Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 09:04:47 -0800
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:07:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

I like the idea of getting the attention of politicians to this issue, especially the current crop of U.S. Presidential candidates.

The UFO phenomenon is linked directly to excessive government secrecy, national security, and nuclear weapons issues. I think we - any and each of us - should take every opportunity to get the discussion going on this linkage. The UFO question has already been brought up in a televised debate.

We need to press the candidates, especially Kucinich and Richardson, to take the issue seriously and openly as it applies to the other issues.

Robert Salas

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:31:29 +0000
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:09:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:28:12 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 14:55:13 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 00:59:37 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

<snip>

>>>Then it would seem that you, me, and Buzz Aldrin are on the
>>>same page with regard to that.

>>I can no longer forebear from asking how Buzz Aldrin got into
>>this. I don't recall seeing any reference to Buzz Aldrin in
>>Friday's show transcript. Either one observer is seeing pseudo-
>>Buzz, or this observer is suffering from Buzz-blindness. Is it
>>me?

>See how easily we can be fooled? He came in Stage Left when we
>were foolishly looking Stage Right and didn't see him.

I read two reports after the show that alleged James Oberg was
there. Is there any truth in the observation that sceptics have
a uniform body shape?

Stuart

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National Press Conference Anderson Cooper Clips

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 18:35:21 +0100
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 19:48:25 -0500
Subject: National Press Conference Anderson Cooper Clips

Dear Colleagues,

I have uploaded the Anderson Cooper CNN feature about the National Press Club conference. You can download it from

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/larry_king/anderson%20cooper.avi

I will upload others that I'm extracting from 10 hours of VHS LP recording.

Best regards to everyone,

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Question To FAA About National Press Club

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 20:21:20 +0100
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 19:53:16 -0500
Subject: Question To FAA About National Press Club

Dear colleagues,

I have just sent official media question to FAA contact form of William J. Hughes Technical Center and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center that is located here;

<http://www.faa.gov/contact/>

If I receive the answer I will let you know.

The complete text of my question in the text below;

This is a media related question for Laura J. Brown, FAA Spokesperson.

Please forward this message to her directly.

From: Giuliano Marinkovic, Croatian National Television HTV, TV show: On The Edge Of Science

e-mail: giuliano.marinkovic.nul

Dear FAA Spokesperson, Laura J. Brown.

At November 12th 2007. in National Press Club, the international conference was held about air safety issues and implication connected with the unidentified aerial phenomena. The speakers were military and civilian experts and pilots from 7 countries.

In connection with this event, CNN has aired the segment inside the Anderson Cooper Show at 12th of November 10pm EST.

Transcript of the show is available here;

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0711/12/acd.01.html>

During the segment, guest James McGaha stated;

Start of quote:

But I should say, when we talk about pilots, there's this incredible misidentification idea about pilots being trained observers. Pilots are not trained observers; they're trained to fly airplanes. They are some of the worst people at identifying objects in the sky that aren't other airplanes. They're trained to react quickly in an airplane, which very often makes them to react to wrong stimuli.

End of quote

In the connection of those events we are preparing the TV show that will reflect recent developments about the subjects of air safety and unidentified aerial phenomena. In the sense of our TV show and in the sense of John McGaha's statements we would like to adress you the questions of that point.

Our questions are:

What is the official position of FAA towards the level of competence, qualifications and expertise of active pilots? Are pilots specifically trained to be able to deal with the situations in the air environment besides the basic flying of the airplane ?

By your definition, are pilots adequately trained as observers during their missions in the air environment? Is there any distinction in the level of competence and quality of observations in the air environment between the trained pilot and ordinary civilian person without any flight experience?

Please send your answers at my email.

Best regards from Croatian National Television

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New CNN UFO Clips

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:10:35 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 19:58:02 -0500
Subject: New CNN UFO Clips

Dear Colleagues.

I have uploaded a new set of files for all of you who like to have material on hard drive, and not to depend on youtube. It is also good for achival purposes.

So the new set available is:

CNN News Clips 1

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/larry_king/CNN%20News%20Clips%201.avi

CNN News Clips 2

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/larry_king/CNN%20News%20Clips%202.avi

Stephen Basset on CNN about National Press Club

<http://tinyurl.com/yt6t8g>

Dennis Kucinich in Asheville on UFO question

<http://tinyurl.com/ysp9qw>

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 10:59:56 -0800
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:00:33 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:05:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 15:57:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 02:33:27 -0500
>>>Subject: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

><snip>

>>>This note is a reminder for everyone to please make some kind
>>>of monetary contribution to the UFO Coalition so they can
>>>complete the analysis of the data from the Abduction Study
>>>Project.

<snip>

>We are trying to get a good idea of the exact cost of this
>analysis, with the \$5,000 figure being an estimate that was
>based on finding someone who would do it for a "fire sale"
>price. I am not fully aware of all that is needed in this
>analysis and how involved it would be.

<snip>

Has anyone asked good ol' George Noory or Tommy Danheiser or
Jeff Rense to put this issue on their programs? I'm sure you'd
all hit the mark in no time.

Since half this List has been on their programs some numerous
times I'm sure it won't be a stretch.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:05:26 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:02:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 10:45:55 -0500
>Subject: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

<snip>

>People interested in ufology would probably quickly recognize
>the signatures of well known researchers, authors, and others
>who are recognized as being part of the field, for example, well
>known abductees. In fact, along with the signer's name, it might
>be worthwhile to add a qualifier such as 'ufologist', 'author',
>'journalist', 'broadcaster', 'scientist', 'study staff member',
>'abductee', or just 'interested member of the public.'

>The letter itself should describe the study progress to date,
>and ideally would have one piece of the data showing something
>unusual waits to be analyzed. I have in mind some of the power
>failures matching abductee incident logs. The letter itself
>would best be composed by people who participated in running the
>study to ensure accuracy.

>Would gathering signatures, creating a letter of appeal, and
>compiling a list of possible benefactors to send it to be worth
>the effort? I'm not suggesting this should replace the appeal
>for funds, but rather this might be a worthwhile parallel
>activity.

I appreciate the desire to jump start this process, and you've
already managed to get a number of people off dead center and
the discussion of trying to complete this effort has begun
again. Indeed, this had been put on a "back burner" because we
really had no source for the funds.

With that being said, let me add that the \$5,000 figure may only
be about one third of the amount needed, if we have to go to a
commercial firm to have it done. While I believe some thought
had been given to who would do it previously, that was many
years ago and that discussion has long since ceased, and the
\$5,000 figure is really little more than a low estimate based on
finding someone willing to do the job at that price. When a
better estimate is available, we will make sure that it's
published.

A direct approach, requesting financial support, has been made
before and certain it would help in this situation. If you have
a list of names and addresses of those you believe would be
receptive to a letter of request, that would be helpful. Please
forward that information to Robert Swiatek at the same address
given previously, and we will see that a letter is sent.

Thanks for your efforts.

Steve Kaeser
Executive Committee
Fund for UFO Research

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Re: Clinton Library Offers Peek At UFO Files

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:21:10 -0600
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:03:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Clinton Library Offers Peek At UFO Files

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 06:52:00 -0500
>Archived: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 06:52:00 -0500
>Subject: Clinton Library Offers Peek At UFO Files

>Source: Yahoo News

>http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20071114/ap_on_fe_st/clinton_library_ufos_1

>Tue Nov 13, 8:36 PM ET

>Clinton Library Offers Peek At UFO Files

>By Andrew DeMillo
>Associated Press Writer

>LITTLE ROCK, Ark. - In a move sure to provide fodder for
>conspiracy theorists, the Clinton Library withheld e-mails with
>subject lines like "X-Files" and "Area 51" from a batch of
>documents recently released at a UFO buff's request.

Journalism Rule #1 for writing UFO articles: Make sure to work
in agitprop phrases like "conspiracy theorists" in the first
sentence whenever possible. The author gets extra points for
also using "UFO buffs" in the same sentence. For some reason, he
left out "little green men." I guess even professional AP
reporters can't cover all the bases in a single article.

I noticed that this article mentions John Podesta, but not that
he was actually involved with Leslie Kean's efforts to extract
information on UFOs from the government. Googling on the search
terms "Podesta" and "UFO" are enough to discover that. But I
guess they didn't cover that in this reporter's journalism
school.

The article also didn't mention that Clinton aide Webster Hubble
said that Clinton tried to get information from intelligence
agencies on UFOs but got no cooperation from them.

Of course, referring to those kinds of facts might lead the
reader to some conclusion that the author did not wish to
convey, him being a serious "journalist" and all.

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 13:35:37 -0600
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:07:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

Yet more evidence that the average person is a poor witness. Everyone really needs a professional skeptic like James McGaha to explain to them what they really saw on their TV.

I thought the contrast between Fox and McGaha was pretty devastating. Fox was relaxed and talking about actual evidence.

McGaha came off as a shrill fanatic rigidly reciting the church's creed over and over regardless of the context. But it was interesting that he didn't have the nerve to accuse Halt or Penniston of being either liars or delusional, the only possible 'mundane' explanations of their stories.

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Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:35:13 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:09:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:38:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Walls Come Tumbling Down

<snip>

>Since U.S. politicians are notorious poll watchers, perhaps it is
>time to commission a large-scale public poll by a respected
>pollster. The central question would be:

>If the U.S. Government proposed the establishment of a public-
>private commission to receive and analyze UFO reports from highly
>credible witnesses and to promote an international exchange of
>information with other governments, would you favor or oppose the
>use of taxpayer dollars to support such a program?

>If the response mirrored the Netscape/AOL poll results, we might
>have some powerful ammunition for action by the government along
>the lines suggested by the international panel on Monday.

About 8 years ago, I got a quote of \$600 for one question from
one of the major polling companies. Even inflated, it's
probably within the means of those interested in getting at UFO
truth.

Apologies, I can't remember which of the companies, might have
been Gallup.

Eleanor White

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Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:38:31 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:09:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 08:55:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Morningstar On NPC Conference

<snip>

>Their sound-bite mentalities and unwillingness to address strong,
>detailed UFO cases is (are) a serious problem.

That's precisely why the quality of those documentaries is so
critically important!

Eleanor White

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Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:56:10 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:11:36 -0500
Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 11:39:04 -0500
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

<snip>

>>I can no longer forebear from asking how Buzz Aldrin got into
>>this. I don't recall seeing any reference to Buzz Aldrin in
>>Friday's show transcript. Either one observer is seeing pseudo-
>>Buzz, or this observer is suffering from Buzz-blindness. Is it
>>me?

>Actually, I was wondering the same thing. Perhaps it's that funny
>perception problem I've been referring to ;-)

Oops. Apologies, I don't have TV service, so I watched the "6
part" youtube.com video segments of the show.

I thought Buzz Aldrin was in part 5, but today, I don't see a
Part 5 in the YouTube listings.

What I did find, and seems to be what I saw, was Aldrin's August
4, 2007 appearance on LKL, at this link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Np45b2Xt-Ww&feature=related>

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 15:32:19 -0600
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:15:52 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 09:10:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 15:57:25 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

<snip>

>>What do you think about trying to get Robert Bigelow to fund
>>the full shot?

>>Eleanor White

>>[Or Danny Aykroyd? --ebk]

>Eleanor,

>Bigelow disowned us a long time ago after we refused to play his
>manipulative game. Besides, his UFO interest has faded into the
>background in favor of his space program.

>Aykroad might be a better bet, though I have no idea whther he
>actually puts up money for research.

It's possible since Aykroyd shelled out \$1000 to become a
lifetime member of MUFON.

Yes, they spelled his name incorrectly at the URL

<http://mufon.com/akroyd.htm>

Terry

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NUFORC's New Home

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:29:13 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:29:13 -0500
Subject: NUFORC's New Home

Source: KREM-TV - Spokane, Washington, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/33xsj4>

Friday, November 16, 2007

Investigation: National UFO Reporting Center in Eastern Washington

NEAR HARRINGTON, Wa--One man, living alone, is storing thousands of records from the National UFO Reporting Center underground in an abandoned nuclear missile silo 50 miles west of Spokane.

Peter Davenport, a former biologist, Russian translator, and now newly elected city councilman for the town of Harrington, WA says he believes the world's governments and the media downplay the existence of UFOs.

Peter Davenport has taken calls on possible UFO sightings for 13 years.

Most are not as dramatic as the one on August 25, 1995 when a Canadian TV crew on the east coast captured a bright glow in the sky.

The UFO Center's phone line lit up with up statements from witnesses like, "A big ball of white light, at the height it was like this orange flame stuff, and it just shot across the sky really fast and all of a sudden it disappeared."

Peter says the object looked "like the moon and it was strobing and it went from Canada to Southern Pennsylvania in about 30 seconds and it stopped."

A mobile home went up in flames during the episode. A professor probed the wreckage with a device that detects radiation, but found no traces of a meteorite.

Davenport investigated, but says to this day he has not gotten any answers as to what this object was.

Davenport believes that cases like these might be UFOs.

"Our planet is being visited, perhaps on a regular basis, by these things we call UFOs," said Davenport.

The National UFO Reporting Center right now is housed in one room in Davenport's apartment near Harrington, consisting of a telephone, a tape recorder and a computer.

Davenport also keeps thousands of his files secured under millions of pounds of concrete and steel in an underground decommissioned nuclear missile silo on the outskirts of town.

It was at this site five years ago that a state employee, Roger Erdman from Spokane, was murdered when he was investigating tax problems with the former silo=92s owner.

Davenport purchased it last year believing it would be the perfect home for the Reporting Center.

The UFO files sit tucked away in a file cabinet.

Davenport said he can disprove 90% of the calls he receives about UFO sightings. He said people misidentify stars, planets and landing lights on airplanes

It's these 10% of cases that keeps him committed to the UFO Reporting Center.

"Sometimes I feel I live on a steady diet of ridicule and skepticism and out-and-out hatred in some cases," said Davenport.

Davenport makes public all of the reports with the exception of the caller's identity.

Davenport said the U.S. Government has contacted him on several occasions about his postings on the Center=92s website, including one about a UFO witnessed in close proximity to a commercial airliner.

Because of his long-standing policy on anonymity Davenport could not tell KREM 2 NEWS who the government officials he's met with are, but he's open about the lengthy conversations he's had with them.

"My most fundamental hope is that all of my data are wrong," said Davenport. "That my opinion that our planet is being visited by these things we call UFOs is not taking place=85 but that does not appear to be the case."

Davenport estimates the center's work cost between \$300-\$500 dollars a month and he pays for all of it himself.

He's in the process of cleaning up the missile site. He says he may remodel it into a home for himself and one day hopes it will be the new home for the National UFO Reporting Center.

Silo slideshow here:

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

This site is _ugly_ with pop-ups!

ebk

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Randle On Haut's Affidavit

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 22:09:02 EST
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:32:05 -0500
Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

List, All,

I have some problems with the new affidavit by Walter Haut and thought maybe we all could discuss this.

First, I have no problem with Don Schmitt drafting the thing and having Walter review it prior to signing it. All Schmitt did was pull it into a cohesive whole for Walter's review and then signature. I understand that both Walter's doctor and his daughter were present when he signed the affidavit. So far, so good.

But then we run into trouble. As many know, Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser interviewed Walter prior to the affidavit being created, but after a French film crew had interviewed Walter and he told them that he had seen the bodies... or body, depending on which statement by Walter you wish to accept.

For those of us who have seen the Connors/Balthaser interview, there are some very disturbing statements by Walter... he is either badly confused, he is deeply conflicted about revealing secret he had kept for more than fifty years, or he just couldn't keep his new story straight. It leaves us with a rambling mishmash of contradictory information.

Here is just a short portion of that rather confused statement:

"That's a rough one I haven't even thought about it low these many years and I honestly can't even visualize it, whether still in it's shape, but a lot of dings in it, see what I am saying. I do not remember... I would venture a guess that probably a diameter of, uh, somewhere around 25ft... To the best of my remembrance there was one body... it was relatively a small body comparable to uh, oh maybe a 11 year old, 10 or 11 year old child. It was pretty well beat up. I cannot come and give you, to be honest, anything other than that. I remember something about the arms and I am trying to visualize that and all of a sudden it starts going through my little head that that they show some of those long arms in the cartoons... I thought there was several bodies... for some reason I feel there were several bodies... the more I think about it the more I start to get an idea it was single body."

And then to thoroughly confuse the issue, Walter retreated to the line he had been using from the very beginning, in the late 1970s and early 1980s. He said, "I didn't even see one. I just wrote a press release."

So, Connors then said, "I am talking about when you saw a body in the hanger partly covered by the tarp. You only saw the one."

Walter said, "Yes."

But so we can get real confused, Walter also said, in that same interview:

"I don't really know. I ..it hurts me to try and give an answer because I am not certain of the whole thing. I feel there has been information released that uh maybe shouldn't have been released, maybe the information that we got in the operation of releases maybe something you can put out to anybody. I just... I don't know, I don't want to talk about a lot of the detail number one because I don't have a lot of knowledge about the detail, everybody thinks that I saw them, I didn't, I put out a press release that Colonel Blanchard told me what he wanted in the press release and I ran it into town and gave it to the news media and went home and ate lunch."

In the affidavit we have a very clear and concise statement about all this. Walter said (or rather signed the statement that said... and that is probably a distinction we should make):

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

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

I could pull up other statements that Walter made over the years, including ones that he made to me, but there is little point in that. We all know that he said, for decades, all he had done was write the press release. Now we have a new statement in which he is in the middle of this with all the inside knowledge that anyone could hope for.

The problem is not that his earlier statements contradict his later statements but that his later statements were highly confused, and highly contradictory even inside one interview, and inside one statement in that interview.

The skeptics are going to seize these later statements and contrast them to the earlier statements and it's going to be nearly impossible to spin this. Walter is on the record in too many places saying that all he did was write the press release. He is seen in the Connor/Balthaser interview giving that same story but wrapping it around tales of bodies and craft.

You simply can't hide the information. There are too many of us out there who have seen and heard most of the witnesses and while some of us have the will to believe, there are many others who want to learn the truth. You can't cherry-pick the information and make it seem as if it all fits together.

Had Walter's later statements been consistent inside the context of the interview and had they been consistent throughout, then we could say that he was providing us with information that he'd had all these years. But that's not what we have here. We have contradictory statements.

And I know that many will say that Walter was an honorable man trying to provide us with information that we all seek and all want. The problem is that it doesn't come to us in a straight forward manner, but in a couple of interviews that have more curves than a NASCAR speedway. He twists and turns and doubles back on himself. Straightened out, as it is in the affidavit, it seems crisp and clear, but when we review the tapes of the interviews we find it is not quite as direct.

KRandle

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:35:41 -0500
Subject: BBC On WP Conference

Source: BBC News - London, UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/americas/7091922.stm>

Tuesday, 13 November 2007

Call For Us To Re-Open UFO File
By Will Grant
BBC News

A group of former pilots and government officials has called on the US government to re-open an investigation into claims of UFO sightings.

Project Blue Book, run by the US Air Force, was stopped in the late 1960s.

The group, which includes former military officers from seven countries, all say they have seen a UFO or have conducted research into the phenomenon.

However, the Air Force says nothing has happened in the past four decades to justify resuming investigations.

Every year thousands of people say they have seen UFOs in the United States and their claims are usually met with scepticism.

But this panel of former military, government and aviation personnel from countries around the world has urged the US government to take such claims seriously.

The group say the apparent sightings of hovering orbs, glowing lights and high-speed spacecraft are a national security concern and should no longer be dismissed.

After the attacks of 11 September, the group said in a statement, it was no longer satisfactory to ignore radar returns that could not be associated with existing helicopters and other aircraft.

The panel has called on the US military to re-open an investigation dormant since 1969, called Project Blue Book, in which more than 12,500 UFO claims were investigated by the Air Force.

For now, it seems their pleas have fallen on deaf ears - the US Air Force says nothing has changed that would support a resumption of the investigation.

But those who believe they have seen UFOs, know they have influential supporters.

Among those on the panel is the former governor of Arizona, Fife Symington, and last month, the Democrat presidential candidate, Dennis Kucinich, said during a televised debate that he'd seen a UFO.

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The Sixth Sense

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 14:03:21 +1000
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:40:39 -0500
Subject: The Sixth Sense

Source: The Catanduanes Tribune - Virac, Philippines.

<http://tinyurl.com/2ysor7>

Nov 14, 2007

The Sixth Sense
By Rod Azanza

Late October, CNN came up with the information that 14 percent of the American public admit that at one time or another, they have seen UFOs in the skies over the USA.

Only a very insignificant few have such claims in Asia, EU, Australia, and South America.

The fact is outside of the USA, the fellow who says he saw a UFO is often taken to be either joking or simply a nut.

Among Americans, however, the man or woman who can talk about seeing a UFO is assured an enthusiastic audience.

The sad part about UFO sightings is that there seems to be a lot of Americans who are seeing things.

This is a problem of eyes and mind.

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Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 01:13:58 -0500
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:58:06 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 06:10:02 -0500
>Subject: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>For more information and images:

>Diario La Voz del Pueblo de Tres Arroyos

>http://www.lavozdelpueblo.com.ar/diario/2007-11-13/La_Ciudad/24407.htm

I'd like to point out that the images in the pages that open up in the new window have been shrunk (!) in the HTML. After clicking on an image to get the pop-up, right-click on the resulting image and choose "view image" to see a slightly larger version.

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Fox News Segment On Clinton UFO Files Online

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 10:33:13 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 21:00:57 -0500
Subject: Fox News Segment On Clinton UFO Files Online

Dear Colleagues,

I have uploaded Fox TV segment on Clinton UFO files with Grant Cameron. You can download it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2k72gw>

Best regards,

Giuliano

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Mis-Identification [was: Larry King Live: Friday,

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 13:37:44 -0600
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:05:46 -0500
Subject: Mis-Identification [was: Larry King Live: Friday,

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 10:02:53 +0000
>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 13 Nov 2007 08:44:57 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Live: Friday, November 9th, 2007

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>say was actually a large dog or a paper bag or some other
>mundane object.

The key issue, as I indicated above, is viewing conditions.
Mistaken observations are more likely to be made in twilight and
darkness than in broad daylight. Distance, of course, is another
factor.

Jerry Clark

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From: "Frank Fields" <fields.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 15:13:48 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:10:07 -0500
Subject: Re: How Far Are You Willing To Go?

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 14:40:27 -0600
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:13:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Mis-Identification

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>say was actually a large dog or a paper bag or some other
>mundane object.

Since John brings up the subject of phantom felines, I may as
well relate my daily struggle with the problem of
misidentification.

My wife and I share our dwelling with a sweet-natured but
mischievous cat, about a year and a half-old, named Hodge, who
has abundant, silky dark-black fur. We live in a cluttered old
house - the clutter the consequence of occupancy by two writers,
each of whom brought a huge personal library into the marriage -
with some areas, such as hallways, poorly illuminated even at
the brightest part of daylight.

Probably once a day, sometimes more, one of us does a
double-take, unable immediately to determine whether what we're
seeing under less-than-ideal viewing conditions is Hodge, a
shadow, a flowerpot, a box, a flower pot, a stack of books, or
whatever. Walking through a dark passageway, we literally have
to watch our feet to be sure we don't step on him.

Fortunately, neither of us has ever mistaken him for something
anomalous or paranormal. And - confirming my earlier observation
- there is no mistaking the little guy when we observe him under
decent viewing conditions.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

From: **Richard Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:14:57 -0500
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:15:05 -0500
Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

>From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 08:12:09 -0700
>Subject: Penniston NP Conference & King

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>around, touched and photographed the UFO. What happened to the
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>David Iadevaia

David,

As Jim Penniston said at the press conference (with a distinct
tone of irony), when the photos came back from the lab they were
totally blurred out. Obviously he felt that someone had
deliberately tampered with them.

- Dick

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Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:54:37 -0800
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:28:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

>From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 08:12:09 -0700
>Subject: Penniston NP Conference & King

>During various interviews TSgt. Penniston stated that he walked
>around, touched and photographed the UFO. What happened to the
>photos?

Hi, David, List,

Yes, I had been wondering about that, also.

See:

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

Relevant excerpts:

"After ten minutes without any apparent aggression, I determined the craft was non hostile to my team or to the base. Following security protocol, we completed a thorough on-site investigation, including a full physical examination of the craft. This included photographs, notebook entries, and radio relays through airman Cabansag to the control center as required. On one side of the craft were symbols that measured about 3 inches high and two and a half feet across."

<snip>

"The information acquired during the investigation was reported through military channels. The team and witnesses were told to treat the investigation as "top secret" and no further discussion was allowed.

"The photos we retrieved from the base lab (two rolls of 35 mm) were apparently over exposed"

So, if the two rolls of film were over exposed, I wonder why that was--could some kind of radiation from the craft, whatever it was, have blanked out the film stock used? Anyone know more about the validity or particulars of this detail of Penniston's statement?

Steve

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 19:14:19 -0600
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:32:01 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 15:26:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

<snip>

>Please, don't wait around to see if Bigelow or somebody else is
>going to come along and save the day. Make a contribution now.

>BTW, we only need to come up with half! (+-\$2500.00) There is an
>anonymous sponsor who is willing to 'match donations dollar for
>dollar up to \$2500.00. If we each send in some dough we can make
>a number like 2500 easily.

>Write the check today... we'll talk about who we can hit up for
>more later.

It is great to hear that someone is willing to donate half of
the funds to complete this study. My thanks to you, whoever you
are.

As an FYI: Abductees are watching this very carefully. - I have
received emails from several of them. Its time for all of the
parties who decided to launch this study to follow through. It
seems that certain representatives from MUFON are noticeably
absent from this discussion, which is disappointing to me,
especially as a MUFON benefactor/lifetime member and an
abductee.

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Don Ecker & 'Fastwalkers'

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 07:38:25 -0600
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:35:13 -0500
Subject: Don Ecker & 'Fastwalkers'

>From: Don Ecker <decker0726.nul>
>To: <Undisclosed-Recipient:;>
>Date: Wed, 7 Nov 2007 17:33:56 -0800
>Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat

>-----

>From: Lan Lamphere
>To: patriot.nul
>Sent: Wednesday, November 07, 2007 2:20 PM
>Subject: Dark Matters Radio Returns With Guest Bob Kiviat Today!

>Don Ecker returns with a new program on Lunar Transient
>Phenomena (LTP). Some people refer to it as 'Fastwalkers' which
>is term that our friend Mr. Don Ecker coined in 1997.

<snip>

"Fastwalker: in the jargon of scientific intelligence, a source of electromagnetic radiation moving at high speed in the outer layers of the atmosphere, which triggers the sensors of spy satellites."

Vallee's Fastwalker (1996)

So NORAD consults Mr. Ecker on the matter of codenames?

Additionally:

From Dennis Stacey and Patrick Huyghe: OMNI Magazine August 1994

"Last year, Joe Stefula, formerly a special agent with the army's Criminal Investigation Command, made public on several electronic bulletin boards what purports to be a diagram of an infrared event detected by a DSP satellite on May 5, 1984. "I haven't been able to determine that the document's absolutely authentic," says Stefula, "but I have been able to confirm that the DSP printout for that date shows an event at the same time with the same characteristics." According to Stefula's alleged source, now said to be retired from the military, the official code name for unidentified objects exhibiting ballistic missile characteristics is Fast Walker. "But what makes this particular Fast Walker so peculiar," says Stefula, "is that it comes in from outer space on a curved trajectory, passes within three kilometers of the satellite platform, and then disappears back into space. Whatever it is, it was tracked for nine minutes."

Previous to this perhaps, Mr. Ecker?

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Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 10:17:22 -0400
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:41:09 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

UFO UpDates - Toronto wrote:

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 01:13:58 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 06:10:02 -0500
>>Subject: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>>For more information and images:

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Don Ledger

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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 06:32:13 -0800
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:45:15 -0500
Subject: Re: How Far Are You Willing To Go?

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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You've made my point Frank and thanks for replying. With this
much overwhelming evidence, not physical proof and we still get
the stonewalling from the official channels?

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>overt suppression of information. There is a real information
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I got news for you bro', it ain't just the 'aliens' more like the
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Ya think?

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No one said going to jail or getting radical was the approach, I
said one need be prepared to if one wants change. The Civil
Rights Era of the 50's and 60's shows us that. Martin Luther
King Jr. tried his tactics and they worked to a degree but it
wasn't til people started shooting back that got things moving.
Mix a little Malcolm X with your Martin Luther King got results

not talking head discussions.

Those men were willing to and did pay the ultimate price to help mankind as they saw fit. That's what it takes. If people are going to sit up here and profess the shocking stories regarding abduction and they get ridiculed, threatened and maybe worse, then sitting on their butts is about as effective as lighting one's own butt on fire to alert the Coast Guard. (that's an old N'England saying meaning a vain attempt at something. I dunno my Grandma used to say it.)

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Frank, what part of the government and the mainstream press
do not cooperate with us on this issue no matter what the
evidence and testimony do you not understand???

They're not going to cooperate by using standard means. You need economic firepower of magnitude or you need moms and dads out in the streets embarrassing the management by getting loud and mad.

It's utter absurdity to see people say,

"Hi I was abdcuted by hideous looking creatures and was brutally experimented on by them and they left and outflow the top Air Force jets, disabled nuclear weapons, didn't show up on radar and point blank told me more of them are coming."

and we respond with,

"Well let's sit down and discuss this in committee."

So when we see a rattlesnake near the baby's crib we're going to calmly say "Well let's sit down and discuss this in committee."?

It's a real and present danger or it isn't and for my money, the testimony alone warranted a panic. Sometimes a panic is good. Wakes people up, straightens them out. Starts a fire under their buns.

This lolligagging is resulting in more people suffering.

Even if the government just up and says:

"Look, this is a sensitive area that specialists are working on and it may take some time to process the data to avoid misunderstandings and criminal advantage of the situation. At present with the little data we have it would be disservice and major disruption to our way of life, which is by no means perfect by a long run, but still this area of interest involves technologies that need the proper acclimation into our respective environments. We may not have your full trust in this issue as governments go, but the instability and superstitions of various peoples of the world preclude our caution and reserve in this matter."

I would be cool with that.

Problem is no one is going to say that.

So let me disclose something here from the source:

"Don't hold your breath waiting for a responses."

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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UFOs Politics & Religion At UFO Digest

From: **Robert Morningstar** <robert.morningstar.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 15:18:18 -0500
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:47:43 -0500
Subject: UFOs Politics & Religion At UFO Digest

UFOs, Politics and Religion on UFO Digest

Willard 'Mitt' Romney Does Not Believe In ET Visitations...
But...
By Vince White

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/1107/romney.html>

In reply:

Mitt, Moroni, Angels & ETs
By Rick Nielsen

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Gulf Breeze On The Extraterrestrial Map

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 10:09:53 -0500
Archived: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 10:09:53 -0500
Subject: Gulf Breeze On The Extraterrestrial Map

Source: Northwest Florida Daily News - USA

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com>

Saturday November 10th, 2007

UFO Sightings Put Gulf Breeze On The Extraterrestrial Map
By Dusty Ricketts
Associated Press

Santa Rosa County Commissioner John Broxson was always a skeptical person.

He never believed the stories of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster or unidentified flying objects.

But something happened nearly 20 years ago to make him change his mind on at least one of those phenomena.

Broxson was entertaining friends at his home in the Villa Venyce subdivision when something outside caught his attention. He went out for a closer look.

Something bright was hovering above his home: a parade of lights of different colors and intensity. He quickly had his wife, Christina, and their friends come out to see it for themselves. No one knew what they were watching.

The unidentified flying object hovered for several moments before quickly flying straight until it was out of sight.

"Frankly, I saw something that blew my mind," Broxson said. "It's a mystery to me. It just looked like something I wasn't expecting to see.

"I didn't want to see one and have people thinking I was weird. That's the only time I can recall seeing something that weird."

Broxson was not alone in having an unexplained sighting. This month marks the 20th anniversary of when former Gulf Breeze resident Edward Walters first saw a UFO flying above his yard, launching a period of sightings, seekers and fame for the area. Skeptics say the UFOs were part hoax, part imagination and part misidentification (Eglin Air Force Base and Pensacola Naval Air Station are nearby), but believers are undeterred.

Walters has said his Nov. 11, 1987, sighting was the first of more than 100 sightings and abductions he experienced over a six-year period. He wrote three books on UFOs and the Gulf Breeze sightings, but has since moved to Pensacola and no longer speaks to the media.

While Walters was the most outspoken person at the time to report seeing UFOs in Gulf Breeze, he was not the only person. People from around the world visited in hopes of seeing

something unexplained after The Gulf Breeze Sentinel ran a story and photo about Walters.

Many of those people were not disappointed, said Don Ware, eastern regional director of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON.

Between 1987 and the end of 1993, when most of the sightings ended, Ware said hundreds of people reported seeing UFOs in Gulf Breeze. Walters and others took more than 125 photographs of supposed UFOs just between Nov. 11, 1987, and May 1, 1988, Ware said.

"I think probably over half the people in America have seen something in the sky that they didn't know what it was," Ware said. "Most of those people have probably seen an alien vehicle. I know I have seen alien vehicles."

MUFON is a national UFO investigative organization founded in 1969 in Illinois. Ware, a Fort Walton Beach resident who retired from the Air Force in 1982, has spent much of the past 25 years investigating UFO activity.

Ware became fascinated by UFOs after a series of sightings over Washington, D.C., in July 1952. He said he saw his first UFO on Sept. 12, 1989.

The Gulf Breeze sightings set off a media frenzy, and the community of about 6,000 residents became one of the country's UFO capitals.

"These phenomenons happened so often that Gulf Breeze became the center for these E.T. observations," Broxson said. "I thought (the Gulf Breeze sightings) had been a hoax all this time. Just some people seeing something with very active imaginations."

After his own sighting, Broxson became less skeptical.

Questions over the validity of the UFO sightings started almost as soon as the sightings themselves.

Phillip Klass, an investigator for what is now known as the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, studied the Gulf Breeze sightings and wrote his own book declaring them a massive hoax.

Klass died a couple years ago, but CSI executive director Barry Karr said he believes the accuracy of his former colleague's work.

"I really don't think there's any question the Gulf Breeze sightings were a hoax," Karr said. "There are things in the sky that can't be identified, especially near an air base. Just because it can't be identified doesn't mean it's a visitor from another planet."

The biggest piece of evidence pointing to a hoax was a UFO model constructed from drafting paper and paper plates reportedly discovered in Walters' former home after he had moved out.

Ware said he believes CSI workers planted the model and then informed the media of its location to debunk the validity of Walters' sightings.

"They try to debunk all the things that people see that they don't want understood too well," Ware said.

Karr laughed at the idea his organization planted the model to debunk the UFO stories.

"That's just hilarious," Karr said. "No, our organization did not plant the model. We're not that large of an organization."

Karr said he believes after word of the UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze started to break, everyone wanted to see one so much that they let their imagination get carried away.

One video he has seen of a "Gulf Breeze UFO" ended up being a flare shot into the air. Karr said pieces of the flare are clearly visible falling away from the larger flare in the tape.

During the late '80s and early '90s, UFOs became synonymous with Gulf Breeze. Businesses up and down the Emerald Coast took

advantage of the UFO sightings to profit off the experience.

Club 51, the adult entertainment club on U.S. Highway 98 in Wynnhaven Beach, was originally called Area 51 after the supposed hidden military base in Roswell, N.M. UFO Motors was a used car dealership that operated in Midway for several years. A 1993 Associated Press article reported that Gulf Breeze restaurants sold a four-scoop UFO Sundae and a UFO Vegetarian Pizza. Stores also sold UFO jewelry, watches and books.

Nearby Pensacola even hosted the International UFO Symposium in 1990.

While it's been about 14 years since the period of the Gulf Breeze sightings ended, people still look to the sky and occasionally see something unexplained.

Cedric Cadow of Okaloosa Island never believed in UFOs. That changed after he said he saw two last month after leaving his home.

Cadow saw two bright orange oval discs hovering above Fort Walton Beach. The two discs emerged from behind the clouds and one hovered stationary while the other descended toward the ground, eventually going out of sight before coming back up.

The two UFOs then sped away, one to the east and the other to the north, in a flash of light that did not make any sound. It all lasted about 12 seconds, Cadow said.

"I couldn't believe it," he said. "I almost fell to the ground. I had never seen anything like it before. I thought it was all (garbage) before. It's not."

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Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Stopping Cars With Radiation

A beam of microwave energy could stop vehicles in their tracks.

Researchers at Eureka Aerospace are turning a fictional concept from the movie 2 Fast 2 Furious into reality: they're creating an electromagnetic system that can quickly bring a vehicle to a stop. The system, which can be attached to an automobile or aircraft carrier, sends out pulses of microwave radiation to disable the microprocessors that control the central engine functions in a car. Such a device could be used by law enforcement to stop fleeing and noncooperative vehicles at security checkpoints, or as perimeter protection for military bases, communication centers, and oil platforms in the open seas.

The system has been tested on a variety of stationary vehicles and could be ready for deployment in automobiles within 18 months, says James Tatoian, the chief executive officer of Eureka Aerospace and the project's leader.

To bring an opposing vehicle to a halt, the 200-pound device is attached to the roof of a car. The car's alternator serves as the system's power source, whose direct-current (DC) power feeds into a power supply. This generates a stream of 50-nanosecond-duration pulses of energy. These pulses are amplified to 640 kilovolts using a 16-stage Marx generator.

The 640 kilovolts of DC power are then converted into microwaves using an oscillator that consists of a pair of coupled transmission lines and several spark-gap switches. Finally, a specially designed antenna beams the microwave energy toward an opposing vehicle through a part of the car, such as the windshield, window, grill, or spacing between the hood and main body, that is not made of metal. (Metal acts as a shield against microwave energy.)

The radiated microwave energy will upset or damage the vehicle's electronic systems, particularly the microprocessors that control important engine functions, such as the ignition control, the fuel injector, and the fuel-pump control. However, electronic control modules were not built into most cars until 1972, hence the system will not work on automobiles made before that year.

The concept of disabling vehicles' electronic system with microwaves was first tested in 1997 by the U.S. Army using bulky and heavy military equipment. But the Eureka Aerospace system is only six to eight feet long (antennae included) and not quite three feet wide. "It is much more efficient and compact than

anything previously used in military vehicles," says Tatoian.

The device's peak power output is two gigawatts, although the average power emitted in a single shot is about 100 watts. Each radiated pulse lasts about 50 nanoseconds. All the test cars' engines were shut off using a single pulse at a distance of approximately 15 meters, making the total energy output 100 joules, says Tatoian. His company is currently developing a more compact high-power microwave pulse system with the goal of disabling engines at ranges from as far away as 200 meters.

"I have no doubt that if you set up a microprocessor and get a high-powered, well-focused beam of energy on [a car], you can disrupt its operation," says Peter Fisher, a professor of physics and the division head in particle and nuclear experimental physics at MIT. But to be able to deploy such a system safely will take some work, he says.

Imagine if a police officer is in a high-speed chase near a shopping mall and turns on one of these systems to stop the perpetrator: a lot of elevators have microprocessor controls, so if the officer is pointing the device in the direction of the mall, he or she could end up trapping 12 people in an elevator, says Fisher. Many other electronic systems, such as an automated teller machine or a security system, could also be disrupted.

Furthermore, Fisher cautions that, while the system may seem like an easier and more efficient solution than spike strips, it could still cause a huge accident if a car is disabled and a driver loses steering control. The system could pose a safety concern as well: radiation can burn human skin, and microwaves have long been suspected of being a cancer-causing agent.

At the moment, the most practical application for the system would be in the U.S. Army or Marine Corp, for perimeter protection of areas that are generally remote, says Fisher. Initial funding for the project came from the U.S. Marine Corp, but now Eureka Aerospace is looking to other governmental agencies for financial support as the company continues to work to make the device smaller, lighter, and more efficient. (Tatoian says that details regarding future work with the military are confidential.)

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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<http://tinyurl.com/yskr2b>

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UFO Activity Above Cyprus
By Paul Wood

LARNACA --Airport-bound planes and birds are commonly seen in the skies above Cyprus, but only last week there was a report of a UFO spotted over Limassol town and since an earlier article on UFOs in Cyprus, The Gazette has received many accounts from readers of their unexplained encounters.

Anthony in Nicosia contacted the Gazette to share his experience, "just last week at 10:10pm we had a sighting of a UFO while we were travelling in the Kyrenia area that lasted for two minutes. It was an oblong shape, like a rugby ball on its end and was glowing very bright orange. It came from the coast inland near a village called Catalkoy in small but rapid zigzags then stopped and hovered for approximately 30 seconds before making a smooth ascent at 45 degrees up to the east towards a very bright star. It then disappeared. A friend had sighted a similar event at the same spot a month previously "

It is just the latest in a series of incidents of unidentified objects in our skies. A local TV cameraman posted a clip he filmed on the popular Youtube website of a 'strange craft' in the skies of Limassol.

The three-minute video shows a circular object hovering over the city. The UFO was a bright orange orb, which later changed to a rugby-ball shape.

There have been several sightings of UFOs on the island in the past five years. One of the earliest accounts of a UFO in Cyprus was in 1950, when two American soldiers described a "small, round, bright object flying fast, straight and level for 15-20 seconds across Nicosia".

Last month, a computer programmer and his girlfriend who were on holiday in Paphos had an experience which left them confused and dazed.

The man told a UFO news website, "It happend on Sunday 9th September at 1am. That night my girlfriend and I were lying down on sunbeds staring at the stars. After a while I sat on the sunbed looking and talking to my girlfriend when behind her over the rooftop I saw a circular irregular light moving quite fast. By the time I told her about it, it was already 45 degrees on my right.

She saw it as it was reappearing behind a building and finally it disappeared again behind trees. It moved quite fast and at a constant speed along an east to west straight line."

Last year a resident of Pygra had a similar experience: "The sound of my dogs barking alerted me to something. It was 1.30 in

the morning and I headed out to try and discover what they were barking at. I noticed a bright light coming towards me, which then stopped and hovered. With binoculars, I could see it was a triangle-shaped object with amber, green and white lights. It was moving erratically left to right, back and forth - hovering there, observed by me for around 45 minutes. I tried to video it with a powerful zoom but the camera wouldn't operate. I checked the camera by filming other parts of the sky and the house and it operated perfectly. It simply wouldn't let me video the object. This thing then went behind a tree and stayed there."

In 2002, the self-styled Egyptian UFO Hunter, Dr. Ibrahim shot a five-minute video of a UFO above the carpark at Larnaca airport. The film shows a green 'shaking' object and can be seen on his website. (<http://www.ufo-egyptian-hunter.org>).

An unidentified flying object was also spotted over Kyrenia in 1998. It was seen on the Nicosia-Kyrenia road by a family from Kyrenia who were on their way home after visiting a friend's house.

They said an object "like a flying saucer" with white revolving lights had appeared around 50-100 metres above their car and that it had then followed them.

In July, a crowd of 100 stunned stargazers brought a UK town centre to a standstill when five mysterious UFOs were spotted hovering in the sky.

Drinkers spilled out of pubs, motorists stopped to gawp and camera-phones were aimed upwards as the five orbs, in a seeming formation, hovered above Stratford-Upon-Avon for half an hour.

The unidentified flying objects lit up the otherwise clear night sky above Shakespeare's birthplace in Warwickshire.

According to multiple surveys over the last several decades and from different countries, 5-7% of people have seen a UFO - equivalent to 15-20 million Americans - and 10-15% know someone who has seen a UFO.

Several hundred thousand UFO sightings have been documented over the last 50 years, and the total number of UFO sightings is estimated to be in the millions.

There are thousands of sightings reported each year. Only a small percentage of those who see a UFO report the sighting.

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>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 20:21:20 +0100
>Subject: Question To FAA About National Press Club Conference

>Dear colleagues,

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>William J. Hughes Technical Center and Mike Monroney
>Aeronautical Center that is located here;

><http://www.faa.gov/contact/>

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>objects in the sky that aren't other airplanes. They're trained
>to react quickly in an airplane, which very often makes them to
>react to wrong stimuli.

>End of quote

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Hi Giuliano,

Are private and commercial pilots trained observers. No. Are they experienced observers of what flies in the air. Yes. But that comes from experience. Hundreds and thousands of hours of flying in their medium trains them to identify other aircraft by make and type.

First this. McGaha has no business spouting off about what pilots can and can't do. He's parroting Jim Oberg [mid-level engineer on the Shuttle] who has no business determining what pilots are and are not capable of identifying in the air. He parrots Hynes who again had no business making the statement [he was forced to withdraw that eventually] he did about pilots'

ability to identify other aircraft in the air as he was an untrained observer himself. If you don't do the time you have no business making "profound" [read assinine] statements. Dick Haines [NARCAP] knows this and has far more experience with cockpit management and interaction with pilots than any of the above. So do I.

A pilot might not know what he saw when reporting a UFO [anymore than anyone else does] but the pilot will tell you what it was doing, where it was coming from, altitude, attitude, speed, direction, behavior, what the weather was at the time, the sky conditions, angle of descent or ascent, position with reference the pilot's aircraft, threat to that aircraft and the time usually to the minute. That's about 95 percent more infomation than you will get from anyone else reporting some anomaly in the sky including amateur astronomers like McGaha.

If any of you are on a panel with McGaha and he makes these silly statements ask him where he gets the expertize to make them. I'm not saying every pilot has great perceptional abilities in this regard but the vaste majority do. We rely on one another to have this ability particularly while flying outside controlled airspace.

I suggest to you Giuliano that you send your request to some organization in the United States with greater ability to answer your questions than the FAA. You query will likely end up in the hands of some office worker who will then start scratching through some handbooks looking for answers. 95 percent of those working with the FAA never had their hands on the control yoke of an aircraft. Try Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association [AOPA] or Airline Pilots Association [ALPA] 100% of these people do have flying experience.

Military pilots get some training as to what specific aircraft they might encounter in the war theater-aircraft identification while the rest of us learn to identify literally thousands of aircraft makes and types during our hours in the air.

Pilots can separate aircraft from the background almost automatically where the passenger never does see the aircraft. The passengers usually don't understand one word coming from the frequent radio traffic coming through the speaker or David Clarks nor are they aware of the half dozen [plus] other aircraft sharing the same general airspace as the plane they are in.

There is not enough space here to go into detail. Basically, pilots might not know what the UFO is but they can usually tell you what it isn't. How would they have any greater knowledge of what UFOs are or where they come from than any other person?

Don Ledger
Pilot

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Hi Don, List,

Altitude, speed, attitude - if the pilot doesn't know what
they are looking at, how big it is, how far away it is, or what
(3-dimensional) shape it is, how can he determine these factors?

I don't dispute that a pilot could provide a good estimate of
angular size, relative elevation/depression, and apparent
vertical motion, but that's not quite the same is it?

Regards,

Joe

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Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:52:39 -0500
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 10:17:22 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 01:13:58 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 06:10:02 -0500
>>>Subject: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police
>>>Incident

>>>For more information and images:

>>>Diario La Voz del Pueblo de Tres Arroyos

>>>http://www.lavozdelpueblo.com.ar/diario/2007-11-13/La_Ciudad/24407.htm

>>I'd like to point out that the images in the pages that open up
>>in the new window have been shrunk (!) in the HTML. After
>>clicking on an image to get the pop-up, right-click on the
>>resulting image and choose "view image" to see a slightly
>>larger version.

<snip>

>Looks like a jet to me, slightly over exposed due to it's
>higher elevation and still catching the low Sun rays.

I think the probability is higher that the object is a UFO. In the uncropped photo, one can see that the object is over the ring of a toroidal shape extending from the object to the cloud beneath. You can enhance the torus slightly using MS PhotoEditor. Zoom the picture to 200, and open the Image/Balance dialog. Set Brightness to 50, Contrast to 76, and Gamma to .46. I also see a small torus (halo) about the size of the object itself just over the peak of the object.

In a recent post I presented evidence that the torus is a feature on many photos of UFOs over the years. See:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/tori.htm>

The positions of these particular tori relative to the UFO is typical.

If you have trouble seeing the torus, sometimes a hand magnifier helps. Also, use a display with sufficiently high resolution (e.g., 1600x1200, 32 b/p). I suspect that too low a resolution spreads the features out so the object may be harder to recognize.

Regards,

William

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See:

<http://www.davidclark.com/HeadsetPgs/StandardHeadset.html>

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>they experienced observers of what flies in the air. Yes. But
>that comes from experience. Hundreds and thousands of hours of
>flying in their medium trains them to identify other aircraft by
>make and type.

>First this. McGaha has no business spouting off about what
>pilots can and can't do. He's parroting Jim Oberg [mid-level
>engineer on the Shuttle] who has no business determining what
>pilots are and are not capable of identifying in the air. He

>parrots Hynek who again had no business making the statement [he
>was forced to withdraw that eventually] he did about pilots'
>ability to identify other aircraft in the air as he was an
>untrained observer himself. If you don't do the time you have no
>business making "profound" [read assinine] statements. Dick
>Haines [NARCAP] knows this and has far more experience with
>cockpit management and interaction with pilots than any of the
>above. So do I.

>A pilot might not know what he saw when reporting a UFO [anymore
>than anyone else does] but the pilot will tell you what it was
>doing, where it was coming from, altitude, attitude, speed,
>direction, behavior, what the weather was at the time, the sky
>conditions, angle of descent or ascent, position with reference
>the pilot's aircraft, threat to that aircraft and the time
>usually to the minute. That's about 95 percent more information
>than you will get from anyone else reporting some anomaly in the
>sky including amateur astronomers like McGaha.

>If any of you are on a panel with McGaha and he makes these
>silly statements ask him where he gets the expertize to make
>them. I'm not saying every pilot has great perceptional
>abilities in this regard but the vaste majority do. We rely on
>one another to have this ability particularly while flying
>outside controlled airspace.

>I suggest to you Giuliano that you send your request to some
>organization in the United States with greater ability to answer
>your questions than the FAA. You query will likely end up in the
>hands of some office worker who will then start scratching
>through some handbooks looking for answers. 95 percent of those
>working with the FAA never had their hands on the control yoke
>of an aircraft. Try Aircraft Owners and Pilot's Association
>[AOPA] or Airline Pilots Association [ALPA] 100% of these people
>do have flying experience.

>Military pilots get some training as to what specific aircraft
>they might encounter in the war theater-aircraft identification
>while the rest of us learn to identify literally thousands of
>aircraft makes and types during our hours in the air.

>Pilots can separate aircraft from the background almost
>automatically where the passenger never does see the aircraft.
>The passengers usually don't understand one word coming from the
>frequent radio traffic coming through the speaker or David
>Clarks nor are they aware of the half dozen [plus] other
>aircraft sharing the same general airspace as the plane they are
>in.

>There is not enough space here to go into detail. Basically,
>pilots might not know what the UFO is but they can usually tell
>you what it isn't. How would they have any greater knowledge of
>what UFOs are or where they come from than any other person?

>Don Ledger
>Pilot

I should point out that McGaha had a lot hours as a pilot when
in the military and in civilian flying as well.Maybe his strange
comments both on LK and in our formal debate at Middle Tennessee
State University are more the result of the many hundreds of
parachute jumps he has also done.

Stan Friedman

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Rosetta Followed By Unknown Object

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 06:44:31 -0500
Subject: Rosetta Followed By Unknown Object

List,

News is surfacing that the epoch making space probe Rosetta was followed by an unknown object since its swing-by-maneuver at Mars in February 2007!

Gerhard Schwelm, responsible for scientific missions at ESA in Darmstadt, Germany, explained that for months since Rosetta's Mars approach, an unknown object accidently took the same course towards Earth as the probe itself.

"Supposedly it is an asteroid and it only looks like as if this object has chased Rosetta", Schwelm said at a press conference.

Since February 2007, both objects have travelled together, one after another, towards Earth for more than 70 million kilometer.

The asteroid is five to ten meters in diameter, smaller than Rosetta and constantly approached the probe during flight. It is slightly darker than the probe and has a nearly identical course. US scientists - following their behavior to name everything - have named the object: 'Son of Rosetta'.

See also:

<http://www.planetary.org/blog/article/00001236/>

Schwelm thinks that both courses have divided since Rosetta's approach and swing-by near Earth on November 13.

Rosetta passed by Earth at a distance of 5302 kilometer and the object at a distance of 230.00 kilometer.

The object was never photographed.

Joachim Koch

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:02:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 22:09:02 EST
>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

>List, All,

>I have some problems with the new affidavit by Walter Haut and
>thought maybe we all could discuss this.

>First, I have no problem with Don Schmitt drafting the thing and
>having Walter review it prior to signing it. All Schmitt did was
>pull it into a cohesive whole for Walter's review and then
>signature. I understand that both Walter's doctor and his
>daughter were present when he signed the affidavit. So far, so
>good.

<snip>

Greetings Kevin, et al.

First, I have to respectfully disagree; this scenario evokes the question(s) why didn't Walter just write it himself as he's done before? Why was a doctor necessary? Even your comment, "pulling it into a cohesive whole" suggests Walter may not have been able to do that.

From my perspective, a good deal of the controversy surrounding the 'Schmitt affidavit could have been avoided had Schmitt been upfront about how the affidavit was drafted, i.e., that he, Schmitt, compiled it, and wrote it based on conversations he had with Walter over the years.

When the affidavit first saw the light of day, and being presented as a document he penned himself, I knew that could not be true, as in my view, the man that I saw in the taped interview with Wendy and Dennis was incapable of writing such a detailed, accurate, timely, descriptive narrative of events that happened 60 years ago. In the interview, years before, as you've seen, he couldn't remember where he did his basic training, he couldn't remember where he was stationed after the war; he had problems remembering certain words, he often contradicted himself and seemed confused etc.; although there is argument to the causality of the memory issue, all are in agreement that there was a memory issue!

Finally, Schmitt on the Paracast show, admitted that Walter in fact did not write the affidavit. Schmitt stated:

"It was 3 years before Walter died. And he actually trickled information to us, on and off through the years, but he was quite clear that he was very sensitive to not only his security oath, but as though he was honoring someone else's request to him, and it was quite clear as we demonstrated in the book, that he was honoring the "old man", as he called him, Colonel Blanchard... that Blanchard asked him not to say another word about this, and he was doing just that.

So we had to come up with a venue, a manner by which he could present the information, tell us what had happened to the best of his ability, without betraying that trust, that bond that he had with Blanchard. And it was suggested to us by an attorney that a 'sealed statement' (might provide that opportunity, and that's what we've done, and it was prepared, based on things that Walter told us in confidence for a number of years, leading up to that time he was ready to do it, his doctor, had given us a clear go ahead, that he mentally was totally competent..."

Schmitt goes on to reiterate that Walter read the document a number of times and then signed it with three other witnesses present.

Schmitt further wrote:

"Each and every trip to Roswell and all the personal phone conversations slowly but surely tricked [sic] what eventually would become his final affidavit.

Previously we had even tried hypnosis with Yvonne Smith in the presence of Mark Rodeghier and Mark Chesney. Walter was a most resistant candidate for regression.

Next, we tried a sworn statement in the presence of a government official from Chavez County. He would only state what he had in two previous affidavits, 1991 and 1993."

With regard to the video Schmitt 'erroneously' states:

"When Walter was video taped on his 'historic record' by Wendy Connors and Dennis Balthaser, he never was told in advance that they would ever touch on the subject of Roswell."

This is a blatant falsehood as the 'thesis' of the interview was presented in writing, as well as explained to Walter on-tape minutes prior to the actual interview.

Additionally Schmitt says:

"The agreement was to discuss the pre-Roswell years from his youth up till that time. When they crossed that line it is abundantly clear that he was getting more agitated by the second and wanted no part of it. Mark Rodeghier was quick to point out "how pressured Walter was and how he finally succumbed to leading questions." Walter's demeanor becomes more and more perturbed as he looks down and his fingers tapped faster and faster across the chairs armrests. Rodeghier felt that the video was worthless on those merits alone. We agreed."

Since we know that Walter was well aware before hand, and then briefed again on tape about the nature of the interview, him being perturbed by what what Schmitt suggests is not only nonsensical, it's impossible. Additionally, confused (IMHO) would be a more accurate adjective; however, given the contradictory statements - sometimes within minutes of each other - I agree with Rodeghier, "the tape has no value in regard to evidence" in support of Walter being more involved with Roswell i.e., seeing bodies and or wreckage, in contrast to what he has said publicly for decades.

Schmitt also stated:

"With Tom's full input and final approval I drafted the affidavit just as we had prepared affidavits in the past..."

So at the end of the day we have an affidavit, that originally was presumed to have been written by Walter; however, its outstanding clarity gave rise to 'improbability'. Inquisition uncovered the fact that Walter didn't 'write' the affidavit; by Schmitt's own admission:

1) Walter did not write his own affidavit.

2) Schmitt wrote the affidavit.

3) Schmitt wrote the affidavit stating, "it was prepared, it was based on things that Walter told us."

4) Again by Schmitt's own admission Walter was defiant in regard to answering questions, over a 3 year period and Schmitt went as far as hypnosis stating, "Walter was a most resistant candidate for regression."

5) Regardless of causality Walter had more than mild memory issues.

6) Schmitt admits that it was deemed necessary to have a doctor monitor Walter's mental and physical health, by his personal physician - presumably a regular MD opposed to a psychologist etc.

These facts of course evoke questions:

1) Why didn't Walter write it himself?

2) What prevented him from writing it himself?

3) Why weren't an audio and or video tape made in support of the affidavit, or instead of the affidavit?

4) Why doesn't Walter's daughter want Wendy and Dennis' video interview of Walter to be publicized, going as far as to threaten Dennis with legal action within a couple days of Walter's death?

5) What in regard to Walter's physical and or mental health precipitated a doctor's constant monitoring?

6) Why wasn't the Schmitt affidavit released right after Walter's death, instead of waiting for the S & C book release?

For me personally, I have the utmost respect for Walter Haut as a person, and I have a deep admiration for his service to his country. Additionally, I believe he was a man of honor. I might add, to the surprise of many, I believe he did in fact see bodies and or crash debris, partially or intact; my gut tells me this, and not from what he has said in public, but more of what I know he has said in private; however, that and \$5.00 will get you a gallon of gasoline! With regard to the 'game of evidence' he's a card I wouldn't and couldn't play.

Finally, assuming Walter was of sound mind, it is perfectly legal for someone to draft an affidavit from one's own interpretations of snippets of conversations over a 3-year period from someone exhibiting signs of dementia, and have that person read it in front of witnesses and then sign it.

Cheers,

Frank

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:05:53 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 19:14:19 -0600
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 15:26:20 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

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>>Please, don't wait around to see if Bigelow or somebody else is
>>going to come along and save the day. Make a contribution now.

>>BTW, we only need to come up with half! (+-\$2500.00) There is an
>>anonymous sponsor who is willing to 'match donations dollar for
>>dollar up to \$2500.00. If we each send in some dough we can make
>>a number like 2500 easily.

>>Write the check today... we'll talk about who we can hit up for
>>more later.

>It is great to hear that someone is willing to donate half of
>the funds to complete this study. My thanks to you, whoever you
>are.

>As an FYI: Abductees are watching this very carefully. - I have
>received emails from several of them. Its time for all of the
>parties who decided to launch this study to follow through. It
>seems that certain representatives from MUFON are noticeably
>absent from this discussion, which is disappointing to me,
>especially as a MUFON benefactor/lifetime member and an
>abductee.

Katharina,

I have to again point out that the \$5,000 estimate was the low estimate and it may well cost four times that amount, if we don't get a break and have to pay commercial rates for the analysis. Trying to nail down a specific cost is difficult without really knowing how many hours it will take to perform the work, and I've been trying to get a good number to post here on the List.

Secondly, the International Director for MUFON has been in touch with Mark and Rob and indicated that they are also very interested in helping to get this finished, but MUFON is also limited in the funding they have to work with, so how that support will be translated is still up in the air.

Please don't assume that silence equals a lack of interest. This project was started in 1994, and all of those in the UFO Research Coalition - MUFON, CUFOS, and Fund for UFO Research - are very interested in seeing this move forward. But all three groups live hand-to-mouth financially and it's difficult for volunteer organizations to come up with additional funds of this magnitude.

As of today we have approximately \$600 in donations, which will be matched. That brings the total so far to \$1,200, which is very good for just a couple weeks of effort.

We are continuing in our effort to try and locate donors willing to provide significant sums, but as of now it's up to those of us who're willing to donate a few dollars toward the effort.

If we have 5,000 people give \$5.00 each, we'd easily reach our goal, and given the reach of the Internet that isn't an unreasonable hope, IMO. But this will take some time, and the analysis cannot begin until the funds are all in-hand. I wouldn't expect that to occur until sometime next Spring (unless we get a lot of Holiday donations).

Steve

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Re: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

From: **Eleanor White** <eleanor.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:08:12 -0500
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>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 14:05:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Soliciting Abduction Study Completion Funds

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>A direct approach, requesting financial support, has been made
>before and certain it would help in this situation. If you have a
>list of names and addresses of those you believe would be
>receptive to a letter of request, that would be helpful. Please
>forward that information to Robert Swiatek at the same address
>given previously, and we will see that a letter is sent.

I'd estimate that other members of this List are more likely to
have realistically receptive names.

Greg Boone, Errol once said on an SDI show, "knows everybody!".

Eleanor White is on the opposite end of that spectrum of
people who 'get around'. I've always been a little mouse,
someone who may be a candidate for people who know the least
other people, especially other people with comfortable incomes.

Ask me about the squirrels I know, though, and I'll talk your
ear off! :-)

Eleanor White

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Source: The Independant - Bangkok, Thailand

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November 17, 2007

Teacups Empty Saucers Fly

Timothy Good keeps phoning home with evidence that the world's governments are covering up the alien invasion, but somehow our line is always 'busy'.

Need to Know: UFOs, the Military and Intelligence

By Timothy Good

Published by Pan Books, 2007

Available at Asia Books, Bt495

Reviewed by Paul Dorsey

The Nation

Timothy Good is, among ufologists, one of the most respected chroniclers of visits from space, but one does get the impression that he enjoys baiting the sceptics. Among the snippets of book reviews on his own website are these words from the Spectator in Britain: "I do not know how many trees were cut down to produce this 590-page diatribe, but I wish they had been left standing. 'Above Top Secret' is an evil book ... Mr Good's ideas are those of a maniac."

Of Good's Alien Liaison, the Daily Telegraph complained of "shrill yappings" and decided "only mentally subnormal people could believe in it". The Ottawa Citizen liked a previous title, but tellingly called it "a story worthy of Franz Kafka".

Then there is the matter of the book at hand here, Tim Good's latest, Need to Know, which is touted as a compilation of previously secret military documents that offer "irrefutable" evidence of contact between humans and extraterrestrials.

There are three main problems, one to do with the word 'compilation' - it really is just a sheaf of reports for readers to sift through. Good apparently thinks we'll have no trouble jumping to his conclusion. Another problem is that this is pretty much the same book by Tim Good that I read a couple of decades ago. The title is different and there is indeed plenty of new stuff in it, but it amounts to the same thing.

The British government declassified many reports and reviews about UFOs in recent years, but that's only mentioned in passing here in a pointlessly amiable foreword by a pa- of Good's who's with the Royal Aeronautical Society.

The third problem, it's almost needless to point out, is that this is not "irrefutable" evidence at all. If it were, sirens would be going off. "A case that is impossible to dismiss," the cover blurb says. Nonsense. "A compelling expose." I must have

missed that while I laboured through the 450 pages hoping in vain for something to get my teeth into.

Several morsels did pique my interest; none was very filling.

- His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn, the book says - and I'm not aware that this is common knowledge - may have been the "beneficiary" of a UFO encounter. Thai Airways made available for his use a 737-488 it had bought from Aer Lingus, Ireland's national carrier.

About a year earlier, in January 2004, the jet was approaching Dublin airport, followed by a British Midland Airbus, and the Airbus crew swore they saw a triangular UFO with strobe lights launch vertically from a field. It began circling the Aer Lingus 737, causing the passenger craft to glow purple and, according to the 737's own crew, lose power.

The UFO took a position directly in front of the 737, and the air-traffic control tower, which had the UFO on radar, gave the pilot a course to avoid collision, at which point the UFO disappeared at high speed, leaving the jet shuddering in turbulence.

When the 737 landed, considerable damage was found on the wings. This was repaired and Aer Lingus continued using the craft for some months before selling it to Thailand.

No authorities have acknowledged the incident. Good got the goods from a pair of Irish UFO researchers who heard the story from a pair of pilots.

- Thailand pops up again in the book, in a 1974 letter published in Flying Saucer Review, a British magazine. A signals sergeant of that nationality who was stationed with the Royal Thai Air Force in Mukdahan (for some unexplained reason) reported that he'd heard about the Americans simultaneously losing several F-111s and an F4 one day during the Vietnam conflict for no evident reason.

Yes. But anyway ...

- "Need to Know" is dedicated to Gordon Cooper, the last of America's Mercury 7 astronauts into space. Cooper went to his grave in 2004 convinced that he'd seen several extraterrestrial craft buzz a German airbase back in the '50s and that Washington was covering up the truth about UFOs.

But he laughed about another episode that Good plays up, when military authorities in California confiscated the cameras from his surveillance plane. Good is unswayed in his belief that "Gordo" had inadvertently photographed aliens. Cooper found out years after the incident that he'd been shooting footage of the top-secret Area 51 test range. Maybe he got a peek at the stealth jets. (Cooper fumed at length over other ufologists' insistence that he'd seen a "a greenish object with a red tail" fly past his Mercury capsule in 1963.)

- Then there was the surgeon in Brazil who was pulled to one side by the military in 1996 to fix the busted leg of an alien who'd crashed. As the operating theatre filled with a greenish mist, the doctor said, the creature "downloaded" a tremendous amount of information into his brain, mostly spiritual stuff about how humans are wasting their potential and missing the point of life.

What is the point of life? Well, I'm not going to tell you - that would be hearsay!

Buy the book for fun. Extra bonus for plane-spotters: There are dozens of photos in this UFO book, almost all of them of planes and jets "of the type" that someone or other was flying when they saw a UFO.

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Clinton Library Shedding Light On

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November 17, 2007

Clinton Presidential Library Shedding Light On =97 UFOs?
Washington Post

They have landed!

During a debate last month, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton was attacked for not doing enough to speed the release of papers from her husband's presidential library. Now, responding to Freedom of Information Act requests, the library has begun unveiling any documents that deal =97 even remotely =97 with UFOs.

That's because many of the first requests were made by Grant Cameron, 53, who claims to have seen a UFO in the mid-'70s.

One request: "All files on UFOs, Roswell New Mexico, flying saucers, Area 51 or the TV show X-Files in the files of (Clinton aide) John Podesta."

Cameron hears reports that Hillary Clinton has been actively researching extraterrestrial life, but =97 typical pol =97 she's being cautious on the stump.

"It's not something that's going to win you any votes," Cameron says. After all, Rep. Dennis Kucinich says he once saw a UFO and "we've all seen the fallout" from that.

Cameron, who works as a building facility manager at the University of Manitoba and runs presidentialufo.com, has an abiding interest in one person: Vice President Dick Cheney.

"We believe he knows what's going on," he says.

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UFO Photographed Over Huncuma Mexico

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Date: 18 November 2007

Mexico: Photos of Luminous Object Over Hunucma, Yucatan
A report from Ana Luisa Cid

On October 25, El Diario de Yucatan reported the sighting of a luminous object over the Mexican town of Hunucma, which was witnessed by officers of the municipal police.

As was reported at the time, some officers took video images with the cellphones, and while the police director considered that the object could have been a star or satellite, the case drew the attention of researchers from the OVNI MERIDA group who traveled to Hunucma and secured a copy of the video.

Researchers Emilio Cetz and Valentin Cervantes interviewed witnesses and produced a preliminary investigation:

"According to their report, they describe the object as "small ball" from which a potent beam of light emerged, apparently trying to search for something. This light rotated, that is to say, it could light from top to bottom, to the front, and in every direction in a matter of seconds. The light almost hit us in one of those sweeps, said the officers.

They also reported that luminous spheres have often been reported in the Yucatan highways, and they appear to follow the squad cars. They added that policemen tend to point their flashlights skyward, and this perhaps attracts the unidentified objects.

With regard to the images, it is evident in some of them that the beam of light appears to be cut off at its end. Emilio Cetz has this to say: "The original video is low quality, but when I checked it in the policeman's cellphone, the frame was not visible. I noticed the square when I got home and changed formats from 3gp to AVI. Valentin Cervantes, who accompanied me to get the video, is going to make some tests with his cellphone to ascertain if the frames are lens flares, as he owns the same model phone. We have not been able to carry out an investigation to our satisfaction, but we will do so in the future."

Emilio Cetz obtained a copy of the video directly from Police Chief Jose Luis Erosa, and he in turn gave me some unreleased photographs.

OVNI MERIDA researchers will return to the site and will provide more information on this compelling case.

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Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:03:32 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:26:46 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:18:24 +0000
>Subject: Pilots & UAP [was: Question To FAA About National Press Club Conference]

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:43:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club Conference

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Same as what?

Don

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:12:13 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:29:41 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

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>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:52:39 -0500
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>recognize.

Hi William,

I didn't have much to work with and it was low rez. The jet like
appearance was like an Embraer biz jet from low angle at the
jets 11 o'clock. But like I say I didn't have much to work with
and it was a first impression.

Don Ledger

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Sorry, forgot to answer your first paragraph, Joe...

Experience is the answer. I'm talking about conventional
aircraft. Once outside that then they know they are dealing with
something that shouldn't be there, something that might be a
threat to their own aircraft. Unknown craft, unknown intentions.

Don

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:19:10 -0500
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:32:38 -0500
Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 22:09:02 EST
>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

>List, All,

>I have some problems with the new affidavit by Walter Haut and
>thought maybe we all could discuss this.

>...

>I could pull up other statements that Walter made over the
>years, including ones that he made to me, but there is little
>point in that. We all know that he said, for decades, all he had
>done was write the press release. Now we have a new statement in
>which he is in the middle of this with all the inside knowledge
>that anyone could hope for.

On that point alone I don't see any problem at all. Isn't it possible that Haut was pulling the Sgt. Schultz routine ("I see nothing!") in order to keep [certain people] from "taking an interest" in him? If we can agree that something alien was retrieved and many servicemen were told in no uncertain terms to keep quiet about it, then I think it's no stretch of the imagination that someone whose participation--in, at least, a passing fashion--is a well-established fact might be predisposed to try to keep interested parties from digging too deeply. Hence the, "I only signed a press release" statements.

"I know nothing!"

>The problem is not that his earlier statements contradict his
>later statements but that his later statements were highly
>confused, and highly contradictory even inside one interview,
>and inside one statement in that interview.

That I have some trouble with.

Brian

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From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:34:21 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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The problem with your methodology is that you're working with
tiny, 72DPI images that have been severely compromised by JPEG
compression. One is likely to find all sorts of artifacts.

Brian

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Re: Pilots & UAP

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:57:56 -0800
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:36:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:18:24 +0000
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>>Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club
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Information such as direction of motion, behavior, or various
angular measures have nothing to do with knowing the distance,
shape, or size of the object. However, a pilot might have a
direct measure of distance from radar, or may be able to
estimate it from distances of known objects. E.g., if the pilot
sees the object pass in front of another plane of known
distance, or a building, a mountain range (e.g., Kenneth Arnold
sighting), pass directly underneath (hence between the plane and
the ground), etc., that gives him/her a good bound on the
maximal distance. In the recent Chicago O'Hare case, the object
was below a solid cloud layer of known altitude, then punched a
hole through it, which gave all the witnesses a later
investigators a very good idea of how far away it was and how
large.

A less reliable but not useless means of grossly estimating
distance (used by everybody all the time) is atmospheric haze.
Objects relatively close will suffer little effects from haze
and be relatively sharp and of high contrast, whereas objects
far off in the distance will appear hazy and of low contrasts.
Thus we often have a rough idea of how far away a mountain range
may be just by the degree of haze. Although a crude measure, it
was the haze factor in the 1950 Trent photos that enabled
various researchers (such as our own Bruce Maccabee) to estimate

the distance and size of the object in the photos, and hence distinguish between a distant, large object (genuine) and a tiny, nearby one (hoax).

If the object were very close (less than about 1000 feet), the pilot might be able to directly perceive the distance using stereopsis (a form of neural triangulation). If the object was greater than around a thousand feet, the pilot would no longer associate a sense of depth to it. It's rather silly to claim that pilots can't distinguish a nearby object flying right off their wingtip from something miles away. Of course they can, just like you or I can see that a small Christmas tree is only 100 feet from us instead of being a large pine tree a mile away. Another clue to closeness might be turbulence associated with the object.

If the pilot could compare notes with other observers situated elsewhere, distance could later be calculated using triangulation, just by knowing angular directions and elevations from the different locations. This can be a very accurate way of determining not just the distance, but other variables that depend on the distance, such as object size and speed (just a matter of multiplying the distance times the angular size and angular speed).

Daylight sightings, where many distance cues may be available, are obviously likely to yield much more quantitative information than nighttime sightings. Obviously "lights in the sky" observations are not going to be as reliable.

Thus there can be many possible clues to distance, and hence size and speed. It is simply NOT true that a pilot (or anybody else for that matter) can NEVER estimate distance/size/speed of an unknown object with any accuracy. That, unfortunately, is just debunker propaganda talk. It is more accurate to say that distance, speed, size cannot be determined with accuracy in the complete ABSENCE of any cues.

David Rudiak

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Re: The Sixth Sense

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 23:13:42 -0500
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:38:28 -0500
Subject: Re: The Sixth Sense

>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 14:03:21 +1000
>Subject: The Sixth Sense

>Source: The Catanduanes Tribune - Virac, Philippines.

><http://tinyurl.com/2ysor7>

>Nov 14, 2007

>The Sixth Sense
>By Rod Azanza

>Late October, CNN came up with the information that 14 percent
>of the American public admit that at one time or another, they
>have seen UFOs in the skies over the USA.

>Only a very insignificant few have such claims in Asia, EU,
>Australia, and South America.

>The fact is outside of the USA, the fellow who says he saw a UFO
>is often taken to be either joking or simply a nut.

>Among Americans, however, the man or woman who can talk about
>seeing a UFO is assured an enthusiastic audience.

>The sad part about UFO sightings is that there seems to be a lot
>of Americans who are seeing things.

>This is a problem of eyes and mind.

This is one of the least informed... okay, I'll say it, dumbest or
most stupid newspaper articles I've read in quite a while.

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Re: Stopping Cars With Radiation

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 23:33:17 -0500
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:43:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Stopping Cars With Radiation

>Source: Technology Review - Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

><http://www.technologyreview.com/Infotech/19699/?a=f>

>Tuesday, November 13, 2007

>Stopping Cars With Radiation

>A beam of microwave energy could stop vehicles in their tracks.

<snip>

This article brings to mind the car stopping UFO events of 1957 in particular. However, I should point out that the new cars are much more susceptible to microwave than the old design.

The new cars use microprocessors to control engine operation and said microprocessors are sensitive to microwave pulses that generate unwanted voltage spikes within the circuitry. In some cases a microwave pulse of sufficient power will cause permanent damage. The fact that a Marx generator was used to boost the voltage means that the pulse of microwave radiation will be very short as a capacitor (bank) discharges into the antenna.

The older cars used a mechanical distributor and a step-up transformer - spark-coil - driven by a make/break switch to generate thousand volt pulses to fire th spark plugs. There was nothing 'sensitive' about these electrical devices. They couldn't be stopped by mere microwaves such as discussed in this article.

Back in the 60's it was proposed that a huge magnetic field could saturate the core of the spark coil and cause it to generate low, instead of high, voltages.

There is some support for the suggestion that TRUFOS could stop a car by magnetic effect alone since there are now numerous sighting reports that are associated with strong magnetic fields.

The first was by Fred Johnson on June 24, 1947, just after Kenneth Arnold's sighting.

Johnson reported that as the 'object' went by at a considerable distance his compass wobbled back and forth.

Bottom line: I don't think that the present success in stopping cars with microwave radiation necessarily means that we have discovered how TRUFOS/AFCs stop cars.

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Re: NPC - Witness Testimony

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 11:32:36 -0000
Archived: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 07:46:30 -0500
Subject: Re: NPC - Witness Testimony

From: Steve Kaeser <Steve.Kaeser.nul>
To: <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 13:02:54 -0500
Subject: NPC - Witness Testimony

Thanks for the transcript, Steve.

This seems like an opportune moment to update the List on progress with the April 2007 Channel Islands case (see Capt Bowyer's statement which I left in below). The 'final' report by our small team here in the UK and France is presently being written up.

To summarise what we have done: From several eyewitness accounts, recordings of Channel Island Zone and Jersey Approach radio traffic, and the ATC radar picture, we have produced a detailed geometrical reconstruction in three dimensions of the various evolving lines of sight and angular relationships, modelled the meteorological conditions as closely as possible from weather reports and radiosonde profiles with professional expert advice from Jersey Met Office and others, estimated radar and optical refractivity with the help of Meteo-France computer numerical simulation, examined satellite imagery and the Jersey weather radar scans, investigated numerous relevant factors such as local seismology, shipping routes and ocean conditions, and explored in detail a number of possible explanations with the help of atmospheric optics experts, geophysicists and others.

One of our earliest efforts was to try to get the reluctant Blue Islands 'Jetstream' pilot to talk to us and flesh out his very brief CAA report. After trying several avenues we have so far been unsuccessful. Although efforts in that direction are not quite dead, we tried breaking down the event into unconnected sightings on the principle that if the main phenomena reported by Capt Bowyer and passengers could be explained convincingly then we might be able to dispose of the sketchy corroboration separately.

We found certain clues suggestive of an atmospheric-optical explanation for the UAPs seen by Capt Bowyer and passengers, and we have tried very hard to find a model that works. But with the best will in the world we have not been completely successful. There remain several aspects of the appearance, bearings and angular motions of the UAPs that we are so far unable to explain. It also has to be said that when the various changing lines of sight are carefully plotted on the radar map they produce a triangulated fix on two static locations in the Channel Islands airspace, a triangulation whose internal linear and angular estimates all interlock with notable consistency and quite small margins of error.

This result makes colateral evidence all the more important. We can advance reasons for thinking that Jetstream's report needs to be taken seriously. We certainly can't justify riding roughshod over it, but we can't ignore it's shortcomings either; neither can we ignore the fact that another aircrew within a couple of miles of the location of UAP#1 simultaneously saw nothing.

The other obvious factor is radar. We looked at ATC radar and weather radar and requested a search of air defence radar recordings by the French CCOA. The result of the latter was negative. ATC and weather radar results were either negative or inconclusive.

We obtained a number of radar products from Jersey ATC, including composite screenshots showing the tracks and altitudes of transponding aircraft along with large numbers of uncorrelated primary echoes. These files were useful in many ways. We also obtained complete 24-hour Primary Surveillance Radar data files at an early date, which would allow moment by moment replay, but the difficulties of visualising them proved great owing to commercial software licensing issues, cost etc. After a promising initial contact with GEIPAN we had hoped that they might assist, but in the event we learned that they had independently approached Jersey ATC for the same data and were pursuing their own study. They regretted that were not in a position to share software or expertise outside GEIPAN. A small last-ditch effort to extract limited data is ongoing, but in the main we decided to limit our study of the ATC radar to the composite screenshots in our possession, await GEIPAN's more detailed analysis and focus resources elsewhere.

The ATC radar materials available to us, together with the Jersey weather radar scans, do not offer evidence of extraordinary targets in the area. An unexplained radar echo has been mentioned, but so far we have not confirmed this. The professional opinion of the Air Traffic Controller who observed it is that it was probably a surface target seen because of anomalous propagation. Our analysis of the target environment and of the propagation conditions supports this opinion. There may yet be data recoverable by GEIPAN's detailed analysis, however the fact that MTI was operating on the radar means that stationary or very slow-moving targets would be eliminated from the display, and since (as we understand) the processing is done at the radar head to conserve bandwidth in the transmission to Jersey ATC, with the pre-digitised raw signal data being dumped, any such filtered signal may be permanently lost. Weather radar does not use MTI and processing is minimal, but resolution and sample-rate are poor. We examined available weather radar images but the only low-elevation cut covering the area during the sighting time, for one single antenna revolution, showed nothing conclusive.

This is where we stand at present and it's turned into rather more of a formal statement than I'd intended. But it's probably timely. All of the detailed documents, research and argumentation will be made available in our report just as soon as possible. Our tentative conclusion will be that there appears to be evidence of some phenomenon, possibly with an atmospheric-optical component, that isn't described in any conventional theory that we know of. The Jetstream observation on a reciprocal line of sight is evidence suggesting the presence of a physical object or objects at the location(s) visually triangulated, but this evidence remains weak and is uncorroborated by radar evidence at the present time.

I'll post a link to the report when available. Ours will not be by any means a final word on this case, of course. But we hope that others will find our efforts useful in future investigation, and we also await GEIPAN's independent results with interest.

Ray Bowyer

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for coming today. My name is Ray Bowyer and I fly a civilian airliner as Captain. I have been invited here due to my sighting last April of multiple as yet unidentified objects over the Channel Islands region of the English Channel. This encounter lasted for 15 minutes with the first object being visible from 55 miles distant.

On nearing the object a second identical shape appeared beyond the first. Both objects were of a flattened disk shape with a dark area to the right side. They were brilliant yellow with light emanating from them. I estimated them to be up to a mile

across.

I found myself astounded but curious. But at 12 miles distant these objects were becoming uncomfortably large, and I was glad to descend and land the aircraft.

Many of my passengers saw the objects as did the pilot of another aircraft 25 miles further south. There is also possible radar information still being investigated.

A team headed by Dr. David Clarke looking at this case will shortly publish a report but I understand that at this time no definitive solution has been discovered to explain the sighting.

I have taken note of the differences between the British and U.S. reporting system. It appears that attitudes on opposite sides of the Atlantic Ocean are very different when it comes to the required reporting and recording of this type of event.

Air Law stipulates quite clearly that if an operating crew of an aircraft see another aircraft a place that it should not be, then at the earliest opportunity the whole scenario is to be reported to the relevant authority.

In my case the British Civil Aviation Authority knew within 20 minutes of the sighting what was seen, as described in the flight log faxed directly to the relevant CM office. The military were informed by Jersey Air Traffic Control at the same time. This is not an option; it is an obligation that crews react in this manner.

In my experience, having reported the incident as required has had no negative effect. And there was no problem with me talking about it on British television. Indeed, my company Aurigny Air Services have offered every support to date. The assistance of Jersey ATC in releasing recorded information to myself and the investigating team has been a great benefit. I did not feel that I was in any danger of being ridiculed, because all I did was report what actually happened, as was my duty.

I heard about the multiple witness sighting at Chicago O Hare Airport a year ago, on November 7, 2006. I was surprised to hear how this was handled. Despite many pilots and airport personnel witnessing the object hovering over the terminal, there was no investigation by the FAA. It appears that pressure may have been applied to crew members by their company not to discuss this incident.

These witnesses were afraid to talk about what they saw, due to concerns about job security. The FAA told the witnesses that what they saw was actually not what they saw but that it was simply weather,

I would have been shocked if I was told that the CAA would obstruct an investigation, or if the CAA told me that what I had seen was something entirely different. But it seems that pilots in America are used to this kind of thing, as far as I can tell.

I would urge all aircrew to report whatever they see as soon as possible, and to stand up and be counted. It is only when crucial witnesses such as professional pilots make reports that the authorities will be kick-started into a broader investigation of these phenomena.

Martin Shough

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Spherical Object Reported over Mexico City

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Source: Ana Luisa Cid
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Mexico: Spherical Object Reported over Mexico City International
Airport

According to a report from Alfonso Salazar, a sighting took
place over MCIA between 13:00 and 13:15 hours on Friday,
November 16, 2007.

Airport personnel particularly those at the Aviacsa PGR hangar
and others near Runway 6 witnessed a white flying object that
remained static at 8000 meters toward the south of the Mexican
capital.

The witnesses report that at approximately 13:10 hours a Boeing
737-800 passed near the object as it flew from west to east at
an altitude similar to that of the possible UFO.

Weather was good, with sunlight and blue skies. The object began
to rise into the air toward 13:15 until it lost itself from
sight. Researcher Salazar believes that it could not be a
weather balloon, as these are launched at 5 am and 5 pm (during
winter hours).

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Regarding The Mars UFO

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Was there any follow-up assessment ever done on the photographed flying object in the article below? Wouldn't this have been a useful photograph to present at the press conference recently held in Washington?

Source: Universe Today - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.universetoday.com/2004/03/19/rover-sees-a-ufo/>

March 19th, 2004

[Image]

Observing the sky with the green filter of its panoramic camera, the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit came across a surprise: a streak across the sky. The streak, seen in the middle of this mosaic of images taken by the navigation and panoramic cameras, was probably the brightest object in the sky at the time. Scientists theorize that the mystery line could be either a meteorite or one of seven out-of-commission spacecraft still orbiting Mars. Because the object appeared to move 4 degrees of an arc in 15 seconds it is probably not the Russian probes Mars 2, Mars 3, Mars 5, or Phobos 2; or the American probes Mariner 9 or Viking 1. That leaves Viking 2, which has a polar orbit that would fit with the north-south orientation of the streak. In addition, only Viking 1 and 2 were left in orbits that could produce motion as fast as that seen by Spirit. Said Mark Lemmon, a rover team member from Texas A&M University, Texas, "Is this the first image of a meteor on Mars, or an image of a spacecraft sent from another world during the dawn of our robotic space exploration program? We may never know, but we are still looking for clues."

Original Source: NASA/JPL

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One Small Disc Carried One Giant Message For

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<http://www.space.com/entertainment-cs-071116-apollo-disc.html>

16 November 2007

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The Untold Story: How One Small Disc Carried One Giant Message
For Mankind
By Robert Z. Pearlman

Within a few feet of the first boot print made on the Moon,
under the ladder on which a U.S. flag was stowed and a
commemorative plaque is still attached, lies a small white cloth
pouch.

Inside that bag, next to a couple of embroidered emblems, medals
and a gold olive branch, is a small case. Contained within that
thin metal sheath is a silicon disc about the size of a half
dollar coin. Etched onto that disc, in letters no larger than
one-fourth the width of a human hair, are 73 messages.

Such an item, as small as it is, hidden as it was, could be
mistaken as insignificant and easily forgotten. And it almost
was... twice, as Tahir Rahman, a Kansas-based physician and
space history enthusiast reveals in his new book, "We Came In
Peace For All Mankind: The Untold Story Of The Apollo 11 Silicon
Disc."

Rahman, who as a hobby collects Apollo 11 memorabilia, in
particular letters and documents signed by astronaut Neil
Armstrong, recently came across a duplicate of the disc
deposited on the Moon and became curious as to its history.

"I thought I knew most aspects of the Apollo 11 mission," Rahman
wrote to collectSPACE.com. "When I acquired a disc for my
collection, I quickly discovered that only a sentence or two was
mentioned about it in space history books." So, Rahman set about
filling in the missing story.

After deciding to plant an American flag on the Moon and before
the wording was finalized for the plaque declaring that "we came
in peace for all mankind," the U.S. State Department authorized
NASA to solicit messages of good will from the leaders of the
world's nations to be flown and left on the Moon.

There were only two minor challenges: NASA didn't know yet how
they would archive those messages for flight and as it was June
1969, there was only one month remaining before Apollo 11 would
launch for the lunar surface.

"I was amazed at how NASA and the State Department rushed to get
these messages before launch," Rahman said. In his book, he
describes how 116 countries were contacted but only 73 responded
in time. Some, confused by the request, replied asking for more
details without realizing that the window for their inclusion

was closing fast.

"In view of our total ignorance of this project," began a telegram from the King of Thailand included in "We Came In Peace," "would appreciate any information you can provide concerning NASA's invitation to send message... number of countries responding... methods of recording and method of deposit on the Moon."

Regarding the 'methods of recording and deposit,' NASA turned to the Sprague Electric Company of North Adams, Massachusetts, for a solution. No stranger to working for the government -- the company had designed a firing capacitor for the Manhattan Project -- Sprague was also an established NASA contractor with more than 50,000 components of their manufacture already installed in the Apollo 11 spacecraft.

Still, this contract was unique, requiring a new material, a new invention (Rahman includes the text of the patent in the book's appendix) and a short turnaround of just three weeks. Even after devising the technique to inscribe the microscopic messages on the 1.5 inch, 99%-pure silicon disc and delivering a 'final' version just a week prior to lift off, Sprague was sent scrambling again by NASA to add more nations' notes that were late to arrive.

Nor were these messages simple texts. Some included intricate artwork, such as the Vatican's message by Pope Paul VI. Though not visible to the naked eye, a low-power magnification was all that was needed to reveal the mini masterpieces.

"The first time I looked through a microscope at the disc, I was amazed. There were all these messages in foreign languages in beautiful gold scripts. The message from the Vatican in the center was especially stunning with its gold ornate frame," Rahman described.

On July 11, 1969, just five days before a Saturn V rocket was set to take off with Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins, Sprague delivered the second, final disc to NASA. The space agency packaged the round wafer in a metal case resembling a woman's make-up compact to protect it during its journey to the Moon. That in turn was placed in a small pouch with other commemorative items, which Aldrin would carry in his spacesuit's sleeve pocket.

On July 20, as Collins orbited the Moon, Armstrong and Aldrin landed on its surface. History's first moonwalkers had only two and a half hours to explore the lunar terrain, collect 50 moon rocks and set-up scientific instruments. Their checklists also called for them to take part in a few commemorative activities, including erecting the U.S. flag and reading the inscription from the plaque attached to their lander. Unscheduled events, such as a surprise call from President Nixon compressed their timeline further.

Thus, as Aldrin was climbing up the ladder to reenter their spacecraft for their return home, it was Armstrong who remembered the "package" on Aldrin's arm.

"How about that package out of your sleeve? Get that?" Armstrong called out.

"No," Aldrin replied, "want it now?"

"Guess so," Armstrong said, and with that Aldrin tossed the package -- a silicon disc tucked inside -- down to the Moon's surface. Armstrong then nudged it with his foot.

"Okay?" Armstrong asked of its placement.

"Okay," responded Aldrin, which was all the pomp and circumstance the disc would ever receive.

Continue reading One Small (Almost Forgotten) Silicon Disc at= collectSPACE.co:

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Pat Uskert Slanders David Sereda

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Subject: Pat Uskert Slanders David Sereda

Dear UFO Community Members;

This is a notice to all of you that my name is being slandered by Pat Uskert. He works for UFO magazine. He loaned me a UFO DVD Out Of The Blue that I lost and did not return. He also supplied UFO footage with Jeff Willes and Mark Olson for my Dan Aykroyd Unplugged on UFOs film, which I spent \$50,000 of my personal savings to produce.

I offered all of them \$1,000 each for their footage (higher than most networks offer), which they all refused for a 1.5% each of film profits. I was really hoping that this small film could reach millions of Aykroyd fans and get this subject to explode.

Since the film's distributor, Arclight Films & Anchor Bay, did not show any profits for the film as of today (2007) and I was not paid any profits at all, Dan Aykroyd's agent is looking into the matter.

The DVD did not sell that well and a lot of that has to do with people attacking Dan Aykroyd personally for doing this film. The non-believers are very active in attacking this film in particular; and I am convinced this is a funded effort. The attacks are consistent and well planned.

Pat Uskert has now slandered my name to the History Channel and who knows who else because he is angry that he did not get paid money which he refused by contract for his 1.5% of no profits. I am now very hurt that Pat Uskert's vengeance may be slandering my name in this community in places I am not aware of including, possibly at Coast to Coast AM, other radio stations and who knows where else!

When I met Pat Uskert, Mark Olson and Jeff Willes, I was excited to include their findings in my films. As a friend, I introduced Pat Uskert to Dan Aykroyd to help him get more exposure for his UFO footage. I was a friend to him. I was the first person opening doors to help him.

Now I am learning that being too open has hurt me. Many people have expectations from me when I am open and demand more than I can offer. This has now hurt my reputation. I am always open to helping others get their research into the limelight. I am always referring others to radio shows.

I want everyone in this community to know that I use my personal savings to make all of my films and books, which are free on the Internet. I get copyright violations every day on Google, YouTube and everywhere. People do not respect what it takes to do this kind of work. I do not make profits from these DVDs, which I deserve. That is because of the man people who feel that

I owe my life work to the world for free on YouTube and Google video.

My research is my personal quest to to know the truth, which I think, as I make new discoveries, is important to share with the world. If it was worthless, I would not get 800,000 downloads on Google.

I am like many of you; researchers who love this study and are honest and sincere about the discovery and the sharing of knowledge. This is not a competition for all of us. It is a quest to to know the absolute truth. We share with each other what we all find and bring to the table of greater knowledge.

That greater knowledge belongs to humanity!

Sincerely,

David Sereda

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Sat, 17 Nov 2007

Witness To Roswell Flying Saucer Incident Tells His Story

By Pat Sherman
Copley News Service

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.

Sprouse, 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 - 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 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."

On the Web: The Roswell Report: www.af.mil/library/roswell

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Editor's Note

Gary Lindstrom returns to the Summit Daily News. Read his weekly column in the print edition on Mondays.

Kucinich Is Not The Only One Seeing Close Encounters
Gary Lindstrom

Unidentified Flying Objects have been in the news lately.

It came up during a recent Democratic presidential debate. Apparently, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, had previously stated publicly that he had personally seen a UFO. When he was asked about it, he admitted to making the statement and having seen a UFO. Three cheers for the congressman for his courage and honesty. No cheers for the press who made a major joke out of his statement.

That was followed this past week by a national conference in Washington D.C. of a group of very credible people relating their experiences having seen UFOs during their careers. The participants were from seven countries and the United States. One was a former Governor of Arizona. Another witness was a former four-star general from Belgium. A lot of airline pilots came forward to share what they had seen.

Transcripts of astronauts talking about seeing UFOs in space were read.

When I was a police agent working in Lakewood, there was a report of a sighting above the power lines on South Table Top Mountain near Golden. The witnesses said that the saucer-like craft hovered above the power lines for about five minutes and then lifted straight up into the sky. In Summit County in the early 1980s, we had a report of an aircraft hovering above the Dillon Reservoir. It was black and had red, blue, yellow and green lights. It did not make any sound.

When it left it shot straight up into the sky out of sight.

A couple of days later we had the same report of something above the landfill near Keystone. Some campers were disturbed while sleeping and they woke up to see this "ship" above the landfill.

The classic local event actually made the front page of the National Enquirer. I will not use the real names because one of the witnesses still works and lives in Summit County.

I was living on Straight Creek Drive in Dillon Valley. The Sheriff at the time lived on Straight Creek Drive also, but at the other end. We always left our radios on at home just to monitor what was happening in the county.

All of a sudden the communications center broadcast that a strange aircraft had been sighted above Silverthorne and they dispatched one of our deputies. A high ranking elected official at the time also monitored the police radio and started in that direction too. The Sheriff and I decided not to respond.

The deputy drove north to about Ute Pass road where they encountered the UFO hovering in the sky. They watched it for a time and it left and they went back home.

The National Enquirer picked up the story and ran it the next week with a photo of the deputy in uniform pointing to the sky. The Sheriff and I to this day are thankful we did not respond. When I was in the Air Force, there was a major government project tracking sightings of UFOs. It was tagged Project Blue Book, and I remember reading many accounts of Air Force pilots and ground personnel seeing UFOs in the air and on the ground. It is reported that there were more than 12,618 UFO reports from 1947 to 1969.

Reports indicate that the CIA in 1987 tried to hush up the sighting of a huge lighted ball four times the size of a jumbo jet.

Around the same time, the Summit County Communications Center received calls from the Frisco area about a bright object racing down Ten Mile Canyon on I 70 at a high rate of speed. Witnesses in Copper Mountain had the same sighting and reported that it continued up to the top of Vail Pass. Eagle County Dispatch received many calls as the lighted object continued west. The last reports of sightings came from Glenwood Springs.

Talk about being bipartisan, it has been reported that Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter both have seen UFOs. The strangest story that I remember was when a man was kidnapped in the winter by a group of men dressed in full white uniforms and then was tied up and hung from a tree in Monte Cristo Gulch south of Breckenridge.

That may or may not be a UFO story, but it certainly happened and was strange. The victim could not have tied himself up and then hung himself from a tree.

He was not harmed and was rescued by a local resident passing by his location.

We always knew that Army Rangers sometimes did night training in the snow in Summit County, so that might account for the men in white uniforms. Of course, the Army denied having anyone in the area.

Another Army tie in. The Army High Altitude Helicopter training center is at Eagle County Airport in Gypsum. They fly over Summit County all the time. The only problem with that is I have never heard a quiet helicopter.

Maybe I witnessed some of this stuff. Maybe not. My lips are sealed. I might want to run for president someday.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 22:09:02 EST
>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit

>List, All,

>I have some problems with the new affidavit by Walter Haut and
>thought maybe we all could discuss this.

List:

As discussed in my article for UFODATA Magazine (Sept./Oct. 2007), Walter Haut never signed an affidavit. What was created and signed by Haut was a Sealed Statement.

In the article, I related how Schmidt claimed Haut stated he was uncomfortable with signing an affidavit.

An affidavit is exactly administered by an officer of the court wherein the signer swears an oath and, basically, provides a deposition of the facts as remembered by the signer.

We can imagine why Haut claimed to be uncomfortable with signing an affidavit. For example, he felt an affidavit would be violating his original oath to the military; he was unsure of what he remembered - whether he remembered correctly or not; or, he was protecting the honor and image of his commanding officer who (over the phone) ordered Haut to write up a press release.

As Randle stated, before writing the press release, Haut never saw any of the debris - whether there were bodies or craft or nothing. Haut just wrote the press release.

Because of the conditions under which Haut was, in essence, asked to retire, I think of him as the 'State Sacrifice' to save the necks of his commanding officers.

Maybe, Haut had a lot of experience dealing with people saving their necks and attempting to sacrifice him. Smart guy for not signing an affidavit. He could say anything he wanted, and nobody would be the wiser especially since the Sealed Statement would not be made public until after his death.

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Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 05:57:53 -0600
Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 10:24:24 -0500
Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club

>From: Stan Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 13:10:11 -0400
>Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club Conference

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:43:00 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club Conference

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>>There is not enough space here to go into detail. Basically,
>>pilots might not know what the UFO is but they can usually tell
>>you what it isn't. How would they have any greater knowledge of
>>what UFOs are or where they come from than any other person?

>>Don Ledger
>>Pilot

>I should point out that McGaha had a lot hours as a pilot when
>in the military and in civilian flying as well. Maybe his strange
>comments both on LK and in our formal debate at Middle Tennessee
>State University are more the result of the many hundreds of
>parachute jumps he has also done.

Yes. I think so. Though, a sturdy helmet might have precluded
the obvious cranial insult provoking his insulting ufological
glossolalia, eh?

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Let's Get To The Bottom Of This UFO Thing

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Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 10:34:17 -0500
Subject: Let's Get To The Bottom Of This UFO Thing

Source: The Charleston Daily Mail - Charleston, West Virginia, USA

<http://www.dailymail.com/story/Opinion/2007111913/Lets-get-to-the-bottom-of-this-UFO-thing/>

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Opinion

Let's Get To The Bottom Of This UFO Thing
Dave Peyton

In the early winter of 1967, when Point Pleasant was abuzz with stories of Mothman, I was covering UFO sightings in the same general area.

What has been overlooked in the story of Mothman is the associated scores of UFO sightings along the Ohio and Kanawha rivers during the same approximate time folks were reporting they saw a strange creature in and around Point Pleasant.

They called the newsroom at The Herald-Dispatch in Huntington and usually began the conversation with "Listen, I know you'll think I'm crazy, but I'm not. I'm a good Christian and I don't lie..."

Then they'd go on to describe lights they saw in the sky. Some described objects that were triangular in shape and didn't move like an airplane. They would hover, sometimes for minutes, and then they'd take off at speeds no known aircraft could achieve.

They were UFOs.

And that was the topic of a conference last week at which panelists from seven countries, including former pilots and government officials, called on the U.S. government to re-open an investigation into UFOs in light of continuing reports about flying disks, glowing spheres and other strange sightings.

Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich was the butt of jokes recently when he said he had seen a UFO. That's perhaps one reason why not too many people admit it when they see something unexplained in the sky.

They forget that former President Ronald Reagan and former President Jimmy Carter are among those who have admitted they have seen unexplained objects in the sky. And former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington was among hundreds who saw huge lights cross the sky near Phoenix in 1997.

Let's face it. Most of these UFOs can be explained. But as one of the panelists at the conference said, about 5 percent of them can't be explained.

"Especially after the attacks on 9/11, it is no longer

satisfactory to ignore radar returns ... which cannot be associated with performances of existing aircraft and helicopters," the panelists said in a statement released at a news conference.

"It's a question of who you are going to believe: your lying eyes or the government," said John Callahan, a former Federal Aviation Administration investigator who said that in 1987, the CIA tried to hush up the sighting of a huge lighted ball the size of a jumbo jet in Alaska.

I've never seen a UFO, but that doesn't stop me from believing the government needs to re-invigorate its investigations into what normal, right-thinking people see every day in the skies around the world. To simply ridicule those who see these strange lights and craft does nothing but increase the public's angst level.

For the sake of all those people in Point Pleasant and vicinity who saw that rash of strange lights in the sky 40 years ago, and for the sake of everyone else who has seen a UFO, it's time for the government to either come clean or look into what has become an almost common phenomenon.

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UFO Museum Draws Thousands Of Alien Buffs

DENI.ZLI. - Anatolia News Agency

Close to 25,000 people intrigued by Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), aliens and other extraterrestrial beings have satisfied their curiosity at the UFO museum in the Aegean city of Denizli since it opened in 2005.

The museum was established in Istanbul in 2002 and opened in Denizli in 2005. Nearly 25,000 people visited the museum since it opened in Denizli. We invite everyone to the museum because when they come, question marks on their mind will be removed, Kemal Kerem Dalyan, museum officer, told the Anatolia news agency.

Daylan said that the museum was created by bringing together the experiences of foreign and local researchers and scientists: Our goal is to inform people about the future. Visitors are pleased that they can obtain all the information about extraterrestrial life forms.

At the museum visitors can browse through the archives of organizations that are conducting research on the topic, including documents and reports, and of course photographs of extraterrestrial beings. The most popular section is undoubtedly the statue of an alien holding a cigarette in its hand, as well as mock ups of flying objects and models of relevant archaeological findings.

Entry to the museum is free.

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Re: NPC - Witness Testimony

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
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Subject: Re: NPC - Witness Testimony

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 11:32:36 -0000
>Subject: Re: NPC - Witness Testimony

>From: Steve Kaeser<Steve.Kaeser.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 Nov 2007 13:02:54 -0500
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Dick

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I hope the real thing lives up to the advert, but on behalf of
all of us, thanks very much Dick.

Martin

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Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 11:10:20 -0500
Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 18:06:15 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine

>From: Brian Ally <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:30:21 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police Incident

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:52:39 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Photographed Near Site Of Argentine Police
>>Incident

>>I think the probability is higher that the object is a UFO. In
>>the uncropped photo, one can see that the object is over the
>>ring of a toroidal shape extending from the object to the cloud
>>beneath. You can enhance the torus slightly using MS
>>PhotoEditor. Zoom the picture to 200, and open the Image/Balance
>>dialog. Set Brightness to 50, Contrast to 76, and Gamma to .46.
>>I also see a small torus (halo) about the size of the object
>>itself just over the peak of the object.

>>In a recent post I presented evidence that the torus is a
>>feature
>>on many photos of UFOs over the years. See:

>><http://www.treurniet.ca/tori/tori.htm>

>>The positions of these particular tori relative to the UFO is
>>typical.

>>If you have trouble seeing the torus, sometimes a hand magnifier
>>helps. Also, use a display with sufficiently high resolution
>>(e.g., 1600x1200, 32 b/p). I suspect that too low a resolution
>>spreads the features out so the object may be harder to
>>recognize.

>The problem with your methodology is that you're working with
>tiny, 72DPI images that have been severely compromised by JPEG
>compression. One is likely to find all sorts of artifacts.

The small torus just over the peak of the object could be a JPEG artifact. However, the larger torus extending to the cloud below probably is not. The unit in baseline JPEG compression is a small 8x8 block that can more or less accurately represent the original content. A number of inaccurately coded blocks together can create a contiguous larger artifact, especially along contours in the original image. But I see no reason why artifacts should align to create a relatively large geometric object like a torus. These I have seen in many photographs of UFOs.

It is possible that there is something about the way cameras work that cause the tori to be added to the images. Many of the examples I've seen were originally film photographs, so whatever it is seems to apply to both analog and digital photos. It would be nice to see if tori can be discerned in a few of the original negatives. An uncompressed version of a UFO picture taken by a digital camera would also be helpful.

In the meantime, I work with what I have. Because of the consistent relationship between torus and UFO in multiple photographs, I lean toward the tori being "out there" with the UFOs. If true, that's important for us to know.

William

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Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 11:50:17 EST
Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 18:10:13 -0500
Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

List, All,

On the other side of the coin, I do have one confirmation of Walter's new story that came from a man who lived in Albuquerque and who was the assistant finance officer for the 509th Bomb Group.

I first met Richard C. Harris in the mid-1990s when I visited him at his home. He was a frail man then, with live-in help. He was, naturally, quite interested in the Roswell UFO case, having served at the base in 1947. And yes, he's in the Yearbook, so we know he was there at the right time.

In his living room was a small bookcase and I mention this because there was a stack of books dealing with UFOs, the Roswell case and MJ-12. Harris was a firm believer in MJ-12.

What all this means is that he was familiar with the case as it had been written about in the various books. He had seen many of the documentaries of the case so he could have been badly contaminated as a source. Having seen the documentaries, read the books and magazine articles doesn't mean that what he told me was based on what he had read and seen and not wholly on his memories, we must be aware that it all could be colored by those other sources.

Anyone who has served in a command position or a position of responsibility in the military knows that everything must be paid for. There are all sorts of funds that are designated for all sorts of purposes and it is considered illegal to take funds appropriated for one purpose and use them for another. This means that funds meant to pay for a unit's flight training, for example, can't be used to transport alien bodies and craft from one location to another. Funds must be designated for that purpose. (Unless, of course, it's a cross country navigation problem and therefore training... if some of the wreckage, or an alien body or two are on the aircraft, hey, that's just a bonus.)

No, it doesn't have to say moving an alien body from Roswell to Wright Field, but the funds will have to be appropriated for moving equipment from Roswell to Wright Field. The money must be juggled. (I might point out here that, for example, money paid to the state of Iowa for National Guard training or equipment maintenance can't be used for fire fighting in California. That doesn't mean that Iowa will allow California to burn if Iowa has a means to help, it means that funds for that assistance must come from California and not Iowa... yeah, it's complicated, but it shows how these things work.)

Harris told me that they worked hard to find the money from legal sources, that they worked hard to cover the real purpose because there would be audits and there would be examinations that had nothing to do with the crash but everything to do with looking for fraud. So the money spent to house those brought in, for the aircraft flights to and from various locations, for the special equipment and to pay the soldiers were all juggled around so that it was properly annotated and properly spent. Harris was proud of the job they had done covering the paper

trail (not unlike comments that Patrick Saunders, the base adjutant had made earlier to family members who shared these thoughts with me).

The key point of Harris' story was this little anecdote. He said that he had been out near one of the hangars and ran into Walter. Walter told him what was on the other side of the door, meaning one of the dead aliens and told Harris he could take a quick look. Harris said that he put his hand on the door knob, but didn't turn it. For some reason his curiosity failed him at that point. He didn't take the look that Walter had told him to.

This, of course, suggests that Walter had deeper knowledge and Harris told me this more than a decade ago. It is, sort of, some corroboration for Walter's new story. It's not a very good corroboration, but it is some.

I have been looking for something to suggest that Ramey and DuBose traveled to Roswell for a morning staff meeting. It's hard to move the commanding general around without leaving some kind of paper trail but I have found none. I have searched the records of the 509th Bomb Group and the 8th Air Force without finding a clue.

It seems to me that there would be no real reason to hide this trip... except that it would have put Ramey on the scene and that might be the reason to erase the record. If some clever person put Ramey in Roswell on July 7 or 8, then the next question can always be, "Why?"

So far, I have failed to find anything, but there are avenues to be searched.

So, here's where we are. Walter has told us he was on the inside. He has told us that he saw the craft and, at least, one body. He gave us a couple of points that would allow for some corroboration, but we have yet to find it. Harris provides a little piece of that but not enough. So, we continue to search for the truth.

KRandle

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Reflections On The Argentinian Tres Arroyos Case

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 18:13:50 -0500
Subject: Reflections On The Argentinian Tres Arroyos Case

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Date: 11.18.07

Argentina: Reflections On The Tres Arroyos Case

Re-reading the UFO chronicles of yore is an astonishing experience. It would seem that during the 1970s and to a lesser extent, the 1980s, UFO sightings were commonplace in Tres Arroyos and its surroundings.

Back then it seemed that our city and its environs were a =93route and stopping point for flying saucers=94 (as described by La Voz del Pueblo in a 1973 article). The foremost exponent of Ufology in the country at the time, Prof. Pedro Romaniuk, also stated that the =93UFO route passes over Tres Arroyos and Bahia Blanca, reaching all the way to Salta. This is possible thanks to isodynamic lines, which link areas having similar magnetic intensity.=94

The most significant case, however, took place one evening in June 1973 and had several simultaneous witnesses. Two men saw a powerful glow followed by the descent of a UFO over an area field. The next day, it was ascertained that a scorched circle was left behind in the area where the object had descended. The same glow was seen by a family driving along in a pickup truck, and who claimed that their vehicle had been tailed closely by an unknown craft before disappearing. In the town of Oriente, almost simultaneously, several people saw an oval, multicolored object that flew at low altitude over the location.

On the night of July 3, 1984, an object was reported by several witnesses almost simultaneously in Oriente, Copetonas and Coronel Pringles: first as a cloud-shape that gave off bright flashes and subsequently as a sphere of light, finally with the unmistakable shape of a UFO.

In 1978 three hunters saw a UFO over Loma del Chapar while traveling in their truck. The object followed them closely until their truck=92s motor died and the lights went out.

- A dozen similar cases were recorded in the town and rural surroundings of Tres Arroyos from 1971 to 1988. <?xml:namespace prefix =3D o ns =3D "urn:schemas-microsoft-com:office:office" />

- In 1971 a livestock farmer surnamed Calle had his vehicle=92s engine and lights suddenly extinguished as he drove from Irene to Oriente. He got out of the car and saw a flying saucer and three enormous circles.

- In October 1972, a family heading from the capital to Tres Arroyos saw a sausage-shaped craft =96 brilliant and with greenish flashes -- some 15 km from our city. The glow was so intense that it illuminated both the surroundings and the vehicle=92s interior.

- That same month, a small landowner witnessed a bright circular object from Cuartel VIII. The next day, his neighbor was faced with a perfect circular shape in the middle of his wheat field. It measured some five meters in diameter and was charred at its center. Plants inside the circle had been dried up and the soil was calcined.

- In October 1973, during early morning hours, a young rural laborer was heading back to town when he saw a square object over the Petrazzini aerodrome. It gave off blinding flashes of red light, descended until it touched the ground and headed toward a neighboring field before disappearing. The boy said he was left paralyzed, unable to make any movement whatsoever.

- In 1978, several witnesses allegedly saw an object with elongated windows that gave off a yellowish light fly over the city.

- In April 1980, with two days=92 difference, several local residents claimed having seen UFOs having a similar appearance: circular and surrounded by an intense white light.

- In 1986, =93spots=94 were found in a wheat field near Casallares, flattened by a centrifugal force greater than three meters.

In 1988 a round, bright yellow-orange object was seen over the Lawn Tennis area for over a minute. Its lower section resembled that of a [child=92s] toy top.

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Women Of Ufology

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 12:04:22 EST
Archived: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 18:21:40 -0500
Subject: Women Of Ufology

I'm hoping some smart editor out there realizes the importance of women in UFOlogy.

We've quite the impressive list of courageous, brilliant, and feisty females this side of the Milky Way.

From Linda Moulton-Howe to Marjorie Fish to Katharina Wilson to Eleanor White, to name but a few, America and the world would be impressed I'd say and impressed would be an understatement.

The media lumps all ufologists together as if we're one status peg below the guys who dress up in Star Trek uniforms and and hope girls will go out with them.

That's the furthest from the truth and we all know it, although I do an awesome impersonation of Worf.

I was surprised as a kid that women scientists and researchers and witnesses were so prominent in the field. That told me that some science was indeed going on because the discrimination level was low or non-existent in this field. As long as a person had the guts and talent to contribute they were celebrated.

I figure it would be a great article and maybe Larry King or some other notable would take it on.

Best,

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>>>A pilot might not know what he saw when reporting a UFO [anymore
>>>than anyone else does] but the pilot will tell you what it was
>>>doing, where it was coming from, altitude, attitude, speed,
>>>direction, behavior, what the weather was at the time, the sky
>>>conditions, angle of descent or ascent, position with reference
>>>the pilot's aircraft, threat to that aircraft and the time
>>>usually to the minute.

>><snip>

>>Altitude, speed, attitude - if the pilot doesn't know what
>>they are looking at, how big it is, how far away it is, or
>>what (3-dimensional) shape it is, how can he determine these
>>factors?

>>I don't dispute that a pilot could provide a good estimate of
>>angular size, relative elevation/depression, and apparent
>>vertical motion, but that's not quite the same is it?

>Information such as direction of motion, behavior, or various
>angular measures have nothing to do with knowing the distance,
>shape, or size of the object. However, a pilot might have a
>direct measure of distance from radar, or may be able to
>estimate it from distances of known objects. E.g., if the pilot
>sees the object pass in front of another plane of known
>distance, or a building, a mountain range (e.g., Kenneth Arnold
>sighting), pass directly underneath (hence between the plane and
>the ground), etc., that gives him/her a good bound on the
>maximal distance. In the recent Chicago O'Hare case, the object
>was below a solid cloud layer of known altitude, then punched a
>hole through it, which gave all the witnesses a later
>investigators a very good idea of how far away it was and how
>large.

>A less reliable but not useless means of grossly estimating
>distance (used by everybody all the time) is atmospheric haze.
>Objects relatively close will suffer little effects from haze
>and be relatively sharp and of high contrast, whereas objects
>far off in the distance will appear hazy and of low contrasts.
>Thus we often have a rough idea of how far away a mountain range
>may be just by the degree of haze. Although a crude measure, it
>was the haze factor in the 1950 Trent photos that enabled

>various researchers (such as our own Bruce Maccabee) to estimate
>the distance and size of the object in the photos, and hence
>distinguish between a distant, large object (genuine) and a
>tiny, nearby one (hoax).

>If the object were very close (less than about 1000 feet), the
>pilot might be able to directly perceive the distance using
>stereopsis (a form of neural triangulation). If the object was
>greater than around a thousand feet, the pilot would no longer
>associate a sense of depth to it. It's rather silly to claim
>that pilots can't distinguish a nearby object flying right off
>their wingtip from something miles away. Of course they can,
>just like you or I can see that a small Christmas tree is only
>100 feet from us instead of being a large pine tree a mile away.
>Another clue to closeness might be turbulence associated with
>the object.

>If the pilot could compare notes with other observers situated
>elsewhere, distance could later be calculated using
>triangulation, just by knowing angular directions and elevations
>from the different locations. This can be a very accurate way of
>determining not just the distance, but other variables that
>depend on the distance, such as object size and speed (just a
>matter of multiplying the distance times the angular size and
>angular speed).

>Daylight sightings, where many distance cues may be available,
>are obviously likely to yield much more quantitative information
>than nighttime sightings. Obviously "lights in the sky"
>observations are not going to be as reliable.

>Thus there can be many possible clues to distance, and hence
>size and speed. It is simply NOT true that a pilot (or anybody
>else for that matter) can NEVER estimate distance/size/speed of
>an unknown object with any accuracy. That, unfortunately, is
>just debunker propaganda talk. It is more accurate to say that
>distance, speed, size cannot be determined with accuracy in the
>complete ABSENCE of any cues.

Good points Dave.

I'll add a couple of others, if I may, re. a pilot's ability to
estimate distances.

First it should be understood that once hands-on flying works
its way into your life you soon lose your prejudice of distances
and what you perceived on the ground. You start to measure with
known distance markers you become familiar with. Radio comes
into play. For example, you are 15 miles back from an airport
and when you report in to tower, identify yourself and your
intentions to get permission to enter that zone, they come
back with permission and then advise of traffic and the active
runway, etc., even though you might have the Automatic Terminal
Information Service.

They will advise of say a B-767 or A-340 on final for a runway
and another aircraft number two for that runway perhaps a bit
further away than that. Even at that 15-20 mile range-assuming
no intervening cloud or haze - you can pick out the aircraft.
The radio, via tower, has given you the range and now you see
the aircraft at that range and gain a estimate of its size at
that range. This happens so often that you get used to
estimating sizes.

It is hard to explain but once in the air and with years of
experience you can tell aircraft types and range from great
distances. The same holds true with ground detail. For example,
flying out of North Bay, Ontario in 1987 for the American Soo
[Sault St. Marie] and having popped up to 8,500 feet, the 1,200
foot smoke stack at the Inco mine in Sudbury was clearly visible
65 miles away.

The fly in the ointment here is that some unknown cannot be
positively identified for its size since you don't know its make
and type - obviously - but if it is within range of known ground
markers, hills, mountains, towers, airports, lakes,
intersections on major highways or as you have suggested, Dave,
between your airplane and another known aircraft-make whose
distance you can estimate because you know what its apparent
size will be at various distances.

Other things come into play such as flight characteristics, reflectivity, outline, color attitude, movement against the background and odd behavior.

Perception is a very necessary thing for pilots. Even with a fixed rate of descent and glideslope, when it comes to setting the wheels on the pavement you still need your perceptive ability to know just exactly when to flare so the wheels contact just at the stall. It gets even more important when you are in the flare on a 747 and your ass is 90 feet off the ground and the main wheels are 100 feet behind you.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Sixth Sense

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 06:42:00 +1000
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 08:08:04 -0500
Subject: Re: The Sixth Sense

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 23:13:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: The Sixth Sense

>>From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 14:03:21 +1000
>>Subject: The Sixth Sense

>>Source: The Catanduanes Tribune - Virac, Philippines.

>><http://tinyurl.com/2ysor7>

>>Nov 14, 2007

>>The Sixth Sense
>>By Rod Azanza

>>Late October, CNN came up with the information that 14 percent
>>of the American public admit that at one time or another, they
>>have seen UFOs in the skies over the USA.

>>Only a very insignificant few have such claims in Asia, EU,
>>Australia, and South America.

>>The fact is outside of the USA, the fellow who says he saw a UFO
>>is often taken to be either joking or simply a nut.

>>Among Americans, however, the man or woman who can talk about
>>seeing a UFO is assured an enthusiastic audience.

>>The sad part about UFO sightings is that there seems to be a lot
>>of Americans who are seeing things.

>>This is a problem of eyes and mind.

>This is one of the least informed... okay, I'll say it, dumbest or
>most stupid newspaper articles I've read in quite a while.

Actually the word - nitwit - went through my mind. Articles like
this are becoming more rare every day thank goodness, where once
they were quite common.

The Australian media have really come on board with the subject
over the last decade and my feeling is its evolution has
paralleled the changing opinion of scientists from - ET doesn't
exist to ET probably exists. Too bad it didn't parallel the
truth all along.

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 15:56:15 -0500
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 08:09:58 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:38:29 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

<snip>

>Please don't assume that silence equals a lack of interest. This
>project was started in 1994, and all of those in the UFO Research
>Coalition - MUFON, CUFOs, and Fund for UFO Research - are very
>interested in seeing this move forward. But all three groups live
>hand-to-mouth financially and it's difficult for volunteer
>organizations to come up with additional funds of this magnitude.

Perhaps if the URC would release those instances, I've been
told about by an abductee, where the power went off repeatedly
at the times the abductee logged abduction experiences, the URC
could stir up more than \$600 worth of interest?

Eleanor White

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Re: Women Of Ufology

From: **Regan Lee** <rleel5.nul-pop-01.inet.qwest.net>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 20:29:18 -0500
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 08:51:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Women Of Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 12:04:22 EST
>Subject: Women Of Ufology

>I'm hoping some smart editor out there realizes the importance
>of women in Ufology.

<snip>

Greg, appreciate your post. Awhile ago I started a Women In Ufology/Paranormal Studies on my poodunk website - now since gone - but have started up something akin to it with one of my blogs: Women In Esoterica.

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

See also: Linda Moulton Howe and the Zorgy Hall of Shame

<http://tinyurl.com/3xp8yx>

R. Lee
The OrangeOrb
<http://orangeorb.blogspot.com>

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Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 23:52:16 -0500
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 09:07:21 -0500
Subject: Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

>From: 'The Norm' <xxxx.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 09:18:17 -0500
>Subject: Regarding The Mars UFO

>Was there any follow-up assessment ever done on the photographed
>flying object in the article below? Wouldn't this have been a
>useful photograph to present at the press conference recently
>held in Washington?

>-----

>Source: Universe Today - Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada

><http://www.universetoday.com/2004/03/19/rover-sees-a-ufo/>

<snip>

>Observing the sky with the green filter of its panoramic camera,
>the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit came across a surprise: a
>streak across the sky. The streak, seen in the middle of this
>mosaic of images taken by the navigation and panoramic cameras,
>was probably the brightest object in the sky at the time.
>Scientists theorize that the mystery line could be either a
>meteorite or one of seven out-of-commission spacecraft still
>orbiting Mars. Because the object appeared to move 4 degrees of
>an arc in 15 seconds it is probably not the Russian probes Mars
>2, Mars 3, Mars 5, or Phobos 2; or the American probes Mariner 9
>or Viking 1. That leaves Viking 2, which has a polar orbit that
>would fit with the north-south orientation of the streak.

<snip>

Unless you are implying that the many unexplained lights or UFOs
seen and photographed in the skies above the Earth, and now
Mars, are just our own space hardware, I do not see how this
picture of an unexpected streak or UFO in the Martian sky taken
by one of the two rovers from the surface of Mars would be
useful in convincing the public that UFOs are real and something
to be taken seriously.

In addition to the seven or more out-of-commission American and
Soviet space probes still in orbit around Mars, there are at
least four more space probes still in operation above Mars,
including the European Mars Express and one more currently on
the way - the Phoenix spacecraft which fellow researchers from
York University have experiments onboard. This being the case,
I am very surprised that more UFOs/orbiting spacecraft were not
photographed, either intentionally or accidentally, immediately
after sunsets and before sunrises by the Spirit and Opportunity
rovers that have now been operating on Mars for nearly 4 years!

If there is one photograph of a UFO in the vicinity of Mars that
should have been presented at Monday's press conference, it is
the last picture taken by the Soviet Phobos 2 space probe just
before it started spinning uncontrollably after apparently
impacting with this same UFO!

This last photo taken by Phobos 2 together with an earlier one

taken of Mars with its IR camera that revealed a grid-like pattern which can readily be interpreted as an underground Martian city have already been presented by still puzzled Russian researchers at a few past press conferences in the past which received little or no coverage in the U.S.

If you contact me directly, I will share further details about these photos taken by Phobos 2 and why the Russian scientists involved in this "failed" Mars mission believe they discovered something so disturbing that they were forced not to openly discuss it with their colleagues or make known their findings to the public.

Unfortunately for these Phobos 2 scientists and a few other researchers having inside information or direct knowledge of UFOs who contacted me by e-mail or visited in person excited by the prospect of the end to the ongoing UFO secrecy were disappointed when Friday's CNN's Larry King Live show and Monday's National Press Club Press Conference turned out to be just the latest rehash of past attempts at disclosure.

With the same witnesses and UFO incidents known to both skeptics and ufologists alike and with no big surprises or new revelations at these two media events, there is no new hope that the UFO cover-up will be ending soon or reason for these researchers to come forward with their secrets about UFOs, much of which the public or even ufologists may not be ready for or want to know about.

Nick Balaskas

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Missing Time Music Video

From: Jerry Hhammm <zoomarl.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 00:03:39 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 09:09:15 -0500
Subject: Missing Time Music Video

Dear List,

My latest video uploaded at YouTube:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yLv_xCOrVk

It's a montage video titled Missing Time, using clips from various programs regarding ufo abductions, set to the music of a popular song from 1985 - a song that seemingly has no association with the missing time/abduction phenomena... or does it?

Listen to the lyrics and judge for yourself.

Thank you,

Jerry Hamm

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Something Wicked This Way Comes

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Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 09:39:39 -0500
Subject: Something Wicked This Way Comes

Source: Excerpted from Laura Knight-Jadczyk's Blog

<http://laura-knight-jadczyk.blogspot.com/>

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Ultra-Terrestrials And 9/11
by Laura Knight-Jadczyk

[Begin Excerpt]

Richard Dolan's UFOs and the National Security State is the first comprehensive study of the past 50 years of the U.S. Government's response to the intrusion of UFO phenomena in America. The compiled evidence - which includes government documents - suggests that a group of specialists working in the shadows, set up and executed the most massive cover-up in the history of government; and that the Human Potential movement and the subsequent New Age movements, were key elements of this cover-up. In other words, they not only have used the "colorful community" of alternative ideas as an unwitting tool of disinformation, it is highly probable that most of it was literally created by them as COINTELPRO. According to analysts, COINTELPRO was the FBI's secret program to undermine the popular upsurge, which swept the country during the 1960s.

Though the name stands for "Counterintelligence Program," the targets were not enemy spies. The FBI set out to eliminate "radical" political opposition inside the US. What a lot of people do not realize is that this was a high level psychological operation specifically set up to vector "ideological" trends - beliefs, etc. To get a complete picture of the problem, Dolan [partially] writes:

"The UFO problem has involved military personnel around the world for more than fifty years, and is wrapped in secrecy."

"Because this subject is so widely ridiculed, it is important to stress why it is worthy of serious attention."

"Stories of strange objects in the sky go far back into time, but the problem received little attention until the Second World War."

"During the UFO wave of 1947, American military and intelligence organizations conducted multiple, simultaneous investigations of these sightings."

"By the end of 1947, a contingent of analysts at the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base believed that UFOs were extraterrestrial. By the summer of 1948, this team prepared an "Estimate of the Situation."

As the story goes, Air Force Commander Hoyt Vandenberg rejected [this conclusion.]"

"In the summer of 1952-85 UFO sightings were so frequent and often of such high quality that some in the air force actually wondered whether an invasion was under way. With some help from the secret CIA sponsored Robertson Panel of January 1953, the air force improved censorship over the problem. Still, it never quite went away. Civilian organizations began to collect and analyze interesting UFO reports."

"Then came the great UFO wave of 1965 and 1966, when the air force could no longer hide behind weather balloons and swamp gas, nor withstand public scrutiny."

Let us pause to assess the situation. By the mid-1940s, America's intelligence apparatus had reason to believe that there were artifacts in the skies that did not originate from America, Russia, Germany, or any other country. These objects violated some highly sensitive military airspace, and did not appear to be natural phenomena. One may presume that the affected national security authorities made it an immediate obsession to determine the nature and purpose of these objects, and we may infer that the issue probably became a deep secret by 1946, or 1947 at the latest. [8]

It was at this precise moment in time that the Human Potential movement was "born."

Do we think that this was a coincidence?

By the mid-50s, it was becoming obvious that things were getting out of control and in August of 1956, the FBI began its COINTELPRO operation. When traditional modes of repression (exposure, blatant harassment, and prosecution for political crimes) failed to counter the growing insurgency, and even helped to fuel it, the Bureau took the law into its own hands. Its methods ranged far beyond surveillance, and amounted to a domestic version of the covert action for which the CIA has become infamous throughout the world.

Usually, when we think of COINTELPRO, we think of the most well known and typical activities which include:

- sending anonymous or fictitious letters designed to start rumors
- publishing false defamatory or threatening information
- forging signatures on fake documents
- introducing disruptive and subversive members into organizations to destroy them from within
- blackmailing insiders in any group to force them to spread false rumors to foment factionalism
- and so on

What a lot of people don't keep in mind is the fact that COINTELPRO also concentrated on creating bogus organizations.

These bogus groups could serve many functions which might include attacking and/or disrupting bona fide groups, or even just simply creating a diversion with clever propaganda in order to attract members away so as to involve them with time-wasting activity designed to prevent them from doing anything useful. COINTELPRO was also famous for instigation of hostile actions through third parties.

According to investigators, these FBI programs were noteworthy because all documents relating to them were stamped "do not file." This meant that they were never filed in the system, and for all intents and purposes, did not exist. This cover was blown after activists broke into an FBI office in Media, Pennsylvania in 1971. The possibility of finding evidence for any of it, after that event, is about zero. To spell it out in Dolan's words:

Regarding matters connected with "national security," there appears to be a wealth of information that does not exist officially. Thus, a request to find such documents through a Freedom of Information Act request would be in vain. Add to this the likelihood that perhaps the most sensitive information regarding UFOs may not even exist in document form ("the first rule in keeping secrets is nothing on paper," Richard Helms), and one can appreciate the difficulty that an honest UFO researcher has in ferreting out the truth.[9]

Now, let us take a few logical steps. The UFO problem emerged into the national consciousness in 1947, or thereabouts. Not long afterward, a lot of people began asking a lot of questions. The government wasn't answering, and so the people began to band together to find out the answers for themselves. They started forming groups. And this is where things get just a bit curious. The thing that was most threatened by the UFO/alien issue seems to have been the Standard Monotheistic Religions. Religion seems to be a necessary component of political control. Social control - that is the mainstay of religion - was most definitely under threat. In fact, what seems to be true is that it is not even clear that religions - as we know them - would have survived a full disclosure. So the logical conclusion is that part of the main reason for the cover-up was to "protect the religious status quo" - or to create a new "religion" by which masses of people could be controlled.

As things stood at the time, protecting the religious status quo - mainly the social controls that stem from religion - was iffy at best. After a century of scholarly investigation into many religious texts, and the raising of many questions about the "old time religion," there were a lot of people in society who were most definitely turning away from religious dogma. It's fairly simple to take the next logical step and see that a combining of the questions of those who were disenchanted with religion, with the questions of those who wanted to know just what the heck was going on in terms of possible "extraterrestrials," was seen as a dangerous and explosive mixture.

Something had to be done.

The activities of COINTELPRO in attempting to neutralize political opposition have been pretty well exposed. But we are now considering the fact that, in addition to political activists, it seems that COINTELPRO has particularly targeted groups that are seeking the truth about the interactions between the US government and Ultra Terrestrials, or so-called "aliens." That a long-time cover-up of these matters has been in effect is certainly evident to any careful researcher.

The COINTELPRO files show the U.S. Government targeted a very broad range of religious, labor and community groups opposed to any of its agendas, and it is only logical to assume that the same type of operation would be created to cover up the "alien agenda." Such a theoretical COINTELPRO operation also goes far in explaining why, when the sincere researcher of UFO phenomena enters this field, he or she discovers only lies, lies, and more lies; confusion and disinformation. That is most definitely the signature of COINTELPRO.

Considering all of this, would anybody care to suggest that it did not also occur to the Powers that Be that the chief means of diverting attention and covering up the truth would be to literally fund and create the "New Age" and "Human Potential movement" so that it would follow their agenda of keeping secrets? So that it would create a New Religion of Aliens that THEY controlled?

In other words, it is extremely likely that the most successful and popular of Metaphysical Mavens and New Age Impresarios are COINTELPRO agents - either conscious or dupes of those who are. The objective seems to be to attack and "neutralize" those who are seeking the answers. Those who are sincere, who do bona fide research and seek to explicate the truth, are infiltrated, attacked, and marginalized according to standard COINTELPRO procedures.

What all of this seems to suggest is that the Powers That Be (PTB) have developed COINTELPRO to an all new level of Social Shaping, Cultural Brainwashing, and the main targets of this activity would include virtually anyone who is seeking the truth about the shifting realities of our world. The cases of COINTELPRO activities against political groups must be no more than the tip of the iceberg, given that the great bulk of COINTELPRO-type operations remain secret until long after their damage has been done. By all indications, domestic covert operations have become a permanent feature of U.S. politics and Social Programming, and it is hardly likely, considering the evidence, that the New Age and Human Potential fields are

exempt.

The implications of this are truly alarming.

Those who manage to get close to the truth of these matters, despite the many obstacles in their path, face National covert campaigns to discredit and disrupt their research and reputations. Clearly, COINTELPRO and similar operations under other names also work to distort academic and popular perceptions of the problems facing our world. They have done enormous damage to the search for the Truth.

"Terrorism is changing. New adversaries, new motivations and new rationales have surfaced in recent years to challenge much of the conventional wisdom..." wrote Dr. Bruce Hoffman, Director of RAND.

And he was right. The only problem is, the reader is largely unaware of the definition of "new adversaries" that might be implied in his remarks. A careful reading of Richard Dolan's book will immediately reveal what Dr. Hoffman really meant in his remarks about "terrorism."

Based on the documents assembled by Dolan, it is obvious that the governments of the world do indeed see the UFO problem as a very, very serious matter. In the course of assembling the documents and reporting the events, Dolan came to the inescapable conclusion that there exists an "Above Top Secret" group with access to all available UFO data, and that this group "straddled" the worlds of government, military, and industry.

The evidence proves that the military created a complete fiction for public consumption designed to convince the masses that the UFO problem was "nonexistent." They were assisted in pulling the wool over the eyes of the public by "heavy handed official media and culture," and they were obviously under orders to consistently and repeatedly "debunk" the idea that aliens were ensconced in our world. What seems to be true is that most of our elected officials are as much victims of the debunking as anybody else. And the same is true about mainstream science.

Dolan writes:

"Next to the bureau, the military intelligence services became the most important component of the domestic intelligence scene. Army intelligence had nearly unlimited funds, extensive manpower, specialized personnel, deep planning and training resources, and the most sophisticated communications and data processing capability."

"The army's intelligence surveillance did not focus on tactical and reconnaissance data, but on political and ideological intelligence within the United States. (This was wholly illegal.)"

"Then there was the CIA. By the late 1960s, there were more spies than diplomats in the State Department, or employees in the Department of Labor."

When the Weather Underground, a radical splinter of the SDS, had an "acid test" to detect agent's provocateurs, they had no idea that the CIA had been tripping on LSD throughout the 1950s, creating a special caste of "enlightened agents" for precisely these occasions.

[Based on this, we wonder about "agents provocateur" in the New Age and UFO community who are "specially trained?"]

The agency continued its work on mind control. Following the work of Dr. Jose Delgado [experiments in] Electrical Stimulation of the Brain [were conducted.] This involves implanting electrodes into the brain and body, with the result that the subject's memory, impulses, and feelings could all be controlled. Moreover, ESB could evoke hallucinations, as well as fear and pleasure. "It could literally manipulate the human will at will," [said Dr. Robert Keefe, a neurosurgeon at Tulane University.]

In 1968, George Estabrooks, another spook scientist, spoke indiscreetly to a reporter for the Providence Evening Bulletin.

"The key to creating an effective spy or assassin, rests in creating a multiple personality with the aid of hypnosis," a procedure which he described as "child's play."

By early 1969, teams within the CIA were running a number of bizarre experiments in mind control under the name Operation Often. In addition to the normal assortment of chemists, biologists, and conventional scientists, the operation employed psychics and experts in demonology.

Over at the NSA, all one can say with certainty is that its budget dwarfed all others within the intelligence community.[10]

Dolan documents how the intelligence organizations of the United States - and very likely other countries who are working in concert with them, though outwardly they may pretend to be oppositional - have conducted: terminal mind-control experiments biological spraying of American cities human plutonium and syphilis injections illegal communications interception nationwide domestic surveillance of private citizens political assassinations and coups ongoing media manipulation outright public lying on a continual basis, most especially in regards to UFOs

The above organizations, via any and all means available, made sure that, to the public at large, UFOs and aliens were a "dead issue."

Scientist and UFO disclosure advocate James McDonald said in 1969:

"I am enough of a realist to sense that, unless this AAAS symposium succeeds in making the scientific community aware of the seriousness of the UFO problem, little response to any call for new investigations is likely to appear."

McDonald presented a brilliant paper entitled "Science in Default: Twenty-two Years of Inadequate UFO Investigations." Dolan comments that it was "perhaps the most damning statement about UFO research ever made."

Speaking before the convention at Boston's Sheraton Plaza Hotel, McDonald came down hard on everyone: Condon, Menzel, Hynek, and finally the scientific establishment itself. He said:

No scientifically adequate investigation of the UFO problem has been carried out during the entire twenty-two years that have now passed since the first extensive wave of sightings of unidentified aerial objects in the summer of 1947. ...In my opinion, the UFO problem, far from being the nonsense problem that many scientists have often labeled it, constitutes a problem of extraordinary scientific interest. The grave difficulty with essentially all past UFO studies had been that they were either devoid of any substantial scientific content, or else have lost their way amidst the relatively large noise content that tends to obscure the real signal in the UFO reports. [11]

This high noise to signal ratio is, based on the evidence, the direct product of the frenzied activities of the "National Security State" in their promulgation of the New Age/Human Potential smoke and mirrors magic show. What is also clearly evident is that this noise is the fundament of the prevailing scientific doctrine. What we see is that the Scientific Community - though they claim to be seekers of advanced scientific truth - have been as easily duped as Joe Sixpack and Shirley Seeker of Truth. The former is interested in little more than his truck, his dog, and his weekend football game, while the latter is generally looking for a lifestyle of higher "experiences." What I also suspect is that even the lower echelons of the intelligence and military organizations must be included in this rather large grouping of the duped and deceived sheep.

An example of this duping of those investigating the matter from the "bottom up," is Andrew Tully who wrote The Super Spies, supposedly an early report on the NSA. He, and many who have followed him, suggest that the UFO is an "intelligence" device and that it evolved out of Nazi Secrets brought to the US under

Project Paperclip. [12]

Dolan lays out the evidence and disabuses us of the notion that the UFO activity could be human, technological breakthroughs as such naive conspiracy theorists propose. As he says, "all of the indicators point to a definitive NO." He then points out that, every single person who actually studies the UFO problem [yours truly included - who began as a flaming skeptic] - becomes convinced that it IS a problem of Alien invasion of our planet.

Every official study of UFOs persuaded the researchers that aliens were the explanation for the data. But that data has been denied, and when denial no longer worked, it was obscured by the noise, the smoke and mirrors that prevail today in UFO research and the New Age and Human Potential movements.

Do we think that this is coincidence?

Another evident production of "noise" is the nonsense that passes today as "channeling" or "alien contacts". Indeed, our own work involves what can certainly be called inspirational material, but as we have noted repeatedly, it is not your usual "channeled" info, nor do we treat it as such. For us, a controlled channeling experiment is the 10% inspiration that must be matched by the 90% perspiration of real research. With a broad historical awareness of the facts, a firm grounding in the realization that most of what is out there is deliberate disinformation, the individual who surveys the plethora of "alternative information" in books and on the internet, can easily recognize the "noise" factor produced by the Secret State. Dolan tells us:

By the early 1970s, there were already means available to alter the moods of unsuspecting persons. A pocket-sized transmitter generating electromagnetic energy at less than 100 milliwatts could do the job. This is no pie-in-the-sky theory. In 1972, Dr. Gordon J.F. McDonald testified before the House Subcommittee on Oceans and International Environment on the issue of electromagnetic weapons used for mind control and mental disruption. He stated:

[T]he basic notion was to create, between the electrically charged ionosphere in the higher part of the atmosphere and conducting layers of the surface of the Earth, this neutral cavity, to create waves, electrical waves that would be tuned to the brain waves. ...About ten cycles per second. ...You can produce changes in behavioral patterns or in responses.

The following year, Dr. Joseph C. Sharp, at Walter Reed Hospital, while in a soundproof room, was able to hear spoken words broadcast by =9lpulsed microwave audiogram.' These words were broadcast to him without any implanted electronic translation device. Rather, they reached him by direct transmission to the brain. [13]

Consider the "electrically charged ionosphere in the higher part of the atmosphere and conducting layers of the surface of the Earth" in terms of "chemtrails." And note the comments of our own experimentally obtained material regarding the above - not from "aliens," but rather from "us in the future."

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Q: (L) But, the fact still remains, in my opinion, that there are a LOT, LOT, LOT of planes flying above us in the past few years! Whether they are dumping anything on our heads, or what, there are an extreme number of planes flying in these upper level criss-cross patterns. Now, whether they are just playing war-games, or they are spy planes, they are doing SOMETHING! What is the reason for all of this upper level flying that results in these criss-crossed contrails that everybody is seeing?

A: A lot of it is "training maneuver" oriented.

Q: Why are they training so many pilots? What are they preparing for?

A: Military budgets must be justified, you know. Review "Military-Industrial Complex 101."

Q: So, this is just training flight, justification of budget, and nothing more than that?

A: Well, we would not say "not anything more to it than that," but, when you say "M-IC," you have said a lot!

Q: Are you implying that there is a build-up of the Military-Industrial Complex for a reason?

A: To preserve status quo during "peacetime." This peace business is not very profitable, you know.

Q: Does that suggest that they are building up to set off a war so they can make more money?

A: Maybe if indeed, and if the populous can be hoodwinked. But, fortunately, the public is less hoodwink able. Maybe the real enemy is "out there", rather than "over there." Was it not always?

Q: Does any of this increased aircraft activity have anything to do with the increased awareness and activities of aliens in and around our planet?

A: As always. But, this awareness is factionalized and compartmentalized.

The C's comments take on a whole new meaning in light of the present situation - 9-11 and all that - as well as Bush's drive for "war." We also note the most interesting remark that "awareness of the activities of aliens in and around our planet" is "factionalized and compartmentalized." And this is where we come to the COINTELPRO function of creating bogus organizations to attack or disrupt bona fide groups.

We have already noted the fact that research in Electrical Stimulation of the brain could produce hallucinations. If you put hallucinations together with words, you can produce just about anything that you want in the way of "noise" to obscure the truth - including the "shape-shifting reptoids-as-humans," or a "gray dude in the bathroom," or a "Guardian Alliance," or a "Nibiruan Council," or an "Ashtar Command," or talking whales and dolphins, etc. You name it - they can produce it via voices in the head and hallucinations and transmissions of frequencies that produce ecstatic states, healings, or whatever. And so it is that the human element of the Cosmic COINTELPRO operation manages their many "agents" of disinformation - pied pipers leading the masses of New Age seekers - so that whatever the real truth is remains their secret. And that's exactly the way they want it.

Notice the dates in the above quote from Dolan's book telling us that in the early 70s certain technologies were being developed that could "broadcast" signals over the entire nation. We certainly suspect that this technology was developed further in the subsequent years. The question is: what did they do with it? Better yet, what ARE they doing with it?

What strikes me as an essential turning point in this COINTELPRO operation was the beginning of the "expose" of two particular items that hold sway in certain "conspiracy" circles to this very day: Alien Abduction and Satanic Ritual Abuse.

The Gray alien scenario was 'leaked' by Budd Hopkins. Whitley Strieber's alien abduction books, including Communion, followed a few years after. Prior to the publication of these books, the ubiquitous "Gray aliens" had never been seen before. In fact, a review of the history of "contact" cases show that the type and variety and behavior of "aliens" around the world are quite different across the board. But, along came Budd, followed by Whitley and his glaring alien on the cover, and suddenly the Grays were everywhere.

In respect of Whitley and his Grays, allow me to emphasize one of Dolan's comments quoted above:

"By early 1969, teams within the CIA were running a number of bizarre experiments in mind control under the name Operation Often. In addition to the normal assortment of chemists, biologists, and conventional scientists, the operation employed

psychics and experts in demonology."

This, of course, brings us to the parallel event of that period of time: Satanic ritual abuse. SRA is the name given to the allegedly widespread systematic abuse of children (and others) by Satanists.

As it happens, keeping our timeline in mind, it was in the mid to late 1970s that the allegations of the existence of a "well-organized intergenerational satanic cult whose members sexually molest, torture and murder children across the United States" began to emerge in America. There was a panic regarding SRA triggered by a fictional book called Michelle Remembers. The book was published as fact but has subsequently been shown by at least three independent investigators to be a hoax.

No hard evidence of Satanic Ritual Abuse in North America has ever been found, just as no hard evidence of abductions by Gray aliens has ever been found. Nevertheless, the allegations were widely publicized on radio and television talk shows, including Geraldo Rivera's show.

Religious fundamentalists promoted the hysteria and, just as during the Inquisitions, endless self-proclaimed "moral entrepreneurs" both fed the fires of prosecution and earned a good living from it. Most of the early accusations of satanic ritual abuse were aimed at working-class people with limited resources, and with a few exceptions, the media and other groups that are ordinarily skeptical either remained silent or joined in the feeding frenzy of accusations. The few professionals who spoke out against the hysteria were systematically attacked and discredited by government agencies and private organizations.

The question has to be asked: If there are thousands of baseless accusations of SRA and thousands upon thousands of cases of unverifiable alien abductions, how do they originate?

Most of the SRA cases are said to originate with children. Since there is a widespread belief that children wouldn't make up stories of eating other children or being forced to have sex with giraffes after flying in an airplane while they were supposed to be in day care, the stories are often taken at face value by naive prosecutors, therapists, police officers and parents. Researchers have found that children are unlikely to invent stories of satanic ritual abuse on their own. So, where do the stories come from?

Accusing the therapists, district attorneys, police and parents of inducing such stories from children doesn't seem to be a very productive answer. Yes, it may happen in some cases, but certainly doesn't seem likely in the vast number of cases. It is also certainly true that there ARE cases where something dreadful has gone on in the way of SRA, but for the most part, it almost looks like "copycat cases" where individuals are imitating what they hear in the wildest of claims. In short, it seems to be similar to the New Age community producing "contacts with aliens" as noise to conceal the REAL alien activity.

Now, let's go back and think about our timeline. As it happens, Michelle Remembers was published in 1980, co-written by Michelle Smith and Lawrence Pazder, M.D. Budd Hopkins finished Missing Time in December of 1980, with an "afterward" by Aphrodite Clamar, Ph.D.

It's looking pretty "coincidental" from where I sit

What is occurs to me - putting the pieces of the puzzle together - is that there is some general kind of imagery being widely broadcast in the "neutral cavity" described above, and that it depends a lot on the individual and their cultural programming how it "takes." When we consider the fact that Operation Often employed "the normal assortment of chemists, biologists, and conventional scientists" and "psychics and experts in demonology," we begin to think that electronic COINTELPRO includes a whole supermarket of new "beliefs" - Gray aliens and "alien contacts" for the New Age crowd and a whole range of "sexual/ritual abuse scenarios" for those who are not open to the alien shtick.

Is the whole thing beamed out as some sort of "free-formal

imaging," and, based on the conscious acceptance of one or another version, it takes on its individual characteristics in the minds of the millions of recipients? In other words, is it picked up by the subconscious in alpha states or in sleep, perceived as traumatic in a general scenario that can then be interpreted by the individual belief systems in terms of either being examined and or sexually manipulated by aliens on a table or "raped on an altar" by Satanists? Do some individuals pick up this imagery and take on the part of the Satanists, the abusers, in a copycat way as described above?

Are the public productions - books by Hopkins, Strieber, and the SRA scandals, just variations on the closing of the circuit by the conscious mind accepting or creating one or the other scenario as the explanation for the constant bombardment of such signals as described in Dolan's book? Is it the job of COINTELPRO to create "bogus organizations" that produce various "explanations" to close the circuit and "make it real" in the person's mind? Even including Satanic cults such as The Temple of Set, run by Lt. Col. Michael Aquino? Aquino, alleged to have recently retired from an active military role, was long the leader of an Army psychological warfare section which drew on his 'expertise' and personal practices in brainwashing, Satanism, Nazism, homosexual pedophilia and murder.

One has to wonder about the name of the program: Operation Often in terms of the claims of abductees - victims of repeated and "often" abductions - as well as the claims of those who suggest the SRA explanation. In either case, the believer is being "herded" into a "response camp" of either faith in alien saviors, or faith in Jesus to save from them the demonic/satanic Illuminati, Jews, Pagans - take your pick.

Again, let me make it clear that I am in no way suggesting that "abductions" or some whacked out satanic rituals do not ever take place somewhere, under some circumstances. What I am suggesting is that the Gray Alien and SRA phenomenon most certainly was not restricted in any way by COINTELPRO, and may indeed be the smoke and mirrors that hides a far more insidious state of affairs.

In essence, Dolan's book shows us the history of how the many levels of society have been duped and deceived - or directly controlled - from the average citizen, to the seeker of higher truths, to the scions of science and industry, to the hallowed halls of government. Each "type" has been targeted in the way most likely to "manage" them best. Those who cannot be "managed" generally die, as scientist James McDonald - and others - did. But all the while, the UFOs kept coming, and people kept seeing them, and they kept asking questions.

In April 1971, an engineering research magazine, Industrial Research, published the results of a poll in which 80 percent of its members rejected the Condon Report; 76 percent believed that the government was concealing UFO facts; 32 percent believed that UFOs were extraterrestrial. Poll or no poll, the CIA continued to lie about its UFO interests. [...]

The worst story of 1971 was the demise of James McDonald. [Atmospheric physicist from the University of Arizona.] As far as anyone could tell, McDonald was fine all through 1970 and into 1971. On March 2, 1971, he testified as an expert in atmospheric physics at the House committee on Appropriations regarding the supersonic transport (SST) and its potentially harmful atmospheric effects. McDonald's opponents questioned his credentials and ridiculed him as someone who believed in "little men flying around the sky." Laughter broke out several times.

Shortly after this incident, McDonald shot himself in the head and became blind. He was committed to the psychiatric ward of the VA medical Center in Tucson. In June, he signed himself out. On Sunday morning, June 13, a woman in south Tucson, identifying herself as a doctor, said a deranged blind man had taken a cab to the area. She wanted to know where the driver had dropped him off, and she made several calls. Meanwhile, a married couple and their children, walking along a shallow creek, found McDonald's body under a bridge at 11:40 a.m. A .38 caliber revolver was in the sand, near his head. A brief note attributed his suicide to marriage and family problems. [...]

We know that many intelligence agencies were skilled in

"creating" suicides. But, one might ask, wasn't McDonald's mental condition already deteriorating? Jerome Clark stated that McDonald was ready to "crack" in the aftermath of the SST hearings. But what caused this? Embarrassment at the SST hearings? His marriage? Perhaps, one supposes, but both of these explanations feel flimsy. Without exception, those who knew McDonald described him as possessing great integrity and courage. Was he really the type of person to commit suicide?
[14]

McDonald had been described as a man who was "afraid of nothing." What seems to be so is that this was why he was destroyed. Hynek had written that McDonald was considered by the Air Force to be an "outstanding nuisance."

With the mind control arsenal that has been described at their disposal, we have a good idea of what "they" can do to the mind. Even the strongest. Courage and integrity, it seems, are no protection. We would like to note another curious death - that of Edward Ruppelt. After years as an advocate of disclosure, he suddenly did an about face - re-wrote his book recanting his belief that UFOs were extraterrestrial craft, and was dead within a year at a very young age.

It looks to me as though, if they can't corrupt you, they kill you, and if they can corrupt you, they still kill you so you won't have a chance to change your mind and recant your recantation like Jacques de Molay did when the Templars were destroyed. Those who get close to the belly of the beast are generally subjected to a new "approach" it seems. And that approach is the biggest betrayal of all.

Many important and influential people have attested to the reality of the UFO phenomenon as an "alien reality." Within the military organizations, those who affirm the "alien hypothesis" are widespread and numerous. But, as Dolan shows us, they cannot discuss those views without risking the penalties of imprisonment and stiff fines.

In the present day, we have Steven Greer's "Disclosure Project." Based on the mail I get, it seems that many in the New Age/UFO community think that this is a great and novel idea. However, history shows that it has been tried before. The one thing about Greer's effort that suggests it is just more and better COINTELPRO is his attachment to the "aliens are here to help us" idea which is directly contradicted by history, though widely promoted by most "contactees." Even Linda Howe, for a long time the most reputable of careful researchers - and no stranger to the machinations of the Secret State - seems to have fallen for this one - or COINTELPRO. It is also now being promoted in Fate Magazine by Rosemary Guiley, who has the odor of COINTELPRO about her with her notable connections to military "agents." Jerome Clark, quoted above, is also a regular contributor to Fate.

Let me make it clear at this point that I am convinced that a lot of honest, sincere, hard-working individuals are being duped and/or controlled without being fully aware of it.

Dolan documents the failure of civilian groups in their efforts to really "end UFO secrecy." NICAP had prominent and active members, connections to Congress and the military, and their effort continued for over ten years. NICAP fought diligently for congressional hearings, and yet every time they got "close" to bringing it to the table for public consideration, the congressional sponsorship "backed off" and reversed their support.

What kind of group is it that can control our government officials in this way? An even deeper question might be: What kind of group is it that can control the media, the military, the CIA, the FBI, NSA, and even the President? What do they do to intimidate and dominate ethical and substantial persons in positions of authority? Whatever it is, we would certainly like to know because it suggests that they are hiding something so significant that even hints of it behind closed doors can send the most powerful congressmen running with their tails tucked between their legs.

This brings us back to the problem of the Secret State and its agenda. Some people believe that this secrecy is absolutely

essential. They say that the public simply could not handle the truth about aliens. They say that there is no reason to spoil people's lives with the truth because there is nothing that the average person could do about it anyway. Is that really true? Would there be so much effort to conceal the alien agenda if disclosure of the truth wasn't harmful to that agenda?

Dolan's chronological history of the actual interaction between UFOs and the public and the corresponding behavior of the military, the intelligence community, the media, the scientific community in its interaction with the public, make this abundantly clear. Dolan writes:

Some believe this is, as it ought to be. Can the public really handle the truth about aliens? If the presence of others constitutes a threat to humanity, for example, what could the average person even do about it? There are those who believe that secrecy about UFOs is in the public's best interest. [15]

What is clearly evident, and most especially so in the past year or two, is that the "public interest" is not the concern of those making these decisions. As Dolan rightly says, secrecy is being utilized not to protect the public, but to protect those keeping the secrets - the "Above Top Secret" group - and very likely even the aliens themselves.

When we consider the modus operandi of the intelligence community, in its historical perspective, what we see is that, at every level, right up to the very top, there is control and manipulation. This leads me to suggest that even those at the top level of the human Consortium are being duped and deceived and are as unable and/or unwilling to consider that possibility as those at the lower levels.

It seems obvious from the documentary evidence as well as the behavior of the military in response to UFOs and the "alien matter," that the aliens do have an agenda, and that - at some level in the layers of secrecy - there are those who know - at least on a "need to know" basis - what that agenda is. It seems abundantly evident that the secrecy has been enjoined on this group by the aliens themselves. What is more, a careful assessment of the evidence does not suggest a benevolent agenda.

As a result of the manipulations of this "Consortium," the majority of Americans are inculcated into the fiction of a representative government - a democracy - and that our scientists and representatives are "taking care of business" for us, and even if they are sometimes corrupt, they aren't as bad as a totalitarian regime. It has become most definitely obvious in the past couple of years that this is not the case - and probably never was. We don't even really elect our representatives. It's all a sham. But the fiction propagated by the media has clouded the ability of the American people to see their society and government for what it really is: an oligarchy that pretends to be a democracy to placate and deceive the public.

To those who suggest that it doesn't really matter since it is an efficient way to organize and manage millions of people, let us suggest that it is suicidal to think that an oligarchy is not primarily interested in maintaining its own position to the exclusion of all other considerations. When we consider the evidence, we see that the groups in question have never acted in the best interests of the public. If you doubt this, spend some time reading about nonconsensual human experimentation. And so, logically speaking, there is no reason to even suggest that the secrecy surrounding the "alien reality" is any different.

Dolan notes that, as a result of the concerted "debunking" of UFOs perpetrated on a populace that has been mind manipulated and dumbed down by public "education" for a very long time, our society has become extraordinarily schizophrenic about UFOs. At the level of "officialdom," as in academia, mainstream media, government and so forth, UFOs are either ignored or treated as a joke. You won't find UFOs or Aliens - or their repeated invasion of sensitive airspace - discussed on the nightly news. You won't find Ted Koppel analyzing them as a threat to National Security. And this state of affairs is totally bizarre because it is abundantly - overwhelmingly - clear and evident that our military and intelligence organizations consider them to be so important that information about them is classified "Above Top

Secret."

However, being classified "Above Top Secret" does not seem to matter to the aliens. They arrogantly do as they please and leave the "clean up" to their human lackeys the same way some media personalities have been reported to destroy hotel rooms, and then have their accountants write checks to cover the damages, while their agents give press releases that deny any such thing ever happened.

This brings us back to the efforts of COINTELPRO. Since the military is in the position of dealing with beings of such arrogance that their checks don't cover the damage they do, the "press releases" are issued in the form of diversion and division. UFOs and the "alien reality" are promoted in ways that simply do not relate to the documentary evidence or the factual data. UFOs and aliens are given cachet in the New Age and metaphysical communities, and groups studying them or "channeling" them are "managed" so that the possibility of exposure of the Truth is completely minimized in the plethora of conflicting, generated "beliefs." At the same time, there are organizations that are set up to operate as "professional debunkers" and disinformation artists. Smoke and mirrors and endless confusion.

What is evident from the documents and statements of those "in on the secret," is that the current "popularity" of aliens and New Age presentations of the subject are the direct result of deliberate infiltration by intelligence personnel who are continually "spinning the wheel" of lies and distortion.

UFOs have national security implications for a lot of reasons, not the least of which is that they have involved military and industrial personnel of many nations around the globe. This situation has existed for over fifty years. In fact, a careful study of history shows an intersection between UFOs and the military for hundreds, if not thousands of years! Unauthorized airspace violations continue to occur; attempted interceptions repeatedly take place; and the secrecy orders are more severe now than ever.

We have to ask ourselves why this is so?

If the military organizations are as interested in UFOs and Aliens as we know them to be based on the evidence, and if they are in the dark about them, as the evidence also suggests, would they not be utilizing the many claimed "alien contacts" among the New Age community as resources if there was the possibility that such sources really were in contact with the "real aliens" in and about the planet as they claim? There are certainly many of these contactees that claim "extreme military interest" in their work. However, based on the facts of the operations of the National Security State, we can pretty well objectively assess that if this were true, such contactees would not be out there promulgating their information.

That they often operate unmolested, and even achieve great popularity is compelling evidence that their "information" is useless to the military, if not created by it. What seems to be true is that most contactees and channelers are dupes of the military cover-up - victims of COINTELPRO - created to generate the noise that hides the signal of the true Alien Reality. In short, the majority of claims of channelers, contactees, new age gurus, UFO researchers, and the like, both in books and on the internet, about the "alien reality," is COINTELPRO at its finest.

One thing is clear: the UFOs themselves are not under the control of the military - or anybody else. But that the Consortium continues to debunk and cover it up - in the face of its violations of their own airspace - suggests to us again the analogy of arrogant and powerful Masters of Reality, aided and abetted by their military and intelligence organization servants who, all the while they are obeying the powerful overlords, seek to keep everything quiet while they try desperately to discover the secrets of power so as to arrogate it to themselves.

And it seems evident that, in the present time, the game is afoot in the citadels of Power and Secrets. Something is happening and the servants of the alien masters are running

scared.

They are trying to cement controls, to solidify their power base, because Something Wicked This Way Comes.

[End Excerpt]

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Letters

Was It Weather Anomaly, Or UFO?

Isn't it ironic how we trust our lives with highly respected people, and then we're told not to believe their words at the same time?

Case in point, on Nov. 7, 2006, a UFO was observed at O'hare International Airport. Twelve employees from United Airlines to include two pilots, a U.A. manager, a mechanic, and others witnessed a saucer-shaped object hovering 1,900 feet above gate C-17 around 4:30 p.m. Reports were made from the employees for safety concerns. They were later asked to describe and draw what they witnessed. They were instructed to never speak of it again by the FAA. The Chicago Tribune caught wind of the story and asked United what happened. They denied everything... until the Freedom of Information Act was requested. They told the Tribune that something happened and it was a "weather anomaly".

Now, I'm not sure about you, but I trust pilots to know more about what's in our skies than most people. I also doubt 12 people woke up one day and conspired to make up a UFO story and throw away their careers and reputations. If you can't trust pilots, military, police, and other reports made by credible people, then who can you trust with your lives.

Greg Basey
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More Young People Believe In UFOs Than Read A Daily Newspaper

By Dean Baker

Yep, it's Social Security crisis time again. For those too young to remember, the connection between UFOs and Social Security stems from an urban legend of the 90s.

The story went that polls showed young people were more likely to believe that they would see a UFO than that they would get a Social Security check when they retired.

It turns out that no one had ever done a serious poll finding this result.

Apparently some right-wing crusader had asked people in a bar to raise their hands if they believed in UFOs and then to raise their hand if they thought they would get Social Security when they retired. UFOs supposedly won.

In the latest round in the media's campaign against Social Security, it looks like the UFOs are still winning.

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>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:18:24 +0000
>>Subject: Pilots & UAP [was: Question To FAA About National
>>Press Club Conference]

<snip>

Hello David,

Thanks for the very worthwhile response,

>Thus there can be many possible clues to distance, and hence
>size and speed. It is simply NOT true that a pilot (or anybody
>else for that matter) can NEVER estimate distance/size/speed of
>an unknown object with any accuracy. That, unfortunately, is
>just debunker propaganda talk. It is more accurate to say that
>distance, speed, size cannot be determined with accuracy in the
>complete ABSENCE of any cues.

The point that I was making as I am sure you will appreciate is
that in the absence of other cues that you mention in the
snipped portion from your post, pilots are really no better than
anyone else when it comes to estimating size/height/speed of an
unknown object (as you imply in the final sentence above). There
are many examples of people accepting such estimates without
querying how they were arrived at, simply because the witness
was somehow an "expert observer".

Cheers,

Joe

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Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:10:19 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>11:43:00 -0400 Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National
>>>Press Club Conference

>> <snip>

>>>A pilot might not know what he saw when reporting a UFO
>>>[anymore than anyone else does] but the pilot will tell you
>>>what it was doing, where it was coming from, altitude,
>>>attitude, speed, direction, behavior, what the weather was
>>>at the time, the sky conditions, angle of descent or ascent,
>>>position with reference the pilot's aircraft, threat to that
>>>aircraft and the time usually to the minute.

<snip>

>>Altitude, speed, attitude - if the pilot doesn't know _what_
>>they are looking at, how big it is, how far away it is, or
>>what (3-dimensional) shape it is, how can he determine these
>>factors?

>>I don't dispute that a pilot could provide a good estimate of
>>angular size, relative elevation/depression, and apparent
>>vertical motion, but that's not quite the same is it?

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Re: Women Of Ufology

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 06:15:44 -0800
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:13:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Women Of Ufology

>From: Regan Lee <rlee15.nul-pop-01.inet.qwest.net>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 20:29:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: Women Of Ufology

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 12:04:22 EST
>>Subject: Women Of Ufology

>>I'm hoping some smart editor out there realizes the importance
>>of women in Ufology.

><snip>

>Greg, appreciate your post. Awhile ago I started a Women In
>Ufology/Paranormal Studies on my poodunk website - now since
>gone - but have started up something akin to it with one of my
>blogs: Women In Esoterica.

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

>See also: Linda Moulton Howe and the Zorgy Hall of Shame

><http://tinyurl.com/3xp8yx>

I don't know what that Zorgy thing has to do with the subject of
women of Ufology as it appears to be more of an invalidation
than validation of the efforts of women in Ufology.

I think I know some folks who work on the popular morning talk
show The View and I'll hunt around to see.

I think it would be great to see Linda Moulton-Howe or Wendy
Connors on the show. It would be a step forward for this topic
which definitely impacts women to be addressed.

Considering Whoopi Goldberg played an alien on Star Trek: TNG
for 7 years and two films, I'm sure she's had some inside info
on the subject and would contribute much to the awareness of the
population.

Barbara Walters has been in news for almost as long as the
modern UFO era and I'm sure she's had inside info too.

When you work in the news business long enough it usually takes
a few hours at most to find out the grapevine explanation to
something.

If it's not public knowledge it's because it can't be verified
by the standards of journalism. That doesn't mean the data isn't
true, it means the standards that we're supposed to follow
aren't applicable. Usually it means the source can't be verified
or there's some security issue at hand.

Best,

Re: Women Of Ufology

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Dog Walker Spots UFO

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Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 11:39:22 -0500
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Subject: Dog Walker Spots UFO

Source: The Bexhill-On-Sea Observer, Sussex, UK

<http://www.bexhillobserver.net/509/Dog-walker-spots-UFO.3505475.jp>

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Dog Walker Spots UFO

Has anyone seen a mystery light hovering over Cross in Hand?

Local resident Lynnnda Rose contacted the Express to describe the strange sighting.

She said: "I was out with my dog and noticed a light above the field moving in a circular motion.

I can only describe it as looking like an oval, thick mist which was quite bright."

Lynnnda said she watched it for about another 20 minutes, then went to get her camera.

"Yes," she said. "You've guessed. Nothing came out."

The light then descended out of sight. She ran upstairs and watched it from the window while it continued in the same motion for about twenty minutes, then disappeared.

Lynnnda added: "I've never seen anything like it before and can find no explanation.

I thought perhaps it was a searchlight or a laser but there was no beam so this had to be ruled out.

I must say I don't believe in little green men, ghosts or the like and have had the mickey taken by everyone I have spoken to so I hope I am not the only one who spotted it."

If you saw the light or can offer an explanation ring the Express on: 01273 484736 or email sussex.express.nul - we'd like to hear from you.

The full article contains 223 words and appears in Sussex Express Series newspaper.

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:39:05 -0500
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 11:41:17 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 15:56:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:38:29 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>Please don't assume that silence equals a lack of interest. This
>>project was started in 1994, and all of those in the UFO Research
>>Coalition - MUFON, CUFOS, and Fund for UFO Research - are very
>>interested in seeing this move forward. But all three groups live
>>hand-to-mouth financially and it's difficult for volunteer
>>organizations to come up with additional funds of this magnitude.

>Perhaps if the URC would release those instances, I've been
>told about by an abductee, where the power went off repeatedly
>at the times the abductee logged abduction experiences, the URC
>could stir up more than \$600 worth of interest?

Eleanor, please!

You do not release fragments of unanalyzed data out of context
of a complex study.

Regardless of what an abductee told you, there may or may not
have been objective instrumented data to support what was
subjectively perceived.

Further, the instrumentation had built-in safeguards against
tampering and that would also have to be examined.

Quick and dirty does not add up to science.

We need to do it right, or not do it at all.

Dick

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 15:27:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
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>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:17:43 -0400
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>"Same as what?"

>My point was that altitude, speed, and attitude are not quite
>the same as angular size, relative elevation/depression, and
>vertical motion.

I don't think you know what you are talking about here, Joe. You are discarding info out-of-hand because of some misperception on your part.

Best thing to do is spend 5,000 pounds getting your license then spend thousands more acquiring an aircraft then thousands more on top of that getting a couple of thousand hours in the air, then you can offer an opinion; otherwise you are just spouting-off about something you know nothing about.

The other option is to do as I just suggested then spend many more thousands of pounds getting your commercial and multi IFR rating then sit right-seat in some small airliner for years then graduate to the left-seat and eventually you will accumulate 10-15,000 hours of flight time and perceptual capabilities - no one hires one-eyed or blind pilots - that you cannot fathom. Then you will have the experience needed to sound-off about what you don't know anything about right now.

You can take comfort, Joe, in the fact that 99% of the rest of the UFO researchers on the Lists don't know either. Brutal but true. But I'm tired of preaching that mantra.

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>>aircraft. Once outside that then they know they are dealing with
>>something that shouldn't be there, something that might be a
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>No disagreement when it comes to conventional aircraft, though I
>don't think that was very clear in your original post, I thought
>you were writing about UFOs.

An unknown craft is a UFO. UFO for those who keep forgetting means unidentified flying object-not alien space craft.

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>example, which doesn't suggest a craft though it could still
>represent an aviation hazard. I think that is an important

>distinction to make.

Ray Bowyers stepped up. He and the other pilot reported something truly anomalous after discounting the possibilities in their own minds of this being conventional.

Let's face it Bowyers has a much better handle on what does and doesn't fly in our skies and has earned the right to report without fear of ridicule about what he saw in the sky.

The fact that he was happy to get on the ground after seeing these things should tell you something.

The second pilot steadfastly refuses to talk further about it - probably because of the nonsense that comes from the press and their inexperienced debunking supporters; or it struck him on a level he would rather not go to.

Bowyers report suggests a craft to me - an unknown craft, or UFO.

Otherwise you are trying to make this out as some unknown natural phenomenon. That I think is baloney.

Get started on that license.

Don Ledger

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Post NPC Media Coverage [was: Regarding The Mars]

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 09:41:47 -0800
Archived: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 15:32:41 -0500
Subject: Post NPC Media Coverage [was: Regarding The Mars]

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 23:52:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

>>From: 'The Norm' <xxxxx.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 18 Nov 2007 09:18:17 -0500
>>Subject: Regarding The Mars UFO

>>Was there any follow-up assessment ever done on the
>>photographed
>>flying object in the article below? Wouldn't this have been a
>>useful photograph to present at the press conference recently
>>held in Washington?

>Unfortunately for these Phobos 2 scientists and a few other
>researchers having inside information or direct knowledge of
>UFOs who contacted me by e-mail or visited in person excited
>by the prospect of the end to the ongoing UFO secrecy were
>disappointed when Friday's CNN's Larry King Live show and
>Monday's National Press Club Press Conference turned out to be
>just the latest rehash of past attempts at disclosure.

>With the same witnesses and UFO incidents known to both skeptics
>and ufologists alike and with no big surprises or new
>revelations at these two media events, there is no new hope
>that the UFO cover-up will be ending soon or reason for these
>researchers to come forward with their secrets about UFOs, much
>of which the public or even ufologists may not be ready for or
>want to know about.

Changing the topic subject, I seriously doubt the average person
or newsperson had ever heard of most of the classic witnesses or
cases presented on LK Live or the NPC press conference. It
would have been a revelation to many had it been properly
reported, which it was not.

What little reporting was done was shallow, tongue-in-cheek, and
unprofessional. E.g., the CNN 'anchor' was a youngish 20
something bimbo who immediately labeled all UFO witnesses as a
bunch of "freaks". Where the hell was Walter Cronkite?

The witnesses and cases couldn't have been better. Instead what
we are seeing here is not an absence of new revelations or big
surprises but the effectiveness of a 60 year campaign of
deliberate ridicule that has scared off detailed, serious
treatment by the media's big hitters. It has become a taboo
topic they won't go near.

David Rudiak

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Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 07:25:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 15:42:45 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:57:56 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 11:43:00 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Question To FAA About National Press Club
>>>>Conference

>The fly in the ointment here is that some unknown cannot be
>positively identified for its size since you don't know its
>make and type - obviously - but if it is within range of known
>ground markers, hills, mountains, towers, airports, lakes,
>intersections on major highways or as you have suggested, Dave,
>between your airplane and another known aircraft-make whose
>distance you can estimate because you know what its apparent
>size will be at various distances.

>Other things come into play such as flight characteristics,
>reflectivity, outline, color attitude, movement against the
>background and odd behavior.

>Perception is a very necessary thing for pilots. Even with a
>fixed rate of descent and glideslope, when it comes to setting
>the wheels on the pavement you still need your perceptive
>ability to know just exactly when to flare so the wheels contact
>just at the stall. It gets even more important when you are in
>the flare on a 747 and your ass is 90 feet off the ground and
>the main wheels are 100 feet behind you.

One more thing about perception is that it is normally far more
reliable and stable than debunkers care to admit or know. Only
occasionally do our senses fool us, and usually in trick
laboratory situations, like specially constructed optical
illusions. That's just a well-known fact in experimental
psychology. We may misidentify things and forget details, but
usually we do not misperceive them at the time, where perception
here I mean the basic physical characteristics such as color,
shape, motion, brightness, time, etc. If we were stumbling
around because we were constantly misjudging things, we wouldn't
be engaged in any discussions here because the human race would
have died out a long time ago from fundamental incompetence.

Kenneth Arnold I've always considered to be a very good pilot
sighting because he gauged distance and size and speed against
known landmarks. Thus he saw the objects fly in front of and be

outlined against the snows of Mt. Rainier and momentarily disappear behind a subpeak. This gave an accurate range of about 23 miles. The angular size he gave as about the same as the distance between the two outer engines of a DC-4 he saw in the distance, which was 10-15 miles away. From that one can estimate the absolute size of the objects. (Another clue was when he said the objects were about 20 times longer than thick and practically disappeared in profile when viewed against the background of Rainier.) Finally he timed how long it took them to fly between the landmarks of Mt. Rainier and Mt. Adams.

All in all, Arnold was a very good observer and his report was rich in valuable details. Like in most things, good observation skills can also be trained. Thus those taught to pay attention to certain details because their lives and careers depend on it tend to be better observers than those who aren't so trained, therefore pilots, cops, military personnel, etc. A trained doctor can see things in an X-ray that untrained person can't, even though both are looking at the same image. It's all a matter of background knowledge, experience, and knowing what to pay attention to and what to ignore.

Yes, these are generalities, I know. Being a cop doesn't mean someone is necessarily a good observer. But generalities often have a lot of truth in them and shouldn't be ignored. Thus I bristle when a debunker like McGaha goes on national TV and claims that pilots are no better than anybody else at being able to identify things in the sky. Perish the thought the next time we all fly. We depend on these guys for our very lives.

David Rudiak

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Three Russian Videos On-Line

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:04:54 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 07:42:31 -0500
Subject: Three Russian Videos On-Line

List,

My friend, a director of one of the Russian UFO organizations, gave me three videos to upload. Each video has audio, but in Russian and need to be translated, which I will do later.

The titles are the dates recorded. They were all shot in the Perm region, in Russia.

I know the 'dancing ball' video was used in a Russian documentary on UFOs, but it in a sequence with other videos and only for a few seconds.

Another video (I can't tell now which exactly) was shown on Japanese TV. More details will be provided when materials are translated into English.

The videos decoded from VHS by my friend who has originals or very good copies. He said that, if necessary, he can provide copies of much higher quality.

So, now you are the judges. I know that there are experts on the List.

A question - what to do with these videos now?

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

Titles:

1999-06-25 (FULL)
2002-06-03 (FULL), 2002-06-03 (high short)
2002-10 (FULL), 2002-10 (high short)

I uploaded the videos to my page of 3D UFO animations because I didn't want to put them somewhere, like Youtube, where they would be easily found, downloaded and spread across the Web.

So I ask you that you do not do that. I will do it later anyway, probably to Youtube, where I have an account and other servers, when they're translated into English.

Sergey

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Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 16:48:39 -0300
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 07:47:59 -0500
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>See also: Linda Moulton Howe and the Zorgy Hall of Shame

><http://tinyurl.com/3xp8yx>

Hi Regan and Listers.

Being an editor of a UFO Magazine for almost 25 years, I regret
to say that I have never found many women in this field.

Brazilian UFO Magazine has some 250 staff members, from staff
to co-editors, from collaborators to consultants, from
translators to international correspondents. However, I am
afraid that only 28 are women. They are very hard-working
contributors to the magazine.

The president of our Editorial Board is recognized pioneer Irene
Granchi.

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Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 15:37:55 -0500
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 07:49:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 23:52:16 -0500
>Subject: Re: Regarding The Mars UFO

<snip>

>If there is one photograph of a UFO in the vicinity of Mars that
>should have been presented at Monday's press conference, it is
>the last picture taken by the Soviet Phobos 2 space probe just
>before it started spinning uncontrollably after apparently
>impacting with this same UFO!

>This last photo taken by Phobos 2 together with an earlier one
>taken of Mars with its IR camera that revealed a grid-like
>pattern which can readily be interpreted as an underground
>Martian city have already been presented by still puzzled Russian
>researchers at a few past press conferences in the past which
>received little or no coverage in the U.S.

>If you contact me directly, I will share further details about
>these photos taken by Phobos 2 and why the Russian scientists
>involved in this "failed" Mars mission believe they discovered
>something so disturbing that they were forced not to openly
>discuss it with their colleagues or make known their findings to
>the public.

Such details would be of keen interest to all on this List,
Nick.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 16:21:51 -0500
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 07:58:08 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:39:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

<snip>

>Eleanor, please!

>You do not release fragments of unanalyzed data out of context of
>a complex study.

What would be wrong with letting the public see the raw data
before the official analysis was done? How would that have any
effect on the analysis whatsoever?

>Regardless of what an abductee told you, there may or may not
>have been objective instrumented data to support what was
>subjectively perceived.

So... the URC could check and find out.

>Further, the instrumentation had built-in safeguards against
>tampering and that would also have to be examined.

OK - for those matches between logged abduction events and power
outages, I would imagine being only a small number of data
points, it wouldn't take long to check the tampering flags.

>Quick and dirty does not add up to science.

>We need to do it right, or not do it at all.

I still don't see why at the very least, those few power
outage/logged abduction experience instances couldnt be
released. And personally, I still can't fathom why this data
must be kept secret until the official analysis is done. These
aren't military secrets, and this isn't a big stakes court case
either. No "national security" issue here.

Releasing the data now in no way prevents a "done right"
analysis from being carried out. Is it that scientists don't
like having their conclusions questioned and debated?

I suggest that is not a valid reason to keep data of possibly
Earth-shaking importance secret.

Eleanor White

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Re: Pilots & UAP

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:22:51 +0000
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 08:00:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

Hello Don,

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 12:38:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:17:43 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

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>>Just to respond to your earlier post first where you wrote:

>>"Same as what?"

>>My point was that altitude, speed, and attitude are not quite
>>the same as angular size, relative elevation/depression, and
>>vertical motion.

>I don't think you know what you are talking about here, Joe. You
>are discarding info out-of-hand because of some misperception on
>your part.

>Best thing to do is spend 5,000 pounds getting your license then
>spend thousands more acquiring an aircraft then thousands more
>on top of that getting a couple of thousand hours in the air,
>then you can offer an opinion; otherwise you are just
>spouting-off about something you know nothing about.

If as appears to be the case, you are suggesting that altitude,
speed, and attitude are the same as angular size, relative
elevation/depression, and vertical motion, then I suggest that
you have wasted any money that you have spent on training to be
a pilot.

<snip>

>>No disagreement when it comes to conventional aircraft, though I
>>don't think that was very clear in your original post, I thought
>>you were writing about UFOs.

>An unknown craft is a UFO. UFO for those who keep forgetting
>means unidentified flying object-not alien space craft.

Now you're getting me confused - earlier you wrote:

"A pilot might not know what he saw when reporting a UFO
[anyone than anyone else does] but the pilot will tell you what
it was doing, where it was coming from, altitude, attitude,
speed, direction, behavior, what the weather was at the time,
the sky conditions, angle of descent or ascent, position with

reference the pilot's aircraft, threat to that aircraft and the time usually to the minute."

Apparently in relation to UFOs. When I queried this, you then wrote:

"Experience is the answer. I'm talking about conventional aircraft."

Yet now you say you were talking about UFOs - make your mind up cap'n, Klingons on the starboard bow!

>>I would just raise your use of the term "unknown craft" above -
>>I don't think that really applies to Ray Bowyer's report for
>>example, which doesn't suggest a craft though it could still
>>represent an aviation hazard. I think that is an important
>>distinction to make.

>Ray Bowyers stepped up. He and the other pilot reported
>something truly anomalous after discounting the possibilities in
>their own minds of this being conventional.

>Let's face it Bowyers has a much better handle on what does and
>doesn't fly in our skies and has earned the right to report
>without fear of ridicule about what he saw in the sky.

No dispute there.

>The fact that he was happy to get on the ground after seeing
>these things should tell you something.

Yep - it tells me he doesn't like sharing airspace with something he can't identify. Does it tell you something different?

>The second pilot steadfastly refuses to talk further about it -
>probably because of the nonsense that comes from the press and
>their inexperienced debunking supporters; or it struck him on a
>level he would rather not go to.

Or probably because he doesn't want to take the risk of being associated with "UFO cranks" who perceive anything unusual in the air as a "craft".

>Bowyers report suggests a craft to me - an unknown craft, or UFO.

Why? There's no apparent structure, it wasn't moving in any obviously controlled manner. What convinces you that it was a craft?

>Otherwise you are trying to make this out as some unknown
>natural phenomenon. That I think is baloney.

I'm not trying to make it into anything - it's you that's making into a craft.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

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Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 08:01:50 -0500
Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 11:50:17 EST
>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit Part Two

>On the other side of the coin, I do have one confirmation of
>Walter's new story that came from a man who lived in Albuquerque
>and who was the assistant finance officer for the 509th Bomb
>Group.

<snip>

I'd like to honor Kevin for how fair and thorough he is, not just in this, but in everything he writes. He's a model of objectivity, and could serve as a model for all of us in ufology.

Thanks, Kevin.

Greg Sandow

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Teens Report Spotting UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 08:25:07 -0500
Subject: Teens Report Spotting UFO

Source: The Pilot - Southern Pines, North Carolina, USA

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

November 20, 2007

Teens Report Spotting UFO

By Tom Embrey: Staff Writer

Jacob Cole and Ben Sizer sat on the porch of Cole's home near Lake Auman, grilling hamburgers when they noticed a "bright, big, green glow" in the sky.

"It was fizzling, falling like it was on fire," Cole said of the object that appeared in the sky around 6:15 p.m.

As it fell, Cole said the object split, with the smaller orb falling at a faster rate.

Cole, 17, said he and Sizer, 16, had been outside for about an hour when they noticed the object.

"I yelled at my buddy (Sizer), and we just stood there and stared at it," Cole said.

The Pinecrest High School students say they watched the objects for several minutes before Cole, an astronomy buff, raced inside the house to grab his telescope.

Cole said the object grew very bright, as he watched it from his kitchen window.

When he returned to the porch, the object was gone. He guessed it must have disappeared behind a stand of trees on the other side of the lake.

Monday afternoon, the boys had not investigated the site where the object appeared to land.

The Moore County Sheriff's Office had no reports of UFOs or strange sightings this weekend. The Leonid Meteor Shower occurred this weekend. Experts say people in rural areas had the best chance to see the show, and that the peak viewing hour was 11 p.m. Saturday.

According to most experts, the Leonid Shower was less spectacular this year than in years past.

When asked if he thought he had seen the remnants of the shower, Cole was adamant in his denial.

"My dad is big into astronomy," Cole said, " We've looked at planets, watched shooting stars and meteor showers before. This was nothing like a meteor shower."

He added, "There was no noise, no kaboom, so it couldn't have been fireworks."

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[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Pilots & UAP

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Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 08:33:42 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:09:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:57:56 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

<snip>

>Hello David,

>Thanks for the very worthwhile response,

>>Thus there can be many possible clues to distance, and hence
>>size and speed. It is simply NOT true that a pilot (or anybody
>>else for that matter) can NEVER estimate distance/size/speed of
>>an unknown object with any accuracy. That, unfortunately, is
>>just debunker propaganda talk. It is more accurate to say that
>>distance, speed, size cannot be determined with accuracy in the
>>complete ABSENCE of any cues.

>The point that I was making as I am sure you will appreciate is
>that in the absence of other cues that you mention in the
>snipped portion from your post, pilots are really no better than
>anyone else when it comes to estimating size/height/speed of an
>unknown object (as you imply in the final sentence above). There
>are many examples of people accepting such estimates without
>querying how they were arrived at, simply because the witness
>was somehow an "expert observer".

Your post seems to cleverly confuse the issue. A pilot on
the ground might be no better a witness than any other person
on the ground. But we are not talking about observation from
the ground. We are talking about observation from the air
inside an aircraft traveling at perhaps 500 mph depending on the
aircraft and circumstances. You seem to be trying to assert some
absolute rule of physics here but that rule would be wrong.

Sight-lines from an aircraft in motion provide a continual
series of baselines which can triangulate an unknown object's
position, and thus its speed, distance and size, via something
that is roughly analogous to interferometry.

As an observation progresses over time a pilot in an aircraft
flying at say 500 mph can gain legitimate visual cues about an
unknown object's relative speed and position, which a stationary
observer on the ground cannot. Thus, equating the two
situations, ground and air, is not valid. Furthermore, with more
experience in making observations from the air, the better able
a pilot will be to process these dynamic visual cues.

The fact that a pilot may make mistakes in such situations
inside a moving aircraft, or that there may be a few situations
where no dynamic observational cues are perceived, are merely
the exceptions that prove the rule: The rule is that in general
pilots in flying aircraft <do> have an ability to perceive and

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estimate size, speed, distance and relative position of unknown objects in the sky, <unlike> observers on the ground.

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Re: Missing Time Music Video

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Subject: Re: Missing Time Music Video

>From: Jerry Hhamm <zoomar1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 00:03:39 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Missing Time Music Video

>My latest video uploaded at YouTube:

>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yLv_xCQrVk

>It's a montage video titled Missing Time, using clips from
>various programs regarding ufo abductions, set to the music of a
>popular song from 1985 - a song that seemingly has no
>association with the missing time/abduction phenomena... or does
>it?

>Listen to the lyrics and judge for yourself.

Jerry:

The slight grin at the end of the video does give the game away,
doesn't it.

KK

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Budd Hopkins' New York UFO Seminar 12-15-07

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Intruders Foundation Seminar Series Announcement

The National Press Club Conference On UFO Close Encounters

A First-Hand Account Of The Historic November 12, 2007 Event

Saturday, December 15, 2007

This second IF seminar of our fall-winter season will take place on Saturday, December 15. Featured will be a discussion of the Washington, D.C. gathering of important military, aviation and government officials from around the world by Leslie Kean, one of the conference's two organizers. A series of dramatic videotaped excerpts from the conferees' presentations will be shown, along with Kean's commentary on the high points of this watershed event.

IF attendees will see a tape of Iran's General Parviz Jafari's vivid description of his 1976 "dogfight" with a UFO over Teheran, the subject of a lengthy, well-known Defense Intelligence Agency document submitted to the White House, the Department of Defense, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the CIA. A second tape includes the account of Commadante Oscar Santa Maria, a Peruvian Air Force pilot, who, in a similar engagement, was able to fire his machine guns at a maneuvering UFO, but with no effect.

Gripping details of the famous Rendlesham Forest incident at Bentwaters AFB in Great Britain will also be discussed in taped presentations by two witnesses, Colonel Charles Halt and Sgt. James Penniston, and their significance evaluated by former Ministry of Defense official, Nick Pope. Sgt. Penniston will describe his approach to the landed UFO, and the remarkable fact that he was able to touch its surface before it ascended at a staggering speed.

These are but a few of the taped presentations to be shown, but equally important will be conference organizer Leslie Kean's illuminating commentary on an extraordinary event in the ongoing saga of the UFO phenomenon.

For anyone deeply interested in the subject, this evening will be a personal landmark, and we urge you to attend.

REGISTRATION & INFORMATION

The seminar will be held on December 15th at the new meeting rooms of A.R.E., located on the SECOND FLOOR at 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!

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Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

<http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

With all the buzz this week about UFOs and the call for an investigation into what the government is hiding from us about extraterrestrial aliens, we thought we would ask a NASA official in charge of dealing with the public about such matters, and that is NASA scientist David Morrison. Read on for how Dr. Morrison handles such queries as =93where are you hiding the alien bodies?=94 and other such matters.

Dr. David Morrison is Senior Scientist of the NASA Astrobiology Institute. He is a recent recipient of the American Astronomical Society=92s Carl Sagan Medal honoring his efforts to explain science to the public.

Answering Public Questions On UFOs And Aliens

by David Morrison

As Senior Scientist of the NASA Astrobiology Institute I receive many questions submitted to NASA=92s website Ask an Astrobiologist. A great many of these concern UFOs, especially the notion that there is a government cover-up. Interestingly, an increasing fraction of these are coming from India. Readers of Skeptic might be interested in how I answer these questions.

A google search on =93UFO=94 quickly reveals how pervasive such ideas are, with only a couple of skeptical entries listed in the first several pages. It is therefore not surprising that almost all my questioners seem to accept the reality of alien visitation. One recent writer asked: =93If NASA is not hiding anything, and there has been not one evidence of UFO or Alien, how can some evidence on TV or internet be explained? If they are all fake, why not NASA explain this, and why are they not stopped from telling lies? How do you explain all those people who have proof, including many scientists, doctors for example who found real alien object in someone who was kidnapped by alien. NASA or some officials should make documentary that explains all about these on TV. If not, anyone would think that they are hiding something from us.=94

Here is my reply: First, these stories you have heard are not true, for instance about photos of UFOs from NASA spaceships, or doctors finding an alien object in someone. If any of these stories were true, or if there were any scientific evidence for aliens, you would see it all over reputable newspapers and TV news shows. There is a tremendous amount of misinformation out there, especially on the Internet. I know of no simple rule to separate the truth from the lies, except to learn which sources

are trustworthy. Second, you raise the question why =93they are not stopped telling lies=94 and why NASA is not making a documentary =93that explains all about this on TV=94. The government is not in the business of making documentaries or broadcasting on television. NASA officials and other scientists have explained many times the difference between truth and fiction in this area. But we cannot =97 and would not want to =97 control what news and opinions are in the media.

One of my first UFO questions stated that Apollo astronaut Buzz Aldrin had reported that he and his crew members saw a UFO on Apollo 11. =93Edwin Aldrin recently came out in a special on the Science Channel and stated that the astronauts aboard Apollo 11 all saw unidentified objects which seemed to have been following them. He also mentions that they were briefed not to talk about what they had seen. What does NASA have to say in response to this? What were those objects they all saw?=94

To get a straight story, I called Buzz Aldrin, who was happy to explain what had happened. He said that the quotations were taken out of context and did not convey the intended meaning. After the Apollo 11 crew verified that the object they were seeing was not the SIVB upper stage, which was about 6000 miles away at that time, they concluded that they were probably seeing one of the panels from the separation of the spacecraft from the upper stage. These panels were not tracked from Earth and were likely much closer to the Apollo spacecraft. They chose not to discuss this on the open communications channel since they were concerned that their comments might be misinterpreted (as they are being now). All of this explanation about the panels was cut from the broadcast interview, thus giving the impression that the Apollo 11 crew had seen a UFO. Buzz said that he was angry about the deceptive editing and asked them to correct this reversal of what he had said, but they refused.

With the popularity of Youtube, such claims are getting a new life. I recently received this: =93Check out this video on YouTube with Buzz Aldrin saying he saw a UFO on Apollo 11. Whose fibbing, NASA or the great American hero, Buzz Aldrin?=94 My answer was that the fibbing was being done by the producers of the video, who cut the second half of the interview.

How can we argue effectively against beliefs that we are being visited constantly by alien spaceships? The simple assertion from authority =97 that none of these claims are to be found in mainstream publications or television =97 is probably not very convincing. Instead, I point out that the evidence for UFOs and alien visitation is weak. It is easy to see how weak the evidence is when we compare with other phenomena that are increasingly well documented. For example:

1. The proliferation of home video cameras has resulted in excellent images of tornados that we now see often on television, something unheard of 25 years ago. Even with a scary tornado, someone manages to get a good video. There are also amateur videos of bright meteors (fireballs), good enough in the case of the Peekskill meteor of 1992 to allow a calculation of the orbit of the object before it reached Earth. But there has been no comparable flood of good videos of UFOs or aliens.

2. In the last few years, in the US and UK and many other countries, hundreds of thousands of automated video cameras have been installed for security systems. Many of these cameras are outdoors, and at night they sometimes record bright meteors =97 but never UFOs.

3. There are several hundred thousand amateur astronomers who look at the night sky, and they have a tremendous record of discovering comets and novas and anything that changes. One of the most remarkable recent examples is Comet Holmes, a normally inconspicuous Jupiter-family comet that is fainter than Pluto. On October 23=9624, 2007, Comet Holmes went from magnitude 17 to magnitude 2.8 in just a few hours, brightening by almost a million-fold. This is equivalent to the planet Saturn suddenly becoming as bright as the full moon. This unexpected outburst was widely observed and photographed by amateur astronomers around the globe. Yet these same astronomers never report UFOs.

One can never prove a negative. But to me, these examples provide compelling evidence against the reality of UFOs, unless you are so enamored of the idea of alien visits that you think

these aliens are carefully avoiding amateur astronomers, people with video cameras, and security video systems.

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Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 13:22:54 +0000
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 15:39:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

>Source: The Herald Bulletin - Anderson, Indiana, USA

>http://www.heraldbulletin.com/letters/local_story_323234926.html

>November 19, 2007

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>Was It Weather Anomaly, Or UFO?

>Isn't it ironic how we trust our lives with highly respected
>people, and then we're told not to believe their words at the
>same time?

>Case in point, on Nov. 7, 2006, a UFO was observed at O'hare
>International Airport. Twelve employees from United Airlines to
>include two pilots, a U.A. manager, a mechanic, and others
>witnessed a saucer-shaped object hovering 1,900 feet above gate
>C-17 around 4:30 p.m. Reports were made from the employees for
>safety concerns. They were later asked to describe and draw what
>they witnessed. They were instructed to never speak of it again
>by the FAA. The Chicago Tribune caught wind of the story and
>asked United what happened. They denied everything... until the
>Freedom of Information Act was requested. They told the Tribune
>that something happened and it was a "weather anomaly".

All of which, if accurate, raises a fascinating issue. The FAA
is involved in suppression of information here, and we are left
to draw the inference that it would rather be seen to be
suppressing information about a 'weather anomaly' than it would
information about a UFO.

I cannot think of a single reason, let alone a good reason, for
suppressing information about a weather anomaly. This goes
double for an official body with a duty of care in relation to
air passenger safety. Or was it United, or O'Hare who issued the
'weather anomaly' explanation? - whichever way, the Duty of
Care issue still stands. And yet it seems preferable somehow,
at some level of bureaucracy, for the misdeed with the greater
apparent guilt attached to it to be the one exposed.

Does this reflect policy or an unhappy accident? (Or maybe even
an uncontrolled combination of the two, with different
organisations' various agendas, paranoidias and errors coming to
light to contradictory effect?)

--

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Pilots & UAP

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:34:11 +0000
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 15:46:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

Hi Brad,

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:55:23 EST
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:09:25 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>The point that I was making as I am sure you will appreciate is
>>that in the absence of other cues that you mention in the
>>snipped portion from your post, pilots are really no better than
>>anyone else when it comes to estimating size/height/speed of an
>>unknown object (as you imply in the final sentence above). There
>>are many examples of people accepting such estimates without
>>querying how they were arrived at, simply because the witness
>>was somehow an "expert observer".

<snip>

>Sight-lines from an aircraft in motion provide a continual
>series of baselines which can triangulate an unknown object's
>position, and thus its speed, distance and size, via something
>that is roughly analogous to interferometry.

>As an observation progresses over time a pilot in an aircraft
>flying at say 500 mph can gain legitimate visual cues about an
>unknown object's relative speed and position, which a stationary
>observer on the ground cannot. Thus, equating the two
>situations, ground and air, is not valid. Furthermore, with more
>experience in making observations from the air, the better able
>a pilot will be to process these dynamic visual cues.

>
>The fact that a pilot may make mistakes in such situations
>inside a moving aircraft, or that there may be a few situations
>where no dynamic observational cues are perceived, are merely
>the exceptions that prove the rule: The rule is that in general
>pilots in flying aircraft <do> have an ability to perceive and
>estimate size, speed, distance and relative position of unknown
>objects in the sky, <unlike> observers on the ground.

Hi Brad, List,

I don't think we are really in much disagreement here, Brad,
though I would query the question as to whether or not accurate
estimates are the norm or the exception in cases involving UFOs.
I think this would be a difficult thing to prove either way, and
to my knowledge, no study of these particular circumstances have
been conducted. All that we currently have to go on are isolated
cases, where dimensions have been arrived at that can be
compared to the pilot's initial estimates.

Two such cases come to my mind immediately.

First, the relatively recent Bowyer case - which Martin and his

colleagues will shortly be publishing a detailed report on.

IMO Bowyer was an excellent witness, reporting accurately what he saw and qualifying estimates of distance and size. This is one of the factors which have made it possible to carry out any meaningful study of the report.

Bowyer revised his initial estimate - of distance - following, IIRC, consultation with Air Traffic Services. His initial estimate was out by a considerable margin, as the report will show.

That is not a slur on Bowyer or his abilities, but does tend to confirm my view about the need to question the accuracy of observations even if they are made by a pilot or what some regard as any type of 'expert witness'.

The other case that comes instantly to mind is the 1990 case near the Dutch-German border, admirably written up by the UFO Working Group Netherlands at:

<http://www.ufonet.nl/nieuws/tornado/index2.html>

In this case, a re-entering satellite caused two highly-skilled RAF pilots to think that an unidentified aircraft was in their immediate airspace, causing at least one of the aircraft to take avoiding action.

Straight off the top of my head, there are two cases exemplifying what I am talking about. I am unable at this time to recall any case demonstrating the accuracy of pilot observations in respect of UFOs, perhaps you can?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Skylab 3

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 09:09:09 -0700
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 15:54:33 -0500
Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 11:26:26 -0500
>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 Nov 2007 10:31:30 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 11 Nov 2007 15:53:10 -0500
>>>Subject: Skylab 3

><snip>

>>>If you want to find an astronaut sighting of an unidentified
>>>space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you
>>>are.

>>>Comments welcome

>>><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

<snip>

>>- Your calculation for the object size is based on an estimate
>>for object distance, which in turn is based on the time delay
>>between Skylab and the object entering earth's shadow. This
>>makes the implicit (and probably unwarranted) assumption that
>>the object is in the same orbit as Skylab, and pierces the same
>>point on the shadow zone surface. It would seem possible to
>>obtain a variety of object distances --and hence sizes-- by
>>relaxing this constraint, even for purely ballistic (i.e., non-
>>maneuvering) trajectories. I note that you consider perturbed
>>orbits later in the analysis, but as far as I can tell the
>>implications for the object size calculation are not mentioned.

>Of course, the farther away the object is assumed to have been
>at the time of the fourth photo the larger it must have been to
>have an angular size of .0029 radians (this assumes the 300 mm
>focal length lens was used). As pointed out in the analysis
>(especially the revised version now on my site), if the object
>was another man-made satellite or something ejected from the
>skylab (e.g trash), then it must have been no larger than 10 m
>(maximum separation of reflective points of the assumed
>satellite corresponding to the separation between the upper and
>lower red 'dots') and hence no further away than about 10
>m/.0029 rad = 3,400 = 3.4 km at the time of the fourth photo.
>There is a problem with the assumption that it was this close
>(or smaller and closer) when the Skylab went into the
>shadow:regardless of where you place the object relative to the
>Skylab, it would pass into the shadow no more than about 1
>second after the Skylab.
>

Bruce,

I have been away from the computer in recent days and my reply is thus tardy... thanks for your detailed and informative response, much of which I have snipped away here for brevity.

Your revised analysis (SL3.html) does cover the distance/size issue in more depth than the original (and now deceased) link you provided above. While the arguments presented against the 'Skylab debris' hypothesis are generally persuasive, the case could actually be made ironclad in a straightforward --if tedious-- manner:

While an analytic derivation would be difficult (perhaps intractable), a brute-force march through trial perturbations of the Skylab orbit would reveal whether it is possible even in principle for a piece of Skylab debris to satisfy the given constraints (shadow entry delay, angular displacement relative to Skylab, etc). One need only launch an array of 'test particles' at various points upstream along the Skylab orbit, the elements of which are provided in the Oberg document. These particles would be given an instantaneous velocity increment of variable magnitude and direction, and then propagated forward along their new orbits to the initial time of the sighting. If none of them are consistent with the observed subsequent object motion and sunlight/shadow timing, then it's case closed: Skylab debris is explicitly ruled out.

This would not rule out the more general case of orbits that are not obtained by impulsive perturbations of the Skylab orbit, i.e., satellites or debris not associated with Skylab. The above approach would not be practical for this broader problem without some analytical filtering of the orbit sampling population based on the observed constraints.

I have available the necessary orbital mechanics routines to conduct such a study, although I would need to write a driver to loop through the sampling variables, and also incorporate the earth/sun shadow geometry. I will attend to this as time permits and forward the results.

<snip>

>>- Garriott makes the claim that Skylab and the object were not >>in a region of the orbit in which sunlight was passing through >>earth's atmosphere (and thus reddening it). But it is >>unavoidable that sunlight illuminating Skylab and the object was >>passing through earth's atmosphere when both objects were in the >>vicinity of the edge of the shadow zone.

>That is true, but the passage through the region where the >sunlight is reddened would have taken place in some number of >seconds at the end of the 10 minute period of observation, most >of which occurred when the Skylab and object were far from (but >approaching) the reddened area.

"...some number of seconds" may understate the interval of significant reddening. I should think it would begin with entry into the penumbral shadow (when the figure of the sun first intersects the limb of the earth) and proceed well beyond entry into the the umbral shadow (where the figure of the sun is completely blocked). Note that the totally eclipsed moon is blood/copper red even though it has no line of sight to the sun. Note also that Skylab and the object were approaching the shadow cone surface obliquely, not perpendicularly. Here it would be useful to have some first-hand testimony from astronauts regarding the typical duration of this interval, although it may not be obvious even to them unless they had some view of the exterior of their vehicle.

Mike

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Re: Pilots & UAP

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:22:51 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>Hello Don,

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 12:38:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:17:43 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>><snip>

>>>Just to respond to your earlier post first where you wrote:

>>>"Same as what?"

>>>My point was that altitude, speed, and attitude are not quite
>>>the same as angular size, relative elevation/depression, and
>>>vertical motion.

>>>I don't think you know what you are talking about here, Joe. You
>>>are discarding info out-of-hand because of some misperception on
>>>your part.

>>>Best thing to do is spend 5,000 pounds getting your license then
>>>spend thousands more acquiring an aircraft then thousands more
>>>on top of that getting a couple of thousand hours in the air,
>>>then you can offer an opinion; otherwise you are just
>>>spouting-off about something you know nothing about.

>>>If as appears to be the case, you are suggesting that altitude,
>>>speed, and attitude are the same as angular size, relative
>>>elevation/depression, and vertical motion, then I suggest that
>>>you have wasted any money that you have spent on training to be
>>>a pilot.

This is absurd. And you are splitting hairs. I didn't train to be
a pilot so that I could better report some errant UFO. I love
flying, that's why I trained. You astound me. What a silly thing
to say.

I'm suggesting that because of my experience that I have a
better shot at relaying a report of said UFO because of years of
built up experience, of identifying other craft in the sky with
me. I can quickly eliminate hundreds of possibilities due to my
knowledge of what flies. This is the same with all high time
pilots.

Also, I have a much better chance to measure some object's speed or size while in the air. What difference does it's angular size make? You hang on that as if it's the definitive make or break for UFO ID.

Both good experiences I had of seeing a UFO were while I was ground bound - never saw one while flying. But I have seen 6 or 7 weather balloons, many hot air balloons, birds, clouds, airliners, airforce aircraft, blimps, planets and stars etc. during my time in the air.

<snip>

>>Let's face it Bowyers has a much better handle on what does and >>doesn't fly in our skies and has earned the right to report >>without fear of ridicule about what he saw in the sky.

>No dispute there.

>>The fact that he was happy to get on the ground after seeing >>these things should tell you something.

>Yep - it tells me he doesn't like sharing airspace with something >he can't identify. Does it tell you something different?

>>The second pilot steadfastly refuses to talk further about it - >>probably because of the nonsense that comes from the press and >>their inexperienced debunking supporters; or it struck him on a >>level he would rather not go to.

>Or probably because he doesn't want to take the risk of being >associated with "UFO cranks" who perceive anything unusual in the >air as a "craft".

Now there it is, the "UFO cranks". That's what this is all about. You are as guilty as the mainstream press who know less about it than you do whom however make snap judgements about what people see without actually disproving it on their [or your] own.

>>Bowyers report suggests a craft to me - an unknown craft, or UFO.

>Why? There's no apparent structure, it wasn't moving in any >obviously controlled manner. What convinces you that it was a >craft?

Who said there was no apparent structure?

>>Otherwise you are trying to make this out as some unknown >>natural phenomenon. That I think is baloney.

>I'm not trying to make it into anything - it's you that's making >into a craft.

What else would it be? Surely you are not suggesting swamp gas or a cloud or some other silly explanation. Why would you err on the side of some unknown, unheard off phenomenon related to weather perhaps - [the latter doesn't lend itself to the location and weather conditions anyway - or the other most common attempt to shoehorn in ball lighting or some electrical phenomenon that has no basis in fact or unsupportable.

More and more Joe it appears to me that you are in the business of debunking rather than solving. I think Martin and others are on top of the Channel Islands case.

Note for Martin - if these things were at their altitude then they would have been on their respective horizons or perhaps below it.

Bowyers and the other pilot had eyes in the sky and experience on their side, what have you got that you are bringing to the table other than some vague attempts at discrediting the witnesses.

I note of late that there is a concerted attempt to discredit pilot reports and the pilots themselves by James Oberg and a few others who simply parrot Hynek's uninformed gaff. And there is good reason for this. He and others recognize the value of pilot reports most likely because they report them in terms they are most familiar with as if it was another aircraft.

While we are at it I note Canadian pilots have gotten around the stigma they wish to distance themselves from while still alerting other pilots in their airspace of reports of something unusual by reporting a 'balloon'.

These 'balloons' do not in the larger percentage of cases make any sense. They are too big, are tracking the aircraft, often are displaying behavior uncharacteristic of a balloon such as, in one case, hovering in the same spot for 26 hours, are not scientific balloons because they are not NOTAMed, are at altitudes uncharacteristic of weather balloons.

Weather balloons by the way are being used less and less for weather ops particularly around large airports. I suspect that within the next ten years or so they will be things of the past. But the ploy works because it serves its purpose to alert other pilots while making a report to ATC.

You and I will not agree Joe because we come from different camps.

Don Ledger

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Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

From: **Santiago Yturria**<syturria.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 11:17:55 -0600
Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 16:41:20 -0500
Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:04:54 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>List,

>My friend, a director of one of the Russian UFO organizations,
>gave me three videos to upload. Each video has audio, but in
>Russian and need to be translated, which I will do later.

>The titles are the dates recorded. They were all shot in the
>Perm region, in Russia.

>I know the 'dancing ball' video was used in a Russian
>documentary on UFOs, but it in a sequence with other videos
>and only for a few seconds.

>Another video (I can't tell now which exactly) was shown on
>Japanese TV. More details will be provided when materials are
>translated into English.

>The videos decoded from VHS by my friend who has originals or
>very good copies. He said that, if necessary, he can provide
>copies of much higher quality.

>So, now you are the judges. I know that there are experts on
>the List.

>A question - what to do with these videos now?

I just watched the videos Sergey and this is my opinion. I think
you forgot to add the word Fake to those five videos titles.
Then your fake UFO videos gallery may be complete.

Santiago

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RAF Did Send Fighters Up

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 16:45:00 -0500
Subject: RAF Did Send Fighters Up

Source: The Chichester Observer - Sussex, UK

<http://www.chichester.co.uk/news/UFO-report--RAF-did.3488813.jp>

15 November 2007 10:16

UFO Report =96 RAF Did Send Fighters Up

A UFO spotter from Felpham has appealed to anyone else who saw the objects to contact him. Leo Lindsay and his wife, Rosie, watched the visitors from outer space from a bedroom window.

Mr Lindsay has since had unofficial confirmation from the Ministry of Defence that two RAF planes were sent up to investigate the phenomenon.

"The RAF don't do that unless there is a real reason," he stated. "I can't believe no one else saw the objects. I would estimate they were each about the size of a house.

"Anyone walking along Felpham seafront at that time would not have been able to miss them. I hope they will let me know on 01243 855728."

Mr Lindsay estimates the objects must have been above Felpham seafront in a beautiful light blue sky with white puffy clouds. He was looking out of a bedroom window in his home in Roundle Avenue at about 6pm on October 4 when he saw 'two round football-shaped objects' coming over the trees high in the sky.

He went downstairs to tell his wife. He watched as the objects changed to become 'multi-faceted diamond shaped discs which moved further apart'.

The fighter planes appeared on the scene ten minutes later. Two aunts staying with the couple also saw the incident.

The full article contains 224 words and appears in OS-Bognor Observer newspaper.

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 18:23:02 -0000
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 06:35:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

>Dr. David Morrison is Senior Scientist of the NASA Astrobiology
>Institute. He is a recent recipient of the American Astronomical
>Society's Carl Sagan Medal honoring his efforts to explain
>science to the public.

<snip>

>It is easy to see how weak the
>evidence is when we compare with other phenomena that are
>increasingly well documented. For example:

Much of what Morrison says up to here is on the button, but I
have to take exception to this.

>1. The proliferation of home video cameras has resulted in
>excellent images of tornados that we now see often on
>television, something unheard of 25 years ago. Even with a scary
>tornado, someone manages to get a good video. There are also
>amateur videos of bright meteors (fireballs), good enough in
>the case of the Peekskill meteor of 1992 to allow a calculation of
>the orbit of the object before it reached Earth. But there has
>been no comparable flood of good videos of UFOs or aliens.

I wonder if Morrison has rigorously checked these videos of
bright meteors and tornados to prove they are "good" and not
hoaxed? How many of them have probative value? He claims a
"flood". Can he certify this? He appears to assume it easily,
but we know how simple digital manipulation is, and how easily
we can be fooled. There are innumerable home videos of purported
UFOs, as he himself complains by implication. Some are obvious
hoaxes or conventional objects. Most of them are simply no more
probative than a video of a "meteor" might be. Some of them look
"good". But really, who knows? Morrison?

>2. In the last few years, in the US and UK and many other
>countries, hundreds of thousands of automated video cameras have
>been installed for security systems. Many of these cameras are
>outdoors, and at night they sometimes record bright meteors -
>but never UFOs.

I would like Dr. Morrison to justify and quantify these
statements. What is the population of security videos that he
has examined, and what exactly did he find on them? What time
period was covered by this ambitious study? Can he please
provide a listing and a breakdown of the meteor events captured
versus other categories of objects (aircraft, balloons, birds,
fireflies, ball lightning etc etc), detailing the protocols for
allocating these evaluations? Or if he is reporting someone
else's international search of "hundreds of thousands" of
security videos - an admirable project, I'm sure - please could
he provide a reference?

>3. There are several hundred thousand amateur astronomers who

>look at the night sky, and they have a tremendous record of
>discovering comets and novae and anything that changes. One of
>the most remarkable recent examples is Comet Holmes, a normally
>inconspicuous Jupiter-family comet that is fainter than Pluto.
>On October 23-24, 2007, Comet Holmes went from magnitude 17 to
>magnitude 2.8 in just a few hours, brightening by almost a
>million-fold. This is equivalent to the planet Saturn suddenly
>becoming as bright as the full moon. This unexpected outburst
>was widely observed and photographed by amateur astronomers
>around the globe.

I wonder why so many amateur astrophotographers all over the world happened to be aiming at this almost infinitesimal faint spot in the night sky? I suspect it may have had something to do with the fact that they knew there was a cometary photo-op there and they could key the co-ordinates into their little Celestron drives as fast as changing TV channels. I wonder if Dr Morrison would care to calculate the probability per observer-year of sighting, by chance, a ball lightning, a rare bird, a military spy-plane or a fireball meteor (say) in a telescopic field of view that might be only seconds or minutes of arc across? Can he cite even one example of any of those events? I won't even insist on authentication. An observer report will do

>Yet these same astronomers never report UFOs.

Well, once again, I think Morrison is honour-bound to provide a reference for this controversial claim, because it contradicts a great deal of well-documented and easily-accessible historical information.

>One can never prove a negative. But to me, these examples
>provide compelling evidence against the reality of UFOs, unless
>you are so enamored of the idea of alien visits that you think
>these aliens are carefully avoiding amateur astronomers, people
>with video cameras, and security video systems.

This is a depressingly stupid and ill-informed piece of argumentation, full of category mistakes, non-sequiturs and begged questions, which does the cause of conscientious scepticism nothing but harm.

Martin Shough

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Re: Pilots & UAP

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Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 15:26:21 -0400
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 06:37:46 -0500
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:55:23 EST
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:09:25 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:57:56 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

><snip>

>>Hello David,

>>Thanks for the very worthwhile response,

>>>Thus there can be many possible clues to distance, and hence
>>>size and speed. It is simply NOT true that a pilot (or anybody
>>>else for that matter) can NEVER estimate distance/size/speed of
>>>an unknown object with any accuracy. That, unfortunately, is
>>>just debunker propaganda talk. It is more accurate to say that
>>>distance, speed, size cannot be determined with accuracy in the
>>>complete ABSENCE of any cues.

>>The point that I was making as I am sure you will appreciate is
>>that in the absence of other cues that you mention in the
>>snipped portion from your post, pilots are really no better than
>>anyone else when it comes to estimating size/height/speed of an
>>unknown object (as you imply in the final sentence above). There
>>are many examples of people accepting such estimates without
>>querying how they were arrived at, simply because the witness
>>was somehow an "expert observer".

>Your post seems to cleverly confuse the issue. A pilot on
>the ground might be no better a witness than any other person
>on the ground. But we are not talking about observation from
>the ground. We are talking about observation from the air
>inside an aircraft traveling at perhaps 500 mph depending on the
>aircraft and circumstances. You seem to be trying to assert some
>absolute rule of physics here but that rule would be wrong.

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>pilots in flying aircraft <do>have an ability to perceive and
>estimate size, speed, distance and relative position of unknown
>objects in the sky, <unlike>observers on the ground.

Brad, I'd like to ask you and David Rudiak to address this problem that has bothered me for some time; this being reports by pilots - or explanations by the FAA, TC, CAA etc. of them encountering/reporting a weather balloon.

Weather ballons usually explode once they expand to a given diameter of 8-10 feet which occurs at an altitude of about 40,000 feet.

My question is: If an aircraft at 40,000 feet is flying at approx. .87 Mach what are the chances that the pilots can acquire it as an object long enough to identify it at these closing speeds given the size of 10 feet. This is assuming that the pilot was looking in the right place at the time.

I bring up this question because of my own experiences with weather ballons while flying my Cessna 172. My typical cruise speed was 120 mph. My typical altitude would be around 2,500 to 3,000 feet depending on circumstances [could range as high as 9,500 feet]. For the most part private pilots in the 172 sized aircraft has his or her eyes out the window with the occassional instrument glance then back outside.

Each of the weather balloons [it's either 6 or 7] I observed first appeared as a dot through the windscreen. It took usually a couple of seconds to make sure it wasn't a bug on the windscreen [by moving my head around to a different angle]. The weather balloon would quickly expand in size and I either had to maneuver to avoid it or it passed under, above or on either side of me. The whole thing would be over in 5 to 6 seconds from the acquired dot to the passing of the balloon.

The speed of the thing was of course my aircraft's closing speed. At the nominal 2,500-3,000 foot altitudes the weather balloon would be about 4 feet in diameter. Because this happened so quickly in my own cases I question the ability of pilots at 35,000 to 40,000 feet at .87 Mach [typical] to acquire or even see one of these. Even at say 10 feet in diameter the speed of about 600 mph would make it extremely difficult to spot the balloon before it was passed by the aircraft in a matter of a couple of seconds.

Any thoughts on this?

Don Ledger

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

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Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 06:41:08 -0500
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>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 09:32:22 -0500
>Archived: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 09:32:22 -0500
>Subject: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

>With all the buzz this week about UFOs and the call for an
>investigation into what the government is hiding from us about
>extraterrestrial aliens, we thought we would ask a NASA official
>in charge of dealing with the public about such matters, and
>that is NASA scientist David Morrison. Read on for how Dr.
>Morrison handles such queries as "where are you hiding the alien
>bodies?" and other such matters.

>Dr. David Morrison is Senior Scientist of the NASA Astrobiology
>Institute. He is a recent recipient of the American Astronomical
>Society's Carl Sagan Medal honoring his efforts to explain
>science to the public.

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>Answering Public Questions On UFOs And Aliens

>by David Morrison

<snip>

David Morrison is a veteran of party-line skepticism. And as most people on this list should know, he's wrong on each of his three points.

>1. The proliferation of home video cameras has resulted in
>excellent images of tornados that we now see often on
>television, something unheard of 25 years ago. Even with a scary
>tornado, someone manages to get a good video. There are also
>amateur videos of bright meteors (fireballs), good enough in the
>case of the Peekskill meteor of 1992 to allow a calculation of
>the orbit of the object before it reached Earth. But there has
>been no comparable flood of good videos of UFOs or aliens.

I don't know what Morrison's scientific definition of a "flood of good videos" is, but there certainly have been good videos over the past 15 to 20 years.

>2. In the last few years, in the US and UK and many other
>countries, hundreds of thousands of automated video cameras have
>been installed for security systems. Many of these cameras are
>outdoors, and at night they sometimes record bright meteors
>but never UFOs.

I just did a Google search on "security camera UFO" and got ten pages of results. I'm not claiming that any of videos are legitimate, but I'm not the one claiming that there have been no such videos. Dr. Morrison apparently either doesn't know how to

use an Internet search engine or his beliefs are so strong that he assumes that he never has to verify anything he claims.

>3. There are several hundred thousand amateur astronomers who
>look at the night sky, and they have a tremendous record of
>discovering comets and novas and anything that changes. One of
>the most remarkable recent examples is Comet Holmes, a normally
>inconspicuous Jupiter-family comet that is fainter than Pluto.
>On October 23=9624, 2007, Comet Holmes went from magnitude 17 to
>magnitude 2.8 in just a few hours, brightening by almost a
>million-fold. This is equivalent to the planet Saturn suddenly
>becoming as bright as the full moon. This unexpected outburst
>was widely observed and photographed by amateur astronomers
>around the globe. Yet these same astronomers never report UFOs.

It's ironic that Morrison mentions Pluto, since its discoverer, Clyde Tombaugh, was a UFO witness. Peter Sturrock did a poll in which he found a small but significant percentage of astronomers had witnessed UFOs. Maybe Morrison thinks this doesn't count since none of them were amateurs, but another Google search turned up plenty of references to amateur astronomers who've witnessed UFOs. Here's a Wiki entry:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UFO>

"Although it is sometimes contended that astronomers never report UFOs, the Air Force's Project Blue Book files indicate that approximately 1% of all their reports came from amateur and professional astronomers or other users of telescopes (such as missile trackers or surveyors)."

It looks like people in the Skeptic movement have been watching Steven Colbert on the Comedy Channel and are now firm believers in "truthiness", a philosophy that posits that if a statement or claim sounds good, then it should be accepted as true even if it's not. In Morrison's case, everything he said is very "truthy", but none of it is true.

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'Unidentified' [was: Pilots & UAP]

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Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:31:09 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 06:46:24 -0500
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 12:38:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

><snip>

>An unknown craft is a UFO. UFO for those who keep forgetting
>means unidentified flying object - not alien space craft.

><snip>

Hello Don, Joe and List,

Does it ever start to be identifiable as a constructed object
not from this Earth?

With all due respect, this notion of "unidentified" seems to be
the new spin, a la mode du jour, hinting that the witnesses
failed in some way.

Jimmy Carter is not the only one to lately put the spin on his
testimony. His sighting leaves room to doubt, but his use of the
word "unidentified" muddies the water. His answer has been
repeated by a few columnists, some claiming they once saw
something, couldn't figure out what it was and now use the
expression "it was unidentified".

I can understand that many observations are the result of bad
perception or insufficient data. For that matter, we talk of
only 5% of true unknowns. Brad Sparks even mentions about 30%!

I think it should be stated that, at some point, the _true_
unknowns are not unidentified. They should be considered as some
alien manifestation, meaning not fabricated by mankind as we
know it.

The term 'alien' itself is the object of a debate. They might be
interdimensional, extraterrestrial, time travelers, whatever.

As much as there is danger! of classifying all strange
observations and unknowns as UFOs, there is a danger in
classifying all UFOs as unidentified, especially when the label
infers something was amiss.

"Unidentified" is some kind of negative assessment.

James Penniston saw and touched something in Rendlesham Forest.
Unidentified does not apply to it.

It was alien wasn't it? So were the Iranian and Peruvian
incidents?

If the word "alien" is too much for some people, how about

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"artificial but not manmade"?

It is also a negative assessment, but it is more convenient and more exact than "unidentified".

Vincent Boudreau

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:34:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

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>Hi Brad, List,

>I don't think we are really in much disagreement here, Brad,
>though I would query the question as to whether or not accurate
>estimates are the norm or the exception in cases involving UFOs.
>I think this would be a difficult thing to prove either way, and
>to my knowledge, no study of these particular circumstances have
>been conducted. All that we currently have to go on are isolated
>cases, where dimensions have been arrived at that can be

>compared to the pilot's initial estimates.

>Two such cases come to my mind immediately.

>First, the relatively recent Bowyer case - which Martin and his
>colleagues will shortly be publishing a detailed report on.

>IMO Bowyer was an excellent witness, reporting accurately what
>he saw and qualifying estimates of distance and size. This is
>one of the factors which have made it possible to carry out any
>meaningful study of the report.

>Bowyer revised his initial estimate - of distance - following,
>IIRC, consultation with Air Traffic Services. His initial
>estimate was out by a considerable margin, as the report will
>show.

>That is not a slur on Bowyer or his abilities, but does tend to
>confirm my view about the need to question the accuracy of
>observations even if they are made by a pilot or what some
>regard as any type of 'expert witness'.

>The other case that comes instantly to mind is the 1990 case
>near the Dutch-German border, admirably written up by the UFO
>Working Group Netherlands at:

><http://www.ufonet.nl/nieuws/tornado/index2.html>

>In this case, a re-entering satellite caused two highly-skilled
>RAF pilots to think that an unidentified aircraft was in their
>immediate airspace, causing at least one of the aircraft to take
>avoiding action.

>Straight off the top of my head, there are two cases
>exemplifying what I am talking about. I am unable at this time
>to recall any case demonstrating the accuracy of pilot
>observations in respect of UFOs, perhaps you can?

To butt in, right off the top of my head, the Ken Arnold
sighting. There are plenty more as you work your way forward 59
years.

Singular moving lights at night are not fair game, Joe. There is
a big difference between a re-entering satellite and a daylight
UFO. I suppose you would have the pilot take the hit rather than
act on instinct in that case though. If he thought it was threat
what would you have him do? No one is claiming lights in the sky
at night without reference points can be readily identified,
particularly ones that are moving.

As for Bowyers, it was disturbing enough for him to remark that
he was glad to get his airplane back on the ground. The numbers
still work out at about 600 feet in length, possibly longer.

You should make an effort to check into more pilot sightings
before you make the same leap as Ian Ridpath re that case. He
tried to apply that to the Manchester encounter. A British
Airways passenger jet had a close encounter with an unidentified
flying object while landing at Manchester Airport in January
1995. "The Boeing 737, flight BA5061, with 60 people on board,
was overtaken at high speed by a wedge-shaped craft as the plane
descended through 4,000ft on the final stages of a journey from
Milan." His contention was it was a meteor 60 or 80 miles up and
away when in fact the visibility was 6 miles in cloud-another
aviation fact he couldn't understand.

Anyway, never mind lights in the sky, stick with the tough ones.
Start with the 3,500 odd cases Dick Haines has at NARCAP.

Don Ledger

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How Do We Make Sense Of What We See

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How Do We Make Sense Of What We See

Baltimore MD (SPX)

M.C. Escher's ambiguous drawings transfix us: Are those black birds flying against a white sky or white birds soaring out of a black sky? Which side is up on those crazy staircases? Lines in Escher's drawings can seem to be part of either of two different shapes. How does our brain decide which of those shapes to "see?" In a situation where the visual information provided is ambiguous -- whether we are looking at Escher's art or looking at, say, a forest -- how do our brains settle on just one interpretation?

In a study published this month in Nature Neuroscience, researchers at The Johns Hopkins University demonstrate that brains do so by way of a mechanism in a region of the visual cortex called V2.

That mechanism, the researchers say, identifies "figure" and "background" regions of an image, provides a structure for paying attention to only one of those two regions at a time and assigns shapes to the collections of foreground "figure" lines that we see.

"What we found is that V2 generates a foreground-background map for each image registered by the eyes," said Rudiger von der Heydt, a neuroscientist, professor in the university's Zanvyl Krieger Mind/Brain Institute and lead author on the paper. "Contours are assigned to the foreground regions, and V2 does this automatically within a tenth of a second."

The study was based on recordings of the activity of nerve cells in the V2 region in the brain of macaques, whose visual systems are much like that of humans. V2 is roughly the size of a microcassette and is located in the very back of the brain. Von der Heydt said the foreground-background "map" generated by V2 also provides the structure for conscious perception in humans.

"Because of their complexity, images of natural scenes generally have many possible interpretations, not just two, like in Escher's drawings," he said. "In most cases, they contain a variety of cues that could be used to identify fore- and background, but oftentimes, these cues contradict each other. The V2 mechanism combines these cues efficiently and provides us immediately with a rough sketch of the scene."

Von der Heydt called the mechanism "primitive" but generally reliable. It can also, he said, be overridden by decision of the conscious mind.

"Our experiments show that the brain can also command the V2 mechanism to interpret the image in another way," he said. "This explains why, in Escher's drawings, we can switch deliberately" to see either the white birds or the dark birds, or to see either side of the staircase as facing "up."

The mechanism revealed by this study is part of a system that enables us to search for objects in cluttered scenes, so we can attend to the object of our choice and even reach out and grasp it.

"We can do all of this without effort, thanks to a neural machine that generates visual object representations in the brain," von der Heydt said. "Better yet, we can access these representations in the way we need for each specific task. Unfortunately, how this 'machine' works is still a mystery to us. But discovering this mechanism that so efficiently links our attention to figure-ground organization is a step toward understanding this amazing machine."

Understanding how this brain function works is more than just interesting: It also could assist researchers in unraveling the causes of - and perhaps identifying treatment for - visual disorders such as dyslexia.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Strange Brew: NASA, UFOs and Lawsuits

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<http://tinyurl.com/2kmzp2>

November 15th, 2007

Strange Brew: NASA, UFOs and Lawsuits
Author Leonard David

Consider it as an eccentric mix of NASA, lawsuits and investigative "truth-seekers" delving into UFOs.

Under a settlement of a lawsuit against the space agency, NASA is diving into hundreds of documents in several locations to provide copies of what they find to Leslie Kean, an investigative journalist with the Coalition for Freedom of Information (CFI).

Kean has been seeking documents about the crash of an unknown object in Pennsylvania that occurred in 1965, now over forty years ago. During that time period, witnesses eyed a fireball in the evening sky, reportedly a controlled, albeit crash-landing, followed by a systematic military recovery of a spacecraft-like object. All of this adds-up to fueling a great UFO story and controversial cover-up saga.

NASA has entered into a mutual agreement with Kean to conduct an additional search for responsive agency records, foregoing a more formal court process. The space agency negotiated re-looking at records between the years of 1962 and 1967.

NASA has also agreed to seek any agency records that explain, describe, mention, name, reference or discuss such items as Kecksburg, Pennsylvania; December 9 or 10, 1965; Cosmos 96 - an errant Russian Venus lander that crashed to Earth after launching; "fragology"; UFOs; and/or Richard M. Schulherr, a purported official of Project Moondust - an effort that dispatched recovery teams into crash sites of fallen space objects.

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<http://www.care2.com/c2c/share/detail/540748>

Posted: Tuesday November 13, 2007

John F. Kennedy knew of extraterrestrials and wrote a memo to CIA to release information just 12 days before his assassination

John F. Kennedy
by
Jim Marrs
author of Alien Agenda

President John F. Kennedy may have had more than the usual knowledge about UFOs, according to several credible sources. Further support for Kennedy=92s high-level knowledge regarding UFOs came from a former steward aboard Air Force One who told of a cryptic remark by President Kennedy.

Bill Holden, who also served as loadmaster for Air Force One, traveled with Kennedy to Europe in the summer of 1963. He said a UFO conference in Bonn, Germany, prompted a discussion of the subject aboard the President=92s plane one morning.

Holden said he turned to Kennedy and asked, "What do you think about UFOs, Mr. President?" He said Kennedy became quite serious and thought for a moment before replying, "I=92d like to tell the public about the alien situation, but my hands are tied."

A controversial MJ-12 document titled "Interplanetary Phenomenon Unit Summary" noted Kennedy=92s insider knowledge. This document, apparently written soon after the crashes in New Mexico during July 1947, states, "It has become known to CIC [Counter Intelligence Corps] that some of the recovery operation was shared with Representative John F. Kennedy, Massachusetts Democrat elected to Congress in '46, Son of Joseph P. Kennedy, Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government. [Jack] Kennedy had limited duty as naval officer assigned to Naval Intelligence during the war. It is believed that information [concerning the Roswell crashes] was obtained from [a] source in Congress who is close to [the] Secretary for Air Force." Kennedy was the only Congressmen named who was aware of the truth of the Roswell incidents at the time.

Yet another document appears to be a memorandum written from President Kennedy to the director of the CIA regarding "Classification review of all UFO intelligence files affecting National Security." In this memo, Kennedy stated, "... I have initiated [blacked out] and have instructed [then NASA Administrator] James Webb to develop a program with the Soviet Union in joint space and lunar exploration. It would be very helpful if you would have the high threat cases reviewed with the purpose of identification of bona fide as opposed to classified CIA and USAF sources. It is important that we make a

clear distinction between the knowns and unknowns in the event the Soviets try to mistake our extended cooperation as a cover for intelligence gathering of their defense and space programs.=94 Kennedy then asked for all files on "Unknowns" to be turned over to the NASA authorities and an interim report be forwarded to the White House no later than Feb.1, 1964.

This document which clearly showed a president about to make UFO secrets available to wider circles in government and, hence, probably available to the public was dated Nov. 12, 1963, just ten days before his Nov. 22 assassination in Dallas.

Desperately clinging to their UFO-free mindset, debunkers question this document=92s authenticity while an unquestionably authentic document has been found in the John F. Kennedy Library.

National Security Action Memorandum No. 271 is titled "Cooperation with the USSR in Outer Space Matters" and is addressed to the Administrator of NASA, at that time James Webb. This signed memo does not mention UFOs specifically, nevertheless, Kennedy instructs Webb to "assume personally the initiative and central responsibility within the Government for the development of a program of substantive cooperation with the Soviet Union in the field of outer space, including the development of specific technical proposals." Kennedy added that this plan was a direct result of "my September 20 proposal for broader cooperation between the United States and the USSR in outer space, including cooperation in lunar landing programs." This incredible document was also dated Nov. 12, 1963, but who in 1963 would have believed that the United States and the Soviet Union would have been engaging in cooperative joint space operations? The White House log of that day showed that beginning at 2 p.m. Kennedy had lunch and then "no official appointments" but "conferred with various staff members during the afternoon." Obviously on this day, Kennedy had more than enough time to deal with space matters.

Also obvious is the fact that this apparent attempt to cooperate with the USSR ended with Kennedy=92s death in Dallas. On through the administration of Ronald Reagan, we were still warned against the "evil empire" and the costly Cold War continued. Opponents to JFK became frantic over his attempts to alter the course of previous U.S. policies. According to one knowledgeable source, Kennedy played a dangerous game, "... after making it clearly evident that he was not prepared to support action against the communists in the normal sense - plans to withdraw troops from South Vietnam - plans to fracture or abolish portions of the CIA; plans for expansion to the Justice System; failure to support the Bay of Pigs [invasion]; and a desire to share some of our most sensitive secrets with the Russians and Chinese =96 space borne platforms, etc... All during a time when his popularity was growing in leaps and bounds with the American public =96 a President who did not enjoy majority support at his election. A very dangerous situation, leaving few methods for control beyond assassination."

This same source went on to say, "I believe John F. Kennedy was appraised of, and had access to, sufficient classified information, to have personally come to the conclusion that UFOs and therefore possible alien life-forms were possibly extant within our solar system... I think Kennedy certainly came to this conclusion... and was looking to demonstrate not only mankind=92s ability to come together for a common goal, but to formally demonstrate we could enter and conquer space as a species. Back then, some would have seen this as either crazy (if they had no access to the material) or (if they had access) very premature and possibly dangerous."

A whole JFK issue evolved around his planned speech at the Dallas Trade Mart, the destination of his ill-fated motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963. Several researchers and some tabloids have claimed that he planned to change his scheduled talk and referred to handwritten notes, which may have included comments regarding UFOs. These notes have never been made public and so continue to be fodder for theorists.

Spurred on by such tantalizing bits of evidence, some researchers even claimed that Kennedy=92s assassination was to prevent him from revealing the news of extraterrestrial visitation to the public.

While this theory is certainly unproved and probably untrue, his willingness to end the Cold War and share our knowledge of outer space with our perceived enemies may have been the straw that broke the back of those within the Military-Industrial (and Intelligence) Complex. This group already thought the young president was "soft on communism" and a danger to their command and control structure.

With all the evidence now at hand, there can be little doubt that President Kennedy may have known more about UFOs than is generally believed.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 18:57:11 -0800
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 14:50:30 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

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>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

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>Society's Carl Sagan Medal honoring his efforts to explain
>science to the public.

<snip>

Mr. Morrison:

I read your report to the Skeptics Society on UFOs and Aliens
with great interest.

Since it was published by the Skeptics Society in an open forum
I would like to reply to some of your comments in an open forum.
But I would be happy to receive any further comments from you
directly.

In the first paragraph of your reply to the question you state:

"stories you have heard are not true" I am sure you will agree
that s very sweeping statement. I am curious to know how you
back that up? Even if you meant to only refer to stories
involving NASA programs, have you been involved in the
determination of the truth of all of these stories or are you
simply discounting them out of hand? You further state:

"If any of these stories were true, or if there were any
scientific evidence for aliens, you would see it all over
reputable newspapers and TV news shows."

You mean everything for which there is scientific evidence is
reported on reputable newspapers and TV news shows? This is news
to me. Then why is the government spending billions of our
dollars every year to keep the secrets of scientific evidence of
black programs from the public? In fact, why has NASA recently
been ordered by a court to reveal the classified documents they
have on UFOs? You further state:

There is a tremendous amount of misinformation out there,
especially on the Internet. I know of no simple rule to separate
the truth from the lies, except to learn which sources are
trustworthy.

And how do you go about determining which sources are
trustworthy? Is there some NASA test for that? And, is
trustworthy sufficient to determine the truth? As a scientist, I
would think you would want to do some research of the facts, get
opinions from other scientists, and test hypotheses as in any
good scientific research before declaring something as
misinformation .

Since you write at some length about Buzz Aldrin s experience
regarding a questionable UFO during Apollo 11, I suppose you

consider astronauts to be trustworthy. I wonder if you considered speaking to former astronaut Edgar Mitchell. He states, in great detail, how he encountered a UFO while an Air Force fighter pilot in Europe. Maybe you can include that in your analysis. But then, if he claims to have chased and seen a UFO you might not consider him trustworthy . You further state:

But there has been no comparable flood of good videos of UFOs or aliens.

I suppose this means you discount all the video footage taken by ordinary citizens of Mexico City showing a multitude of UFOs. Did you actually study and evaluate all the videos of UFOs that have been offered as such? Or is this just another of your sweeping (under the rug) statements?

Frankly, I don t think Carl Sagan would have approved of you receiving an award with his name. I think he would have expected you to act more like a scientist.

Robert Salas

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Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 21:31:43 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 15:41:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>From: Santiago Yturria<syturria.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 11:17:55 -0600
>Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:04:54 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>>My friend, a director of one of the Russian UFO organizations,
>>gave me three videos to upload. Each video has audio, but in
>>Russian and need to be translated, which I will do later.

>I just watched the videos Sergey and this is my opinion. I think
>you forgot to add the word Fake to those five videos titles.
>Then your fake UFO videos gallery may be complete.

I am open to any opinion. But I would like to know, on what your
opinion is based? How it is obvious, that these videos are
fakes?

Sergey

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From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 21:51:55 -0800
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 16:59:58 -0500
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>From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 18:57:11 -0800
>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

My mistake in identifying the Astronaut Edgar Mitchell as having a UFO experience.

It was the late astronaut Gordon Cooper who had the sighting while a military pilot stationed in Europe in the 1950s.

Mitchell however is one ex-astronaut who does believe the UFO phenomenon is real.

Robert Salas

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Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:06:55 -0500
Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:04:54 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Three Russian Videos On-Line

<snip>

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

>Titles:

>1999-06-25 (FULL)
>2002-06-03 (FULL), 2002-06-03 (high short)
>2002-10 (FULL), 2002-10 (high short)

More detailed information about these videos is in translation process and will be ready in about 2 days.

Short information about videos:

Object from the video '1999-06-25 (FULL)' was witnessed close to Shalia village, Sverdlovsk region, Russia, by three boys. Video was analyzed at yjr Ekaterinburg film studio Pro, by director Vasily Goloshchapov and by computer graphics specialists from Ekaterinburg. Later thr video was analyzed by Japanese film-documentarians from the TNT TV channel in Tokyo. The conclusion was that this is not a fake.

Three years later, in June 2002, another video '2002-06-03 (FULL)' was shot by the same cameraman, who shot the first video.

The possibility of a fake was checked in different ways by a team of experts, with participation of a friend of mine, the director of one of the UFO research organizations in Russia. For now I don't have information about what kind of experts. This and previous videos had been shown in Japan in 2002 in a documentary film about the Ural anomalies.

The third video was shot in October 2002, using a professional video camera.

Except of that in the Shalia village region not once has there been seen and photographed anomalous objects of various forms and sizes.

Shalia village on Google map: <http://tinyurl.com/yp4sbx>

Sergey

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

From: Stanton Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 08:42:14 -0400
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:15:49 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 18:23:02 -0000
>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

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>This is a depressingly stupid and ill-informed piece of
>argumentation, full of category mistakes, non-sequiturs and
>begged questions, which does the cause of conscientious
>scepticism nothing but harm.

Right on Martin. Morrison and James McGaha would make a good
pair operationg under the basic rules of debunkdom. Don't bother
me with the facts; what the public doesn't know, I won't tell
them; do one's research by proclamation, and if one can't attack
the data, attack the people.

Why bother with the Astronomer sightings reported by
Hynek, McDonald, Sturrock, Gert Herb etc.,?

He also seems to know nothing about national security.

Best I can tell he went from getting his PhD at Harvard to Mauna
Loa observatory to his NASA Astrobiology post.

Stan Friedman

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 10:49:24 -0400
Archived: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:20:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>It is easy to see how weak the
>>evidence is when we compare with other phenomena that are
>>increasingly well documented. For example:

Martin and Lan,

You can rest assured that there will not be a nasty debate among the skeptics over these glaring mistakes and omissions. He will not be brought to task for his inaccuracies by his skeptical peers who's skepticism will abandon them during the reading of his remarks. When is a skeptic not a skeptic-when it comes to critical review of their own skeptical musings. Unlike we who get into disagreements-often nasty ones-over cases and positions, Morrison's remarks will go unchallenged by the skeptics.

More critical minds than Morrison's-it seems-also working at NASA have looked at the phenomenon and decided that it is real and worthy of study. Paul R. Hill and Richard Haines come to mind.

If this is an example of Morrison's explaining science to the public-which frankly, in this case, is simple minded-then he should give back his medal. To be honest the reading of his explanations was amusing. It struck me as so naive that I discounted him out of hand.

But he has the floor and the ear of those that 'matter' and will be taken more seriously than any of us despite his glaring mistakes.

Don Ledger

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Re: Pilots & UAP

From: David Iadevaia <api.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 05:52:47 -0700
Archived: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 09:31:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:34:11 +0000
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:55:23 EST
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:09:25 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

<snip>

Pilots are trained to react and counter any threats to the aircraft that the pilot sees. As I was flying my Beech Musketeer VFR, daytime, from Tucson, AZ to Blythe, CA enjoying the scenery, I noticed a spot on windshield.

Such a spot catches a pilot's attention.

After determining that it wasn't a smashed bug or something similar I noticed that it was not changing its position but was getting larger (Joe, angular size increasing). This is a threat because it means whatever it is it is heading straight for you.

I took evasive action and returned to my original heading only to find the object still there. So I turned again and the object was now on my starboard side but not getting any bigger. This was curious because that might indicate the object was stationary and I was originally moving toward it.

At that point I determined it was not an immediate threat so I relaxed and continued my heading keeping the object on my starboard side.

I checked my navigation chart and discovered what I was seeing was the US Border Patrol's radar blimp tethered to the ground. On that day the blimp was at an altitude of 10,000 feet.

The chart had a small circle indicating the blimp's position.

So why didn't I check the chart before I took off, because sometimes you just want to fly!

Point is a pilot is trained to assess a threat from a 'UFO' then try to determine what the 'UFO' might be. If I didn't identify the object I would have certainly been curious enough to get closer for a better look an option commercial pilot's don't usually have.

David Iadevaia

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Re: 'Unidentified'

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:10:38 +0000
Archived: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 09:33:54 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Unidentified'

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:31:09 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>Does it ever start to be identifiable as a constructed object
>not from this Earth?

I think it is possible, but that it hasn't happened yet. The obvious way in which it would be possible would be the retrieval of the object. I daresay that other methods are also available, though the global acceptance of any such method might vary.

>With all due respect, this notion of "unidentified" seems to be
>the new spin, a la mode du jour, hinting that the witnesses
>_failed_ in some way.

No, I don't think it is new, and I also don't think it is the witness's fault - if anyone has to be blamed for failure in cases with a fair degree of information, then it is the investigators and researchers, whether they be military, scientific, or voluntary. At the end of the day though, if something is genuinely not identified, does it actually have to be anyone's fault? There are many things which we (mankind) don't know.

<snip>

>I think it should be stated that, at some point, the true
>unknowns are not unidentified. They should be considered as some
>alien manifestation, meaning not fabricated by mankind as we
>know it.

Why? If this were so, secret military aircraft would be classified as alien, for example (if I understand you correctly).

'Unknown' means exactly that - we just don't know what it was.

>The term 'alien' itself is the object of a debate. They might be
>interdimensional, extraterrestrial, time travelers, whatever.

Several people (including myself) have made the same point, but it seems that only the ETH is acceptable for the true believers.

>As much as there is danger! of classifying all strange
>observations and unknowns as UFOs, there is a danger in
>classifying all UFOs as unidentified, especially when the label
>infers something was amiss.

>"Unidentified" is some kind of negative assessment.

I don't see why - it's simply an acknowledgement that we don't know everything.

>James Penniston saw and touched something in Rendlesham Forest.
>_Unidentified_ does not apply to it.

>It was alien wasn't it? So were the Iranian and Peruvian

Re: 'Unidentified'

>incidents?

>If the word "alien" is too much for some people, how about
>"artificial but not manmade"?

How do you establish with certainty that it wasn't man-made?

>It is also a negative assessment, but it is more convenient and
>more exact than "unidentified".

It is only more exact in cases when it is artificial and
isn't man-made.

Regards,

Joe

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Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:21:11 +0000
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Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 17:22:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:34:11 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

<snip>

>To butt in, right off the top of my head, the Ken Arnold
>sighting. There are plenty more as you work your way forward 59
>years.

Sorry Don, but to my knowledge, there is nothing in the Arnold
case to compare the witness estimates with in order to establish
how accurate or otherwise they were?

>Singular moving lights at night are not fair game, Joe. There is
>a big difference between a re-entering satellite and a daylight
>UFO. I suppose you would have the pilot take the hit rather than
>act on instinct in that case though. If he thought it was threat
>what would you have him do? No one is claiming lights in the sky
>at night without reference points can be readily identified,
>particularly ones that are moving.

Okay, where does one draw the line?

>As for Bowyers, it was disturbing enough for him to remark that
>he was glad to get his airplane back on the ground. The numbers
>still work out at about 600 feet in length, possibly longer.

I'm not sure what the final report will say, but there was
certainly a significant margin of error in the initial report. I
don't think anyone would like sharing airspace with something
large and unknown, no matter what it was.

>You should make a effort to check into more pilot sightings
>before you make the same leap as Ian Ridpath re that case. he
>tried to apply that to the Manchester encounter. A British
>Airways passenger jet had a close encounter with an unidentified
>flying object while landing at Manchester Airport in January
>1995. "The Boeing 737, flight BA5061, with 60 people on board,
>was overtaken at high speed by a wedge-shaped craft as the plane
>descended through 4,000ft on the final stages of a journey from
>Milan." His contention was it was a meteor 60 or 80 miles up and
>away when in fact the visibility was 6 miles in cloud-another
>aviation fact he couldn't understand.

You should take that up with Ian.

>Anyway, never mind lights in the sky, stick with the tough ones.
>Start with the 3,500 odd cases Dick Haines has at NARCAP.

I don't have the time to sift through 3,500 cases to find any
which contain detail which can be compared to the pilot's
estimates, not that I wouldn't like to.

Cheers,

Joe

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Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 13:22:54 +0000
>Subject: Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

>>Source: The Herald Bulletin - Anderson, Indiana, USA

>>http://www.heraldbulletin.com/letters/local_story_323234926.html

>>November 19, 2007

>>Letters

>>Was It Weather Anomaly, Or UFO?

>>Isn't it ironic how we trust our lives with highly respected
>>people, and then we're told not to believe their words at the
>>same time?

>>Case in point, on Nov. 7, 2006, a UFO was observed at O'hare
>>International Airport. Twelve employees from United Airlines to
>>include two pilots, a U.A. manager, a mechanic, and others
>>witnessed a saucer-shaped object hovering 1,900 feet above gate
>>C-17 around 4:30 p.m. Reports were made from the employees for
>>safety concerns. They were later asked to describe and draw what
>>they witnessed. They were instructed to never speak of it again
>>by the FAA. The Chicago Tribune caught wind of the story and
>>asked United what happened. They denied everything... until the
>>Freedom of Information Act was requested. They told the Tribune
>>that something happened and it was a "weather anomaly".

>>All of which, if accurate, raises a fascinating issue. The FAA
>>is involved in suppression of information here, and we are left
>>to draw the inference that it would rather be seen to be
>>suppressing information about a 'weather anomaly' than it would
>>information about a UFO.

>>I cannot think of a single reason, let alone a good reason, for
>>suppressing information about a weather anomaly. This goes
>>double for an official body with a duty of care in relation to
>>air passenger safety. Or was it United, or O'Hare who issued the
>>'weather anomaly ' explanation? - whichever way, the Duty of
>>Care issue still stands. And yet it seems preferable somehow,
>>at some level of bureaucracy, for the misdeed with the greater
>>apparent guilt attached to it to be the one exposed.

>>Does this reflect policy or an unhappy accident? (Or maybe even
>>an uncontrolled combination of the two, with different
>>organisations' various agendas, paranoias and errors coming to
>>light to contradictory effect?)

Hi Gerald,

With Errol's forbearance here is what I posted on this matter
back on January 22, 2007 on UFO UpDates:

Initially when the O'Hare UFO sighting occurred, the FAA [Federal Aviation Authority] in the United States declared it a weather phenomenon. Not only was this an ill thought out and silly explanation with no regard to the actual times involved but probably issued by the wrong agency.

The FAA has no expertise in the area of anomalous aerial objects reported by not only the civilian population but by military pilots, general aviation and commercial aviation which involves airliners and airfreighters. The real expertise where the aviation portion of the FAA is concerned is with the pilots who actually fly the airplanes not with the civil servants and ground bound employees of the FAA.

Why is it we are always acquiescing to an uninformed authority when it comes to explaining these objects. There are various departments in the FAA that are concerned with aviation regulations and the whole system of air traffic control. The section of the FAA dealing with media relations is peopled by ex-media people. Other positions in the FAA are populated with supervisors and managers who don't know an aileron from an empennage. Some of these persons are parachuted into these jobs by political representatives who have to pay off a favor to the individuals and reward them with a federal job with the perks and pensions that apply thereto.

The same thing applies in Canada at Transport Canada and other federal agencies. Some employees are aviation savvy and are experts in their fields but usually at the technical level where accidents and air traffic control are concerned. They might have the expertise but do not have the ear of the public. Often policy making at the top levels is concerned with keeping the system of air travel running and making money. Any perceived threat to that trend such as a UFO report at a federally operated and controlled airport is quickly dealt with by the media representatives of the top levels of management not any expert at the FAA. They have no expert in this area.

The response to a UFO report such as that of O'Hare on Nov.7,2006 is knee jerk in nature and not an informed one. In this regard Jon and other reporters should note that in their articles. Even the weather response had no credibility as informed scientific fact and that too should be noted.

It should have been asked where this expertise came from... certainly the FAA does not process it. This is the pervue of the US Weather Service. They have the scientists who are knowledgeable about weather phenomena, not the FAA.

The history should be checked for this phenomenon of the UFO and the study by those informed in this area by the media. The media falls down and frankly dismal in its approach to these reports; often the questions they ask and their attitude toward it are embarrassingly simpleminded. In Jon's case, he at least treated it as a puzzling event - and I was one who sent him one of those hundreds of e-mails he received - praising him for doing so. He took the trouble to issue and FOIA request and stirred up a hornets nest as a result. This attention to detail is not always the case. The databases regarding pilot reports of UFOs/UAP number in the thousands some of which include highly dangerous near misses and in some cases collisions with these things never mind the on-record incidents of pilots reporting these objects harassing them and then never being seen again with ATC losing contact with them while they on the radio reporting the episode. This is a fact not fiction. This can be a dangerous phenomenon often not reported by pilots because they fear just the kind of nonsense offered up by the FAA for the O'Hare incident.

Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

Best,

Don Ledger

Pilot, author Swissair Down The Crash Of Swissair Flight 111

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Re: 'Unidentified'

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 09:40:45 -0500
Subject: Re: 'Unidentified'

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:31:09 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 12:38:14 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 13:22:39 +0000
>>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>><snip>

>>An unknown craft is a UFO. UFO for those who keep forgetting
>>means unidentified flying object - not alien space craft.

>><snip>

>Does it ever start to be identifiable as a constructed object
>not from this Earth?

>With all due respect, this notion of "unidentified" seems to be
>the new spin, a la mode du jour, hinting that the witnesses
>_failed_ in some way.

>Jimmy Carter is not the only one to lately put the spin on his
>testimony. His sighting leaves room to doubt, but his use of the
>word "unidentified" muddies the water. His answer has been
>repeated by a few columnists, some claiming they once saw
>something, couldn't figure out what it was and now use the
>expression "it was unidentified".

>I can understand that many observations are the result of bad
>perception or insufficient data. For that matter, we talk of
>only 5% of true unknowns. Brad Sparks even mentions about 30%!

>I think it should be stated that, at some point, the true
>unknowns are not unidentified. They should be considered as some
>alien manifestation, meaning not fabricated by mankind as we
>know it.

>The term 'alien' itself is the object of a debate. They might be
>interdimensional, extraterrestrial, time travelers, whatever.

>As much as there is danger! of classifying all strange
>observations and unknowns as UFOs, there is a danger in
>classifying all UFOs as unidentified, especially when the label
>infers something was amiss.

>"Unidentified" is some kind of negative assessment.

>James Penniston saw and touched something in Rendlesham Forest.
>_Unidentified_ does not apply to it.

>It was alien wasn't it? So were the Iranian and Peruvian

>incidents?

>If the word "alien" is too much for some people, how about
>"artificial but not manmade"?

>It is also a negative assessment, but it is more convenient and
>more exact than "unidentified".

Hi Vincent,

You make a good point. The letters UFO have been used as a convenient moniker on which to hang various and sundry reports of anomalies in the sky-and on the ground- for some 50 years. It has also become a term used to denote a craft of extraterrestrial origin and a term with connotations approaching some religious rite-"Do you believe in UFOs?"

Often we hear that something anomalous in the sky was deemed to be a UFO as if that solved the problem which of course it does not. It simply confuses the issue by stating that something was identified as being unidentified.

When does a UFO become something other than a UFO? What's another name for it? Would it be a craft of unknown origin, a phenomenon as yet unexplained or a misinterpretation of the prosaic. Add your own here.

For convenience sake I use phenomenon when there is no other explanation that fits, but that's really not effective enough. Attempts have been made to come up with an appropriate name for these unidentifieds-NARCAP uses UAP-but UFO seems to stick as the preferred "handle" by the media and many researchers.

Since I personally don't believe that many reports [again I don't buy the 3-5% unsolved figure] and even some personal encounters are explainable by any country's capability to produce them and that for the most part are some-as yet-unknown natural phenomenon [a cop-out in my estimation] then they are intelligently controlled craft of extraterrestrial origins. I've long since given up sitting on the fence in this regard. Perhaps this qualifies me for a tinfoil hat award but I've grown tired of the absurd explanations offered up over the years to explain the phenomenon away, some of which are more unbelievable than the reported phenomenon itself.

Don Ledger

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From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 12:07:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>I note of late that there is a concerted attempt to discredit
>pilot reports and the pilots themselves by James Oberg and a few
>others who simply parrot Hynek's uninformed gaff. And there is
>good reason for this. He and others recognize the value of pilot
>reports most likely because they report them in terms they are
>most familiar with as if it was another aircraft.

>While we are at it I note Canadian pilots have gotten around
>the stigma they wish to distance themselves from while still
>alerting other pilots in their airspace of reports of something
>unusual by reporting a 'balloon'.

>These 'balloons' do not in the larger percentage of cases make
>any sense. They are too big, are tracking the aircraft, often
>are displaying behavior uncharacteristic of a balloon such as,
>in one case, hovering in the same spot for 26 hours, are not
>scientific balloons because they are not NOTAMed, are at
>altitudes uncharacteristic of weather balloons.

If this 'balloon' hovered in the same spot for 26 hours, then
there was plenty of time to obtain full details of its size,
shape, etc. as well as good quality photos and videos. So it
would either have been identified or proved to be undeniably a
'true UFO'. There would thus no longer be any doubt as to the
reality of unknown craft in our atmosphere.

So let's have the full details, and skeptics, debunkers,
pelicanists, etc. will retire, defeated.

John Harney

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Re: Pilots & UAP

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 15:26:21 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 21:55:23 EST
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

<snip>

>Brad, I'd like to ask you and David Rudiak to address this
>problem that has bothered me for some time; this being reports
>by pilots - or explanations by the FAA, TC, CAA etc. of them
>encountering/reporting a weather balloon.

>Weather ballons usually explode once they expand to a given
>diameter of 8-10 feet which occurs at an altitude of about
>40,000 feet.

>My question is: If an aircraft at 40,000 feet is flying at
>approx. .87 Mach what are the chances that the pilots can
>acquire it as an object long enough to identify it at these
>closing speeds given the size of 10 feet. This is assuming that
>the pilot was looking in the right place at the time.

Don, as your experience with 6 or 7 such weather balloons shows,
the weather balloon generally cannot be spotted until it is
about 1/2 Full Moon in apparent size. The tiniest little dot at
maximum resolution range just doesn't catch anyone's attention
(see calcs below). If we apply that acquisition range data from
your experiences to the 600 mph aircraft and a weather balloon
expanded to max size of around 10 feet, then maybe the crew
inside the 600 mph aircraft could see such a balloon for 2-3
seconds before they overtake it. Doesn't seem long enough and
significant enough to incite anyone to report it.

>I bring up this question because of my own experiences with
>weather ballons while flying my Cessna 172. My typical cruise
>speed was 120 mph. My typical altitude would be around 2,500 to
>3,000 feet depending on circumstances [could range as high as
>9,500 feet]. For the most part private pilots in the 172 sized
>aircraft has his or her eyes out the window with the occassional
>instrument glance then back outside.

>Each of the weather balloons [it's either 6 or 7] I observed
>first appeared as a dot through the windshield. It took usually
>a couple of seconds to make sure it wasn't a bug on the
>windscreen [by moving my head around to a different angle]. The
>weather balloon would quickly expand in size and I either had to
>maneuver to avoid it or it passed under, above or on either side
>of me. The whole thing would be over in 5 to 6 seconds from the
>acquired dot to the passing of the balloon.

>The speed of the thing was of course my aircraft's closing
>speed. At the nominal 2,500-3,000 foot altitudes the weather
>balloon would be about 4 feet in diameter.

At your typical airspeed of 120 mph (about 180 fps) you travel about 1,000 feet in 5-6 seconds hence that is the initial distance to the balloon. At that distance a 4-foot balloon subtends about 4 milliradians (14 arcminutes) in angular size or almost 1/2 Full Moon. This is not a pinpoint or point source. Apparently when the balloons are so far away that they are mere pinpoints you don't spot them. They have to get close enough to be almost 1/2 of a Full Moon in apparent size before they get your attention, even though they would have been visible well before that point if only you had known exactly where to look and when to start looking.

Now once spotted if you were foolish enough to turn your head around backwards and keep watching the balloon until it disappeared at maximum resolution range then you could see the balloon out to a much greater distance than the distance when you acquired it, because you have already fixed on it and followed it. Since typical 20/20 Minimum Angle of Resolution is 1 arcminute you might be able to follow that 4-foot balloon out to around 14,000 feet (almost 3 miles) distance.

If we apply these numbers to 600 mph aircraft, flying 5x faster than you in your Cessna, then they would have 5x shorter time to see the balloons than your 5-6 second duration (hence about 1 sec), but because the balloons would expand to about 2.5x larger diameter at typical operating altitudes of 600 mph jets (see your 10-foot figure below) then you would multiply that factor to yield a duration of about 2.5 seconds to spot and watch a balloon. Not very long.

>Because this happened
>so quickly in my own cases I question the ability of pilots at >35,000 to 40,000 feet at .87 Mach [typical] to acquire or even >see one of these. Even at say 10 feet in diameter the speed of >about 600 mph would make it extremely difficult to spot the >balloon before it was passed by the aircraft in a matter of a >couple of seconds.

See above.

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A UFO Miracle On 34th Street

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: A UFO Miracle On 34th Street

It's Thanksgiving Day here in the U.S. and one of our adopted traditions is to watch the classic movie "Miracle on 34th St."

For those uninitiated the film is a Christmas tale where an old gentleman endears himself on others of a big department store that he's the true Santa Claus.

He's sent to a mental institution which leads to a trial and he's only declared the one true Santa Claus because the post office delivers to the court room tens of thousands of letters addressed to Santa Claus and the judge rules that since the United States government recognizes the old fellow as Santa Claus, he must be the real Santa Claus.

So here we have the UFO problem. We have millions of people since the dawn of history claiming the similar and videos and films, documents, etc. and we have people waiting for the U.S. government to decide whether it's all true or not.

That's like putting the cart before the horse isn't it?

When we allow governments that are established to serve, not evaluate, to determine what's real for us, we've delegated responsibility to something unrealistic.

Only you know what's real for you and when your fellow man agrees then you lead the government not the other way around.

Best,

Greg
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Gulf Breeze 20th Anniversary

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Town Recalls Heyday Of UFO sightings

Two decades ago, the area around the Florida Panhandle town of Gulf Breeze was the center of sightings of unidentified flying objects.

By Dusty Ricketts
Northwest Florida Daily News

GULF BREEZE --Santa Rosa County Commissioner John Broxson was always a skeptical person.

He never believed the stories of Bigfoot, the Loch Ness Monster or unidentified flying objects.

But something happened nearly 20 years ago to make him change his mind on at least one of those phenomena.

Broxson was entertaining friends at his home in the Villa Venyce subdivision when something outside caught his attention. He went out for a closer look.

Something bright was hovering above his home, a parade of lights of different colors and intensity. He quickly had his wife, Christina, and their friends come out to see it for themselves. No one knew what they were watching.

The unidentified flying object hovered for several moments before quickly flying straight until it was out of sight.

"Frankly, I saw something that blew my mind," Broxson said. "It's a mystery to me. It just looked like something I wasn't expecting to see.

"I didn't want to see one and have people thinking I was weird. That's the only time I can recall seeing something that weird."

Broxson wasn't alone in having an unexplained sighting. This month marks the 20th anniversary former Gulf Breeze resident Edward Walters' first seeing a UFO flying above his yard, launching a period of sightings, seekers and fame for the area.

SOME SKEPTICAL

Skeptics say the UFOs were part hoax, part imagination and part misidentification -- Eglin Air Force Base is nearby -- but believers are undeterred.

Walters has said his Nov. 11, 1987, sighting was the first of

more than 100 sightings and abductions he experienced over a six-year period. He wrote three books on UFOs and the Gulf Breeze sightings but has since moved to Pensacola and no longer speaks to the media.

While Walters was the most outspoken person at the time to report seeing UFOs in Gulf Breeze, he was not the only person. People from around the world visited in hopes of seeing something unexplained after The Gulf Breeze Sentinel ran a story and photo about Walters.

Many of those people were not disappointed, said Don Ware, eastern regional director of the Mutual UFO Network, or MUFON.

Between 1987 and the end of 1993, when most of the sightings ended, Ware said hundreds of people reported seeing UFOs in Gulf Breeze. Walters and others took more than 125 photographs of supposed UFOs just between Nov. 11, 1987, and May 1, 1988, Ware said.

ALIEN VEHICLES

"I think probably over half the people in America have seen something in the sky that they didn't know what it was," Ware said. "Most of those people have probably seen an alien vehicle. I know I have seen alien vehicles."

MUFON is a national UFO investigative organization founded in 1969 in Illinois.

Ware, a Fort Walton Beach resident who retired from the Air Force in 1982, has spent much of the past 25 years investigating UFO activity.

The Gulf Breeze sightings set off a media frenzy, and the community of about 6,000 residents became one of the country's UFO capitals.

"These phenomenons happened so often that Gulf Breeze became the center for these E.T. observations," Broxson said. "I thought [the Gulf Breeze sightings] had been a hoax all this time. Just some people seeing something with very active imaginations."

After his own sighting, Broxson became less skeptical.

Questions about the validity of the UFO sightings started almost as soon as the sightings themselves.

Phillip Klass, an investigator for what is now known as the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, studied the Gulf Breeze sightings and wrote his own book declaring them a massive hoax.

Klass died a couple years ago, but CSI executive director Barry Karr said he believes the accuracy of his former colleague's work.

"I really don't think there's any question the Gulf Breeze sightings were a hoax," Karr said. "There are things in the sky that can't be identified, especially near an air base. Just because it can't be identified doesn't mean it's a visitor from another planet."

The biggest piece of evidence pointing to a hoax was a UFO model constructed from drafting paper and paper plates reportedly discovered in Walters' former home after he had moved out.

Ware said he believes CSI workers planted the model and then informed the media of its location to debunk the validity of Walters' sightings.

"They try to debunk all the things that people see that they don't want understood too well," Ware said.

Karr laughed at the idea his organization planted the model to debunk the UFO stories. "That's just hilarious. No, our organization did not plant the model," he said.

Karr said he believes after word of the UFO sightings in Gulf Breeze started to break, everyone wanted to see one so much that their imaginations got carried away.

JUST A FLARE

One video he has seen of a "Gulf Breeze UFO" ended up being a flare shot into the air. Karr said pieces of the flare are clearly visible falling away from the larger flare in the tape.

During the late '80s and early '90s, UFOs became synonymous with Gulf Breeze. Businesses up and down the Emerald Coast took advantage of the UFO sightings to profit from the experience.

While it's been about 14 years since the period of the Gulf Breeze sightings ended, people still look to the sky and occasionally see something unexplained.

Cedric Cadow of Okaloosa Island never believed in UFOs. That changed after he said he saw two last month after leaving his home.

Cadow said he saw two bright orange oval discs hovering above Fort Walton Beach. He said the discs emerged from behind the clouds. One hovered stationary while the other descended toward the ground, eventually going out of sight before coming back up.

The two UFOs then sped away, he said, in a flash of light that did not make any sound. It all lasted about 12 seconds, Cadow said.

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>>From: Santiago Yturria<syturria.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 11:17:55 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:04:54 -0800 (PST)
>>>Subject: Three Russian Videos On-Line

>>>My friend, a director of one of the Russian UFO organizations,
>>>gave me three videos to upload. Each video has audio, but in
>>>Russian and need to be translated, which I will do later.

>>>I just watched the videos Sergey and this is my opinion. I think
>>>you forgot to add the word Fake to those five videos titles.
>>>Then your fake UFO videos gallery may be complete.

>I am open to any opinion. But I would like to know, on what your
>opinion is based? How it is obvious, that these videos are
>fakes?

Sergey,

I don=B4t see any evidence of forgery in these videos either,
much to the contrary they seemed very real to me and perhaps some of the
best daylight footage I've ever seen.

Mario

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

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>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

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>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

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Of more interest re. Mr. Morrison's activities is his Ask An Astrobiologist column at the NASA Astrobiology Institute website:

<http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/>

There he publishes and deals with readers questions that have been sent in to him and it is the manner in which these questions are selected and presented that causes me concern.

There is no sub-editing of grammar and punctuation and while it is true that the more 'serious' questions can also be subject to poor use of the English language, somehow it is always the 'UFO' selected queries that appear to have been written by people of unsound mind and negligible education.

Either, as is probable, this is as a result of deliberate mis-selection or, those who choose to write to Morrison about UFOs are idiots. If the latter is the case, then at least one can draw comfort from the fact that you attract the readers you deserve.

There is some unintended humour in his column as well.

The impression is given of a man harassed and exasperated at the volume of ridiculous and conspiratorial questions asked of him and replies are often given through gritted teeth.

Maliciously pursuing individuals via the Internet is probably a criminal offence and so I would not like to be seen suggesting to List members that they may want to contact Mr. Morrison at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2rxma8>

specifically in relation to matters such as the hoax moon landing and why NASA keeps extraterrestrial contact secret.

Such actions might be deemed to be unhelpful and are not to be encouraged.

Stuart Miller

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>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 11:35:58 +0000
>Subject: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

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As one of the respondents criticised I should protest that 'we'
are not a collective. I neither grant ufologists license nor wish
to have the benefit of any such license. In my book Dr Morrison
enjoys no such license either, and yes, one does expect better of
some people who are in positions of influence.

If you are complaining that not every single unreasonable list-
post gets equal critical time from me then I can only plead
guilty. There are limited hours and resources in a day. I hope
this offering goes some way to redress the imbalance.

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:21:11 +0000
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 17:22:20 -0400
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>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:34:11 +0000
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><snip>

>>To butt in, right off the top of my head, the Ken Arnold
>>sighting. There are plenty more as you work your way forward 59
>>years.

>Sorry Don, but to my knowledge, there is nothing in the Arnold
>case to compare the witness estimates with in order to establish
>how accurate or otherwise they were?

Not true my friend. Check Bruce Maccabee's report on the case at:
<http://brumac.8k.com/KARNOLD/KARNOLD.html>

It's very comprehensive. A fastener in Arnold's aircraft or on the cowlings was used as was the engine spacing of a DC-4 at a given distance was used. But there are other details thrown into the mix which help nail down the size and distance. Note that station pressures for altimeter settings are not known and that Arnold had a stopwatch on board as well. In those days and even during the early days of my flying history a stopwatch in conjunction with navigation charts was essential for figuring out your actual speed over the ground [between fixed and known points] which extended to knowing how you were doing for fuel-very important when flying over chaotic terrain like the Cascades-or anywhere else for that matter. I've flown over the Cascade ranges 4 times in airliners and must say I was very impressed with Arnold's ability to navigate through there with little more than a magnetic compass, a stop watch and a 1:500,000 air nav chart. He had no electrics in his plane - no radio despite what the movie UFO says.

He was a very experienced pilot.

>>Singular moving lights at night are not fair game, Joe. There is
>>a big difference between a re-entering satellite and a daylight
>>UFO. I suppose you would have the pilot take the hit rather than
>>act on instinct in that case though. If he thought it was threat
>>what would you have him do? No one is claiming lights in the sky
>>at night without reference points can be readily identified,
>>particularly ones that are moving.

>Okay, where does one draw the line?

More in the way of parameters. In the Neatherlands case the lights were actually moving and they would have been much

brighter at altitude than on the ground. Depending on the duration of the sighting - short duration - there would be more likelihood of a snap judgement - get the heck out of the way. Overall though if there appears to be some length and some other marker to denote range and altitude and a descent time interval you at least have something to work with.

>>As for Bowyers, it was disturbing enough for him to remark that >>he was glad to get his airplane back on the ground. The numbers >>still work out at about 600 feet in length, possibly longer.

>I'm not sure what the final report will say, but there was > certainly a significant margin of error in the initial report. I > don't think anyone would like sharing airspace with something > large and unknown, no matter what it was.

Yeah, it's the unknown that's the problem. It introduces other unknowns chief of which is that objects's intentions. Does it know I'm here. Will it turn into me suddenly. What effect will it's sudden passage across my course [wake turbulence and wing vortices] have on my aircraft which is magnified many times over when you are piloting an airliner because a sudden maneuver to avoid collision can and has severely injure passengers not strapped down or in the aisles or result in death.

>>You should make a effort to check into more pilot sightings >>before you make the same leap as Ian Ridpath re that case. he >>tried to apply that to the Manchester encounter. A British >>Airways passenger jet had a close encounter with an unidentified >>flying object while landing at Manchester Airport in January >>1995. "The Boeing 737, flight BA5061, with 60 people on board, >>was overtaken at high speed by a wedge-shaped craft as the plane >>descended through 4,000ft on the final stages of a journey from >>Milan." His contention was it was a meteor 60 or 80 miles up and >>away when in fact the visibility was 6 miles in cloud-another >>aviation fact he couldn't understand.

>You should take that up with Ian.

Already have.

>>Anyway, never mind lights in the sky, stick with the tough ones. >>Start with the 3,500 odd cases Dick Haines has at NARCAP.

>I don't have the time to sift through 3,500 cases to find any > which contain detail which can be compared to the pilot's > estimates, not that I wouldn't like to.

Well for the most part that's what I do.

Don Ledger

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>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 21:05:59 -0000
>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 12:07:37 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>I note of late that there is a concerted attempt to discredit
>>pilot reports and the pilots themselves by James Oberg and a few
>>others who simply parrot Hynek's uninformed gaff. And there is
>>good reason for this. He and others recognize the value of pilot
>>reports most likely because they report them in terms they are
>>most familiar with as if it was another aircraft.

>>While we are at it I note Canadian pilots have gotten around
>>the stigma they wish to distance themselves from while still
>>alerting other pilots in their airspace of reports of something
>>unusual by reporting a 'balloon'.

>>These 'balloons' do not in the larger percentage of cases make
>>any sense. They are too big, are tracking the aircraft, often
>>are displaying behavior uncharacteristic of a balloon such as,
>>in one case, hovering in the same spot for 26 hours, are not
>>scientific balloons because they are not NOTAMed, are at
>>altitudes uncharacteristic of weather balloons.

>If this 'balloon' hovered in the same spot for 26 hours, then
>there was plenty of time to obtain full details of its size,
>shape, etc. as well as good quality photos and videos. So it
>would either have been identified or proved to be undeniably a
>'true UFO'. There would thus no longer be any doubt as to the
>reality of unknown craft in our atmosphere.

But not in the real world, John. I checked into this anomaly and
was met with a reply from Nav Canada stating that apparently the
air was stable in that area for those ~26 hours and the reason it
hung around. This was over the Rocky Mountains for crissakes.

>So let's have the full details, and skeptics, debunkers,
>pelicanists, etc. will retire, defeated.

The best I can tell you is that numerous pilots reported the
"balloon" and that Nav Canada stuck with that explanation. No
investigation-at least on the surface- was made. Typical.

Paris Flammonde reported one of these near my hometown of Halifax
in August of 1967-reported by several pilots-hovering at about
50,000 feet over St. Margaret's Bay, for 3 days!

By pure chance it turned out that one of the pilots was Captain
Guy Charbonneau, the same Air Canada pilot flying Flight 305 who
had reported the anomaly the night of the Shag Harbour incident
but at 8PM - three and a half hours earlier than the main event.

I'm convinced that this was a Wallops Island launch - well to
the south and out over the Atlantic - to 60 miles and the

release of gases for some experiment.

Nick Balaskas first alerted me to that launch and then later in one of Jerry Clark's books - as a contributing writer - UFO Encounters, I found a picture on page 105 in black and white that is nearly identical to that taken by Wilfred Eisnor at 9pm local but in color.

Anyway, when I finally located Charbonneau in 2001 he gave me more detail about the object that was basically ignored by the RCAF, apparently, that hung at 50,000 feet for three days and was visible on height finding radar at Halifax International - hence the known altitude of 50,000 feet.

Another stationary balloon no doubt.

Off the coast of Nova Scotia? Not a chance.

If you don't like the weather, wait a minute. I've flown here for nearly 30 years and when you get a weather briefing you trust it for no longer than at max about 4 hours - it changes that quickly. The air is never stable for very long.

But I digress...

Don Ledger

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From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

List, All,

Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air Force has scoffed at the idea that some of the witnesses who have claimed to see the craft or the bodies at Roswell would have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of this is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July 1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be out on guard duty?"

Many might think this is a fair question, but what it reveals is a lack of understanding of military doctrine. It is a question that can be answered easily by those who have some knowledge of the way the military functions.

Let me point out that my Officers Advance Course in the Army was in Military Police. We learned the doctrine and we practiced the doctrine. During that training, I served as the company commander for an exercise that tested the capability of a military police company to function in a large and hostile environment. Not only was the company tasked with guarding the division TOC - Tactical Operations Center - guarding the prisoners of war, protecting the bridges in the area, manning checkpoints, but also patrolling a large area. Clearly a company did not have sufficient assets for all these missions, and ignoring some of the tasking was not an option.

Following doctrine that was more than sixty years-old, I requested the band and all the support personnel I could get. This assumes that all enlisted soldiers have attended basic training which teaches fundamental soldiering skills including marksmanship, care of the weapon, walking a post - guarding - various structures or areas, and the basics of patrolling. In other words, everyone who was an enlisted soldier in the Army had been through this training. Many of the officers, depending on the source of the commission also had attended similar training.

This means that band members, maintenance personnel and even cooks, have this basic knowledge and would be capable of guarding a hangar or running a checkpoint along a road, especially if that road was in New Mexico and not in hostile territory.

Now, in July 1947, the 509th had two units tasked with MP functions. The MP company took take of patrolling the downtown streets and the like. The 390rd Air Service Squadron was tasked with functions on the base such as guarding the restricted areas and the like. Edwin Easley told me about the breakdown of functions. Off post it was the MPs, basically and on post it was the Service Squadron.

When they were further tasked with guarding and protecting the recovered material, whatever that material might have been, they did not have the option of abdicating their other, now lower priority missions. That meant, for those few days in July, they had to fulfill their regular duties plus supply men to guard the debris field and impact site, or sites, man the checkpoints on the roads leading to the various sites, and preform extra guard

details on the base.

This means that they would have swept up all those whose jobs would allow them to miss a few days and if they found some cooks who weren't necessary to the functioning of the mess halls, well, they would have been grabbed. It means, quite simply, that inside of military doctrine, there was no reason to exclude Brown simply because he was a cook. First and foremost he was a soldier and would be expected to perform those tasks with a certain degree of professionalism.

So, when we learn that a soldier who was clearly in Roswell at the proper time was pulled from one duty and assigned another, it is not outside the realm of possibility. The only people who seem to reject this idea are those who have not service or who do not understand military doctrine.

KRandle

BTW - For those interested, I have posted at:

www.KevinRandle.blogspot.com

some notes about Brigadier General Harry Cordes who was a young Lieutenant in Roswell in 1947. This deals with both his observations and those of his widow.

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Sussex UFO Riddle Solved?

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Source: The Sussex Express - Lewes, UK

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23 November 2007

UFO Riddle Solved?

An Express reader thinks she has the answer to a UFO riddle which has been puzzling people.

Carole Smith from Maynards Green said she also saw lights in the sky seen by several others as she drove from her home to Herstmonceux.

She said: "Looking in the sky I could see these round things with no beam going round and round.

But when we drove through Horam you could see the beam.

There was a party at Horam Village Hall and this big spotlight thing was outside.

As we drove back past Broad Farm on the Heathfield Road this car suddenly slowed down because it could see the lights.

It was a bit spooky." Horam Village Hall Committee confirmed there was a party at the hall that night which was booked by children's hospice Demelza-James.

Demelza-James confirmed there had been a fundraising event at the hall that night which could explain the sightings.

Matthew Everest and his son Harley,7, also saw the lights.

He said: "'I was coming back from Eastbourne through Lower Dicker.

t was one light to start with then they were all over the sky, it was quite eerie.

My son saw them too and he was quite agitated."

The full article contains 228 words and appears in Sussex Express Series newspaper.

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 17:10:38 +0000
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>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 14:31:09 -0500 (EST)
>>Subject: Re: Pilots & UAP

>>Does it ever start to be identifiable as a constructed object
>>not from this Earth?

>I think it is possible, but that it hasn't happened yet. The
>obvious way in which it would be possible would be the retrieval
>of the object. I daresay that other methods are also available,
>though the global acceptance of any such method might vary.

If I understand you correctly, a certain Bin Laden does not exist
because he has not been retrieved yet?

Yes, and we might also put in the same box all of the
astronomical data ever gathered, since none of this stuff has
ever been retrieved.

<snip>

>>I think it should be stated that, at some point, the true
>>unknowns are not unidentified. They should be considered as some
>>alien manifestation, meaning not fabricated by mankind as we
>>know it.

>Why? If this were so, secret military aircraft would be
>classified as alien, for example (if I understand you
>correctly).

<snip>

You didn't understand me correctly and missed the key expression
"true unknowns", which refers to observed structured (and thus
manufactured) objects displaying behavior and performances out
of reach of our present knowledge and technology.

Since 'we' didn't make them, 'not we'! obviously did.

'We' refers to humankind.

<snip>

>>>The term 'alien' itself is the object of a debate. They might be
>>>interdimensional, extraterrestrial, time travelers, whatever.

>Several people (including myself) have made the same point, but
>it seems that only the ETH is acceptable for the true believers.

<snip>

True believer? What's that?

<snip>

>>As much as there is danger! of classifying all strange
>>observations and unknowns as UFOs, there is a danger in
>>classifying all UFOs as unidentified, especially when the label
>>infers something was amiss.

>>"Unidentified" is some kind of negative assessment.

>I don't see why - it's simply an acknowledgement that we don't
>know everything.

<snip>

It should be if it were not disingenuously used as a term to
negate a reality irreconcilable with the common accepted
paradigm.

Please read Don Ledger's fine reply to this post.

<snip>

>>James Penniston saw and touched something in Rendlesham Forest.
>>_Unidentified_ does not apply to it.

>>It was alien wasn't it? So were the Iranian and Peruvian
>>incidents?

>>If the word "alien" is too much for some people, how about
>>"artificial but not manmade"?

>How do you establish with certainty that it wasn't man-made?

<snip>

Good that you recognize that an object was seen, that it was
artificial.

A good point for you that you accept Penniston's testimony as
is.

We're half-way there.

It wasn't man-made because the object's behavior is well beyond
what is possible today, not to mention 27 years ago...

From NPC UFO Conference:

"There was a bright light emanating from an object on the forest
floor. As we approached it on foot, a silhouetted triangular craft
about 9 feet long by! 6.5 feet high, came into view. The craft was
fully intact sitting in a small clearing inside the woods.

When we came up on the triangular shaped craft there were blue and
yellow lights swirling around the exterior as though part of the
surface and the air around us was electrically charged. We could feel
it on our cloths, skin and hair. Nothing in my training prepared me
for what we were witnessing.

On one side of the craft were symbols that measured about 3
inches high and two and a half feet across. These symbols were
pictorial in design; the largest symbol was a triangle, which
was centered in the middle of the others. These symbols were
etched into the surface of the craft, which was warm to the
touch and felt like metal.

The feeling I had during this encounter was no type of aircraft
that I have seen before.

After roughly 45 minutes the light from the craft began to
intensify. Burroughs and I then took a defensive position away
from the craft as it lifted! off the ground without any noise or
air disturbance. It maneuvered through the trees and shot off at
an unbelievable rate of speed. It was gone in the blink of an
eye.

In my logbook, (that I have right here) I wrote, Speed:
IMPOSSIBLE. Over 80 Air Force Personnel, all trained observers
assigned to the 81st Security Police Squadron, witnessed the
takeoff."

Re: 'Unidentified'

If you still think this was man-made, you are a true believer in I don't know what exactly.

>>If the word "alien" is too much for some people, how about >>"artificial but not manmade"?

>>It is also a negative assessment, but it is more convenient and >>more exact than "unidentified".

>It is only more exact in cases when it is artificial and >isn't man-made.

Like Penniston's object.

Vincent Boudreau

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Quite right Kevin,

Having done 'guard duties' in many countries, sometimes along
with US and Aussie troops, and having been guard, guard
commander and Orderly Officer in turn over a few years, I agree
you'd find all sorts of people and specialists 'on guard'.

In many/most units guard duty is used as a disciplinary
punishment by troop Sergeants or troop OC's - so clearly it
would apply to everybody.

Cheers

Ray D

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>>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA>

>><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

>>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

>>Dr. David Morrison is Senior Scientist of the NASA Astrobiology
>>Institute. He is a recent recipient of the American Astronomical
>>Society's Carl Sagan Medal honoring his efforts to explain
>>science to the public.

<snip>

>>It is easy to see how weak the
>>evidence is when we compare with other phenomena that are
>>increasingly well documented. For example:

>>3. There are several hundred thousand amateur astronomers who
>>look at the night sky, and they have a tremendous record of
>>discovering comets and novas and anything that changes. One of
>>the most remarkable recent examples is Comet Holmes, a normally
>>inconspicuous Jupiter-family comet that is fainter than Pluto.
>>On October 23-24, 2007, Comet Holmes went from magnitude 17 to
>>magnitude 2.8 in just a few hours, brightening by almost a
>>million-fold. This is equivalent to the planet Saturn suddenly
>>becoming as bright as the full moon. This unexpected outburst
>>was widely observed and photographed by amateur astronomers
>>around the globe.

>I wonder why so many amateur astrophotographers all over the
>world happened to be aiming at this almost infinitesimal faint
>spot in the night sky? I suspect it may have had something to do
>with the fact that they knew there was a cometary photo-op there
>and they could key the co-ordinates into their little Celestron
>drives as fast as changing TV channels. I wonder if Dr Morrison
>would care to calculate the probability per observer-year of
>sighting, by chance, a ball lightning, a rare bird, a military
>spy-plane or a fireball meteor (say) in a telescopic field of
>view that might be only seconds or minutes of arc across? Can he
>cite even one example of any of those events? I won't even
>insist on authentication. An observer report will do

>>Yet these same astronomers never report UFOs.

>Well, once again, I think Morrison is honour-bound to provide a
>reference for this controversial claim, because it contradicts a
>great deal of well-documented and easily-accessible historical
>information.

Never? I beg to differ, but I had communication way back in the
70's with three amateur astronomers who saw things they
couldn't explain.

One guy sent me a copy of a photo he took. It was a morning event, say 10 or 11 AM, if I recall correctly. He said he looked up in the sky and saw a bright spot.

After thinking about it for a short time he decided that it must have been a rare daytime view of Jupiter, since he knew that Jupiter was high in the sky at the time and ordinarily invisible because of the daylight.

So he went into his house and got a camera on a tripod that he kept ready for chance events worth photographing. He set up the camera and took a picture. He continued to watch it while preparing to take another picture.

Suddenly it split into two parts and both "flew" away. He was flabbergasted.

The reason I found out about it was because there had been some anti-UFO comments in Skylook Mag and he had responded with his sighting. I contacted him and he sent me a copy of his picture... which lookde like a round thing in the sky. I forget all the details because this has been years.

But to say not amateur astronomer has ever seen a 'UFO' is clearly wrong. Hynek did a survey in 1952 and Sturrock in 1975(?) and both were told of sightings. And, how about the 'daddy' of all astronomer sightings, that of Clyde Tombaugh back in the late forties ('47?).

>>One can never prove a negative. But to me, these examples >>provide compelling evidence against the reality of UFOs, unless >>you are so enamored of the idea of alien visits that you think >>these aliens are carefully avoiding amateur astronomers, people >>with video cameras, and security video systems.

>This is a depressingly stupid and ill-informed piece of >argumentation, full of category mistakes, non-sequiturs and >begged questions, which does the cause of conscientious >scepticism nothing but harm.

Yup and just plain ignorance of the history of the subject.

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Re: Skylab 3

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>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>>Date: Thu, 15 Nov 2007 11:26:26 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Skylab 3

>>>If you want to find an astronaut sighting of an unidentified
>>>space object - USO; this one was not submerged - then here you
>>>are.

>>>Comments welcome

>>><http://brumac.8k.com/Skylab3/SKYLAB3.html>

Change to /Skylab3/SL3.html

<snip>

>Your revised analysis (SL3.html) does cover the distance/size
>issue in more depth than the original (and now deceased) link
>you provided above. While the arguments presented against the
>'Skylab debris' hypothesis are generally persuasive, the case
>could actually be made ironclad in a straightforward - if
>tedious - manner:

>While an analytic derivation would be difficult (perhaps
>intractable), a brute-force march through trial perturbations of
>the Skylab orbit would reveal whether it is possible even in
>principle for a piece of Skylab debris to satisfy the given
>constraints (shadow entry delay, angular displacement relative
>to Skylab, etc). One need only launch an array of 'test
>particles' at various points upstream along the Skylab orbit,
>the elements of which are provided in the Oberg document. These
>particles would be given an instantaneous velocity increment of
>variable magnitude and direction, and then propagated forward
>along their new orbits to the initial time of the sighting. If
>none of them are consistent with the observed subsequent object
>motion and sunlight/shadow timing, then it's case closed: Skylab
>debris is explicitly ruled out.

>This would not rule out the more general case of orbits that are
>not obtained by impulsive perturbations of the Skylab orbit,
>i.e., satellites or debris not associated with Skylab. The above
>approach would not be practical for this broader problem without
>some analytical filtering of the orbit sampling population based
>on the observed constraints.

>I have available the necessary orbital mechanics routines to
>conduct such a study, although I would need to write a driver to
>loop through the sampling variables, and also incorporate the
>earth/sun shadow geometry. I will attend to this as time permits
>and forward the results.

Sounds like a good idea. I suppose there is a record of 'stuff' that was ejected from SL either associated with the launch and orbit insertion or 'trash' ejected orbit. Sizes of objects ejected are?????

A 1 meter object would have to be quite close at the time of photo 4 to make an image of angular size .0029 radians (e.g., 1 m/.0029 = 344 m). If one places the object this close to Skylab at 'nighttime' (entering the shadow) then the time lag would be much less than a second.

Another scenario to contemplate that is consistent with sunset time lag and the angular size assumes that the object was seen and photographed while it was quite close.

In this case the minimum distance calculated depends upon the actual size assumed for the object because the size/distance ratio must be .0029.

Now assume that the object slowly drifted away behind the SL3 so that it was about 30 km away when it disappeared.

This would account for the 5 sec (approx) time lag but raises the following question: how far away can one see a small object such as 1 m size that had been ejected from the Skylab at some time (maybe a long time previously)?

One could imagine a small object 'fading out' with increasing distance, but Garriott's description implies a sudden loss of visual contact, not a fade out that took several minutes. Also, any satellite close enough to the Skylab to be seen for 10 minutes would be likely to be seen again.

If it had been a piece of trash that was simply given a lateral outward velocity (a 'sideways' push) would repeatedly cross the SL orbit.

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>>>- Garriott makes the claim that Skylab and the object were not >>>in a region of the orbit in which sunlight was passing through >>>earth's atmosphere (and thus reddening it). But it is >>>unavoidable that sunlight illuminating Skylab and the object was >>>passing through earth's atmosphere when both objects were in the >>>vicinity of the edge of the shadow zone.

>>That is true, but the passage through the region where the >>sunlight is reddened would have taken place in some number of >>seconds at the end of the 10 minute period of observation, most >>of which occurred when the Skylab and object were far from (but >>approaching) the reddened area.

>'...some number of seconds' may understate the interval of >significant reddening. I should think it would begin with entry >into the penumbral shadow (when the figure of the sun first >intersects the limb of the earth) and proceed well beyond entry >into the the umbral shadow (where the figure of the sun is >completely blocked). Note that the totally eclipsed moon is >blood/copper red even though it has no line of sight to the sun. >Note also that Skylab and the object were approaching the shadow >cone surface obliquely, not perpendicularly. Here it would be >useful to have some first-hand testimony from astronauts >regarding the typical duration of this interval, although it may >not be obvious even to them unless they had some view of the >exterior of their vehicle.

The angular size of the sun is 1/2 degree. Traveling around a circle (circular orbit) from the position where one edge of the sun disappears to where the other edge of the sun disappears is 1/2 degree (.0087 radians) times the radius of the orbit, 6800 km or about 60 km.

Traveling at about 7.6 km/sec Skylab would travel this distance in about 8 seconds. However, Skylab was not traveling 'perpendicular' to the shadow boundary but at an angle of about 40 degrees (rotating clockwise from the 'vertical' shadow; 50 degree inclination relative to 'horizontal' lines of constant latitude) so it would travel $60/\sin 40 = 93$ km to cross the boundary, taking about 12 seconds.

However, this estimate ignores bending of sunlight.

I don't know what this value is, but that fact that the moon is lit by refracted sunlight 'bent' around the earth's limb means that at least some light is bent by about 1 degree (radius of the earth divided by the distance to the moon is about $4000/240000 = .01666$ rad; .0174 rad is a degree).

If we add 1 degree to the 1/2 used before and include the isn factor we get the following 'crude estimate' of distance: $(1.5 \times .0174 \times 6800)/\sin 40 = 276$ km and that would be traversed in about 36 sec. I suspect that this is too large, but maybe someone 'out there' has a better number.

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

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>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 11:50:17 EST
>>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit Part Two

>>On the other side of the coin, I do have one confirmation of
>>Walter's new story that came from a man who lived in Albuquerque
>>and who was the assistant finance officer for the 509th Bomb
>>Group.

><snip>

>I'd like to honor Kevin for how fair and thorough he is, not
>just in this, but in everything he writes. He's a model of
>objectivity, and could serve as a model for all of us in
>ufology.

>Thanks, Kevin.

I want to join Greg in his comment. Thank you, Kevin, for your balanced and fair approach on that intricate question of the Haut affidavit.

Personally, I have met with Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt last July in Roswell, and again last September in Washington.

I feel confident that the affidavit is a credible testimony of Walter Haut. And it is approved by his daughter Julie Schuster, whom I also met briefly and who seemed quite credible to me as well.

I also met with Dennis Balthaser, but his critique of the affidavit seemed to me to be more the result of a personal split with Julie Schuster and the Museum, following her opposition to the release of the video recorded by him and Wendy Connors.

I think she has the legal right to do that, doesn't she? It is a question of protection of the image of her father.

To me, it is quite acceptable to prepare an affidavit, as long as the witness is still capable of understanding, and approves it without ambiguity, and that seems to be the case.

Other affidavits have been made that way. By the way, I recall that Karl Pflock had prepared an affidavit for Frankie Rowe, but she did not approve it and refused to sign it!

Kevin, would you confirm that?

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 12:05:03 EST
>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>List, All,

>Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air
>Force has scoffed at the idea that some of the witnesses who
>have claimed to seen the craft or the bodies at Roswell would
>have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of this
>is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July
>1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be
>out on guard duty?"

>Many might think this is a fair question, but what it reveals is
>a lack of understanding of military doctrine. It is a question
>that can be answered easily by those who have some knowledge of
>the way the military functions.

>Let me point out that my Officers Advance Course in the Army was
>in Military Police. We learned the doctrine and we practiced the
>doctrine. During that training, I served as the company
>commander for an exercise that tested the capability of a
>military police company to function in a large and hostile
>environment. Not only was the company tasked with guarding the
>division TOC - Tactical Operations Center - guarding the
>prisoners of war, protecting the bridges in the area, manning
>checkpoints, but also patrolling a large area. Clearly a company
>did not have sufficient assets for all these missions, and
>ignoring some of the tasking was not an option.

>Following doctrine that was more than sixty years-old, I
>requested the band and all the support personnel I could get.
>This assumes that all enlisted soldiers have attended basic
>training which teaches fundamental soldiering skills including
>marksmanship, care of the weapon, walking a post - guarding -
>various structures or areas, and the basics of patrolling. In
>other words, everyone who was an enlisted soldier in the Army
>had been through this training. Many of the officers, depending
>on the source of the commission also had attended similar
>training.

>This means that band members, maintenance personnel and even
>cooks, have this basic knowledge and would be capable of
>guarding a hangar or running a checkpoint along a road,
>especially if that road was in New Mexico and not in hostile
>territory.

>Now, in July 1947, the 509th had two units tasked with MP
>functions. The MP company took take of patrolling the downtown
>streets and the like. The 390rd Air Service Squadron was tasked
>with functions on the base such as guarding the restricted areas
>and the like. Edwin Easley told me about the breakdown of
>functions. Off post it was the MPs, basically and on post it
>was the Service Squadron.

>When they were further tasked with guarding and protecting the
>recovered material, whatever that material might have been, they

>did not have the option of abdicating their other, now lower
>priority missions. That meant, for those few days in July, they
>had to fulfill their regular duties plus supply men to guard the
>debris field and impact site, or sites, man the checkpoints on
>the roads leading to the various sites, and preform extra guard
>details on the base.

>This means that they would have swept up all those whose jobs
>would allow them to miss a few days and if they found some cooks
>who weren't necessary to the functioning of the mess halls,
>well, they would have been grabbed. It means, quite simply, that
>inside of military doctrine, there was no reason to exclude
>Brown simply because he was a cook. First and foremost he was a
>soldier and would be expected to perform those tasks with a
>certain degree of professionalism.

>So, when we learn that a soldier who was clearly in Roswell at
>the proper time was pulled from one duty and assigned another,
>it is not outside the realm of possibility. The only people who
>seem to reject this idea are those who have not service or who
>do not understand military doctrine.

>KRandle

Kevin,

Very interesting observations.

When I enlisted in the Air Force in 1949 it was only recently a
separate service from the Army. My basic training at Lackland
AFB, Texas, included all of the doctrine Kevin describes.

Although my formal designation turned out to be Clerk, Non-
Typist, and I was a lowly enlisted man, I qualified as Marksman
on the Caliber .30 Carbine, could field strip and reassemble it
blindfolded, learned the protocols for guarding buildings, etc.

Fortunately for me I managed to avoid being sent to Korea and
pressed into such service.

I later learned that one of my buddies was killed in combat on
the ground when an Air Force base in Korea was overrun by
infantry. I never learned the details, but most likely he was
performing guard duty at the time.

Because of troop shortages early in the Korean War, we (the Air
Force trainees) received quasi-infantry training including gas
attack drills, throwing hand grenades, and firing a Thompson
submachine gun.

Dick

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Reply letter to Skeptic Magazine

The article entitled, Answering Public Questions On UFOs and Aliens, by David Morrison, reminds me of why I am glad that I did not renew my subscription to Skeptic magazine.

Whether UFOs are real or not, Morrison's article fails basic standards of logic. It makes me wonder about the quality of his degree in astrobiology.

Meteor showers, Comet Holmes, and tornadoes are all events with high levels of predictability. Obviously, there will be many more photos of these objects than UFOs! UFO sightings are not predictable events and 90% of the ones that occur are improper identifications.

Morrison's attempt to compare the frequency of evidence available for non-predictable events to predictable events is not worthy of a first year high school debater, let alone a scientist.

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>>>With all the buzz this week about UFOs and the call for an
>>>investigation into what the government is hiding from us about
>>>extraterrestrial aliens, we thought we would ask a NASA official
>>>in charge of dealing with the public about such matters, and
>>>that is NASA scientist David Morrison. Read on for how Dr.
>>>Morrison handles such queries as "where are you hiding the alien
>>>bodies?" and other such matters.

>>I think the responses to this have been a bit off kilter. It is
>>certainly true that there is scientific dishonesty and a degree
>>of waywardness about the article content but no more so than for
>>example in this from the List yesterday;

>>John F. Kennedy knew of extraterrestrials and wrote a memo to
>>CIA to release information just 12 days before his assassination
>><http://www.care2.com/c2c/share/detail/540748>

>>Is it alright for Ufologists to spout bunkum but not others or
>>is it that somehow we have implied licence but expect more from
>>scientists?

>As one of the respondents criticised I should protest that 'we'
>are not a collective. I neither grant ufologists license nor wish
>to have the benefit of any such license. In my book Dr Morrison
>enjoys no such license either, and yes, one does expect better of
>some people who are in positions of influence.

>If you are complaining that not every single unreasonable list-
>post gets equal critical time from me then I can only plead
>guilty. There are limited hours and resources in a day. I hope
>this offering goes some way to redress the imbalance.

All reasonable points Martin.

I would take issue with your expectations of Dr. Morrison's
conduct. We are all subjective despite professional training and
standards. I don't think we can expect any different from him in
particular, particularly when he has an agenda as he does.

Things will never change. There will always be those who feel
they have to stand guard against... well, something.

Stuart

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Defining Unidentified Flying Objects In Turkey

The sighting of a UFO in early November excited the Turkish public with pictures appearing in both tabloids and more serious papers.

The flying object was spotted in the Karakopru area of Ssnlurifa province at around 4 a.m. on Nov. 4. Filmed on amateur video the strange hexagonal ball of light hovered in the sky emitting red, green and white lights and moved quickly and erratically. After 15 minutes it disappeared without a trace. As of yet no official explanation has been offered as to what it might have been, although some Internet comments point to a genuine sighting of a "Green Fireball" phenomenon. Non-believers claim the object is just a star filmed under magnification and the more cynical say these were American spy planes monitoring Turkey's border with Syria.

This is not the first instance of a UFO sighting in Turkey. They occur regularly, with recent ones in Konya in March 2007, which lasted on and off for a week, and Istanbul on Jan. 4 when people in the Yenibosna area saw a spinning circle with glowing white lights in the sky. Haktan Akdogan, the head of the Turkish Sirius UFO Space Science Research Center, claimed in August that the number of sightings in Turkey, as in many other countries, has been increasing in recent months.

The largest concentration of sightings in Turkey, and perhaps the best documented, occurred between 2001 and 2002. This spate of sightings seems to have been triggered by the extraordinary events of June 7, 2001. Ten village guards from Dondurmaz in Adiyaman province were on the night watch. All of them 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 Ulubasi Mountain and then flickered out of existence.

When the men reported to their commander their statements were taken seriously and Adiyaman Governor Halil Isik 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. Mr. Isik felt the event was serious enough to send a report with the details to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and also informed 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 Usik locals had stoned an alien, in Gaziantep the police had made a video recording of a UFO and that people all over the country were phoning in reports of strange occurrences to their local gendarmerie.

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 said to have visibly circled, projecting light, for over an hour. This was followed by the Aksim daily printing a story on June 1st 2002 about Saffet Sipsan electronic technician from Beykoz who managed to capture on video a flying object which looked like a black bug with seven or eight legs. On Nov. 9 2002 Hurriyet daily ran an account of four commercial pilots of different planes who had all seen UFOs in the same patch of sky on the same day at the same time.

Akdogan 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, which opened in 2002 (riding on the back of these multiple UFO events) and any extra interest in aliens will also encourage punters through the door of his premises. Indeed. The museum is a fairly successful franchise. Of the six UFO museumss in the world three are in Turkey (Istanbul, Denizli and Goreme in Cappadocia) and his Web site www.siriusufo.org advertises for further partners to open other UFO museums. It is his clearly stated 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 last. Whether they are lucrative or not is not mentioned but when the Goreme museum opened in 2006 Hurriyet reported that they had 500 visitors in just one month. 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 two miles down to "tardigrades" that can survive temperatures from nearly absolute zero to 30 degrees Fahrenheit and even live in a vacuum like that found in space. These minute living things have upended the understanding of what is needed for the survival of life.

Previously scientists had worked under the assumption that both oxygen and liquid water were key factors in sustaining life but now it seems that these are only important to some 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 which 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 are slimmer; it is possible that such worlds have come and gone. If life of this sort exists now they 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 that the report of flying objects above Karakopru was a clear indication of just that.

Where humans fear to tread: Goreme UFO Museum

Intrigued by the purple sign with ET raising his finger toward home we thought the UFO museum would be well worth a visit. Arriving at 11 a.m. we were disappointed to find the museum closed and the area in front of the building scattered with rusty old signs. Perhaps Penny said they'd been abducted by aliens? It appeared that someone was watching us though because as we turned to leave a lady appeared out of nowhere and began to open up.

The entire museum has been chiseled into the distinctive soft rock of the area. After passing through a door plastered with enlarged images of strange lights hovering over Goreme (photographed in 2005 by a French man) we entered a cream-colored smooth-walled fallopian tube-like hall. As we wandered down the corridors, the walls on either side of us lit up and elucidated upon the topics of UFO sightings amongst prehistoric and ancient cultures and in religious texts. Although the presentation was flat and static, the facts and photographs were riveting and made a convincing case that humans have been visited from outer space for thousands of years. The suspension of our disbelief and openness to the idea of aliens

was I'm sure influenced by the strange womblike subterranean location and the spooky music echoing through the tunnels and chambers.

The amount of information, testimonials and pictures was quite impressive although little wall space was set aside for dissenting views. Also lacking were the exhibits, models and interactive elements that one comes to expect from modern museums. Obviously displaying real dead aliens is not easy; likewise the options for displaying spaceships, balls of fire, meteors, etc. However the models that were on display were crude, almost of an elementary school project level and boards had letters and parts falling off them.

The only installation that gave us pause was the largest one of four white aliens with large catlike black eyes, preparing to operate on a human woman. Trapped and helpless, she lay prone under a white sheet, lights pumping down a tube from the nearest ET and over her belly and legs. Maybe it was the lighting or maybe because it was a woman the feeling of malevolence and terror was hard to shake. Luckily the abducted woman was near the exit and I was able to leave her and her captors swiftly behind and emerge reborn as a believer into the bright Cappadocian sunlight.

Goreme UFO Museum is open in summer 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and winter 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. It is located on the left-hand side of the road that runs from Goreme town to the open-air museum. Entrance costs YTL 3.

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: **Greg Sandow** <greg.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 11:46:42 -0500
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:21:14 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 12:05:03 EST
>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>List, All,

>Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air
>Force has scoffed at the idea that some of the witnesses who
>have claimed to seen the craft or the bodies at Roswell would
>have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of this
>is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July
>1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be
>out on guard duty?"

>Many might think this is a fair question, but what it reveals is
>a lack of understanding of military doctrine. It is a question
>that can be answered easily by those who have some knowledge of
>the way the military functions.

<snip>

Some years ago, I was seeing a woman whose stepfather had been a
military cook during World War II.

With the Melvin Brown case in mind, I asked him if he'd ever had
to do guard duty. "All the time," he answered. He said he'd
learned to lay low whenever officers came into view, looking as
if they wanted something.

Greg Sandow

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 14:37:01 EST
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:23:57 -0500
Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 12:23:53 +0100
>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 16:49:28 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 19 Nov 2007 11:50:17 EST
>>>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit Part Two

>>>On the other side of the coin, I do have one confirmation of
>>>Walter's new story that came from a man who lived in Albuquerque
>>>and who was the assistant finance officer for the 509th Bomb
>>>Group.

><snip>

>>I'd like to honor Kevin for how fair and thorough he is, not
>>just in this, but in everything he writes. He's a model of
>>objectivity, and could serve as a model for all of us in
>>ufology.

>>Thanks, Kevin.

>I want to join Greg in his comment. Thank you, Kevin, for your
>balanced and fair approach on that intricate question of the Haut
>affidavit.

Thanks to both you and Greg.

>Personally, I have met with Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt last
>July in Roswell, and again last September in Washington.

>I feel confident that the affidavit is a credible testimony of
>Walter Haut. And it is appoved by his daughter Julie Schuster,
>whom I also met briefly and who seemed quite credible to me as
>well.

If we look at what Walter said in the video taped interview
conducted by Connors/Balthaser, we see that all the statements
attributed to Walter present. He did say all those things. They
just weren't said in a coherent whole and there was Walter's
retreat into his original claims of only writing the press
release. If we are to criticize the new affidavit, it is only to
suggest that Walter's statements were made with a little more
force than is the real truth. It isn't quite as straightforward
as it seems in the affidavit and I'm just not sure that is much
of a criticism. I mean that the sometimes rambling nature of the
statements isn't clear from the tone of the affidavit. (I don't
think I have communicated this very clearly but hope you all get
the drift.)

>I also met with Dennis Balthaser, but his critique of the

>affidavit seemed to me to be more the result of a personal split
>with Julie Schuster and the Museum, following her opposition to
>the release of the video recorded by him and Wendy Connors.

It does seem that there is something to be said about that.
Clearly there is trouble between Balthaser and Julie and I
certainly don't know what that trouble might be.

>I think she has the legal right to do that, doesn't she? It is a
>question of protection of the image of her father.

If I understand the law on this correctly (which is not a
foregone conclusion) the copyright of an audible or video tape
resides with the subject of the interview unless it is signed
away. If there is a signed release, then Connors and Balthaser
own the copyright. If there is not, then there is an area for
dispute. However, it seems that on the tape, Connors makes it
clear that Walter is the copyright holder and that copyright
would be inherited by Walter's heirs on his death. This however,
is a question for a legal authority who has all the facts.

On the other hand, Julie certainly has the right to protect the
image of her father. The Connors/Balthaser interview really does
little to tarnish that image though it does suggest an elderly
man who is sometimes confused by events in the distant past.

>To me, it is quite acceptable to prepare an affidavit, as long
>as the witness is still capable of understanding, and approves
>it without ambiguity, and that seems to be the case.

I do not understand why this has been raised as an issue. In
what I understand about the completion of the affidavit,
everything was done carefully, Walter, in the presence of his
daughter and his doctor read the document (maybe several times)
and found nothing wrong in it. In other words, it was prepared
by someone familiar with the case and signed by the witness
after a proper review.

>Other affidavits have been made that way. By the way, I recall
>that Karl Pflock had prepared an affidavit for Frankie Rowe, but
>she did not approve it and refused to sign it!

Frankie Rowe did sign an affidavit and I seem to remember that
Karl had prepared one that she didn't like. At this date, I
don't remember who prepared it for her, but I seem to remember
that I had a hand in that and in getting her to sign it... So
now I'm forced to dig deep into my memory about an event that on
one hand is extremely important and to recall a detail that is
not. I did prepare a number of affidavits for the FUFOR's
project, as did Fred Whiting and Karl Pflock. The important
detail was the witness signing the document and having it
properly notarized.

KRandle

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Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 20:07:05 +0000
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:27:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 14:54:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: Was It Weather Anomaly Or UFO?

<snip>

>>Does this reflect policy or an unhappy accident? (Or maybe even
>>an uncontrolled combination of the two, with different
>>organisations' various agendas, paranoias and errors coming to
>>light to contradictory effect?)

>Hi Gerald,

<snips>

>Often they are made to look the fool. I find it curious and very
>disturbing that United Airlines have attempted to subvert
>freedom of speech by ordering their employees not to speak of
>this incident. A few thoughts in a limited forum.

<snip>

Well, Don, it looks like you don't live in America and think
that Americans practice freedom of speech. Are you serious?
Every American knows to keep their head down and their mouth
closed or someone will call them a bad name - like "liberal".

KK

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Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 16:43:40 -0500
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:29:05 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 16:21:51 -0500
>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

>>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 10:39:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: UFO Coalition Abduction Study Project Reminder!

><snip>

>>Eleanor, please!

>>You do not release fragments of unanalyzed data out of context of
>>a complex study.

>What would be wrong with letting the public see the raw data
>before the official analysis was done? How would that have any
>effect on the analysis whatsoever?

>>Regardless of what an abductee told you, there may or may not
>>have been objective instrumented data to support what was
>>subjectively perceived.

>So... the URC could check and find out.

>>Further, the instrumentation had built-in safeguards against
>>tampering and that would also have to be examined.

>OK - for those matches between logged abduction events and power
>outages, I would imagine being only a small number of data
>points, it wouldn't take long to check the tampering flags.

>>Quick and dirty does not add up to science.

>>We need to do it right, or not do it at all.

>I still don't see why at the very least, those few power
>outage/logged abduction experience instances couldnt be
>released. And personally, I still can't fathom why this data
>must be kept secret until the official analysis is done. These
>aren't military secrets, and this isn't a big stakes court case
>either. No "national security" issue here.

>Releasing the data now in no way prevents a "done right"
>analysis from being carried out. Is it that scientists don't
>like having their conclusions questioned and debated?

>I suggest that is not a valid reason to keep data of possibly
>Earth-shaking importance secret.

Hi Eleanor, Dick, All,

Eleanor: Take a little time and re-read all of Dick Hall's
responses to you over the last several weeks. Trust me, the
answer to your question is there!

Help us to raise the needed funds to complete the study.

Dick: Eleanor is not 'groking' your responses. Next time she repeats the same question, please, simply refer her to the UpDates archive for a response so we can focus our energy and limited 'List time' on the real issue;

- raising the necessary \$ to complete the abduction study.

All: Please don't forget to send a contribution to the Coalition so that maybe we can get the results of the abduction study in the not too distant future. I'm rapidly bearing down on 60 so I have more than a passing personal interest in seeing the study completed in as timely a manner as possible. I'll do my bit and continue to post reminders to the List until the needed funds have been secured.

Please, just send what you can. One dollar, a thousand dollars, every buck will help bring us that much closer to the goal.

Make all checks payable to:

UFO Coalition

Address to:

Rob Swiatek
The Fund For UFO Research, Inc.
P.O. Box 7501
Alexandria, VA. 22307

My best to all,

John Velez

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 22:51:46 -0000
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:31:35 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 23:28:42 -0500
>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>But to say not amateur astronomer has ever seen a 'UFO' is
>clearly wrong. Hynek did a survey in 1952 and Sturrock in
>1975(?) and both were told of sightings. And, how about the
>'daddy' of all astronomer sightings, that of Clyde Tombaugh back
>in the late forties ('47?).

Hello, here's two extracts on that Tombaugh sighting

"August 20th, 1949:

Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto in 1930, saw at about 10:45 p.m. while sitting outside his home at Las Cruces, New Mexico, with his wife and mother-in-law, between six and eight greenish objects which were travelling soundlessly across the sky.

He reported - 'In all of my several thousand hours of night sky-watching, I have never seen anything so strange as this. I was so astonished that my impression of it was somewhat confused. How I wished I could have had some binoculars at hand. No sound whatever.'

Michel

Letter from Clyde Tombaugh to Richard Hall, dated September 10th 1957: 'Dear Mr.Hall: Regarding the solidity of the phenomenon I saw: My wife thought she saw a faint connecting glow across the structure. The illuminated rectangles I saw did maintain an exact fixed position with respect to each other, which would tend to support the impression of solidity. I doubt that the phenomenon was any terrestrial reflection, because some similarity to it should have appeared many times. I do a great deal of observing (with telescopic and unaided eye) in the backyard and nothing of the kind has ever appeared before or since.'

AId/TUE

The next paragraph on that web-page reads:

"After making some searches was able to post a message - www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/2006/sep/m26-001.shtml referring to the very last time reports were obtained from professional astronomers - but only by fellow astronomer J Allen Hynek presenting himself as willing to 'chat - off the record.'

Their new, and increasing reluctance to talk was presumably due to fear of official 'punishments'.

The testimony is in a report from Dr Hynek written (for the USAF) in Aug 1952 at:

<http://tinyurl.com/fjx9c>

or

www.bluebookarchive.org/page.aspx?PageCode=MAXW-PBB1-958

Pages 958 to maybe 980"

The earlier part of the web-page is a list of reputable sightings, from 1869 to 1950's, when reporting of sightings seems to come under pressure from media (and gov't?) and to eventually dry up.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Missing Time Music Video

From: Jerry Hamm <zoomarl.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 16:58:30 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:33:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Missing Time Music Video

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 Nov 2007 03:21:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Missing Time Music Video

>>From: Jerry Hamm <zoomarl.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 Nov 2007 00:03:39 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Missing Time Music Video

>>My latest video uploaded at YouTube:

>>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yLv_xCOrVk

>>It's a montage video titled Missing Time, using clips from
>>various programs regarding ufo abductions, set to the music
>>of a popular song from 1985 - a song that seemingly has no
>>association with the missing time/abduction phenomena... or
>>does it?

>>Listen to the lyrics and judge for yourself.

>Jerry:

>The slight grin at the end of the video does give the game
>away, doesn't it.

KK,

Adding the Robert Stack narration was an afterthought, but it
worked out perfectly. That knowing smile appears to be a
response to it.

Jerry

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 21:02:50 -0500
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:36:47 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: Richard Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 08:03:44 -0500
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 12:05:03 EST
>>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>>Many might think this is a fair question, but what it reveals is
>>a lack of understanding of military doctrine. It is a question
>>that can be answered easily by those who have some knowledge of
>>the way the military functions.
<snip>

>Kevin,

>Very interesting observations.

>When I enlisted in the Air Force in 1949 it was only recently a
>separate service from the Army. My basic training at Lackland
>AFB, Texas, included all of the doctrine Kevin describes.

>Although my formal designation turned out to be Clerk, Non-
>Typist, and I was a lowly enlisted man, I qualified as Marksman
>on the Caliber .30 Carbine, could field strip and reassemble it
>blindfolded, learned the protocols for guarding buildings, etc.

>Fortunately for me I managed to avoid being sent to Korea and
>pressed into such service.

>I later learned that one of my buddies was killed in combat on
>the ground when an Air Force base in Korea was overrun by
>infantry. I never learned the details, but most likely he was
>performing guard duty at the time.

>Because of troop shortages early in the Korean War, we (the Air
>Force trainees) received quasi-infantry training including gas
>attack drills, throwing hand grenades, and firing a Thompson
>submachine gun.

When it comes down to an alert or extended duties cooks, do one
thing... cook!

I don't believe this hogwash about cooks being placed on guard
duty for an instant. This is not a combat situation but
supposedly a recovery which caused people to be moved off base

and commenced a 24-hour operation which increases the job of the messhall. If you have a troops deployed off base, then you expect to feed them a hot meal in the feeded cycle ASAP and also expected to provide soup and coffee during the operation around the clock.

Now if this a situation that requires cooks to pull guard duty, then the base should be calling everyone back in and not engaging in sports competitions. Seems that didn't happen, my reading of the Roswell newspapers had the sports teams still out there playing baseball.

Kevin, military doctrine, hogwash. I guess I was in a different kind of Army than you! To emphasize one more time this was not a combat situation. In my 25 years in the military I have never seen a guard mount with cooks. I have never seen cooks deployed as guards in very critical situations nuclear guard forces and reserve guard forces, nuclear accident/incidents, and recovery operations of crashed aircraft. Or during the first gulf war in which we had to supply a large 24 hour guard forces of stationary, roving guards, resever force, and 100% search of all vehicles in several contained access points at our installation and all the soft targets off post including the gas station, high school, PX, commissary, day care, extensive family housing complex, and other auxillary facilities for counter-terrorism pruposes. No cooks were used in this operation as I said before cooks, cook. as it was in 1947.

So you can try to sell Melvin Brown, but I am not buying. From experience this is highly improbable.

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Re: UFOs On UK National Radio Station

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 11:57:14 -0000
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:37:53 -0500
Subject: Re: UFOs On UK National Radio Station

I'll be a guest on James Whale's show on the Talk Sport radio station this Monday night, between around 11pm and 1am.

I'll be discussing the latest news in ufology, taking questions from callers and giving listeners the chance to relate details of any UFO sightings they may have had.

The show will include discussion of the November 12 event at the National Press Club in Washington DC, where I was one of the participants.

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

From: **Lan Fleming** <lflaming5.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 09:50:16 -0600
Archived: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 12:39:37 -0500
Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 11:35:58 +0000
>Archived: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 10:02:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

>><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

>>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

>>With all the buzz this week about UFOs and the call for an
>>investigation into what the government is hiding from us about
>>extraterrestrial aliens, we thought we would ask a NASA official
>>in charge of dealing with the public about such matters, and
>>that is NASA scientist David Morrison. Read on for how Dr.
>>Morrison handles such queries as "where are you hiding the alien
>>bodies?" and other such matters.

>I think the responses to this have been a bit off kilter. It is
>certainly true that there is scientific dishonesty and a degree
>of waywardness about the article content but no more so than for
>example in this from the List yesterday;

>John F. Kennedy knew of extraterrestrials and wrote a memo to
>CIA to release information just 12 days before his assassination
><http://www.care2.com/c2c/share/detail/540748>

>Is it alright for Ufologists to spout bunkum but not others or
>is it that somehow we have implied licence but expect more from
>scientists?

Stuart,

I couldn't find the original UpDates message where this Kennedy article was cited, but it seems to have had something to do with the MJ-12 documents and the claim that Kennedy was assassinated because he was going to go public with what he supposedly knew about UFOs. The MJ-12 documents have been hotly debated frequently on the List here. Other UFO claims are too silly and too lacking in evidence to comment on and so quite justifiably, nobody wastes their time debating them. I certainly wouldn't bother arguing about whether Kennedy "knew too much" and had to be silenced.

This seems a bit different situation than the almost total lack of skepticism among self-styled skeptics regarding dubious assertions that fit their beliefs, such as those made by Morrison. And Morrison is a revered NASA scientist who gets paid to "enlighten" the public, not just some guy with a web page. It seems to me that he should be held to a higher standard than free-lance JFK conspiracy theorists.

Everybody probably has a tendency to be less critical of claims that support their own beliefs, but some of us at least try to fight this human failing. People like Morrison and members of skeptics' clubs seem to think they are free of biases and so do absolutely nothing to keep them in check.

BTW: I noticed that Morrison, repeating his story about Buzz Aldrin, ignores the fact that Aldrin said in the debriefing shortly after the mission that the object he saw on the way to the Moon was not the same shape "at all" as the booster rocket adapter panel that he now says, 4 decades later, was probably what he saw. Aldrin's original statement has been ignored so often and so studiously that it apparently has died from neglect.

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SDI 451 - Furlotte, Miller, Hall & Kean

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The latest SDI podcast is on-line and covers the big story of the past few weeks: the International Press Conference, National Press Club, Washington D.C. November 12, 2007.

From the press coverage, to an attendee's observations to behind the scenes and the aftermath...

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Still The Champ In UFO Sightings

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Still The Champ In UFO Sightings

Since 1975, North Bergen had most reports in USA

Jim Hague
Reporter Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This is part of Our Creepy County, a series that looks at Hudson County's mysteries, myths, macabre moments, and things that go bump in the night. It's probably the most unknown fact about the township of North Bergen.

For some reason, this densely-populated town in northern Hudson County has had the highest number of reported sightings of aliens and unidentified flying objects (UFOs) over the last 30 years.

Most of them have been centered out of the southeastern end of North Hudson Braddock Park, a large park named after deceased boxer James 'Cinderella Man' Braddock.

The North Bergen sightings have been documented and reported to several agencies, including the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle and the Center for UFO Studies in Chicago.

Since two people reported a major sighting to federal authorities back in 1975, there have been a total of 775 sightings or incidents involving North Bergen residents, easily the highest total of reported incidents in the United States, according to Marc Sodderstrom of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

In the last 32 years, the reports far exceeded those of the more famous location of Roswell, N.M., or other popular UFO sighting spots like Hudson Valley, N.Y. and Gulf Breeze, Fla. - places that have had at least 500 sightings over the years.

So how did all of this start in the quiet but busy town of North Bergen?

Started with liquor store owner

The UFO craze in North Bergen began in earnest on Jan. 12, 1975, when a 72-year-old liquor store owner named George O'Barski was driving home through North Hudson Braddock Park at approximately 2:45 a.m.

He began to experience some heavy static on his car radio, then listened as the radio went dead.

O'Barski apparently heard a loud noise from above. When he glanced over his shoulder, he saw a round, flat object with glowing, rectangular windows that hovered behind his car, according to what he told authorities.

O'Barski told federal officials that the object came to a stop about 100 feet ahead of his car. It was hovering 10 feet off the ground and was about 30 feet wide, he said. It was flat at the bottom and brightly domed at the top.

O'Barski told the authorities that a ladder came from the object, and between eight and 11 identical creatures emerged.

He said they were three to four feet tall and all wore dark snow-suit like uniforms with helmets. Each had a small bag and a little shovel. They quickly scooped up soil samples, poured the samples into the little bags, and then immediately got back onto the craft.

So was this a Steven Spielberg film crew, or did it really happen?

O'Barski further told officials that the episode lasted like three minutes. At sunrise, he went back to North Hudson Braddock Park to make sure he wasn't dreaming the incident. There were several holes in the soil where he witnessed the aliens allegedly digging, he said.

And O'Barski was not alone with his sighting.

A doorman who was working at the Stonehenge apartment complex across from the park on the other side of Boulevard East also noticed the glowing object hovering 100 feet over Braddock Park. The doorman, whose actual identity was never revealed, also told both local police and federal officials that when the object started its ascent, it forced windows to be shattered in the apartment complex and that a large tree adjacent to the complex was split in half.

"We might have thought he was a little crazy at first, but he was certain that he saw what he did," said O'Barski's son, George O'Barski Jr., on an A&E Network special about UFOs that aired for the first time in 2005. "It really bothered my father that people thought he was lying."

It was also later revealed that O'Barski and the unnamed Stonehenge doorman did not know each other, and it was impossible for the two to collaborate on their stories.

The doorman at the Stonehenge also noticed another key point to his sighting. The creature he spotted was not wearing a coat, and the temperatures were in the teens that early morning.

Two investigators talk about it

The O'Barski case intrigued two people who are now linked in the world of UFO investigation.

Ted Bloecher, who currently lives in Secaucus, is an experienced stage actor, having performed in Guys And Dolls, My Fair Lady and Oliver on Broadway. But as a child, Bloecher was always fascinated with the study of UFOs (called ufology) and eventually became totally engulfed with O'Barski's tale.

Bloecher, now a regular UFO investigator, went to interview O'Barski about his story in the late 1970s.

"Since I'm an experienced stage actor, I know very well what is a staged act and what is real," Bloecher said last week. "The scene of them getting soil samples was fake. It was staged. Their real target was George O'Barski. They weren't interested in soil samples. They wanted him."

Another UFO researcher also intrigued by the O'Barski story was a writer named Budd Hopkins. In fact, both Bloecher and Hopkins were so intrigued by O'Barski's saga - a story that both experts eventually believed to be real after interviewing O'Barski - that they have since teamed forces in the pursuit of other 'close encounters'. The two currently conduct UFO sighting seminars throughout the country.

The reason Hopkins was so fascinated by the O'Barski sighting is that Hopkins had just visited a friend inside the Stonehenge apartments in North Bergen a week before the O'Barski sighting.

"It was more than a bizarre coincidence," Hopkins would later say.

Newspaper reports were minimal after the O'Barski incident. Both the local dailies, the Jersey Journal and the now-defunct Hudson Dispatch, barely wrote of the incident, giving it only a few paragraphs each.

According to O'Barski's son, his father went to his grave in 1979 thoroughly believing that what he saw that fateful evening did, in fact, take place.

Close encounter...

This incident was classified as a 'close encounter of the second kind' because of physical evidence found at the scene, and also as one 'of the third kind', just like in the famed 1978 movie starring Richard Dreyfuss, because witnesses describe observing UFO's.

UFO researcher Jerome Clark cites the O'Barski-North Bergen incident as one of the best-documented of its kind, because the core story was corroborated by numerous independent witnesses.

Later sightings

As it turned out, O'Barski wasn't alone.

In 1979, North Bergen resident Harold Stith was also driving through North Hudson Braddock Park in almost the same exact location that O'Barski traveled four years prior. Again, it was at night.

"My father was driving home from work, driving on Boulevard East, and he turned into the [Braddock] park," said Secaucus resident Robert Stith, the son of Harold, who is now deceased. "As soon as he turned off into the park, his car just stopped dead. Then the radio went dead. A bright light came on top of the car and then my father heard some strange things on the radio, some language that he didn't understand. He then noticed it was some sort of spaceship. The doors of the ship opened and these little grey men with big eyes came out. The next thing my father knew was that the door shut and they flew off. He thought it was like 10 minutes, but as it turned out, it was like three hours. My mother said that my father came home three hours late."

Hopkins, who also investigated the Stith case, believes that Stith was abducted.

"He believed that he was abducted," Robert Stith said. "We all thought he was crazy. He didn't want the story to come out because other people would have thought he was nuts."

Two days after Stith had his close encounter, he told his family that he had a dream about the Miss America pageant.

"My father named the winner, what she wore, what she performed, where she was from," Robert Stith said. "No one took it seriously. We didn't have an affiliation with the pageant and we had no idea why he would pick the Miss America winner."

Sure enough, Harold Stith's prediction came true. Two weeks later, it all happened just like Stith said it would. Cheryl Prewitt of Mississippi, the one Stith named after his dream, was crowned the Miss America of 1980.

"I don't think he ever had a theory as to why he could have done that," Robert Stith said.

The elder Stith never predicted the future ever again.

Again, there was a small article written in the Hudson Dispatch about several people spotting a glowing object in North Hudson Braddock Park that evening.

'Racing blips' in 1985

The reported sightings came to a halt for a few years, until 1985, when Ron Lee reported seeing three stationary sets of lights in the area, all oval in shape. Then, the lights took off into the sky. Ninetta Nappi reported the same lights as "racing blips".

In 1988, two different North Bergen residents reported seeing shapes that looked like 'white and green diamonds' flying over Braddock Park.

In 1993, a North Bergen schoolteacher, Ann Barlovich, reported seeing a "large elliptical light with an eerie glow, a blimp-like object."

"I know what I saw and it wasn't like anything else I'd ever seen before," Barlovich said in the 2005 A&E special.

In 1999, a resident of the Parker Imperial condominium complex said that he was standing on his balcony and was ready to take a picture of the sunset, when he noticed something peculiar. The man took the picture, then downloaded the picture to his computer and noticed three weird orbs in the photo.

"I really didn't see the orbs when I took the picture," Marc Taylor said. "Only when I reviewed it later."

Finally, on Nov. 3, 2003, the last two sightings reported to the National UFO Reporting Center, both spotted near Braddock Park.

At 5:40 p.m. that day, two North Bergen residents reported seeing something in the dusk sky. One witness saw something that looked like a star, but then it moved in circles, then in a zig-zag motion. It moved for about five seconds, stopped for a bit, then continued the circular and zigzagging routine. Another witness saw the same exact thing.

"At first I thought that my vision was playing with me, or may be the clouds, but I tried looking at other stars, and they did not move at all," the report reads on the National UFO Reporting Center board. "After an hour, the light became steady and stopped moving. I do not know if what I saw was a UFO, but it was too high to be a plane or a helicopter."

Peter Jennings weighs in

The late ABC News anchor Peter Jennings did a special report on UFOs in November of 2004 and he hinted at the number of sightings in North Bergen, wondering if it was just coincidence or fact-based.

The A&E special report also focused an entire hour on the North Bergen sightings, especially the famed O'Barski sighting. The A&E special aired for the first time in 2005 and has been often repeated.

In the Peter Jennings report, ABC claimed that almost 50 percent of Americans believe that UFOs are real, not to mention millions of individuals in other countries. Whether these cases happened remain between those who reported the sightings. Federal records of the reports have never been released to the public.

Police chief remembers

North Bergen Police Chief William Galvin, a native of the township, remembers the craze as a 21-year-old who had yet to become a police officer.

"I just remember the hype and then I just saw the (A&E) special on TV and it reminded me," Galvin said. "We laugh about it. No one has ever received a call reporting a UFO to the Police Department. It is a mind-boggling number to think so many have been reported here. But as far as I know, I don't remember anyone calling the police with these cases. We might have got a call or two about strange objects, but no one ever made a big deal about it. I can't believe we're number 1 on that list. It amazes me."

But obviously, the cases existed and were reported and remain on file. Incredibly, since The North Bergen Reporter last wrote

about the sightings in 2005, the article has been posted on several different UFO websites throughout the country.

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UFO Videotaped In SE Buenos Aires Province

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Date: Thu, 22 Nov 2007 11:06:45 -0500
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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
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<http://tinyurl.com/35lwgo>

Date: 22 Nov 2007

Argentina: UFO Videotaped In S.E. Buenos Aires Province

A group of fishermen traveling through Coronel Dorrego in the Province of Buenos Aires managed to record what appears to be a UFO. They say it flew over a lagoon near the locality of Oriente, a place where extraterrestrial activity is suspected.

The news was broadcasted by LU24 following a series of sightings that became public after two police officers came forward with a close encounter of the third kind experience involving four "little men".

This new sighting took place on Sunday (Nov.18 2007) at 3:30 a.m. when the fishermen saw "a powerful light aimed at the windshield of the vehicle" in which they traveled to the Tamariscos Lagoon, as Gustavo reported on the Tres Arroyos radio station.

The strong light was spinning over one sector of the lagoon, an activity that went on long enough for the witnesses to be able to videotape the event.

However, the quality of these images was poor due to the fact that a cellphone was used in total darkness. Furthermore, no ground references were taken for comparison purposes. "We stopped seeing that light at daybreak, which was impossible to mistake for a star or other astronomical phenomenon," explained Gustavo, who added: "You had to see it to believe it."

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Melvin Brown And The MPs

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Kevin, All,

>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 12:05:03 EST
>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air
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>is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July
>1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be
>out on guard duty?"

<snip>

I remember when I did my stint in the army over two decades ago.

Everyone, except officers, took a turn at guard duty. Everyone.

Regards

Sean

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In an infinite universe, infinitely anything is possible.

Sean Jones

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Archived: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 07:57:04 -0500
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>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:54:37 -0800
>Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

>"After ten minutes without any apparent aggression, I determined
>the craft was non hostile to my team or to the base. Following
>security protocol, we completed a thorough on-site
>investigation, including a full physical examination of the
>craft. This included photographs, notebook entries, and radio
>relays through airman Cabansag to the control center as
>required. On one side of the craft were symbols that measured
>about 3 inches high and two and a half feet across."

Someone in another forum had posted this, purportedly a copy of
an earlier statement by Penniston, where he indicates that he
didn't come any closer than about 50 metres to the object.

Does anyone know anything about this or if it is legitimate? I
just hadn't seen it before and it seemingly contradicts his
later statements - to the debunkers certainly, at least - of
touching the object.

It is from an article by skeptic Ian Ridpath:

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/Penniston1.PNG>

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham2b.htm>

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendlesham.htm>

Paul

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>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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<snip>

>This means that they would have swept up all those whose jobs
>would allow them to miss a few days and if they found some cooks
>who weren't necessary to the functioning of the mess halls,
>well, they would have been grabbed. It means, quite simply, that
>inside of military doctrine, there was no reason to exclude
>Brown simply because he was a cook. First and foremost he was a
>soldier and would be expected to perform those tasks with a
>certain degree of professionalism.

>So, when we learn that a soldier who was clearly in Roswell at
>the proper time was pulled from one duty and assigned another,
>it is not outside the realm of possibility. The only people who
>seem to reject this idea are those who have not service or who
>do not understand military doctrine.

A few more minor points. Brown's military record shows that he was rated an expert marksman and also received a Bronze star for service during WWII in the South Pacific. I doubt Brown got his Bronze star for his cooking. Obviously Brown knew one end of a gun barrel from the other. Cooks get strafed and shelled along with the regular infantry during wartime and may need to shoot back.

In the case of Roswell, an extended recovery operation might also require cooks in the field to feed the other soldiers. The base yearbook shows 65 people in K-Squadron. The rest of the base was still going to be fed if a few were sent elsewhere. I also see no reason why a cook couldn't pull double duty: sometimes cooking, the rest of the time guarding.

Really, just how hard would it be to guard something anyway? You have a gun and if somebody approaches who shouldn't be there, like a neighboring rancher or ranch kid, you tell them to go away, or else. I suspect a cook who had been in WWII combat zones could manage that.

Let us also not forget that Brown's story was by no means unique. Others beside Brown spoke of guarding the crash sites or base hangar and seeing bodies. And various people seem to have been pressed into guard duty, when normally that wasn't their job.

E.g., Sgt. Thomas Gonzales of T or Tech Squadron said he helped guard the site where there were craft and bodies.

Cpl. William Quigley of the 393th Bomb Squadron said he was made to stand guard at a B-29 that was being loaded over a bomb pit under high secrecy, something that would normally be handled by the MPs - i.e., when loading a nuke. He said this was the only time in his life when he was ever asked to guard anything. The other guards were two officers and another enlisted man, all of whom held the highest security clearances. This seems to have been the loading of the B-29 with a large crate in the bomb bay, that flew with an armed guard to Fort Worth, and was greeted there by a mortician.

One of the crew members on that flight - probably Lloyd Thompson - later wrote George Filer and reported:

"Sometime afterwards, about three to six months later, the wives began talking among themselves about the cleanup detail. This originated from the wives of men on that duty. One such was a neighbor of ours in July 1947. They moved across town, but I would sometimes see him and I ask him what he had seen out there. He was upset and told me, "You don't want to know." I think he was a baker because he would leave for work in the early morning, like 0130 hours. A time or two when I'd come in from a late flight he would be standing on the corner waiting for a ride. They did not own a car. Based on the wives' gossip we heard that he had seen a body."

This sounds very much like cook Melvin Brown, or maybe one of his co-workers.

David Rudiak

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>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>>Date: Sat, 24 Nov 2007 08:03:44 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>>>have claimed to seen the craft or the bodies at Roswell would
>>>have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of this
>>>is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July
>>>1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be
>>>out on guard duty?"

>>>Many might think this is a fair question, but what it reveals is
>>>a lack of understanding of military doctrine. It is a question
>>>that can be answered easily by those who have some knowledge of
>>>the way the military functions.

<snip>

>>Kevin,

>>Very interesting observations.

>>When I enlisted in the Air Force in 1949 it was only recently a
>>separate service from the Army. My basic training at Lackland
>>AFB, Texas, included all of the doctrine Kevin describes.

>>Although my formal designation turned out to be Clerk, Non-
>>Typist, and I was a lowly enlisted man, I qualified as Marksman
>>on the Caliber .30 Carbine, could field strip and reassemble it
>>blindfolded, learned the protocols for guarding buildings, etc.
>>Fortunately for me I managed to avoid being sent to Korea and
>>pressed into such service.

>>I later learned that one of my buddies was killed in combat on
>>the ground when an Air Force base in Korea was overrun by
>>infantry. I never learned the details, but most likely he was
>>performing guard duty at the time.

>>Because of troop shortages early in the Korean War, we (the Air
>>Force trainees) received quasi-infantry training including gas
>>attack drills, throwing hand grenades, and firing a Thompson
>>submachine gun.

>When it comes down to an alert or extended duties cooks, do one

>thing... cook!

Jan, List, All,

Yes, but all cooks are soldiers and sometimes their duties move beyond the mess hall, or as they are now known DFACs, for dining facilities.

>I don't believe this hogwash about cooks being placed on guard
>duty for an instant. This is not a combat situation but
>supposedly a recovery which caused people to be moved off base
>and commenced a 24-hour operation which increases the job of the
>messhall. If you have a troops deployed off base, then you
>expect to feed them a hot meal in the feeded cycle ASAP and also
>expected to provide soup and coffee during the operation around
>the clock.

Why do you expect them to be fed a hot meal in the field? Is this a requirement by regulation? Or, could you just see that they have C-rations - now known as MREs - to be fed in the field? And, it's not as if you left them in the field for days on end.

>Now if this a situation that requires cooks to pull guard duty,
>then the base should be calling everyone back in and not
>engaging in sports competitions. Seems that didn't happen, my
>reading of the Roswell newspapers had the sports teams still out
>there playing baseball.

A very nice point. Unless, of course, by cancelling these events, you alert the world to something strange, not to mention the fact that they could still participate in a sporting activity and complete the rest of their duties. We can speculate about all sorts of things.

But, of course, none of those sports teams were made up exclusively of military police, so they really haven't impacted on the overall mission, except to further reduce the number of people immediately available, meaning that you rely on those who are available.

>Kevin, military doctrine, hogwash. I guess I was in a different
>kind of Army than you! To emphasize one more time this was not a
>combat situation. In my 25 years in the military I have never
>seen a guard mount with cooks. I have never seen cooks deployed
>as guards in very critical situations nuclear guard forces and
>reserve guard forces, nuclear accident/incidents, and recovery
>operations of crashed aircraft. Or during the first gulf war in
>which we had to supply a large 24 hour guard forces of
>stationary, roving guards, reserve force, and 100% search of all
>vehicles in several contained access points at our installation
>and all the soft targets off post including the gas station,
>high school, PX, commissary, day care, extensive family housing
>complex, and other auxillary facilities for counter-terrorism
>purposes. No cooks were used in this operation as I said before
>cooks, cook. as it was in 1947.

Yes, I guess you were in a different Army than me. While we were in the field training before deployment into Iraq, I seem to remember the cooks pulling their share of guard duty on the perimeter. In fact, the senior NCO annoyed the inspectors when he opened fire - simulated - on them because they approached from the wrong direction and didn't have the proper password. And I seem to remember the cooks pulling their share of guard duty at our TOC once we had deployed into Iraq.

And we can exchange experiences all we want. But what do you suggest they do when the mission, combat or not, requires the deployment in more arenas than you have sufficient military police forces to cover?

>So you can try to sell Melvin Brown, but I am not buying. From
>experience this is highly improbable.

Don't buy Brown, if you don't want but my experiences, and this includes Vietnam, the Air Force in Panama and our recent adventures in Iraq, suggest that a soldier is a soldier and sometimes he, or she, is used in a mission for which the training has been basic. There really is nothing about Brown that excludes him from this and while I would agree that it is

unusual, it is not highly improbable.

KRandle

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Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

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>>>>Subject: Randle On Haut's Affidavit Part Two

>>>>On the other side of the coin, I do have one confirmation of
>>>>Walter's new story that came from a man who lived in Albuquerque
>>>>and who was the assistant finance officer for the 509th Bomb
>>>>Group.

>><snip>

>>>I'd like to honor Kevin for how fair and thorough he is, not
>>>just in this, but in everything he writes. He's a model of
>>>objectivity, and could serve as a model for all of us in
>>>ufology.

>>>Thanks, Kevin.

>>I want to join Greg in his comment. Thank you, Kevin, for your
>>balanced and fair approach on that intricate question of the Haut
>>affidavit.

>Thanks to both you and Greg.

>>Personally, I have met with Tom Carey and Donald Schmitt last
>>July in Roswell, and again last September in Washington.

>>I feel confident that the affidavit is a credible testimony of
>>Walter Haut. And it is appoved by his daughter Julie Schuster,
>>whom I also met briefly and who seemed quite credible to me as
>>well.

>If we look at what Walter said in the video taped interview
>conducted by Connors/Balthaser, we see that all the statements
>attributed to Walter present. He did say all those things. They
>just weren't said in a coherent whole and there was Walter's
>retreat into his original claims of only writing the press
>release. If we are to criticize the new affidavit, it is only to
>suggest that Walter's statements were made with a little more
>force than is the real truth. It isn't quite as straightforward
>as it seems in the affidavit and I'm just not sure that is much
>of a criticism. I mean that the sometimes rambling nature of the
>statements isn't clear from the tone of the affidavit. (I don't

>think I have communicated this very clearly but hope you all get
>the drift.)

Playing devil's advocate here: if the Schmitt affidavit is deemed to be credible, then the contradictory declarations made by Walter in the video interview (omitting the others for the moment) done in 2000 are not! Specifically the _4_ times where he said he didn't see anything!

Since some of the declarations made by Walter in 2000 are in direct opposition of the declarations drafted by Schmitt and signed by Walter, i.e., the affidavit in question, then we must presume Walter lied earlier.

Kevin you wrote:

"If we are to criticize the new affidavit, it is only to suggest that Walter's statements were made with a little more force than is the real truth."

In the 2000 C & B interview Walter had difficulty remembering things like where he was stationed after the war, and or where he did his basic training; he had trouble remembering words etc.

In August 2001 David Rudiak interviewed Walter, recently he (Rudiak) wrote, He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what had happened over 50 years ago and anybody who said they could wasn't being truthful.

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

Walter replied, No.)

The Schmitt affidavit was written in a very clear and concise manner including times, dates, names etc. According to Schmitt, it was prepared, it was based on things that Walter told us in confidence for a number of years.

Now from going to the inability to recalling where one did his basic training to remembering exact times on specif dates is a tad greater then making statements with a little more force.

Additionally, Walter exhibited the same memory concerns with Rudiak in 2001, and King in 2003; however, with Schmitt, as if by some miracle, this wasn't an issue.

>>I also met with Dennis Balthaser, but his critique of the
>>affidavit seemed to me to be more the result of a personal split
>>with Julie Schuster ans the Museum, following her opposition to
>>the release of the video recorded by him and Wendy Connors.

>It does seem that there is something to be said about that.
>Clearly there is trouble between Balthaser and Julie and I
>certainly don't know what that trouble might be.

No one is more baffled by the malfeasance exhibited by Julie upon Dennis, then Dennis himself! However, Gildas I can assure you that Dennis' concerns about the Schmitt affidavit have nothing to do with Walter's daughter, and or her actions. Dennis was a 70 hour week volunteer at the Museum and spoke with Walter on a daily basis; this is aside from the fact that he was there and did the interview along with Wendy in 2000 and witnessed Walter's answers as well as symptoms of memory loss.

Prior to becoming aware of the fact that Walter did not write the affidavit, he was analytical of the same red flags I was i.e., how could a man exhibiting symptoms of dementia (two years prior), in the worst case scenario, or senior memory loss in the best case scenario pen such a detailed document?

The answer is, he couldn't... and for that matter we now know according to Schmitt, he didn't!

>>I think she has the legal right to do that, doesn't she? It is a
>>question of protection of the image of her father.

>If I understand the law on this correctly (which is not a

>foregone conclusion) the copyright of an audible or video tape
>resides with the subject of the interview unless it is signed
>away. If there is a signed release, then Connors and Balthaser
>own the copyright. If there is not, then there is an area for
>dispute. However, it seems that on the tape, Connors makes it
>clear that Walter is the copyright holder and that copyright
>would be inherited by Walter's heirs on his death. This however,
>is a question for a legal authority who has all the facts.

Wendy also inserted conditions i.e., using the tape in her
research, sharing it with other researchers, and not releasing
it until after his death etc.

>On the other hand, Julie certainly has the right to protect the
>image of her father. The Connors/Balthaser interview really does
>little to tarnish that image though it does suggest an elderly
>man who is sometimes confused by events in the distant past.

>>To me, it is quite acceptable to prepare an affidavit, as long
>>as the witness is still capable of understanding, and approves
>>it without ambiguity, and that seems to be the case.

>I do not understand why this has been raised as an issue. In
>what I understand about the completion of the affidavit,
>everything was done carefully, Walter, in the presence of his
>daughter and his doctor read the document (maybe several times)
>and found nothing wrong in it. In other words, it was prepared
>by someone familiar with the case and signed by the witness
>after a proper review.

It was initially scrutinized because it was assumed that Walter
penned the affidavit himself, and since there was/is ample
evidence that he wasn't capable of doing that (in such great
detail), this certainly gave me pause. Moreover, much of this
controversy could have been nipped in the bud if this was
explained in advance.

Had I known that the affidavit was drafted by Schmitt based on
his interpretation of snippets of conversation he had with
Walter over a 3 year period I would have started out where I
have arrived at present.

For me personally, assuming that Walter was in sound mind, and
there are witnesses who declare he was, including an M.D. at the
time he signed Schmitt's chronicle then, as stated before, I
endorse the legality of the instrument.

<snip>

In my view a wiser decision to avoid controversy would have been
another video interview; aside from the obvious questions about
bodies and wreckage, Walter could have been given an opportunity
to discuss why he's speaking out now (then), and why he publicly
denied involvement for all these years.

Barring that, a video and or audio interview could have been done
reiterating the content of the Schmitt affidavit. The affidavit
could have been read to Walter line by line, and viewers, and or
listeners could have interpreted his responses themselves.

Unfortunately none of that happened; we are left with an
anecdote of an anecdote perpetrated by legal methodology and
endorsed by its namesake.

The value of the offering as we have seen isn't general, it's
much like a keepsake, the value is appurtenant to its beholder.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

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>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

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>The MJ-12 documents have been hotly debated
>frequently on the List here. Other UFO claims are too silly and
>too lacking in evidence to comment on and so quite justifiably,
>nobody wastes their time debating them. I certainly wouldn't
>bother arguing about whether Kennedy "knew too much" and had to
>be silenced.

>This seems a bit different situation than the almost total lack
>of skepticism among self-styled skeptics regarding dubious
>assertions that fit their beliefs, such as those made by
>Morrison. And Morrison is a revered NASA scientist who gets paid
>to "enlighten" the public, not just some guy with a web page. It
>seems to me that he should be held to a higher standard than
>free-lance JFK conspiracy theorists.

>Everybody probably has a tendency to be less critical of claims
>that support their own beliefs, but some of us at least try to
>fight this human failing. People like Morrison and members of
>skeptics' clubs seem to think they are free of biases and so do
>absolutely nothing to keep them in check.

This is precisely the problem I tackled in my paper Prosaic
Explanations: the Failure of UFO Skepticism. running in UFO
magazine in two parts and also at my web site.

When I realized that skeptics propose and other skeptics accept
without discussion 'garbage' explanations for sightings, I
became (gulp!) skeptical of the skeptics!!

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My conversations with Melvin Brown's daughter indicate that he had a connection with some military intelligence function, as there were visits to such facilities as the Chicksands listening post in the UK, to which he had immediate access while the family waited outside.

Have there been no instances of CIC or other people planted to check on scuttlebutt?

As I recall Jan you falsely claimed that all TOP SECRET Documents had to have TOP SECRET Control numbers.

Stan Friedman

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>is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb Group in July
>1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why would a cook be
>out on guard duty?"

The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is why
a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would be
allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the ship's
debris.

Kevin's premise here is a strawman. Anyone who has been in the
military knows full well that every soldier, regardless of their
job, will eventually get to pull guard duty at some point,
although like Jan, I doubt seriously that an Army cook would
ever pull guard duty. I certainly never saw that happen, and I
did my share guarding empty buildings.

Security units, like Major Easley=B4s command, are charged with
securing full time any number of highly sensitive base
buildings/areas and the base access points. During the night and
on weekends many buildings with minimal security requirements
are unoccupied and these, as well as perimeter fences, would be
guarded by conscripts drawn from the rest of the base personnel.

In a time of emergency, if his unit is stretched thin, Easley
would indeed have had the authority to "requisition" additional
personnel from other units on the base to back up his troops.
Under those circumstances, however, these non-security soldiers
would have been assigned to low priority posts, to allow the
regular security personnel to be sent to the where the "action"
was. The idea that a fill-in troop would have been sent to guard
the most sensitive building in the nation at that time is
ludicrous at best. That would be a post where Easley would have
sent only his experienced, regular security forces.

Security troops/MPs are well trained to know exactly the limits
of their authority. Under the right circumstances, a private can
deny a 4-star general access to the building he is guarding, and
he would know exactly how to handle such a situation. A soldier
(an engine mechanic, say...) who might pull guard duty 2-3 times
a year would not be able to properly secure such an enormously
sensitive post in times of extraordinary circumstances.

Easley, if he was a competent commander, would have only his
highly trained security troops or MPs guarding such a sensitive
building. Had he done otherwise, like posting Brown, Blanchard
would have had his head on a stick!

During the recovery operation, Easley, if he was a competent

officer, would have had only his troops at the center of the operations and on the truck carrying the debris and bodies. The rest of the conscripted forces (including Brown?) would have been those out on the perimeter.

Kevin has told us that the security level at RAAFB during the Incident was at its lock-down highest level possible. If that was true, and if Easley and his security personnel were doing their jobs properly, Brown=B4s commanding officer (the mess officer!) would have had absolutely no business inside the building where the bodies were held, and would not have been able to casually walk in for a peek!

On the other hand, if Brown=B4s story is true, then Major Easley must have been an extraordinarily incompetent officer at a base where reputedly only the 'best of the best' were assigned.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Ann Eller Phenomenal Lady - Story Of A Sedona Resident
By Chuck Oldham

Sedona's natural beauty will endure for millennia, but other, more fleeting treasures are to be found in the unique personalities that reside here - and the knowledge they have to share. Those intent on the journey know they must spend more time in this red rock wonderland, if for only the chance to uncover its more elusive secrets.

Gateway To Sedona strives to focus the light on Sedona, to enhance the traveler's experience. In that spirit, we are excited to introduce one Sedona personality with a compelling story.

If you type in an Internet search, "Ann Eller, Sedona Arizona," you'll find no references or headlines. Ann labels herself a "Nobody," living an average life. We believe this is about to change.

Ann is presently working with a writer to recount her life story. Through her story, she hopes to inspire others to "be on fire in your spirit for those things that stir your soul, in the quest for greater insight into the universe and the potential to expand humanity's understanding of existence."

Wander through one of Sedona's many fine art galleries or dine in many of Sedona's popular restaurants, and you may have the opportunity to meet Ann Eller and engage in a lively conversation. You'll find she is vivacious and personable, with an upbeat pace and indefatigable approach to the hurttles of life. Perhaps she will tell you about her upcoming autobiography.

Ann's story revisits her early years during WWII, her 1950s residence in Japan (courtesy of the US Navy), her days in the White House and a timeline full of other "Exceptional Encounters." One chapter of interest to us in particular covers her close association with one of the world's most famous names in UFO research, adding a few more mesmerizing pages to UFO history. For you see, this researcher was none other than the renowned astrophysicist, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

For those of you who spend your leisure time staring at vast stretches of green, artificially grown turf, only occasionally looking skyward as your eyes follow that little white ball into sand trap after sand trap and you're drawing a blank at the name J. Allen Hynek, we'll save you a trip to the Google search

engine.

For over twenty years, Dr. J. Allen Hynek was the United States Air Force appointed Scientific Advisor to three consecutive major UFO studies. The first was Project Sign from 1947 to 1949; then came Project Grudge, started in 1949 and ending in 1952, followed by Project Blue Book from 1952 until 1969. Dr. J. Allen Hynek is credited with coining some of the most iconic terms and classifications identified with the UFO field of study, such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "Swamp Gas."

Many prominent people crossed paths with Dr. Hynek, but few came to know him as well as Ann Eller. You see, Ann was Dr. Hynek's personal secretary. She organized his office and was responsible for filing away all the classified UFO stories reviewed and evaluated for the United States Air Force, including many more accounts that flowed in after Dr. Hynek retired from his post as Scientific Advisor.

Ann's experience with Dr. Hynek is sure to raise many points of interest that avid UFO researchers will want to explore. Her story leads to deeper insights into Dr. Hynek's motives and behavior, and exposes his connection to and fascination with secret societies.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek was also known for his contribution to and inspiration for Spielberg's film, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, where he makes a brief, cameo appearance near the end of the movie. Ann was among those who reviewed the contract with Steven Spielberg, in which the proprietary rights to the use of Dr. Hynek's coined term, "Close Encounters of the Third Kind," was sold for an embarrassingly low sum.

Ann recalls Dr. Hynek's transition from staunch skeptic to more open-minded investigator of mysterious phenomena. As time passed, thousands of unexplained accounts by eyewitnesses had accumulated. Dr. Hynek, always the dedicated scientist, conceded there was just too much compelling evidence to be carelessly dismissed.

During the time Ann spent assisting Dr. Hynek, she advocated for greater consideration of the witnesses whose experiences lay at the core of the UFO controversy. Many witnesses felt traumatized, or deeply emotional about their ordeals. Those who were long ago ostracized for sharing their stories are sure to feel a measure of vindication by reading Ann's account.

Ann fondly remembers Dr. J. Allen Hynek as a scientific researcher of the highest integrity, committed to unraveling the true nature of the Unidentified Flying Object phenomena that has attracted generations of inquisitive minds. Ann remained a close friend to Dr. Hynek until his death in 1986.

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Searching For Extraterrestrial Intelligence: An Archaeological Approach To Verifying Evidence For Extraterrestrial Exploration On Earth

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Abstract

In considering the possibility of the existence of Extraterrestrial Intelligence, an independent means of verifying eyewitness accounts of flying saucers and alien beings on Earth is proposed. The approach would be an archaeological one whereby various archaeological surveying and excavation techniques would be used to examine an alleged landing or crash site of an extraterrestrial craft. The alleged flying saucer crash sites of 1947 in the vicinity of Roswell, New Mexico, are highlighted by way of example. Following an overview of the eyewitness testimony relating to the Roswell Incident, the methods by which the crash sites might be assessed are outlined.

Introduction: The Possibility of ETI

Since the days of classical Greece, humans have speculated on the existence of intelligent life on other worlds, but it is only in the last three hundred years that increasingly informed and systematic research on the possibility of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (ETI) has gone apace. (1) In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, much energy was spent concentrating on the apparent existence of bodies of water on Mars and the consequent possibility that intelligent life might be utilizing them to sustain their existence, particularly in the construction of huge canals that some astronomers claimed to be able to see from Earth. By the 1930s, however, these so-called canals had come to be seen (correctly) as an optical illusion, but it wasn't until the advent of space travel to other planetary bodies from the 1960s and 1970s, that the likelihood

of ETI elsewhere in the solar system became somewhat diminished by the sterile findings of various interplanetary space probes such as Viking 1 and 2 on Mars or by the eight Venus probes sent to Venus by the USSR. (1, 2, 3) In the 1980s and 1990s, other advanced forms of scientific research have taken place including looking for possible ETI radio signals with the Search for Extra- Terrestrial Intelligence (SETI) program or the analysis of Martian meteorites for possible signs of ancient organic activity, as in the case of the now famous meteorite ALH84001. (4, 5, 6) Meanwhile, reports of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) interpreted as ETI spacecraft increased during the 1940s and afterwards so that today there are many people that are committed not only to the belief that Earth has been visited many times by extra-terrestrials, but that humans have also been frequently abducted by aliens. (7, 8)

While it is difficult to ascertain how genuine many of these UFO sightings are and whether those that are genuine actually indicate the presence of alien spacecraft or not, the question might still be asked how we could systematically search for evidence of ETI on Earth or in the solar system. Whilst the reception of alien radio signals might turn out to be the first kind of contact between humans and ETI, the initial form that physical contact might take could involve the discovery of one or more interplanetary space probes launched by an extra-terrestrial civilization that have arrived in our own planetary system. Given the great age of some star systems and the likelihood that at least a few of them provide the conditions for life and, in particular, ETI to have evolved, (9) it seems probable that an extra-terrestrial civilization could have arisen with an interest in space exploration. However, since the solar system is a relatively isolated one in the Milky Way, it is rather doubtful that any spacecraft bearing alien personnel would take an exploratory trip to such a potentially unrewarding region of space. Nevertheless, an automated or remotely controlled interplanetary probe with the purpose of exploring not only our system but a number of others in our arm of the Milky Way might have been launched by an ETI at some time in the distant past. Possibly, such a probe has already passed through the solar system (perhaps even millennia ago) and has long ago transmitted details of its discovery of life on our planet to its owners, thereby encouraging the ETI that sent the probe to launch a spacecraft bearing an alien crew.

On Earth, the alleged landing sites of such alien spacecraft (for example, that at Roswell, New Mexico, which has been described by one writer as 'the mother of all UFO scenarios' [10]) could be examined anew from an archaeological perspective, whereby geophysical surveying and excavation techniques could be applied to prove or disprove the purported landing. In this essay, I propose that a research project be established to apply archaeological techniques to the study of alleged alien landing sites, particularly that of Roswell because of its recent widespread media interest. Archaeology may provide a valuable methodological tool in verifying the presence of alleged ETI activity, especially that which has occurred in the more distant past.

Archaeology as a Tool for Verifying ETI

In recent years, a growing number of archaeologists have taken an interest in the possibility of carrying out archaeological research on other planets. This interest was recently expressed in a session of the annual conference of the Theoretical Archaeology Group (TAG) in December 1997 (abstracts of the papers given at this conference are available on the World Wide Web at <http://csweb.bournemouth.ac.uk/consci/tag97/>). Most speakers at the conference concentrated on the use or presentation of archaeological theory and practice in science fiction novels and films, while one (11, 12) examined the archaeology and conservation of human space exploration. Two Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence other speakers, however, considered how archaeological research might be applied to as yet undiscovered ancient extraterrestrial civilisations on other planets. (13, 14) Although some archaeologists have considered a putative role for themselves should ancient traces of any ET civilization be found on other planets, few (if any) have openly considered applying their techniques to the study of alleged alien landing or abduction sites. Of course, this is partly because of the recent nature of the purported events and also (perhaps) because little evidence of ET activity might be

expected to lie beneath the surface of the soil. However, in the last thirty years or so, archaeological methods and techniques have been increasingly applied to recent events in a forensic context, such as the careful excavation and analysis of buried murder and combat victims or the study of airplane crash sites (15, 16).

If a field in which an alien spacecraft allegedly landed was subsequently ploughed before its surface could be examined scientifically, the archaeological technique of fieldwalking could be applied to search for any possible artifacts that might have been dropped in the vicinity of the alleged landing site. In addition, geophysical techniques such as magnetometer and soil resistivity surveys could be carried out to pinpoint any electro-magnetic anomalies in the soil (such as might be caused by areas of burning) that might have been created by the arrival or departure of the alleged spacecraft. Shallow archaeological excavation might then proceed once the supposed landing site has been located, should the existence of artifacts be anticipated, though this would also allow for properly documented soil samples to be taken for detailed chemical, geological and biological analysis in the laboratory. In the case of older sites, a buildup of soil and other deposits might have taken place as a consequence of natural flooding, rubbish dumping, rock falls, sand dune formation, soil creep (if on a slope) or nearby construction or demolition work. If the overlying sediments are quite substantial, then geophysical prospecting and archaeological fieldwalking techniques would be of limited value, necessitating the digging of a number of test pits or the taking of core samples at regular intervals over an area centered on the supposed landing. What follows is an assessment of how archaeology might be applied to verifying the claim that a 'flying saucer' crashed in the desert near the town of Roswell, New Mexico, in 1947.

The Roswell Incident: Eyewitness Accounts

The Roswell Incident, as this seemingly archetypal UFO event is commonly known, took place in the first two weeks of July 1947, and may involve up to three separate craft that crashed onto the ground at varying distances from the town of Roswell, New Mexico. These crashes received wide media coverage at the time when one of the crashed craft was initially announced (on July 8 1947) to have been a flying saucer in a press release issued by the nearby United States Army-air force base. The following day, the US Army retracted this story, explaining that the 'flying saucer' was none other than a downed 'weather balloon' that had been misidentified. Although soon apparently forgotten, the story of the Roswell saucer was resurrected by ufologists in 1980 after which stories of government or military cover-ups relating to the spacecraft abounded. Only at this time, does it seem that associations were made with the other two alleged crash sites located about 90 and 150 miles, respectively, from Roswell. The imputed relationship between these alleged crash events has led to some conflation of their reporting in such newspapers as The (Manchester) Guardian where, in one article, no suggestion is made that more than one crash might have occurred. (17)

The first crash site, and that nearest to Roswell town, was discovered by W. W. ('Mac') Brazel, a sheep rancher, who found an area covered with strange, shiny and lightweight debris on his ranch, some of which he soon showed the local county sheriff who, in turn, showed it to the intelligence officer (Major Jesse Marcel) at the nearby Army base. (18) Marcel then retrieved the rest of the debris from Brazel's ranch, which had been stored in a small shed on Brazel's property. (19)

Marcel claimed not to have seen anything like it. The debris included bits of metal, some kind of porous substance, parchment-like material, and long slender rods no heavier than balsa that bore markings described by Marcel as 'hieroglyphics'. One of these rods was stated by Marcel to be three to four feet long. Overall, the material could be spread out over an area of 200 yards, yet it only weighed 51 lbs in total. Marcel took some of the metal home with him and showed it to his children (17) but he brought the debris with him on a plane to Fort Worth where General Roger M. Ramey identified it as the remains of a downed weather balloon with a radar target. However, Marcel claims that the debris he had found was switched with the tattered remnants of a weather balloon, which was shown to the

press. A report from the Alamogordo News of 10 July 1947 and cited in Sobel's article explained that such weather balloons carried 'paper triangles covered with tinfoil and held rigidly by small wooden strips' to reflect radar signals, and that the reflectors were about 48 inches across (the rods found by Brazel were up to three or four feet long). In recent years, the Army admitted that there was a cover up, and that the debris from Brazel's ranch came not from an ordinary weather balloon but from a top-secret experimental high altitude balloon designed to detect nuclear explosions around the world from the air. This experimental program (known as Project Mogul) was carried out at the Army base at Roswell, and though it was discontinued in 1950, it remained classified until the 1970s. Interestingly, a few special radar targets not previously used in New Mexico were reinforced with Scotch tape bearing a pinkish-purple abstract flower design which may very well account for Marcel's so called hieroglyphics. Various other descriptions of the markings made at the time of the debris's discovery also concur with this identification.

Neither Brazel nor Marcel referred to any bodies lying in the vicinity of the debris on Brazel's ranch, nor did Marcel describe the material as constituting a 'flying saucer'. However, the other two crash sites do contain both of these elements. According to Vern and Jean Maltais, their late friend Grady Barnett allegedly witnessed a flying saucer wreck near Socorro, New Mexico, during the 1940s when he worked as a government engineer, and he described the craft as a large metallic disk circa 25 to 30 feet in diameter. One ufologist, Stanton T. Friedman, placed this crash site on the Plains of San Augustin near Socorro, a point 150 miles west of Roswell. He was only able to locate one other eyewitness who, as a child of no more than 5 years of age in 1947, saw the wrecked saucer with the bodies of its occupants lying around the wreckage whilst on a family rock-hunting expedition. Apparently, the craft had gouged out a furrow in the ground as it crashed, tearing up and setting alight some sagebrush in the process. However, Anderson's account is so detailed for such a young witness to recall decades later, that his testimony is regarded as somewhat suspect. Indeed, an entry made in Anderson's uncle's Searching for Extraterrestrial Intelligence diary used to corroborate the story of the saucer was found to have been fabricated on forensic grounds (the entry was made with ink only available from 1974). Friedman places the third crash site close to the town of Corona at about 90 miles north-west of Roswell. One eyewitness was Jim Ragsdale who was camping out with his girlfriend north of Roswell on the night of 2 July 1947 (or later) when they saw a bright object roar overhead before hitting the ground. A search with a flashlight by the couple revealed the remains of a flying saucer accompanied by the bodies of its crew. (10) Ragsdale described the bodies he saw as being between four and five feet long, and he thought the metal of the craft to have been unusual. Although the metal resembled tinfoil, it was much stronger and would straighten itself out after a piece was crushed in the hand. (17) When they returned to the site the next morning, they found the place to be overrun with soldiers from the Roswell Army base (located 35 miles away) who had cordoned the area off (10, 17). Apparently, some credit a team of archaeologists with being the first people on the scene on 5 July, arriving before Ragsdale and his girlfriend. The team, led by Dr W. Curry Holden of Texas Tech university, reported the find to the local sheriff, describing it as 'a crashed airplane without wings, and with a flat fuselage' accompanied by three corpses. (17) Another eyewitness, Frank Kaufmann, who claims to have been working for the Army in some kind of paramilitary capacity after 1945, alleges that he saw the wrecked craft when taking part in a secret reconnaissance mission accompanied by high-ranking officers to locate the saucer. Kaufmann later pointed out the crash site for a television program in 1994. He described the craft as a wingless plane and also noted the presence of bodies inside the ruptured fuselage, but is unable to supply any supporting documentation either of the incident or even of his military employment. One other witness, a fire fighter named Dan Dwyer told his daughter (Frankie Rowe) that he and other fire fighters went to the crash site where they saw two body bags and a live 'very small being' near the wreckage of some sort of flying craft. (10, 17) One final witness is former mortician Glenn Dennis who did not visit the site, but claims to have seen the bodies and the wreckage which, he states, was brought to the Army base hospital, and to have spoken with an otherwise unidentified nurse who was

involved in the beings' autopsies. He had also previously received calls from the Army base about the availability of child-sized coffins and about embalming fluids and procedures. (20) However, the details of his testimony will not be considered here since they do not refer directly to any of the alleged crash sites.

Archaeology and the Roswell Crash Sites

As is clear from the summary of the eyewitness testimonies above, there is some disparity in the chronology of the crash site discoveries. In addition, some of the testimony is only second hand (that of Dan Dwyer and Grady Barnett) while other accounts have since been embellished (those of Ragsdale and Kaufmann) thereby damaging their credibility. Furthermore, none of the eyewitness testimony is backed up by photographs of the crash sites or flying saucers (though a press photograph was taken of the so called weather balloon in 1947 and highly controversial film footage purportedly showing the autopsies were widely publicized in 1995 [17]), nor was any physical evidence of the different wrecks kept (in the form of a memento) by an eyewitness.

Consequently, a new and independent source of evidence is sorely needed to corroborate these eyewitness accounts, and an archaeological approach might offer this. Each site where an alleged craft was said to have been wrecked would first need to be topographically surveyed in minute detail. Any indications of a furrow at the Socorro site or an impact crater at the Corona site should be clearly evident unless both were filled in as part of a possible cover up. Aerial photographs of each site might assist in the location of any features that had been backfilled in this way. Archaeologists frequently use aerial photographs to locate archaeological sites that lie beneath the modern ground surface and which cannot easily be seen from the ground. Such sites might appear as patterns in vegetation growth or as anomalous soil colorations.

A survey grid ought to be placed over each site during the topographical survey to facilitate subsequent geophysical surveys and the pinpointing of finds retrieved through fieldwalking or excavation. Magnetometer surveys of each site ought to be able to reveal the presence of any metal or areas of burning and other magnetic anomalies, whilst resistivity surveys could be used to locate buried features such as pits and impact craters. Once any features have been so identified as worthy of further investigation, these could be archaeologically excavated by an experienced team of qualified archaeologists. Careful sieving and sampling of the soil might reveal tiny splinters of the wrecked fuselage at each of the Socorro and Corona sites, while traces of some of the tinfoil (or tinfoil-like) material that formed part of the debris on Brazel's ranch might also be located in this way. If the metal does indeed bear unusual properties as Ragsdale pointed out for the craft he claims to have witnessed, then this should still be evident from even very small pieces recovered in a dig.

Another site that may be worth excavating is the floor of the shed in which Brazel stored the debris he found on his ranch as well as an area of soil around the shed. Presumably, small splinters and shreds of the debris may still exist either trampled into the soil or lying trapped between floorboards (if the shed's floor is wooden).

At the end of the day, no physical evidence might be found supporting the claims that flying saucers crashed at either of the Corona or Socorro sites nor even of the probably misidentified spy/weather balloon from Brazel's ranch. While the evidence relating to Brazel's find seems the most reliable, thereby making an archaeological discovery on his ranch more likely, it's possible that the tinfoil (or tinfoil-like material) would not have survived well in the soil due to natural weathering and chemical processes.

Finally, archaeological research at each of the alleged crash sites might provide no corroborative evidence at all that any spacecraft were wrecked there. This would present a serious blow to the hypothesis that extraterrestrial beings had indeed been seen in New Mexico in 1947. However, the absence of evidence might only indicate that the crash sites - which were allegedly discovered over fifty years ago - have been misidentified in

recent times. On this basis, the archaeological evidence could be argued as not refuting that flying saucers crashed in the countryside of New Mexico, but merely that the eyewitness recollections of the crash site locations are faulty. If this is the case, then it might never be possible to prove the veracity of the alien presence short of the United States Army confirming it.

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Martians trump monarchs in history professor's course

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On a clear night, when the sky is lit up with stars, it's easy to look up and imagine distant planets teeming with life.

Although such thoughts might seem a modern fixation driven by Star Trek movies and UFO sightings, human beings have for centuries been consumed by debate about whether we are alone in the universe, says University of Alberta professor Robert Smith.

Smith is currently teaching one of the more intriguing courses on the university calendar, a history class on astronomy and cosmology.

While traditional history curriculum has often dwelt on subjects like British monarchs and French revolutionaries, Smith's students are treated to lectures on little green men, lunar cities and spacecraft.

A recent class was devoted entirely to aliens.

Such subjects might seem more appropriate for a sci-fi convention than a university classroom, yet Smith suggests the study of all things extraterrestrial can provide important insight into how human beings have perceived their place in the cosmos.

"Positions have shifted over time, but there has been a consistent thread that it is possible for other beings to exist out in the universe," Smith said.

"I try to entice students to put themselves in the shoes of people of the past and get them to ask, 'What did they think and why did they think it?'"

Smith said it's important to note that fantastic stories about Martian invasions and men on the moon were not born out of someone's imagination, but rather fed directly by accepted scientific knowledge of the day. People believed such tales because astronomers were telling them it was possible.

For example, the development of the telescope in the 17th century triggered a radical shift in how people viewed the universe.

Up to that point, the moon had been seen as a perfect sphere in the sky, but when Galileo spotted mountains, valleys and craters on the surface, that gave rise to beliefs of lunar inhabitants.

Over the next two centuries, a consensus developed among leading European astronomers. They reasoned that since the moon and other planets had the same form as Earth, and since Earth had life, there must be beings on those other worlds.

Some of these scientists even suggested there were aliens living on the sun.

Later, around the start of the 20th century, human interest turned to Mars, based in part on the telescopic observations of eccentric American astronomer Percival Lowell.

From his observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., Lowell created increasingly detailed maps of Mars that showed double sets of straight lines criss-crossing the surface.

He argued that such phenomena could not be a natural occurrence, reasoning that the lines were actually irrigation canals tens of kilometres wide that transported water from the polar regions to the planet's desert areas.

"It was a global building project," Smith said. "In his mind, Martians are superior to humans because they are co-operating to save themselves."

How was it that Lowell came to see these lines through his telescope?

No one is sure, but Smith suggests he may have been predisposed to see things he already believed were there.

Regardless, Lowell's arguments helped push Mars to the forefront of public discourse the early 20th century. Popular culture joined in, with science-fiction stories written about hostile aliens on the red planet.

This helps to explain the mass hysteria that occurred on Oct. 30, 1938, the night Orson Welles aired his famous War of the Worlds broadcast that suggested Martians had landed in New Jersey.

"It was completely credible to more than two million people," Smith said. "It was feeding into a widespread belief at that time that there is life beyond Earth and Mars is the key planet."

Theories about canals and creatures on Mars eventually faded away, especially after modern spacecraft visited the planet and took pictures of the surface.

But although humans now know there is no intelligent life within Earth's reach, the idea persists that such beings could exist somewhere else in the universe.

Smith himself believes that humans are probably not alone, though he's unsure what form alien life might take.

"The argument that's been quite persuasive since the 17th century is that there are so many stars and so many planets, it would be quite remarkable if life had arisen on only one of them."

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>>"After ten minutes without any apparent aggression, I determined
>>the craft was non hostile to my team or to the base. Following
>>security protocol, we completed a thorough on-site
>>investigation, including a full physical examination of the
>>craft. This included photographs, notebook entries, and radio
>>relays through airman Cabansag to the control center as
>>required. On one side of the craft were symbols that measured
>>about 3 inches high and two and a half feet across."

>Someone in another forum had posted this, purportedly a copy of
>an earlier statement by Penniston, where he indicates that he
>didn't come any closer than about 50 metres to the object.

>Does anyone know anything about this or if it is legitimate? I
>just hadn't seen it before and it seemingly contradicts his
>later statements - to the debunkers certainly, at least - of
>touching the object.

>It is from an article by skeptic Ian Ridpath:

The statement by Penniston quoted above is absolutely correct. I
heard his presentation at the recent press conference and talked
with him at length. He has never said otherwise, and anyone who
says he did is either lying or badly confused.

Dick

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Not the movie, not the comic book, the real deal Men In Black?

Considering all the top UFOlogists on this list I'm sure if it were true some of you would have been visited by those mysterious chaps.

I've had several run ins with some odd fellows especially whenever I was at the library back in the old days studying UFOs and of course the minute I put down "Interrupted Journey".

On a couple of occasions doing field research some odd folks would show up and make disparaging or dissuading comments.

So again the question begs, any MIB contact stories?

Best,

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope
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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 10:32:36 -0500
Archived: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 12:07:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 23:09:07 -0500
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is why
>a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would be
>allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the ship's
>debris.

>In a time of emergency, if his unit is stretched thin, Easley
>would indeed have had the authority to "requisition" additional
>personnel from other units on the base to back up his troops.
>Under those circumstances, however, these non-security soldiers
>would have been assigned to low priority posts, to allow the
>regular security personnel to be sent to the where the "action"
>was. The idea that a fill-in troop would have been sent to guard
>_the_ most sensitive building in the nation at that time is
>ludicrous at best. That would be a post where Easley would have
>sent only his experienced, regular security forces.

>Security troops/MPs are well trained to know exactly the limits
>of their authority. Under the right circumstances, a private can
>deny a 4-star general access to the building he is guarding, and
>he would know exactly how to handle such a situation. A soldier
>(an engine mechanic, say...) who might pull guard duty 2-3 times
>a year would not be able to properly secure such an enormously
>sensitive post in times of extraordinary circumstances.

>Easley, if he was a competent commander, would have only his
>highly trained security troops or MPs guarding such a sensitive
>building. Had he done otherwise, like posting Brown, Blanchard
>would have had his head on a stick!

This is very well reasoned, but here, and also in Jan Aldrich's
post, one key premise is that the military normally - or at
least in sensitive situations - follows its procedures.

I've never served in the military. But I thought the military
was famous for irrational procedures, whether planned
irrationally, or just executed badly. Hence the book "Catch 22,"
and the word "snafu," which started as a joking military acronym
from World War II, "situation normal, all fracked up" (to use
the swear word in "Battlestar Galactica").

And in general, in life, it's not useful to assume that
procedures always make sense, or are always followed. One
ghastly example, which I'm sure we all know about, is the way
the police and firefighters' radios didn't use the same
frequencies, during 9/11, so that police and firefighters
couldn't talk during the emergency. That led to loss of lives.
But I'm sure the official New York City emergency guidelines
didn't specify anything like that.

Bruce's example of a private knowing how to refuse access to a
four-star general sounds like wishful thinking to me. Yes, the
private is *supposed* to know how to do this, but being supposed
to know and actually knowing - and actually being able to act on
the knowledge, should the situation ever arise -are very

different things. Here's an example from aviation, which I heard about on an NPR radio show about flight safety. One plane crash occurred because the plane ran out of fuel. The co-pilot noticed, but was afraid to tell the pilot, who somehow hadn't noticed. So the plane went to its doom. If that's possible - and it was considered, by aviation authorities, a situation that could very likely recur - why should we assume that a private could stand up to a general?

Here are two stories, illustrating the impossible things that can happen in real life.

During the US invasion of Grenada, an American officer needed artillery support from Navy ships offshore. He was supposed to radio them to ask for this. But he discovered that (shades of NYC during 9/11) that his radio didn't work on the Navy's frequency. He was resourceful, though. He found a phone booth - in the midst of combat! - used his credit card to telephone his base back home in the US, and asked the base to contact the Pentagon, to ask them to contact the Navy ships in the water near Grenada, to ask for artillery support.

And, during the height of the Cold War, and even during the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Soviet embassy in Washington didn't have direct communications with the Kremlin. If they wanted to send an urgent message, they'd call Western Union and arrange to send a telegram. Western Union would dispatch a messenger, who'd come to the Embassy, pick up the message, and then bring it back to the Western Union office for transmission to Russia. Of course the CIA read all these messages, and there was another unintended consequence, too. The Russians got worried that the messengers would stop off for a drink, and not deliver the message quickly to Western Union. So they'd follow the messengers, to make sure this didn't happen.

The first story comes from "Blank Check: The Pentagon's Black Budget," by Tim Weiner, a veteran Washington Post and NY Times reporter. The second story comes from "Nikita Khrushchev and the Creation of a Superpower," by Khrushchev's son Sergei, now a university professor living in the US.

Greg Sandow

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Archived: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 12:13:09 -0500
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>Source: Gateway To Sedona - Arizona, USA

><http://www.gatewaytosedona.com/article/id/1592/page/1>

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>Ann Eller Phenomenal Lady - Story Of A Sedona Resident
>By Chuck Oldham

>Ann is presently working with a writer to recount her life
>story. Through her story, she hopes to inspire others to "be on
>fire in your spirit for those things that stir your soul, in the
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dealings with Hynek.

McDonald was highly critical of Hynek's research and methods
during his tenure as the Air Force's Scientific Advisor on
Project Blue Book. McDonald was highly respected both as a
scientist (atmospheric research) and a ufologist. As his
personal secretary, Ann Eller may be able to shed some light on
the differing perceptions of Hynek.

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by
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When Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich confirmed that he has seen a UFO, he joined the many millions of U.S. adults =96 14 percent, according to a very recent AP/Ipsos poll =96 who say they also have seen UFOs.

Former Arizona Gov. Fife Symington, a Republican, is among this bipartisan group as well. During a recent news conference sponsored by the Coalition for Freedom of Information (www.freedomofinfo.org), Symington, also once a pilot, says he saw a UFO in 1997.

Coalition members include pilots, former top-level U.S. and other government officials, scientists and retired military officers. They are not tinfoil hat-sporting crazies by any stretch of the imagination. And they urge the U.S. government to take UFOs seriously enough to reopen Project Bluebook, the Air Force's ostensible investigation into the reality of UFOs that ended in 1969 with a (surprise) negative finding.

The problem? Project Bluebook investigated UFOs in the same manner that the Warren Commission probed the assassination of President John. F. Kennedy. Each group began with a conclusion and culled only those =93facts=94 that supported this preordained outcome, ignoring, dismissing or denying any and all other =93facts=94 that pointed strongly to a different reading of events.

Another problem: The U.S. government continues to track and analyze reports of UFO sightings. Project Bluebook may have announced a public ending, but the investigation never stopped. It's just that the government refuses to make its findings public and tries to discredit anyone who reports seeing a UFO or, even worse, being abducted by mystery beings.

It's not hard to conclude that UFOs are genuine and point to the existence of beings other than humans who probably possess superior technology. It's not even difficult to credit many claims of abduction by strange beings. An open-minded review of such claims reveals many credible stories.

Besides, human beings routinely =93abduct=94 other species and keep them in laboratories or zoos to study. Why could not the same thing happen to us? The arrogant assertion that human beings are the only intelligent species in the entire universe is belied daily as we learn more about the high levels of intelligence and problem-solving capabilities in primates and cetaceans like dolphins and whales.

Nor is it tough to explain why the U.S. government would deny the existence of UFOs =96 or of the conspiracy to murder Kennedy. No government wants to admit to its own people or the rest of the world that it is powerless to protect its citizens from unidentified aircraft or a coup d'etat. Perish such heretical thoughts!

And we continue to experience and suffer from our own government's powerlessness. Witness the initial Keystone Kops reaction to the terrorist attacks of 9/11. Witness the widespread devastation of Hurricane Katrina that remains two years later. Witness the lack of results in locating those responsible for disseminating deadly anthrax germs in the fall of 2001. (This could be another instance of not wanting to investigate too thoroughly.) Witness the problems in coping with the recent outbreak of massive wildfires in Southern California.

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Truly, the only thing we have to fear is fear itself. There are ways to prepare both practical and spiritual. Getting to know our neighbors is one prudent step. The only thing that does not serve us well is to deny what is right in front of our faces, rightfully demanding to be acknowledged and respected.

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 11:32:16 -0600
Archived: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 13:52:19 -0500
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I knew Allen Hynek reasonably well and liked him immensely. I have no idea what the above sentence means. I have never heard anyone who knew him describe him as enigmatic - or, in any evidence, any more enigmatic than any other of our fellow human beings - and some people (e.g., Jennie Zeidman) had been with him since the early days and had a clear-eyed, unsentimental view of his strengths and weaknesses.

Allen was straightforward - sometimes so straightforward, in fact, that he brought criticism and even censure upon himself (as in his public acknowledgement of a private interest in occultism, encouraged by Jacques Vallee, whom Allen held in high - dare I say uncritical? - regard).

The story of how Allen Hynek evolved from skeptic to proponent of scientific UFO inquiry is well known. The public version and the private version of how that happened were pretty close to identical, I can attest from my association with the man, with whom I had quite a few private conversations.

I also know that Allen was deeply troubled by James McDonald's bluntly stated criticisms of his slowness to act on the UFO evidence he was seeing as scientific advisor to Blue Book. In conversation Allen would come back to McDonald's complaints as he sought to defend himself long after McDonald himself was gone.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 12:53:40 -0500
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Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 15:04:22 -0000
>Subject: Re: Penniston NP Conference & King

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You are right about the original statements. However, that is
such ancient history and so long since resolved that I had
forgotten all about it. I have seen the original witness
statements, which as I recall were all(?) some(?) unsigned and
very preliminary.

Col. Halt, who ought to know, has not the slightest doubt about
Penniston's honesty and integrity. Halt himself, in his famous
MOD statement, downplayed the events in the woods that he
experienced. I don't know this, but I wouldn't be surprised if
it was Halt that advised the men to do the same.

Ever since he went public Penniston has been very consistent in
his testimony.

Dick

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From: Peter B. Davenport <director.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 10:45:16 -0800
Archived: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 14:02:10 -0500
Subject: Re: Still The Champ In UFO Sightings

>Source: The Hudson Reporter - Hoboken, New Jersey, USA

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

>11/25/2007

>Still The Champ In UFO Sightings

>Since 1975, North Bergen had most reports in USA

>Jim Hague
>Reporter Staff Writer

><snip>

>jhague.nul

Good Mother of all Creation! Where did this 'journalist' get these factoids! Perhaps from another planet, given that there are so many UFO sightings in Bergen County? I wouldn't mind adding a volunteer to my staff, but Mr. Sodderstrom doesn't seem to exhibit the adherence to facts that one traditionally likes to see in investigators... of any stripe!

I just telephoned The Hudson Reporter - 201-798-7800 - and was told that Jim Hague is a freelance writer for the paper, and they could not provide me with his telephone number.

Interesting... a journalist who appears to be hermetically sealed off from his environment. Am I surprised by this? If I had written that article, I would have cancelled my phone and internet service, and retired to Siberia.

Then, I requested that the receptionist connect me with the editor of the newspaper, which she did. I spoke with Karen, the Editor, who seemed unfazed by the fact that one of her writers had distorted fact, to the extent that the truth of the matter at hand was almost unrecognizable. She stated that if the editorial staff spent its day calling sources, nothing would get published at all!

My observation, over now 41 years of UFO investigation, has been that smaller, local and regional, newspapers generally do a much better job of investigating, and reporting on, seemingly UFO-related events. The Hudson Reporter seems to be a clear exception to the rule.

For the record, Marc Sodderstrom neither works for NUFORC, nor speaks on its behalf. Moreover, I've just searched both our e-mail archives, as well as our database of reports, and I find no reference to the gentleman. Hence, I conclude that he must be an 'undocumented' spokesman for that organization...

NUFORC has 51 cases filed and posted for Bergen County, NJ, not a number of reports that is significantly different from those of other counties in New Jersey. I conclude that the other, alleged, 726 reports must have come from the CUFOS files...

God Help Us...and spare us from members of the 'press'.

Peter B. Davenport, Director
National UFO Reporting Center
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>with him at length. He has never said otherwise, and anyone who
>says he did is either lying or badly confused.

>Dick

Dick

Excuse me for butting in re. a case of which I know little, but
this appears to be incorrect if the scan of a typed statement by
Penniston is to be believed. This statement appears not to be
dated, and it isn't signed either, so I suppose its provenance
may be in question? However I don't believe I am confused about
this: It does indeed say that he got to within 50 meters and
that this was "the closest I was near the object at any point".

Martin

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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
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Okay, I've yelled and screamed and stomped my feet regarding
this issue.

We don't need the government to tell us what's real or not. When
I woke up this morning I didn't need the federal government's
permission nor validation to see the Sun rise or the birds
chirping. Why? Because I could see that for myself!

We're delegating too much responsibility to government and not
realizing here in the U.S. we are the government. There's no
ducking and hiding nor blaming anyone else.

For 60 years there's been shucking and jiving and stonewalling
and threatening and whatever by the authorities and the press.
So why even waste time engaging them in this matter? We have the
internet now and we can get our news from ourselves not flunkies
and henchmen.

I worked in the press, it's true they're run by the intelligence
communities and other such groups. It doesn't take a rocket
scientist to figure that out just ask around.

No I don't expect the government to protect me. I grew up when
the cocaine dealers and warlords ruled. The government couldn't
protect me then and I damn sure don't expect them to protect me
now. Hell, they couldn't even protect the President of the
United States JFK in broad daylight in Dallas, Texas for cryin'
out loud so how would I expect them to protect me?

I don't. I worry about most of the people in government who put their lives on the line daily because of the potential of being stabbed in the back by the lackeys of the special interest groups.

Since 1962 we've been run by gangsters. Their last call were this past administration.

Get ready to rumble.

Best,

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>Not the movie, not the comic book, the real deal Men In Black?

>Considering all the top UFologists on this list I'm sure if it
>were true some of you would have been visited by those
>mysterious chaps.

>I've had several run ins with some odd fellows especially
>whenever I was at the library back in the old days studying UFOs
>and of course the minute I put down "Interrupted Journey".

>On a couple of occasions doing field research some odd folks
>would show up and make disparaging or dissuading comments.

>So again the question begs, any MIB contact stories?

Greg

In 1977-78 Dr. Hynek came to Las Vegas to investigate a sighting
two people had in northern Nevada while driving back to Vegas
from a camping trip.

They drove up close to a object setting on the ground, the man
got out to check the object and tried to get their Sheppard dog
to get out with him, the dog refused. The following day the dog
died.

The man took it to the vet to see why, the wife told me the day
after this sighting two men came to their house and demanded she
give them the dog and wanted to know where it was, she refused
to tell them anything.

The man went to the doctors office to get the dog and found he
was gone, the Vet was very scared and refused at first to tell
the man where the dog was or the reason he died.

Finally the man found out the dog had brain damage and the men
made the doctor sign all kinds of papers then threatened him
with harm to himself and his family.

Of course this isn't the entire story, I spoke to this women
myself and told me this so it's first hand information.

The story appeared I believe in the Review Journal or the other
paper, the lady told me after that they received threatening
phone calls. She said Dr. Hyenk took their wrist watches as they
had both stopped at the same time, he later told them the
composition of the crystals in both watches had been changed.

I believe this happened in the summer months their names should
be in the article.

Sounds like MIB to me.

Carol

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>In August 2001 David Rudiak interviewed Walter, recently he
>(Rudiak) wrote, He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what
>had happened over 50 years ago and anybody who said they could
>wasn't being truthful.

Of course, nobody can remember clearly everything that happened
50 years before. But that doesn't mean they are suffering from
dementia.

I also wrote that when I spoke to Walter in August 2001, I never
had any sense that he was suffering from dementia, such as
getting confused with words, having trouble putting sentences
together, fumbling for answers, etc. He was perfectly coherent.
Instead, my sense was that he used the old memory comment to
deflect questions that he didn't want to get into. He also
wouldn't allow me to tape the conversation, which may have been
his way of maintaining plausible deniability in case he blurted
something out that he shouldn't have.

Now this was almost a year after Wendy and Dennis interviewed
him. He wasn't a senile old man when I spoke to him, and
therefore I seriously doubt he was when interviewed earlier.

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

>Walter replied, No.

Everybody knows that Walter publicly denied any involvement or
knowledge of the incident beyond putting out the press release.
Yes, therefore his public statements prior to is death
contradicted the interview and affidavit statements released
after his death. Of course, this can be used to impeach is
testimony.

But I can think of good reasons why the man wouldn't go public
before his death, quite unlike CIC man Sheridan Cavitt, who
completely denied involvement or even being at the base until
the Air Force interviewed him in 1994, where he told a nothing
balloon story. Then, according to Kevin, when he approached
Cavitt again afterwards, Cavitt returned to denying any
involvement.

Cavitt was saying nothing of importance happened, therefore had no reason to deny involvement either before or after his AF interview, whereas Walter at the end was telling a fantastic, literally earth-shaking story, the type of story that would get you endless public exposure and harrassment while you were alive if you went public. We all know how Roswell witnesses are routinely trashed as liars, senile, bandwagon jumpers, etc. If you want to completely avoid that sort of thing, you admit to nothing remarkable, at best dropping a few hints here and there.

Guys like Walter may have had other reasons to deny deep involvement. Carey & Schmitt say he had sworn to Blanchard not to disclose what he knew during his lifetime. Others have similarly said they swore an oath not to talk about, Edwin Easley being but one example.

>The Schmitt affidavit was written in a very clear and concise >manner including times, dates, names etc. According to Schmitt, >it was prepared, it was based on things that Walter told us in >confidence for a number of years.

>Now from going to the inability to recalling where one did his >basic training to remembering exact times on specif dates is a >tad greater then making statements with a little more force.

I've been interviewed on camera, and details slip my mind that I know well, just because of feeling pressure to instantly respond. This doesn't mean that I'm senile (I don't think) or the information that I do provide is invalid.

Walter apparently told more than one person privately that he had seen bodies and a craft and had been at the Tuesday morning meeting with Ramey present when the event was discussed. Further, the information in the affidavit agrees well with testimony from other sources concerning times and dates.

E.g., his affidavit states that he saw the bodies and craft after the press release became public. We already know exactly when that happened: Tuesday, July 8, at around 2:30 p.m. Roswell time. The base and the public information office got inundated with outside phone calls. Haut's affidavit says calls and messages were piling up and Blanchard suggested he go home and "hide out" (Haut told me he let underlings in the PI office handle the calls), but first Blanchard took him to the hangar.

Although the affidavit is not exact about the time of visiting the hangar, we know from other information that it had to be after 2:30, probably an hour or two. This squares very nicely with times provided by others. E.g., various townspeople saw the elliptical object covered with a tarp being driving through the center of town on a flatbed truck on the afternoon of July 8. One of them, Richard Talbert, then a newsboy, provided a time of 3:00 to 3:30, because that was when he would routinely pick up the Roswell Daily Record for delivery. Over at the base, Sgt. Earl Fulford said he was getting off work at 4:00 when he saw the flatbed with tarped object being driven toward the hangar. (Talbert also said he got a glimpse of the object when the tarp momentarily lifted up. The dimensions and description are very similar to that of the Haut affidavit.)

Thus the various testimony agrees well as to when the object was delivered to the hangar where Haut could have seen it at the time suggested by the affidavit.

The only other specific times and dates of the 2002 affidavit were the morning meeting of July 8, already known, Haut being dictated the press release by Blanchard around 9:30 a.m. afterward, a time and event already provided by Walter in his earlier 1993 affidavit, and Walter saying he first became aware of the downed aircraft investigation by Marcel on the morning of July 7 - no surprises there - and then a second site north of Roswell late in the afternoon of July 7, discovered by other civilians.

The second, closer, northerly site has corroboration from a number of others, including Chester Barton (not even mentioned in the Carey & Schmitt book), who said he was sent out there by provost marshal Easley to check on the cleanup in the afternoon, it was only a 45 minute drive from Roswell (vs. Haut affidavit's 40 miles from town), he was told it was discovered by

archeologists the previous evening, and he read about the flying saucer in the newspaper (Daily Record) when he got back. So, in other words, Barton was also telling us he was sent out on July 8 and the object had been found late in the afternoon on July 7 by civilians (archeologists). It's virtually the same story as the Haut affidavit from a completely independent source.

For more on Barton, see:

<http://www.roswellproof.com/Barton.html>

>Additionally, Walter exhibited the same memory concerns with >Rudiak in 2001, and King in 2003; however, with Schmitt, as if >by some miracle, this wasn't an issue.

Frank, you aren't understanding what I previously wrote. Walter didn't tell me he had personal memory concerns, such as, "I'm sorry, I just can't remember things the way I used to." Instead he said nobody could perfectly remember things that happened over 50 years ago, which is a general statement and something else entirely.

<snip>

>Prior to becoming aware of the fact that Walter did not write >the affidavit, he was analytical of the same red flags I was >i.e., how could a man exhibiting symptoms of dementia (two years >prior), in the worst case scenario, or senior memory loss in >the best case scenario pen such a detailed document?

The man I met in 2001, a year prior to the affidavit and a year after the interview, did NOT exhibit obvious outward signs of senile dementia in the 2 hours I spent with him. He was completely lucid and coherent. Nor did he tell me he thought his memory was going.

>The answer is, he couldn't... and for that matter we now know >according to Schmitt, he didn't!

If you compare the 1993 and 2002 affidavits - for comparison, see:

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

- the later affidavit is an extension of the earlier one personally written by Haut. In that sense, half of the 2002 affidavit is already Haut's earlier statements and forms the basic framework for the later affidavit. Into that framework are extra sections written up by Schmitt, which he says are based on earlier, private statements of Haut, detailing much greater involvement: hearing of the second crash site on July 7, being at the morning meeting on July 8 - with Ramey present and the coverup discussed, being briefed on the two crash sites, and handling debris - going to the hangar and seeing the bodies and craft on the afternoon of July 8, plus a few lesser, poorly detailed items.

Seeing at least one body and a craft plus being at the morning meeting with Ramey are also in the 2000 interview. At one point, under careful questioning by Wendy Connors to pin him down on this, Walter was very definite about saying he had seen one body and a craft and being at that meeting with Ramey present. It is also very clear, from Connors' comments, that Walter had discussed this previously with her and Connors also mentions how she had heard him talking about seeing bodies with a French film crew doing a documentary.

Walter does not seem at all confused during this questioning, more like annoyed at being pinned down like this. What was he supposed to say at this point? "I don't know where you got these weird ideas Wendy, because I never told you or anybody else that I had ever seen bodies or been at the morning meeting with Ramey."

Apparently later in the interview, Haut started denying deep involvement again. Is that mental confusion or a man trying to backpeddle because he had second-thoughts about earlier admitting to too much? The man I interviewed in 2001 did not seem confused or fumbling at all.

<snip>

>>>To me, it is quite acceptable to prepare an affidavit, as
>>>long as the witness is still capable of understanding, and
>>>approves it without ambiguity, and that seems to be the case.

>>I do not understand why this has been raised as an issue. In
>>what I understand about the completion of the affidavit,
>>everything was done carefully, Walter, in the presence of his
>>daughter and his doctor read the document (maybe several times)
>>and found nothing wrong in it. In other words, it was prepared
>>by someone familiar with the case and signed by the witness
>>after a proper review.

>It was initially scrutinized because it was assumed that Walter
>penned the affidavit himself, and since there was/is ample
>evidence that he wasn't capable of doing that (in such great
>detail), this certainly gave me pause. Moreover, much of this
>controversy could have been nipped in the bud if this was
>explained in advance.

While I don't know the state of Haut's physical and mental
health when he read and signed the affidavit in 2002, he was not
a dottering old man when I spoke to him in August 2001. Instead
he was very careful with his words and what he chose to tell me.

I have to protest these repeated assertions that Haut was
incapable of providing the additional details of the 2002
affidavit. Maybe that's true, but it's not based on demonstrable
fact. Another good reason why the affidavit might have to be
drafted by somebody else was the fact that Haut was obviously a
reluctant witness when it came to publicly admitting to any
deep involvement or witnessing anything extraordinary. These
were things he would say in private to people he knew and
trusted, but not anywhere else. Thus Wendy Connors had to push
him in the interview: "These are things you told me previously
Walter. Now I want you to go on the record while we're recording
this."

Similarly, Haut might not have drafted his own affidavit even if
he was mentally competent to do so. Having it drafted by
Schmitt, also based on previous conversations, is essentially
the same thing that Connors did with Haut when she interviewed
him: "Just confirm what you have previously told me privately."
It's a psychological ploy often used with reluctant witnesses.
Having it all written out for him just made it easier for him to
sign off on it. Drafting his own affidavit or recording his a
confession on his own initiative may never have happened because
he was psychologically reluctant to go public to the bitter end.

>Had I known that the affidavit was drafted by Schmitt based on
>his interpretation of snippets of conversation he had with
>Walter over a 3 year period I would have started out where I
>have arrived at present.

>For me personally, assuming that Walter was in sound mind, and
>there are witnesses who declare he was, including an M.D. at
>the time he signed Schmitt's chronicle then, as stated before, I
>endorse the legality of the instrument.

><snip>

>In my view a wiser decision to avoid controversy would have
>been another video interview; aside from the obvious questions
>about bodies and wreckage, Walter could have been given an
>opportunity to discuss why he's speaking out now (then), and
>why he publicly denied involvement for all these years.

>Barring that, a video and or audio interview could have been
>done reiterating the content of the Schmitt affidavit. The
>affidavit could have been read to Walter line by line, and
>viewers, and or listeners could have interpreted his responses
>themselves.

>Unfortunately none of that happened; we are left with an
>anecdote of an anecdote perpetrated by legal methodology and
>endorsed by its namesake.

>The value of the offering as we have seen isn't general, it's
>much like a keepsake, the value is appurtenant to its
>beholder.

I think Frank Warren's main concern isn't the veracity of the statements in the interview or the affidavit but how the force of Haut's statements has been lessened by the manner in which these were done and also by Haut contradicting himself.

I think the contradictions were the result of a man very reluctant to come forward, and thus full of internal conflicts.

Ultimately the arbiter of what was revealed was Walter Haut himself and Connors, Schmitt, et. al. did the best they knew how under the circumstances.

David Rudiak

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<snip>

Dear All:

It been really interesting watching this discussion evolve. It documents how UFO researchers can send themselves down paths of dubious merit.

I am going to try once again.

The last document Haut signed was not legally binding, nor required him to tell the truth. No oath was given to Haut. And, Haut did not want to take one.

Therefore, Schmidt wrote up a statement which Haut signed-off on with the stipulation it not be opened until after Haut's death.

Haut was not being required to be truthful. It was not an affidavit.

I have no idea why you all insist on calling a sealed statement an affidavit. It must be that none of you are familiar with legal documents. And, I guess it makes your discussion seem more important if the sealed statement becomes an affidavit in your minds.

Haut's signature does not make the document legal.

The notary could only declare the signature was that of Haut. The notary does not have the authority to administer an oath.

KK

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>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is why
>>a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would be
>>allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the ship's
>>debris.

<snip>

>This is very well reasoned, but here, and also in Jan Aldrich's
>post, one key premise is that the military normally - or at
>least in sensitive situations - follows its procedures.

Greg,

You are talking past each other. You acknowledged that this was a "very well reasoned" point questioning why a cook would be allowed such extraordinary access to ET spaceship and bodies, then you sidetrack onto a point about exceptions to military procedures. Aren't you getting sick and tired of all the "exceptions" that have to be dragged out to keep the Roswell dead horse alive?? All we have at least on this List is a vast collection of dead ends, all deadending in Roswell, NM. There are better alternatives to beating the dead horse of worthless Roswell anecdotes year after year.

A very few leads going to Wright Field or Andrews Field also dead end there and go no farther. But almost all of the stories are just that, anecdotal stories deadending in the town of Roswell. If the AF wanted to stymie the unraveling of its Roswell coverup it could not have done better than to make sure every lead deadends in Roswell and goes no farther.

Do you really think the entire Roswell case hinges on the third-hand hearsay of Melvin Brown for crying out loud?? We don't even have Brown's testimony, only that of his daughter Beverly Bean who refused to sign an affidavit swearing to what her father allegedly told her.

Do we have to have shyster defense lawyer type arguments each and every time someone tries to make a more balanced assessment of the credibility (or lack of same) of an alleged Roswell "witness"?

Again, as I have pointed out here on this list, the arguments like this are for a political not scientific objective. The political objective is to try to "prove" Roswell ET reality to the political powers of the country. This is not the same thing as a scientific objective. The pursuit of the political goal invariably brings out the worst, the partisan extremists, and is the antithesis of scientific objectivity. The debunkers are the political extremists

on the opposite side, by the way.

As for military procedures the late Karl Pflock commented on the problems with the alleged Melvin Brown story (I say "alleged" because we don't even know for sure if Brown ever actually told the story at all) (Pflock 2001, p. 102):

"... Brown was a cook, assigned to Squadron "K" of the 509th, not a military policeman or any other sort of security or intelligence/counterintelligence specialist. Given the highly sensitive nature of the recovery operations, it seems most unlikely cooks would be detailed to such duty.

"Moreover, standard military procedure is that mess and medical personnel are the last to be taken from their primary duties for other assignments, and then only in extreme situations. Roswell AAF was a huge base with thousands of personnel assigned, many of them in redundant staff positions (e.g., squadron clerks), so if there was a need for extra hands on the Lincoln County [UFO crash] sites, there was a substantial pool from which to draw before resorting to a raid on the mess hall kitchens [for cooks like Brown to do guard duty]."

Another point is that if the Roswell crash situation was so dire and exigent that mess cooks had to be drafted to do guard duty then that would mean that every single man on the base would have had knowledge of it. That kind of manpower net would catch everyone if it caught a cook like Brown.

That would preclude the compartmentation scenario where only some high security units had knowledge beyond the base press release and news coverage. If everyone on base "knew" about Roswell including cooks then why are there Roswell 509th reunions with loads of 1947 veterans who know nothing about the UFO incident? This seems more consistent with limited compartmented base involvement and no low-level cooks.

>Here are two stories, illustrating the impossible things that
>can happen in real life.

<snip>

>And, during the height of the Cold War, and even during the
>Cuban Missile Crisis, the Soviet embassy in Washington didn't
>have direct communications with the Kremlin. If they wanted to
>send an urgent message, they'd call Western Union and arrange to
>send a telegram. Western Union would dispatch a messenger, who'd
>come to the Embassy, pick up the message, and then bring it back
>to the Western Union office for transmission to Russia. Of
>course the CIA read all these messages, and there was another
>unintended consequence, too. The Russians got worried that the
>messengers would stop off for a drink, and not deliver the
>message quickly to Western Union. So they'd follow the
>messengers, to make sure this didn't happen.

>... The second story comes from "Nikita Khrushchev and the
>Creation of a Superpower," by Khrushchev's son Sergei, now a
>university professor living in the US.

The story is bogus!

The Soviet embassy <did> have direct communications with the Kremlin during the Cuban Missile Crisis. A cutoff would have been seen as an act of war.

The Soviets did not need Western Union to transmit high-priority messages to and from Moscow. The Soviet Embassy rooftop had and still has a vast array of radio antennas, many of which are for shortwave transmissions directly to and from Moscow, most of which were encrypted with one-time pads, some of which were sent as microbursts to try to evade interception.

Also, the Soviet Embassy like many other embassies used Western Union, RCA and ITT cable lines, which it rented as International Leased Carriers (ILC's) for low-level routine message traffic but they were directly connected electronically and did not send human messengers out to the WU offices and back!

Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

The idea is sheer madness that they would use such crude methods for the hundreds to thousands of daily routine messages.

The NSA Operation Shamrock intercepted something like 5,000 messages per day, mainly from Soviet and Soviet bloc embassies in the US.

Brad Sparks

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>>>Many prominent people crossed paths with Dr. Hynek, but few came
>>>to know him as well as Ann Eller. You see, Ann was Dr. Hynek's
>>>personal secretary. She organized his office and was responsible
>>>for filing away all the classified UFO stories reviewed and
>>>evaluated for the United States Air Force, including many more
>>>accounts that flowed in after Dr. Hynek retired from his post as
>>>Scientific Advisor.

<snip>

>I also know that Allen was deeply troubled by James McDonald's
>bluntly stated criticisms of his slowness to act on the UFO
>evidence he was seeing as scientific advisor to Blue Book. In
>conversation Allen would come back to McDonald's complaints as
>he sought to defend himself long after McDonald himself was
>gone.

This whole schism between Hynek and McDonald was crafted by ex-
AAF officer Charles B. Moore. Moore lied to McDonald in a
meeting on April 28, 1966, claiming that Hynek wanted to
confront the AF over its UFO policies.

McDonald did not know this was a lie, assumed it was true, and
went to see Hynek on June 8, 1966, after reviewing the Blue Book
files.

Based on the false info from C B Moore, McDonald assumed Hynek
would join forces with him to challenge the AF's scientifically
incompetent Project Blue Book operation.

When Hynek obviously did not know what McDonald was talking
about as to confronting the AF, McDonald had the famous
table-pounding blowup at Hynek, as recounted by Vallee who was
there.

Later, McDonald confronted C B Moore about his false info on
Hynek and McDonald recorded that Moore admitted he had "not been
entirely honest."

Read up on this in Ann Druffel's bio of McDonald and the
supporting documents, most importantly McDonald's July 1970
draft of a letter to Hynek attempting to mend fences. Apparently
the letter was never sent though typed up for dispatch to Hynek.

Maybe Ann Eller can clarify.

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>time he signed Schmitt's chronicle then, as stated before, I
>endorse the legality of the instrument.

><snip>

>In my view a wiser decision to avoid controversy would have been
>another video interview; aside from the obvious questions about
>bodies and wreckage, Walter could have been given an opportunity
>to discuss why he's speaking out now (then), and why he publicly
>denied involvement for all these years.

>Barring that, a video and or audio interview could have been done
>reiterating the content of the Schmitt affidavit. The affidavit
>could have been read to Walter line by line, and viewers, and or
>listeners could have interpreted his responses themselves.

>Unfortunately none of that happened; we are left with an
>anecdote of an anecdote perpetrated by legal methodology and
>endorsed by its namesake.

Frank,

Personally, I would add just a few comments:

After reading the comments of Kevin Randle, and having talked with Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, the affidavit seems credible to me, but it will remain controversial because of the contradictory statements made by Walter Haut, and what appeared to be memory problems. Like you, I regret that this debate was not clarified when it was still time.

Because of that, it cannot be retained as a major document, either pro or against the UFO crash hypothesis. Anyway, the case rests on many other credible testimonies.

To me, one good reason for which Walter Haut made contradictory statements was probably a moral conflict between his desire to tell his story and his will to respect his commitment to the protection of secrecy.

When I met him twice in 1995, he was in perfectly good mental shape, and he insisted on the very tight discipline on the base. I was intrigued at the time by his insistence, but I think now that we was trying to make me understand that he could not tell

his whole story.

Just another comment: I don't see a necessary contradiction between the alleged trip of General Ramey and Colonel DuBose to Roswell, and the trip of Major Marcel to Fort Worth. They may have decided to have him there just to play a role in the balloon cover-up.

Gildas Bourdais

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SDI #451 - Twenty Questions

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SDI #451 - Twenty Questions

20 Questions calmly, competently, if disquietingly addressed by Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Richard Hall, and Leslie Kean as Captain Errol Bruce-Knapp makes deft adjustments at the tiller of our ship. All aboard.

1. What is the proper pronunciation of 'McGaha'?
2. How is it that it is left to Larry King to be the 'appetizer' for the ufological press conference much ballyhooed and recently completed?
3. Kudos to basso-ridiculum-in-extremis Major McGaha for exposing the secret of Earthbound radars so powerful they are capable of detecting planets in our solar system? Have the more telegenic and articulate klasskurtxians retired from the field in shame and impotence?
4. Invoking the name of his deity, does Dave Furlotte, at 5 minutes and 25 seconds, express a depth of disgusted revulsion so effusive and profound that small children should leave the room?
5. Is Major McGaha, and the reflexively skeptical cabal for which he gleefully fronts, gutless, without sack, and otherwise sans entrails on subjects upon which he (they) is (are) ponderously ignorant?
6. We all know that seeing is not believing... not anymore, but is touching?
7. Does SETI employ an astronomer who doesn't know when it's a full moon, at all, but especially on a night she filed a flight plan for night operations in a small plane?
8. Am I "misinterpreting"?
9. Outside of Mr. McGaha, of course, does anyone deny that there are UFOs; that is to say: apparently physical unidentifiable objects, seemingly intelligently controlled, flying before credible witnesses?
10. Does James Fox - the film producer of a quality documentary on UFOs, favorably impress everyone with whom he comes in contact?
11. Why is it that there are not web-casts of key events, press conferences, and conventions, lectures... what have you, when this writer could accomplish same with a cheap H2 field recorder, web cam, and an internet laptop?
12. How "good" were the participants of the aforementioned press conference.
13. Whither SERPO? Has Mr. Doty shot his ufological wad? Is it a bad sign when nothing but air comes out?
14. Has Mr. Doty a fearful countenance? Is he a mini-god? Has he

a demonstrated real military association?

15. Has anyone ever heard of a CIA department called "ONE" - an MJ-12 knock-off?

16. With regard to her appearance on Larry King, how did Shirley McLain not budge anyone's "fruit and nuts" meter significantly?

17. What's to be found in the soon to be released Clinton UFO Papers?

18. Would most of us still prefer to 'know' given the risk of not liking the answer? Does bad news ever get better with age?

19. Is disclosure eminent according a new robot approaching Mars as I write?

20. SETI. The crux? Given the ufological evidence that 'they' are 'here' compared with SETI's lack of evidence that 'they' are 'there', why bother?

Great suffering ZOT! Over an hour remains! Hear Stuart's defense of Seth Shostak and SETI. In the main ring of Errol's Flying Circus Richard Hall and Leslie Kean remain. Engage, heed the acceleration, and feel the burn, fellow notes!

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Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 27 Nov 2007 07:25:52 -0500
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>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
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>Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 09:50:16 -0600
>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 11:35:58 +0000
>>Archived: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 10:02:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Answering Public Questions On UFOs & Aliens

>>>Source: The Skeptics Society - Altadena, California, USA

>>><http://www.skeptic.com/eskeptic/07-11-14.html#feature>

>>>Wednesday, November 14th, 2007

>>>With all the buzz this week about UFOs and the call for an
>>>investigation into what the government is hiding from us about
>>>extraterrestrial aliens, we thought we would ask a NASA official
>>>in charge of dealing with the public about such matters, and
>>>that is NASA scientist David Morrison. Read on for how Dr.
>>>Morrison handles such queries as "where are you hiding the alien
>>>bodies?" and other such matters.

>>I think the responses to this have been a bit off kilter. It is
>>certainly true that there is scientific dishonesty and a degree
>>of waywardness about the article content but no more so than for
>>example in this from the List yesterday;

>>John F. Kennedy knew of extraterrestrials and wrote a memo to
>>CIA to release information just 12 days before his assassination
>><http://www.care2.com/c2c/share/detail/540748>

>>Is it alright for Ufologists to spout bunkum but not others or
>>is it that somehow we have implied licence but expect more from
>>scientists?

>Stuart,

>I couldn't find the original UpDates message where this Kennedy
>article was cited, but it seems to have had something to do with
>the MJ-12 documents and the claim that Kennedy was assassinated
>because he was going to go public with what he supposedly knew
>about UFOs. The MJ-12 documents have been hotly debated
>frequently on the List here. Other UFO claims are too silly and
>too lacking in evidence to comment on and so quite justifiably,
>nobody wastes their time debating them. I certainly wouldn't
>bother arguing about whether Kennedy "knew too much" and had to
>be silenced.

>This seems a bit different situation than the almost total lack
>of skepticism among self-styled skeptics regarding dubious
>assertions that fit their beliefs, such as those made by
>Morrison. And Morrison is a revered NASA scientist who gets paid
>to "enlighten" the public, not just some guy with a web page. It
>seems to me that he should be held to a higher standard than
>free-lance JFK conspiracy theorists.

>Everybody probably has a tendency to be less critical of claims

>that support their own beliefs, but some of us at least try to
>fight this human failing. People like Morrison and members of
>skeptics' clubs seem to think they are free of biases and so do
>absolutely nothing to keep them in check.

>BTW: I noticed that Morrison, repeating his story about Buzz
>Aldrin, ignores the fact that Aldrin said in the debriefing
>shortly after the mission that the object he saw on the way to
>the Moon was not the same shape "at all" as the booster rocket
>adapter panel that he now says, 4 decades later, was probably
>what he saw. Aldrin's original statement has been ignored so
>often and so studiously that it apparently has died from
>neglect.

Hi Lan,

I think the fairest thing for me to do is to personalise my
original comments and state that I don't expect any better
from Dr. Morrison. We do really need to bear in mind the
difference between "normal" scepticism and that practiced by CSI
(CSICOP) which is a branch of its own, and one which does no
favours to mainstream scepticism.

I also think part of the problem is the way we view scientists;
on a pedestal. They're ordinary people, foibles 'n all. A good
many of them even apparently believe in God, which personally I
find incomprehensible.

Stuart

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Sensitivity Of Dogs [was: Anyone Ever See The MIB?]

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>From: Carol Buckallew <clbuckallew.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Anyone Ever See The MIB?

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Cheers

Ray D

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New Mexico Alien Tourism Ad Stirs Controversy

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Source: Yahoo News

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Mon Nov 26 2007

New Mexico Alien Tourism Ad Stirs Controversy

By Mark Evans
Associated Press Writer

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - Instead of highlighting New Mexico's picturesque desert landscapes, art galleries or centuries-old culture, a new tourism campaign features drooling, grotesque office workers from outer space chatting about their personal lives.

The 30-second TV spots - which lead in roundabout fashion to the tag line that New Mexico may be "the best place in the Universe" - are provocative, funny and bold.

But to increasingly vocal critics, the state-financed ad campaign is a possible threat to the well-being of the state's \$5.1 billion tourism industry. In other words, while the ads may yield a chuckle or two, the joke is on New Mexico.

Critics say the less-than-cuddly, reptilian spacemen may be more apt to baffle or frighten away a tourist than reel one in.

"New Mexico has a lot to offer - we don't need to bring our standards down," said Ken Mompellier, head of the convention and visitors bureau in Las Cruces, the state's fast-growing second-largest city, which has refused to use the alien ads to bolster local tourism pitches, as it normally would.

"My first question would be: What does this campaign show of the things that we are known for?" Mompellier asked. "I look at this campaign and I don't see the fit. And the things I'm hearing from people, some of it is very negative."

Dale Lockett, president of the state's largest convention and visitors bureau in Albuquerque, addressed the issue in a speech at a statewide conference in October.

Lockett told the creators of the ads, Santa Monica, Calif.-based M&C Saatchi, that their handiwork, while innovative, appeals to the wrong audience. Why, Lockett wondered, was the state targeting its centerpiece ad campaign to a younger crowd when baby boomers have time and money to travel?

Rival neighboring states like Utah (with its "Life Elevated" campaign) and Colorado ("Let's Talk Colorado") appeal more directly to older, richer boomers in their tourism campaigns.

The ad makes no reference to New Mexico's most famous connection to aliens. In 1947, the U.S. military said a weather balloon

crashed near Roswell in the desert, but legends persist that it was a UFO, and a small tourism industry has grown up in Roswell about the tale, complete with an annual festival and museums.

At a recent meeting of the state's tourism commission, M&C Saatchi representatives were urged to "soften up" the aliens in the ad.

Chris Stagg, a marketing executive at Taos Ski Valley who serves on the commission, said Saatchi's creative team might come back to the panel's next meeting with a "less harsh" version of the campaign.

Aliens are fine, he said, but do they need to be creatures "that look like they're going to suck your brains out?"

Creators and supporters of the campaign, which includes magazine print ads as well as the TV spots, got a boost when they learned the ads had won an Adrian Award honoring excellence in advertising and marketing.

The ads are the "envy of other tourism departments," said Stephen McCall, group account director for M&C Saatchi.

Defending the oddity of the campaign, McCall noted that New Mexico has unique challenges in competing in the hyper-competitive tourism market. New Mexico's main rivals - Arizona, in addition to Utah and Colorado - all have their own charms and more funding from their state legislatures. The ad budgets of those states each ranks in the top 10 nationally while New Mexico's budget (\$2.9 million this fiscal year) lingers in the lower third.

Jonah Bloom, editor of Advertising Age, an industry magazine based in New York, said he sympathized with a state trying to get a big bang from a relatively small ad budget. "In a cluttered world you have to try to do something different. When an alien pops up on your screen, you tend to be engaged," he said.

But after reviewing the alien ads online, he also said: "I can see why people in New Mexico might feel like this is hardly the best showcase of the state's greatest assets."

So far, the TV ads have aired in San Diego and Minneapolis, two cities with relatively affluent populations and direct-access flights to New Mexico. Print ads have run in magazines in the West and Midwest.

McCall said hits on the state's tourism Web site have risen since the campaign began. "There's nothing to suggest we have turned off any target (audience)," he said.

Yet the fate of the aliens remains up in the air, with the results of a study showing whether the ads actually make people visit critical to that decision, said Mike Cerletti, head of the tourism department.

"If that study shows what we think it's going to say, which is that the ad is effective, then obviously we are going to continue the campaign," he said.

<http://www.newmexicoearth.org/ideo> at:

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>same influence but somehow escape, overt, damage?

Didn't Barney and Betty Hill have a dog with them during their
abduction? dachhund if I recall. Any data on that?

It would seem fitting that dogs would be put in check by the
abductors since dogs have a tendency to attack and bite.
Probably some sort of emanation device like a repellent or
control to avoid injury. Much like we use insect and bear and
shark repellent only this stuff is far more high end
technically.

To cause brain damage however is something far more serious. If
we let it get out that the alien abductors are harming animals
there'll be uproar in the streets, people burning aliens in
effigy, entire naval strike forces engaged. It's okay if them
aliens kidnap us and spay and neuter us but by cracky, if
they're out there harming Fido and Mittens that's not gonna sit
well with some folks!

Best,

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PRG Press Release - 11/26/07 - Rockefeller

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Paradigm Research Group

November 26, 2007

Press Release

Re: 1993-1996 Rockefeller Initiative to end the government imposed UFO/ET truth embargo

PRG publishes to the Internet documents from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) during the Clinton administration confirming the Rockefeller Initiative

These documents confirm the effort by billionaire Laurance Rockefeller to persuade President Bill Clinton to begin releasing to the public government held information pertaining to the UFO phenomenon and extraterrestrial life and to provide amnesty to government employees wishing to come forward and testify regarding relevant events and evidence. These documents are located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/2o526u>

Rockefeller's move to effect disclosure lasted from March 1993 through 1996. Researchers aware of this effort commonly refer to it as the Rockefeller Initiative. While the Initiative itself was not successful, it did lead to engagement of the UFO/ET issue by Associate Attorney General Webster Hubbell, Congressman Steven Schiff, John Podesta, Governor Bill Richardson and others right up until the present time.

The nearly four-year initiative included 1) strategy meetings of researchers held at Rockefeller's JY Ranch in Colorado; 2) meetings between Rockefeller and President Clinton and Hillary Clinton at the JY Ranch; 3) the commissioning of numerous reports and white papers, including an extensive study titled Unidentified Flying Objects Briefing Document: The Best Available Evidence by Don Berliner and Antonio Huneus; 4) document requests and searches within the Clinton administration; 5) an important symposium, When Cosmic Cultures Meet; 6) considerable correspondence between public and private entities, and much more.

Many more Initiative documents are in the hands of other agencies, private citizens and the Clinton Presidential Library. Researcher Grant Cameron early on filed extensive FOIA requests to obtain relevant documents from the Clinton Library, targeting Bill and Hillary Clinton, John Podesta and others. It is these requests which have recently been referred to on CNN and in several newspaper articles.

While the recent questions posed to presidential candidates during debates and campaign stops is encouraging, it is and must be just the beginning of extensive queries to all candidates regarding their knowledge of and intentions toward what is easily the most important issue of this or any other time in history. Furthermore, PRG can state with high confidence the answers so far being given to these questions are evasive and mendacious.

It is imperative that all journalists covering the 2008 election campaign review the Rockefeller Initiative documents. Then PRG suggests reviewing the Media, Quotes and Video archives portaled at:

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>Subject: Re: Anyone Ever See The MIB?

>>From: Greg Boo0ne <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 09:52:22 EST
>>Subject: Anyone Ever See The MIB?

>>Not the movie, not the comic book, the real deal Men In Black?

>>Considering all the top UFOlogists on this list I'm sure if it
>>were true some of you would have been visited by those
>>mysterious chaps.

>I've had several run ins with some odd fellows especially
>>whenever I was at the library back in the old days studying UFOs
>>and of course the minute I put down "Interrupted Journey".

>>On a couple of occasions doing field research some odd folks
>>would show up and make disparaging or dissuading comments.

>>So again the question begs, any MIB contact stories?

>In 1977-78 Dr. Hynek came to Las Vegas to investigate a sighting
>two people had in northern Nevada while driving back to Vegas
>from a camping trip.

>They drove up close to a object setting on the ground, the man
>got out to check the object and tried to get their Sheppard dog
>to get out with him, the dog refused. The following day the dog
>died.

>The man took it to the vet to see why, the wife told me the day
>after this sighting two men came to their house and demanded she
>give them the dog and wanted to know where it was, she refused
>to tell them anything.

>The man went to the doctors office to get the dog and found he
>was gone, the Vet was very scared and refused at first to tell
>the man where the dog was or the reason he died.

>Finally the man found out the dog had brain damage and the men
>made the doctor sign all kinds of papers then threatened him
>with harm to himself and his family.

>Of course this isn't the entire story, I spoke to this women
>myself and told me this so it's first hand information.

>The story appeared I believe in the Review Journal or the other
>paper, the lady told me after that they received threatening
>phone calls. She said Dr. Hyenk took their wrist watches as they
>had both stopped at the same time, he later told them the
>composition of the crystals in both watches had been changed.

>I believe this happened in the summer months their names should
>be in the article.

>Sounds like MIB to me.

Holy edge of the seat thriller there Carol!

Now that was a good one! The kind of story that makes a fella sleep with the lights on.

I don't know why, after all this time a broad public notice hasn't been put out to let people know that no government agency is allowed to investigate nor confiscate things regarding UFOs. The government's said time and again they're not interested but sure as snot running south we have these constant stories of menacing persons etc. involved with witnesses.

I ain't one to rustle feathers but I carried my shootin' irons after the first incident and haven't been bothered since. Kinda reflects history too. All those past stories of the gods visiting mortals and tearing ass kinda dropped off with the proliferation of firearms.

So bottom line is we need to let the public know that no agency, except those that appear after we request them, are engaged in UFO related investigations and if someone comes a-knockin' at the door demanding and pushing and shoving, then break out ol' Betsy and give em' a load of 12 gauge in the backside.

Best,

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Anyone interested in these issues should read the 60-page report
by Joan Woodward,

Animal Reactions to UFOs: A Preliminary Investigation From The
Animals' Perspective, a comprehensive scientific study. It
includes cases involving dogs, cats, livestock, and other
animals. See MUFON web site:

<http://mufon.com/books.htm>

Dick

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>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

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>I think Frank Warren's main concern isn't the veracity of the
>statements in the interview or the affidavit but how the force
>of Haut's statements has been lessened by the manner in which
>these were done and also by Haut contradicting himself.

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>under the circumstances.

David,

There are far too many problems with this statement to give it
value in convincing the skeptical, and I would also suggest that
the term "affidavit" is being used for what is most likely not a
legally binding document. This doesn't impact its importance to
researchers and our discussions, but other than debates such as
this are there any hopes that it would do more?

I can say that the original Wendy Connors interview was
discussed at length at MUFON, CUFOS and the Fund, but it was
generally felt that his presentation wasn't strong and he could
never withstand the questioning of a skeptical press, so the
interview was shelved as interesting.

Wendy and others have described their take on this at length,
and those postings can be found in the Updates Archive. Haut may
not have been senile or dementia may not have set in when the
interview was held, but the hope would be to bring out witness
in a press briefing and force the military to respond, and
clearly Haut wasn't up for that.

Steve

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Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

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>Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>Didn't Barney and Betty Hill have a dog with them during their
>abduction? dachhund if I recall. Any data on that?

In the book Interrupted Journey, author John Fuller states that
the Hill's dog initially was excited and interested. It wanted
out of the car when they were looking at the UFO.

Later it even heard the beeps that put the Hills into a trance
and later took them out. But when the Hills were taken from
their car the dog was scared and hides.

When the Hills returned to the car after the abduction the dog
was hiding under the seat and was not hurt and lived after the
event with no apparent problems.

Frank

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>>In August 2001 David Rudiak interviewed Walter, recently he
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>>had happened over 50 years ago and anybody who said they could
>>wasn't being truthful.

>Of course, nobody can remember clearly everything that happened
>50 years before. But that doesn't mean they are suffering from
>dementia.

>I also wrote that when I spoke to Walter in August 2001, I never
>had any sense that he was suffering from dementia, such as
>getting confused with words, having trouble putting sentences
>together, fumbling for answers, etc. He was perfectly coherent.
>Instead, my sense was that he used the old memory comment to
>deflect questions that he didn't want to get into. He also
>wouldn't allow me to tape the conversation, which may have been
>his way of maintaining plausible deniability in case he blurted
>something out that he shouldn't have.

>Now this was almost a year after Wendy and Dennis interviewed
>him. He wasn't a senile old man when I spoke to him, and
>therefore I seriously doubt he was when interviewed earlier.

<snip>

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>reluctant to come forward, and thus full of internal conflicts.

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>himself and Connors, Schmitt, et. al. did the best they knew
>how under the circumstances.

David,

Thank you for your clear and important testimony about talking
with Walter Haut during two hours in 2001.

So, he was not senile at that time, one year after the video.

I think like you that he had a sort of moral conflict between his wish to talk and his oath to secrecy.

He solved that by signing a document to be published only after his death.

It would be interesting to have here a comment by Wendy Connors, if she agrees.

We live in a strange world - we are discussing the testimony of a man, of obvious integrity, who has revealed that he had seen an alien craft and an alien body, in Roswell!

Not a little joke, I guess.

Gildas Bourdais

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J. Allen Hynek & James McDonald [was: Ann Eller...]

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>Subject: Re: Ann Eller A Phenomenal Lady

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 11:32:16 -0600
>>Subject: Re: Ann Eller a Phenomenal Lady

>>>From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 08:56:50 -0800
>>>Subject: Re: Ann Eller a Phenomenal Lady

>>I also know that Allen was deeply troubled by James McDonald's
>>bluntly stated criticisms of his slowness to act on the UFO
>>evidence he was seeing as scientific advisor to Blue Book. In
>>conversation Allen would come back to McDonald's complaints as
>>he sought to defend himself long after McDonald himself was
>>gone.

>This whole schism between Hynek and McDonald was crafted by ex-
>AAF officer Charles B. Moore. Moore lied to McDonald in a
>meeting on April 28, 1966, claiming that Hynek wanted to
>confront the AF over its UFO policies.

>McDonald did not know this was a lie, assumed it was true....

Another huge difference between McDonald and Hynek is that the former did not hesitate to confront adversaries in a bold, in-your-face posture. Hynek, on the other hand, recoiled from such encounters. Not that he lacked core conviction -- his ideas about Blue Book and Condon are made unambiguously clear in his enduring classic *The UFO Experience* (1972), a work of genuine intellectual courage -- but he did not relish or enjoy the sort of social tension face-to-face confrontation entails.

If McDonald expected Hynek to confront the Air Force and Blue Book in the McDonald sense, he did not know Allen well. Perhaps their differing personalities decreed, sadly, that they would not function well as the allies they ought to have been. You might say that one was the warrior, the other the diplomat.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 19:16:00 EST
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>Greg,

>You are talking past each other. You acknowledged that this was
>a "very well reasoned" point questioning why a cook would be
>allowed such extraordinary access to ET spaceship and bodies,
>then you sidetrack onto a point about exceptions to military
>procedures.

"Well-reasoned" doesn't mean correct. The premises behind the reasoning could be wrong.

>Aren't you getting sick and tired of all the
>"exceptions" that have to be dragged out to keep the Roswell
>dead horse alive?? All we have at least on this List is a vast
>collection of dead ends, all deadending in Roswell, NM. T

This isn't my impression. I've been through Kevin Randle's Roswell files, and seen - also heard on tape - a lot of first-hand testimony that doesn't require any special pleading. There's still more of it in the new Schmitt/Carey book.

One thing seemed clear to me, after seeing and hearing Kevin's material. Some of the criticisms made of his witnesses really don't stand up. General Exon, for instance, really did say exactly what Kevin quoted him as saying, and did so without any prompting. I've heard this myself on tape.

>Do you really think the entire Roswell case hinges on the
>third-hand hearsay of Melvin Brown for crying out loud??

Of course I don't. But each strand of the evidence - or, if you like, the "alleged" evidence - has to be examined on its own.

Besides, I wasn't defending Melvin Brown. I was commenting on one kind of argument that people have used in attacking his (alleged) testimony. That's a very different thing. If I wanted to say that I believe Brown's (alleged) testimony, I would have done it, in plain English.

>Do we have to have shyster defense lawyer type arguments
>each and every time someone tries to make a more balanced
>assessment of the credibility (or lack of same) of an alleged
>Roswell "witness"?

That's loaded language, Brad. I'm as balanced as the next guy, even if you disagree with what I said. (Of course, that would depend on who the next guy is!)

>Again, as I have pointed out here on this list, the arguments like
>this are for a political not scientific objective. The political
>objective is to try to "prove" Roswell ET reality to the political
>powers of the country. This is not the same thing as a
>scientific objective.

Well, that's certainly not what I'm trying to do. But I think I've learned how to hit a nerve with you, Brad. Not that I'd ever want or need that knowledge.

>"Moreover, standard military procedure is that mess and
>medical personnel are the last to be taken from their primary
>duties for other assignments, and then only in extreme situations.
>Roswell AAF was a huge base with thousands of personnel
>assigned, many of them in redundant staff positions (e.g.,
>squadron clerks), so if there was a need for extra hands on
>the Lincoln County [UFO crash] sites, there was a
>substantial pool from which to draw before resorting to a
>raid on the mess hall kitchens [for cooks like Brown to do
>guard duty]."

Yeah, yeah, yeah. My point was that standard procedures aren't always followed. > >Another point is that if the Roswell crash situation was so >dire and exigent that mess cooks had to be drafted to do >guard duty then that would mean that every single man on >the base would have had knowledge of it. That kind of >manpower net would catch everyone if it caught a cook like >Brown.

Same point. What "would" have happened isn't necessarily the same as what did happen. No matter how plausible the "would" might seem.

I have no specialized knowledge of military affairs. I freely concede that weakness in my presentation. But on the other hand, the people who do have the specialized knowledge seem to skip over elementary things I've encountered in whatever reading I've done. A recent history of Khrushchev's role in the Cold War, for instance - based on new material from Soviet archives, as well as known information from the American side - shows both sides behaving so illogically that it's a wonder we all survived. The political and military blunders were simply amazing, and included all kinds of things that "would" never have happened, if one assumed that both sides followed what should have been their procedures, and did any kind of logical thinking. Not precisely a comparable situation, I'll grant, but worth thinking about.

>>... The second story comes from "Nikita Khrushchev and the
>>Creation of a Superpower," by Khrushchev's son Sergei, now a
>>university professor living in the US.

>The story is bogus!

>The Soviet embassy <did>have direct communications with the
>Kremlin during the Cuban Missile Crisis. A cutoff would have
>been seen as an act of war.

>The Soviets did not need Western Union to transmit high-priority
>messages to and from Moscow. The Soviet Embassy rooftop had and
>still has a vast array of radio antennas, many of which are for
>shortwave transmissions directly to and from Moscow, most of
>which were encrypted with one-time pads, some of which were sent
>as microbursts to try to evade interception.

<snip>

You should argue with Khrushchev's son about that. Or at least you should look at his book, which is a substantial scholarly volume, based on far more than personal recollections.

But even if this anecdote is bogus, there are many more stories that show illogical, non-standard things happening even in high-security situations.

Greg Sandow

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Mexico: UFO Over Tepexpan
A Report From Prof. Ana Luisa Cid

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A luminous, multicolored object was recorded by Mr. Victor Gabriel Gonzalez over the town of Tepexpan (State of Mexico).

The sighting took place on November 26, 2007 at 11:30 a.m.

The witness says that he was outside his workshop engaged in car repairs when he saw a flash in the sky toward the west. He realized that the glow came from a static object in the sky, so it gave him time to get his Sony 108 Mini-DVD camera ready.

"When I started recording," says Gonz=Ellez, "the UFO began to move slowly. It flew over the electric lines and then remained static at another point toward the east. It was at that time that I switched camera modes to take some photos. For that reason I have both video and photos, estimating that the sighting had a duration of 10 minutes."

"I stopped seeing the object because it literally dissolved into the sky. It became progressively weaker, although it returned to the same place half and hour later. It should be noted that I had already seen it and videotaped on an earlier occasion, but the best images I've taken are the ones from today. I found out that there was a strong tremor in Mexico City, and without saying that there's a connection between both events, they would appear to coincide."

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Lights Over Nogales

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Tuesday, November 27, 2007

Lights Over Nogales?
By William Wilczewski

In the last couple of weeks, strange lights have been seen in Santa Cruz County's nighttime sky.

An anonymous caller first contacted the Nogales International Nov. 8 about a sighting the night before. The caller said he and "a bunch" of others in Wal-Mart's parking lot were awestruck by the yellowish-orange lights they observed.

Horne Ford employee Adan Nido was so awestruck that he invited 15 to 20 friends and co-workers, including Carlos Silva and Tony Griffin, to his Rio Rico house Nov. 15, for a sighting carne asada.

"People think you're crazy at first but after they see them, they change their mind," Nido said, adding that this wasn't the first time he's seen the strange phenomenon.

"I started seeing them last year at the same time of year," he said. "And it always seems to be between 8 and 9 at night."

That is when all known accounts of the local mysterious lights have taken place.

According to Larry Tiffin, manager of the Nogales International Airport, though, the lights may not be such a mystery.

Tiffin said he received a bulletin from the Federal Aviation Authority a couple of weeks ago. It advised him that fighter planes from Fort Huachuca would be doing nighttime maneuvers in the restricted air space (military operations area) between their base and Yuma over the next 30 days.

Nido doesn't quite buy that explanation.

"It's something I can't explain, though," he said, "but it's not maneuvers. It's not a plane. It's something out of this place. Those things are not from here. I'm not sure it's aliens, but it's not from here ... unless the government is designing something new."

But the government and military are always a possibility.

That was the official explanation for the "Phoenix Lights" incident, an optical phenomena that took place in the sky over Arizona and Nevada, and the Mexican state of Sonora on March 13, 1997.

According to Wikipedia, an online encyclopedia: "Lights of varying descriptions were seen by thousands of people between

7:30 and 10:30 p.m., in a space of about 300 miles from the Nevada line, through Phoenix, to the edge of Tucson. There were two distinct events involved in the incident: a triangular formation (which has not been noted in the Nogales sightings) of lights seen to pass over the state, and a series of stationary lights seen in the Phoenix area.

"Although the United States Air Force identified the second group of lights as flares dropped by A-10 Warthog aircraft which were on training exercises at the Barry Goldwater Range at Luke Air Force Base, some who observed the event believe differently. Notable among those who thought they had observed alien aircraft is Arizona governor at the time of the incident, Fife Symington, and many other high ranking military, aviation and government officials."

All reports of the Nogales Lights seem to be in a straight horizontal line except for Griffin's. The Horne Ford owner said they took a "curved shape ... like the outside edge of a flying saucer" and "moved very erratically at high rates of speed."

Griffin, however, wasn't exactly saying that what he saw was a Martian spacecraft, but "the hair stood up on the back of my neck," he said. "No matter what it was, it was pretty cool."

What puzzles him most about the lights is that "there are so many in such a small section of the sky," he said. "That's why I have a hard time believing they are conventional aircraft."

Silva counted seven of the lights that Griffin spoke about at one time on Nov. 15.

"I saw seven bursts of light," he said. "I don't know what it was ... but it wasn't a plane or a helicopter"

"I wonder why nobody talks about it more," Nido added. "It's something really different."

Most accounts describe the lights as white and yellowish-orange that flash and reappear in a different spot of the sky.

Very small and quicker flashes of white "star-like" sparks have also been noted before and after the bigger, yellowish-orange beams

Interestingly, Nido even mentioned seeing standard aircraft "observing" the lights from a distance on at least one occasion.

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As stated previously (a couple of times), for those who saw the
C & B interview, although people's opinions vary on the
causality of the symptoms, all agree that there were memory
issues; some attributed it to the normal aging process; Wendy
called it brain farts etc.

For me personally, I watched the tape with my wife the first
time, and the initial stages of Alzheimer's came to mind, as
we've experienced (with friends and or family) this in our lives
albeit it moderately.

Since then I discussed this issue with a clinical psychologist
friend of mind who educated me on that particular disease and
it's safe to say that certainly wasn't the case.

Also, and to be clear when I use the term dementia, I'm using
it in it's broadest definition and (as stated back in July)
it's not my intention to infer that Walter was a blithering
idiot during the interview, only that he exhibited signs of
some form of dementia (in my unprofessional opinion.

For further clarity, and to reiterate what I said in July, I
base my opinion solely on the video tape interview; Wendy who
chimed in at that time attributed his brain-farts to his senior
years, no more or no less; I respect Wendy's opinion, as I do
yours David, and I certainly yield to those who knew him
personally (as Wendy did).

All that said, we're still left with a memory deficit regardless
of the causality.

>I also wrote that when I spoke to Walter in August 2001, I never
>had any sense that he was suffering from dementia, such as
>getting confused with words, having trouble putting sentences
>together, fumbling for answers, etc. He was perfectly coherent.
>Instead, my sense was that he used the old memory comment to
>deflect questions that he didn't want to get into. He also
>wouldn't allow me to tape the conversation, which may have been
>his way of maintaining plausible deniability in case he blurted
>something out that he shouldn't have.

Again, I certainly respect your opinion David, and obviously I
can't make comment on your interview, as I wasn't there, and as
you state, it wasn't recorded; however, based on Walter's
demeanor in the C & B interview I would question if he were
faking memory loss in yours (interview).

The Roswell Incident was but a component in the C & B
interview, as it was about Walter Haut the man and his life.
His memory lapses went beyond his time at RAAF e.g., he
couldn't remember where he did his basis training, where he was
stationed when he exited the service etc.

>Now this was almost a year after Wendy and Dennis interviewed
>him. He wasn't a senile old man when I spoke to him, and
>therefore I seriously doubt he was when interviewed earlier.

Again, for clarity, I am not trying to imply that Walter was
incoherent only that he showed signs of dementia; additionally,
I have previously ceded the fact that it could be related to the
normal aging process, although I personally believe it was more
than that. Again, regardless of the causality the symptoms were
there.

Finally, in regards to your doubts, I can only say, seeing is
believing. :>)

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

>>Walter replied, No.

>Everybody knows that Walter publicly denied any involvement or
>knowledge of the incident beyond putting out the press release.
>Yes, therefore his public statements prior to his death
>contradicted the interview and affidavit statements released
>after his death. Of course, this can be used to impeach his
>testimony.

I referenced the King piece not to reiterate his public stance
but to show another example of his confusion; which by the way,
some have suggested was related to his diabetes and of course
that is certainly possible.

Let us not forget that the C & B interview was done under the
same dictum as the Schmitt affidavit i.e., not to be released
until his (Walter's death).

>But I can think of good reasons why the man wouldn't go public
>before his death, quite unlike CIC man Sheridan Cavitt, who
>completely denied involvement or even being at the base until
>the Air Force interviewed him in 1994, where he told a nothing
>balloon story. Then, according to Kevin, when he approached
>Cavitt again afterwards, Cavitt returned to denying any
>involvement.

>Cavitt was saying nothing of importance happened, therefore had
>no reason to deny involvement either before or after his AF
>interview, whereas Walter at the end was telling a fantastic,
>literally earth-shaking story, the type of story that would get
>you endless public exposure and harrasment while you were alive
>if you went public. We all know how Roswell witnesses are
>routinely trashed as liars, senile, bandwagon jumpers, etc. If
>you want to completely avoid that sort of thing, you admit to
>nothing remarkable, at best dropping a few hints here and there.

>Guys like Walter may have had other reasons to deny deep
>involvement. Carey & Schmitt say he had sworn to Blanchard not
>to disclose what he knew during his lifetime. Others have

>similarly said they swore an oath not to talk about, Edwin
>Easley being but one example.

I don't question any motives, and as I have stated before, I believe Walter did see bodies and or wreckage; this is based more on what I know he told people privately; However, that and \$5.00 gets you a gallon of gasoline!

The Schmitt affidavit is an anecdote of anecdote performed by legal methodology and endorsed by its namesake; in regards to quality of evidence it's weak!

It also raises more questions:

1. Why didn't Walter write it himself? (Which was presumed initially [when the book came out] and precipitated this dialogue. In your view he was perfectly coherent... so why not?
2. Why was it necessary to have a doctor, monitor his mental competency? (This according to Schmitt.
3. Why not do another video?
4. At the very least, why not do audio in support of the affidavit?
5. Why wasn't the affidavit released when Walter passed?
6. How come Walter's daughter doesn't want the C & B video interview to be seen?
7. Why did Schmitt accuse Dennis and Wendy of blindsiding Walter in the interview, when there was a written outline presented in advance, as well the subject matter being discussed on tape during the first 10 minutes of the interview?

>>The Schmitt affidavit was written in a very clear and concise
>>manner including times, dates, names etc. According to Schmitt,
>>it was prepared, it was based on things that Walter told us in
>>confidence for a number of years.

>>Now from going to the inability to recalling where one did his
>>basic training to remembering exact times on specif dates is a
>>tad greater then making statements with a little more force.

>I've been interviewed on camera, and details slip my mind that I
>know well, just because of feeling pressure to instantly
>respond. This doesn't mean that I'm senile (I don't think) or
>the information that I do provide is invalid.

This of course is true and a valid point; however, Wendy and Dennis were both friends of Walter's, and this was a very intimate interview so in my view there was no pressure opposed to say an interview done by the mainstream media.

>Walter apparently told more than one person privately that he
>had seen bodies and a craft and had been at the Tuesday morning
>meeting with Ramey present when the event was discussed.
>Further, the information in the affidavit agrees well with
>testimony from other sources concerning times and dates.

Agreed.

>E.g., his affidavit states that he saw the bodies and craft
>after the press release became public. We already know exactly
>when that happened: Tuesday, July 8, at around 2:30 p.m.
>Roswell time. The base and the public information office got
>inundated with outside phone calls. Haut's affidavit says calls
>and messages were piling up and Blanchard suggested he go home
>and hide out (Haut told me he let underlings in the PI office
>handle the calls), but first Blanchard took him to the hangar.

>Although the affidavit is not exact about the time of visiting
>the hangar, we know from other information that it had to be
>after 2:30, probably an hour or two. This squares very nicely
>with times provided by others. E.g., various townspeople saw the
>elliptical object covered with a tarp being driving through the
>center of town on a flatbed truck on the afternoon of July 8.
>One of them, Richard Talbert, then a newsboy, provided a time of
>3:00 to 3:30, because that was when he would routinely pick up

>the Roswell Daily Record for delivery. Over at the base, Sgt.
>Earl Fulford said he was getting off work at 4:00 when he saw
>the flatbed with tarped object being driven toward the hangar.
>(Talbert also said he got a glimpse of the object when the tarp
>momentarily lifted up. The dimensions and description are very
>similar to that of the Haut affidavit.)

>Thus the various testimony agrees well as to when the object was
>delivered to the hangar where Haut could have seen it at the
>time suggested by the affidavit.

>The only other specific times and dates of the 2002 affidavit
>were the morning meeting of July 8, already known, Haut being
>dictated the press release by Blanchard around 9:30 a.m.
>afterward, a time and event already provided by Walter in his
>earlier 1993 affidavit, and Walter saying he first became aware
>of the downed aircraft investigation by Marcel on the morning of
>July 7 - no surprises there - and then a second site north of
>Roswell late in the afternoon of July 7, discovered by other
>civilians.

>The second, closer, northerly site has corroboration from a
>number of others, including Chester Barton (not even mentioned
>in the Carey & Schmitt book), who said he was sent out there by
>provost marshal Easley to check on the cleanup in the afternoon,
>it was only a 45 minute drive from Roswell (vs. Haut affidavit's
>40 miles from town), he was told it was discovered by
>archeologists the previous evening, and he read about the flying
>saucer in the newspaper (Daily Record) when he got back. So, in
>other words, Barton was also telling us he was sent out on July
>8 and the object had been found late in the afternoon on July 7
>by civilians (archeologists. It's virtually the same story as
>the Haut affidavit from a completely independent source.

>For more on Barton, see:

><http://www.roswellproof.com/Barton.html>

>>Additionally, Walter exhibited the same memory concerns with
>>Rudiak in 2001, and King in 2003; however, with Schmitt, as if
>>by some miracle, this wasn't an issue.

>Frank, you aren't understanding what I previously wrote. Walter
>didn't tell me he had personal memory concerns, such as, I'm
>sorry, I just can't remember things the way I used to. Instead
>he said nobody could perfectly remember things that happened
>over 50 years ago, which is a general statement and something
>else entirely.

David, you wrote previously:

"He claimed he couldn't remember clearly what had happened over
50 years ago and anybody who said they could wasn't being
truthful." (Which is why I quoted it.

I don't mean to be contentious, but Walter stating that he
couldn't remember clearly what had happened over 50 years ago
that sounds personal to me.

You are now saying he made a generalization, please clarify.

><snip>

>>Prior to becoming aware of the fact that Walter did not write
>>the affidavit, he was analytical of the same red flags I was
>>i.e., how could a man exhibiting symptoms of dementia (two years
>>prior), in the worst case scenario, or senior memory loss in
>>the best case scenario pen such a detailed document?

>The man I met in 2001, a year prior to the affidavit and a year
>after the interview, did NOT exhibit obvious outward signs of
>senile dementia in the 2 hours I spent with him. He was
>completely lucid and coherent. Nor did he tell me he thought his
>memory was going.

Which again evokes the question, why not write the affidavit
himself?

>>The answer is, he couldn't... and for that matter we now know
>>according to Schmitt, he didn't!

>If you compare the 1993 and 2002 affidavits - for comparison,
>see:

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

>- the later affidavit is an extension of the earlier one
>personally written by Haut. In that sense, half of the 2002
>affidavit is already Haut's earlier statements and forms the
>basic framework for the later affidavit. Into that framework are
>extra sections written up by Schmitt, which he says are based on
>earlier, private statements of Haut, detailing much greater
>involvement: hearing of the second crash site on July 7, being
>at the morning meeting on July 8 - with Ramey present and the
>coverup discussed, being briefed on the two crash sites, and
>handling debris - going to the hangar and seeing the bodies and
>craft on the afternoon of July 8, plus a few lesser, poorly
>detailed items.

In the Whiting interview done in 1990 Walter said:

In the next staff meeting, which was about a week later [which would be the 14th]--I believe we held them at that time every Monday - he [Blanchard] made some comment about our agenda, what we were going to talk about.

This (also) completely contradicts the Schmitt affidavit, and Blanchard was off-base the following week which brings us back to a memory issue, and this was back in 1990!

>Seeing at least one body and a craft plus being at the morning
>meeting with Ramey are also in the 2000 interview. At one point,
>under careful questioning by Wendy Connors to pin him down on
>this, Walter was very definite about saying he had seen one body
>and a craft and being at that meeting with Ramey present. It is
>also very clear, from Connors' comments, that Walter had
>discussed this previously with her and Connors also mentions how
>she had heard him talking about seeing bodies with a French film
>crew doing a documentary.

This is where people have to come to their own respective conclusions in regards to the taped interview; I don't view it in the same light as you do David.

It would be interesting to find out if the French film crew caught any of Walter's comments on tape; perhaps Gildas could lend a hand in that regard given his geography.

>Walter does not seem at all confused during this questioning,
>more like annoyed at being pinned down like this. What was he
>supposed to say at this point? I don't know where you got
>these weird ideas Wendy, because I never told you or anybody
>else that I had ever seen bodies or been at the morning meeting
>with Ramey.

Here I respectfully disagree. Again, this interview was done under the same condition as the Schmitt affidavit, i.e., not to see the light of day until Walter's passing.

>Apparently later in the interview, Haut started denying deep
>involvement again. Is that mental confusion or a man trying to
>backpeddle because he had second-thoughts about earlier
>admitting to too much? The man I interviewed in 2001 did not
>seem confused or fumbling at all.

Again we differ in opinions.

><snip>

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>>>>To me, it is quite acceptable to prepare an affidavit, as
>>>>long as the witness is still capable of understanding, and
>>>>approves it without ambiguity, and that seems to be the case.

>>>>I do not understand why this has been raised as an issue. In
>>>>what I understand about the completion of the affidavit,
>>>>everything was done carefully, Walter, in the presence of his
>>>>daughter and his doctor read the document (maybe several times)
>>>>and found nothing wrong in it. In other words, it was prepared
>>>>by someone familiar with the case and signed by the witness
>>>>after a proper review.

>

>>It was initially scrutinized because it was assumed that Walter

>>penned the affidavit himself, and since there was/is ample
>>evidence that he wasn't capable of doing that (in such great
>>detail), this certainly gave me pause. Moreover, much of this
>>controversy could have been nipped in the bud if this was
>>explained in advance.

>While I don't know the state of Haut's physical and mental
>health when he read and signed the affidavit in 2002, he was not
>a dottering old man when I spoke to him in August 2001. Instead
>he was very careful with his words and what he chose to tell me.

>I have to protest these repeated assertions that Haut was
>incapable of providing the additional details of the 2002
>affidavit. Maybe that's true, but it's not based on demonstrable
>fact. Another good reason why the affidavit might have to be
>drafted by somebody else was the fact that Haut was obviously a
>reluctant witness when it came to publicly admitting to any
>deep involvement or witnessing anything extraordinary. These
>were things he would say in private to people he knew and
>trusted, but not anywhere else. Thus Wendy Connors had to push
>him in the interview: These are things you told me previously
>Walter. Now I want you to go on the record while we're recording
>this.

Walter wasn't a 'doddering' old man in the C & B interview
either; he had problems remembering things on a broad spectrum.
This isn't the first occasion where Walter has admitted having
trouble remembering things from so long ago. This occurred in
the Whiting interview (1990), C & B, Omni, Larry King, etc. I
believe it is demonstrable.

>Similarly, Haut might not have drafted his own affidavit even if
>he was mentally competent to do so. Having it drafted by
>Schmitt, also based on previous conversations, is essentially
>the same thing that Connors did with Haut when she interviewed
>him: Just confirm what you have previously told me privately.
>It's a psychological ploy often used with reluctant witnesses.
>Having it all written out for him just made it easier for him to
>sign off on it. Drafting his own affidavit or recording his a
>confession on his own initiative may never have happened because
>he was psychologically reluctant to go public to the bitter end.

David, what you see as an explanation, I see as further
embodiment in regards to how weak the affidavit is as
evidence from a public perspective.

>>Had I known that the affidavit was drafted by Schmitt based on
>>his interpretation of snippets of conversation he had with
>>Walter over a 3 year period I would have started out where I
>>have arrived at present.

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>>The value of the offering as we have seen isn't general, it's
>>much like a keepsake, the value is appurtenant to its
>>beholder.

>I think Frank Warren's main concern isn't the veracity of the
>statements in the interview or the affidavit but how the force
>of Haut's statements has been lessened by the manner in which

>these were done and also by Haut contradicting himself.

>I think the contradictions were the result of a man very
>reluctant to come forward, and thus full of internal conflicts.

>Ultimately the arbiter of what was revealed was Walter Haut
>himself and Connors, Schmitt, et. al. did the best they knew how
>under the circumstances.

As stated previously, the value of the Schmitt affidavit will vary from individual to individual; at this juncture I think all that can be said has been. For me personally, there are indeed items that can be culled from the declaration that merit further investigation, i.e., Ramey being in Roswell on the 8th for one!

Surely it's more productive to attempt to verify the statements made in the declaration then to continue to beat this dead horse!

Since July, myself and others have been active towards achieving that goal. Obviously putting Ramey in Roswell on the 8th, or close to it would be monumental to Roswell (the event) in general, as well as putting a bow on the Schmitt affidavit.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

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>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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>Dear All:

>It been really interesting watching this discussion evolve. It
>documents how UFO researchers can send themselves down paths of
>dubious merit.

>I am going to try once again.

>The last document Haut signed was not legally binding, nor
>required him to tell the truth. No oath was given to Haut. And,
>Haut did not want to take one.

>Therefore, Schmidt wrote up a statement which Haut signed-off on
>with the stipulation it not be opened until after Haut's death.

>Haut was not being required to be truthful. It was not an
>affidavit.

>I have no idea why you all insist on calling a sealed statement
>an affidavit. It must be that none of you are familiar with
>legal documents. And, I guess it makes your discussion seem more
>important if the sealed statement becomes an affidavit in your
>minds.

You make a good point; I for one (mea culpa) have overlooked
this detail; however, don't the powers of a notary vary from
state to state; for example, I believe in the state of Virginia,
a notary can administer an oath.

Of course as you bring to light, that wasn't done, at least as
far as I can tell.

Cheers,

Frank

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>Frank,

>Personally, I would add just a few comments:

>After reading the comments of Kevin Randle, and having talked
>with Tom Carey and Don Schmitt, the affidavit seems credible to
>me, but it will remain controversial because of the contradictory
>statements made by Walter Haut, and what appeared to be memory
>problems. Like you, I regret that this debate was not clarified
>when it was still time.

Bingo!

>Because of that, it cannot be retained as a major document,
>either pro or against the UFO crash hypothesis. Anyway, the case
>rests on many other credible testimonies.

Precisely! However, it (the statement) does provide additional
leads

>To me, one good reason for which Walter Haut made contradictory
>statements was probably a moral conflict between his desire to
>tell his story and his will to respect his commitment to the
>protection of secrecy.

You are in good company, and I don't personally discount that;
however, it's not a trade-off for the memory issue which I
believe is real, and evidenced on more than one occasion.

>When I met him twice in 1995, he was in perfectly good mental
>shape, and he insisted on the very tight discipline on the base.
>I was intrigued at the time by his insistence, but I think now
>that we was trying to make me understand that he could not tell
>his whole story.

Walter's generation as a whole, and particularly those who
served took their duty and oaths seriously - he certainly was a
patriot in every sense of the word!

>Just another comment: I don't see a necessary contradiction
>between the alleged trip of General Ramey and Colonel DuBose to
>Roswell, and the trip of Major Marcel to Fort Worth. They may
>have decided to have him there just to play a role in the
>balloon cover-up.

Given the gravity of the situation, one would think the
absence of superordinates would be an oddity.

Cheers,

Frank

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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Sensitivity Of Dogs [was: Anyone Ever See The MIB?]

>>From: Carol Buckallew <clbuckallew.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: Anyone Ever See The MIB?

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>Hi, Just been reminded by that of several cases of humans being
>scared by a CE and their dogs being even more scared and often
>suffering physical symptoms - like dying in this case and
>several others.

>Could 'brain damage' in the dogs also be the cause of those
>other cases?

>Which raises the question - were/are the humans subject to the
>same influence but somehow escape, overt, damage?

Ray

The man also said as he walked up to this object the ground felt
electrified and the closer he got the stronger the sensation
became until he could walk no closer. He also told me the dog
was young and he had just taken him for a check up, he was in
perfect health And this is all I know about this case.

Carol

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>>scared by a CE and their dogs being even more scared and often
>>suffering physical symptoms - like dying in this case and
>>several others.

>>Could 'brain damage' in the dogs also be the cause of those
>>other cases?

>>Which raises the question - were/are the humans subject to the
>>same influence but somehow escape, overt, damage?

>Didn't Barney and Betty Hill have a dog with them during their
>abduction? dachshund if I recall. Any data on that?

>It would seem fitting that dogs would be put in check by the
>abductors since dogs have a tendency to attack and bite.
>Probably some sort of emanation device like a repellent or
>control to avoid injury. Much like we use insect and bear and
>shark repellent only this stuff is far more high end
>technically.

>To cause brain damage however is something far more serious. If
>we let it get out that the alien abductors are harming animals
>there'll be uproar in the streets, people burning aliens in
>effigy, entire naval strike forces engaged. It's okay if them
>aliens kidnap us and spay and neuter us but by cracky, if
>they're out there harming Fido and Mittens that's not gonna sit
>well with some folks!

Greg

I noticed a dog we had a number of years ago would sit by the
wall unless we called him then he would go back to the same spot
and sit there, this would go on for a couple days. It coincided
with the times I remember they came into our apartment, it was
as if the dog was told to sit there and refused to move far from
that spot for a certain amount of time.

Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

It's possible the electrical shock the man experienced walking toward the ufo had something to do with the condition of the dog's brain. I don't know if their exceptional hearing may had some thing to do with that or not.

Carol

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Re: J. Allen Hynek & James McDonald

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Subject: Re: J. Allen Hynek & James McDonald

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
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>Subject: J. Allen Hynek & James McDonald [was: Ann Eller...]

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 21:21:42 EST
>>Subject: Re: Ann Eller A Phenomenal Lady

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 11:32:16 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: Ann Eller a Phenomenal Lady

>>>>From: Robert Salas <rsalas.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>>>Subject: Re: Ann Eller a Phenomenal Lady

>>>>I also know that Allen was deeply troubled by James McDonald's
>>>>bluntly stated criticisms of his slowness to act on the UFO
>>>>evidence he was seeing as scientific advisor to Blue Book. In
>>>>conversation Allen would come back to McDonald's complaints as
>>>>he sought to defend himself long after McDonald himself was
>>>>gone.

>>>>This whole schism between Hynek and McDonald was crafted by ex-
>>>>AAF officer Charles B. Moore. Moore lied to McDonald in a
>>>>meeting on April 28, 1966, claiming that Hynek wanted to
>>>>confront the AF over its UFO policies.

>>>>McDonald did not know this was a lie, assumed it was true....

>>>>Another huge difference between McDonald and Hynek is that the
>>>>former did not hesitate to confront adversaries in a bold, in-
>>>>your-face posture. Hynek, on the other hand, recoiled from such
>>>>encounters. Not that he lacked core conviction -- his ideas
>>>>about Blue Book and Condon are made unambiguously clear in his
>>>>enduring classic *The UFO Experience* (1972), a work of genuine
>>>>intellectual courage -- but he did not relish or enjoy the sort
>>>>of social tension face-to-face confrontation entails.

>>>>If McDonald expected Hynek to confront the Air Force and Blue
>>>>Book in the McDonald sense, he did not know Allen well. Perhaps
>>>>their differing personalities decreed, sadly, that they would
>>>>not function well as the allies they ought to have been. You
>>>>might say that one was the warrior, the other the diplomat.

I like the warrior vs. diplomat comparison, but maybe Hynek was
more forceful than we give him credit for. He seemed to like
people to think he was shy, retiring and/or diplomatic but the
reality seems rather different. Hynek liked to downplay his role
in the CIA Robertson Panel as a mere staffer who stayed in the
back of the room and didn't interact with the big-shot
scientists except when spoken to. But Durant's report indicates
Hynek had an active role on a par with the other Panel members,
even as an 'Associate Member'.

Navy photo interpreter Harry Woo remembered that Hynek went to bat for him when the panelists started nitpicking his analysis of the Tremonton film. Woo seemed eternally grateful that Hynek did that for him. Hynek never mentioned this in his various accounts of the Tremonton film handling by the Robertson Panel.

Hynek was constantly pissing off Blue Book chief Quintanilla, who claims in his memoirs that Hynek wanted to just hobnob with the generals and not do any "work", by which Colonel Q meant helping him get rid of sightings as astronomical IFO's. Hynek's view of his own role was rather different, and that was that he was a full scale "scientific" consultant, not some astronomical ephemeris machine for dispatching IFO's from BB's statistics. Hynek didn't want to be fed selected astro IFO cases but wanted access to the good UFO Unknowns. In this tug-o-war Hynek did not retreat.

Hynek got his BB contract (via McGraw-Hill) rewritten and approved with various terms insulating himself from Colonel Q, and protecting his own independent role as a scientist consultant. Hynek didn't do this by confronting Colonel Q to his face but by going around him and over his head, seemingly violating military protocol and hardly what one might call "diplomatic."

Moreover Hynek seemed to go on a public offensive in various articles in Saturday Evening Post and Playboy to push for recognition of the UFO phenomenon, somewhat unlike McDonald who was not quite as public in his representations. The AF did not like Hynek's high visibility role.

Though McDonald was gratified by Hynek's public posture it did not seem to be able to heal the schism between them that had been engineered by C B Moore leading to McDonald's table-pounding blowup at Hynek on June 8, 1966. McDonald seemed ever afterward to be critical of Hynek's scientific errors and seeming unfamiliarity with the astonishing cases in the BB files which McDonald felt Hynek should have known about or made some effort to uncover for himself without goading from McDonald.

Hynek kept his most blunt criticism of BB internal, as with his scathing indictment sent to the FTD Commander Raymond Sleeper Oct 7, 1968, until his BB contract was terminated in June 1969. Then Hynek seemed to feel he was free to go public with his book The UFO Experience.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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>>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air
>Force has scoffed at the idea that some of the witnesses who
>have claimed to see the craft or the bodies at Roswell would
>have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of
>this is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb
>Group in July 1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why
>would a cook be out on guard duty?"

>The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is
>why a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would
>be allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the
>ship's debris.

>Kevin's premise here is a strawman. Anyone who has been in the
>military knows full well that every soldier, regardless of their
>job, will eventually get to pull guard duty at some point,
>although like Jan, I doubt seriously that an Army cook would
>ever pull guard duty. I certainly never saw that happen, and I
>did my share guarding empty buildings.

The usual debunking, "It's not in my personal experience,
therefore it can't be."

I myself have never seen a plane crash, a murder, a case of the
bubonic plague, etc., etc. However, it would be rather foolish
to doubt such things just because I had never personally seen
them.

We have already had posts here about cooks and others who did
pull guard duty during military service even though not regular
MPs. At Roswell, there is other testimony of personnel pulling
guard duty outside of their regular duties, like Thomas Gonzales
of Squadron T and William Quigley of the 393rd Bomb Squadron.
Quigley said it was the only time in his military career he was
ever ordered to guard anything, in this case a B-29 being loaded
with something over a bomb pit, with orders to shoot to kill to
keep people out.

One hero of Pearl Harbor personally shot down three Japanese
planes with a machine gun. Was he the machine gunner? No, he was
a lowly black mess attendant named Dorrie Miller, the guy who
scrubbed the pots and peeled the potatoes. But he decided to
take off his apron, first saved his captain, then manned the
machine gun post, despite having no training whatsoever.

If this wasn't all so well-documented, I'm sure skeptics would
assert this could never, ever happen. "No way could a guy,
especially a cook, with no training in weaponry do what was
claimed, etc., etc."

Melvin Brown, as it turns out, was in fact trained as a regular soldier for over three years before becoming a cook, and was rated an expert marksman. His service predated Pearl Harbor. He had been in the Army for 8 years prior to Roswell, maybe just the sort of experienced guy who might be asked to guard something of high importance if they were short-handed with the regular MPs.

>Security units, like Major Easley=B4s command, are charged with
>securing full time any number of highly sensitive base
>buildings/>areas and the base access points. During the night
>and on weekends many buildings with minimal security requirements
>are unoccupied and these, as well as perimeter fences, would be
>guarded by conscripts drawn from the rest of the base
>personnel.

>In a time of emergency, if his unit is stretched thin, Easley
>would indeed have had the authority to "requisition" additional
>personnel from other units on the base to back up his troops.
>Under those circumstances, however, these non-security soldiers
>would have been assigned to low priority posts, to allow the
>regular security personnel to be sent to the where the "action"
>was. The idea that a fill-in troop would have been sent to
>guard _the_ most sensitive building in the nation at that time
>>is ludicrous at best. That would be a post where Easley would
>have sent only his experienced, regular security forces.

Who might very well have been stretched very thin guarding other highly sensitive sites 24 hours a day, like the hospital, planes being loaded, the debris field, the north site, etc., not to mention a few of them going around and threatening some witnesses.

>Security troops/MPs are well trained to know exactly the limits
>of their authority. Under the right circumstances, a private
>can deny a 4-star general access to the building he is
>guarding, and he would know exactly how to handle such a
>situation.

I suspect not many privates will have the guts to tell a 4-star general to go to hell or threaten to shoot them if they don't back off. And not many 4-star generals I likely to take kindly to a teenage soldier threatening them or ordering them what to do.

>A soldier (an engine mechanic, say...) who might pull guard
>duty 2-3 times a year would not be able to properly secure such
>an enormously sensitive post in times of extraordinary
>circumstances.

But Brown was more than "just a cook."

Some actual facts on Sgt. Melvin Brown (from copies of his service record, in Timothy Good's "Alien Contact")

Born: 1914 (therefore 33 years old at the time of Roswell, not some teenage MP)

Enlisted: December 1939 (served in a gun battalion)

Received MOS of cook: April 1943

Transferred to Asiatic Pacific Theater: June 1943

Noted as being an Expert with M1 Carbine. Received the Bronze Star for Phillipine campaign. Noted as serving in battle in Northern Solomons.

Point: Again, Brown was more than "just a cook". He was a regular soldier for 3-1/2 years before being trained as a cook, was an expert marksman, served in South Pacific battle zones, and received a Bronze Star for something I presume to be other than his cooking. Cooks can come under fire in battle zones just like everybody else. (A famous example was during the Battle of the Bulge, where everybody, cooks included, were ordered to pick up weapons and make a stand against the German advance.)

For all we know, maybe Brown did get trained and serve as an MP early in his military career, sure speculation, but at least based on something a little more substantial than "no way, no how, because I say so."

Brown was discharged in November 1945 and re-enlisted in

December 1945 for three years.

(After Roswell, he was apparently at Operation Sandstone, the A-bomb tests in the Bikini Islands during April and May of 1948. There is a document from May 1948 recommending him for promotion to staff sergeant and mentioning that he was a member of Task Unit 7.4.1, one of the groups comprising Sandstone.)

So, yes a cook, but also a seasoned soldier at the time.

>Easley, if he was a competent commander, would have only his
>highly trained security troops or MPs guarding such a sensitive
>building.

Brown had been in the Army for almost 8 years at the time of the Roswell incident (3-1/2 years not as a cook) and had been through a war (with a Bronze star, rated an expert marksman, and a member of a gun battalion), which might very well explain why he might be trusted over a buck private 19-years-old MP to guard something like a hangar with alien bodies inside or accompany bodies back from the field in a truck.

>Had he done otherwise, like posting Brown, Blanchard
>would have had his head on a stick!

Blanchard would have needed a lot of free time on his hands to review and second-guess all decisions of his senior officers about personnel selections and other related matters. No, usually commanding officers delegate such authority and would have no reason to question such decisions later unless some colossal, compromising foul-up had occurred because of such decisions.

I think if Blanchard had put anybody's head on a stick, he would have stayed a bit closer to home, starting with Marcel for failure to identify simple balloon debris material, then putting a Svengali curse on him to make him also think tinfoil, paper, balsa wood, Scotch tape, and rubber debris came from a flying saucer, leading to him issuing a press release that they had recovered same, leading to a national and international press uproar that disrupted not only Roswell base, but the Pentagon clear up to the acting chief of staff (Vandenberg) and Blanchard's superior officer over at 8th AAF HQ in Fort Worth (Ramey), who in turn immediately ID's the debris as coming from a simple weather balloon, making senior officers at Roswell look like drooling idiots for failure to ID debris that wouldn't puzzle the average 5-year-old.

Not only would Blanchard have put Marcel's head on a stick, I think he would have piked the head of the man who went out with Marcel, Sheridan Cavitt, for failure to tell him or Marcel, "Oh by the way, it's obviously balloon debris."

In addition, I think Gen. Ramey would have put Blanchard's head on a stick for issuing the press release on his own, regardless of what his fool officers may or may not have told him. Not only that, Gen. Vandenberg would have made damned sure various heads would have rolled for the public relations' disaster and there would have been a thorough investigation as to what happened at their sensitive atomic bomber base, which would be in public records.

Of course, none of this happened. Hmmm, I wonder why? Instead Col. Blanchard eventually became a 4 star general and second-highest officer in the AF, both Blanchard and Ramey had very complimentary things to say about Marcel afterwards (Ramey, e.g., calls him "outstanding"; Blanchard boosted his efficiency rating), Marcel got a promotion (Blanchard and Ramey's chief of staff Dubose approving), Marcel later got transferred to Washington and another highly sensitive intelligence job, etc., etc.

I confess I just don't understand the military mind. Is boosting incompetent officers upwards and saying highly complimentary things about them the military equivalent of putting their heads on a stick?

>During the recovery operation, Easley, if he was a competent
>officer, would have had only his troops at the center of the
>operations and on the truck carrying the debris and bodies. The
>rest of the conscripted forces (including Brown?) would have

>been those out on the perimeter.

More mind-reading from somebody who wasn't there. Maybe that would have been SOP, but SOP can fall by the wayside depending on circumstances. Cooks and clerks and guys on K.P. normally don't fight battles, but they did during the Battle of the Bulge when the regular infantry and artillery guys were dying all around them. Untrained cook's assistants normally don't man machine guns and shoot down enemy planes, like Dorrie Miller did at Pearl Harbor.

No, this wasn't in the midst of battle, but it was highly unusual circumstances. During special circumstances, SOP can get thrown out the window.

Maybe Easley was simply shorthanded guarding both the base and a very large area in the field, needing his regular MPs elsewhere to keep out nosy rancher neighbors or curious Roswellians who had heard about it.

Brown's daughter Bev Bean told Len Stringfield, "All available men stood guard duty around the site where a crashed disc had come down... Although he and others were told they would get into trouble if they saw too much, they did look under the cover and saw two small dead bodies..."

In Tim Good's Alien Contact: "...any men available were taken to the site. They had to form a ring around whatever it was they had to cover, and everything was put on trucks. They were told not to look and to take no notice, and were sworn to secrecy."

This is indeed suggestive that Easley was shorthanded. One group of MPs, Squadron A, had about 180 men. Another, the 390th Air Service Squadron, had about 200. Normally they would be tasked with guarding the perimeter and grounds of the base.

But during the Roswell incident, according to testimony, in addition to their normal guard duties, they would be required to throw up multiple cordons to keep unauthorized people out. The debris field area had to be secured, plus access to it. The smaller north site also had to be secured, and in addition, a cordon running for perhaps 60 miles north of Roswell was thrown up along Highway 285 to keep people from venturing off-highway. Extra security would also have to be thrown up around Hangar 84 (where testimony indicates bodies, debris, and a craft were taken) and the base hospital, and few other places as well.

So yes, Easley probably would have been scrambling for men to cover everything. Like in the Battle of the Bulge, maybe even some cooks were grabbed and made to stand guard, including an experienced soldier like Brown, who wasn't always a cook and knew how to handle a rifle.

>Kevin has told us that the security level at RAAFB during the >Incident was at its lock-down highest level possible. If that >was true, and if Easley and his security personnel were doing >their jobs properly, Brown=B4s commanding officer (the mess >officer!) would have had absolutely no business inside the >building where the bodies were held, and would not have been >able to casually walk in for a peek!

Gee, if only the real world were so neat and tidy where everybody always followed the rules to the letter and everything was always done exactly by the book. But the real world is made up of human beings who have relationships with other human beings and make judgment calls based on those relationships plus their emotional state at the time and don't always necessarily do things by the book. Lots of rule bending takes place in the real world, even in the military, depending on circumstances, particularly ones that can be chaotic or highly unusual.

So suppose Brown's mess hall commanding officer is a friend who he completely trusts and Brown doesn't see any harm in maybe letting him have a quick look. Plus he's going to have a very hard time shooting the guy if he persists and doesn't go away.

According to Bev Bean in "Alien Contact", her dad told her he guarded the hangar and his "commanding officer" (unspecified) asked to look while he was guarding, but when they went inside the hangar there was nothing to see because everything had been packed up.

There is an implied but no explicit mention of bodies being in there, i.e., this was the hangar where the truck he was riding on carried the bodies but he didn't see bodies after that.

To Len Stringfield she reported, "...he stood guard once outside a hangar where a crashed saucer was stored. He couldn't see anything as it was all packed up and ready to be flown out to Texas the next day."

Here there is no mention of bodies being carried to the hangar or of a "commanding officer" coming by later and asking to go in. For all we know, "commanding officer" could have been Col. Blanchard coming by to have one last peek.

Another example of relationships coming into play was in Walter Haut's affidavit where he said Blanchard took him out to the hangar to have a look. Now probably Blanchard shouldn't have done that, but Haut was a friend and confidant who Blanchard fully trusted.

Louis Rickett of the CIC also said his C/O, Sheridan Cavitt took him out to one of the crash sites because he wanted him to see what was going on. Maybe Cavitt shouldn't have done that either. Did Rickett really have a need to know at that point? Probably not.

Of course Marcel took debris home to show his wife and son. He probably shouldn't have done that either. Other soldiers told their wives, their kids, their friends, etc. Human beings are not robots and often don't want to keep things to themselves, sometimes allowing others they trust to have a peek or telling them about it when maybe they shouldn't.

Anyway, that's the real, messy world I live in, not the fantasy world of debunkers who insist people must behave and things could go down in only one possible way.

>On the other hand, if Brown=B4s story is true, then Major Easley >must have been an extraordinarily incompetent officer at a base >where reputedly only the 'best of the best' were assigned.

I suspect Easley knew the men at the base a bit better than second-guessing, clairvoyant debunkers from 60 years in the future.

David Rudiak

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Here are some images of this particular kind of 'light in the sky' from an area in Sydney in which there has been sporadic activity of this nature since 2002 that I know of...

In the early morning I will wait, focusing on a particular part of the sky. Sometimes a strong light will appear - at other times there will be more than one light appearing at different intervals of usually a few minutes or so in the same area...

It will remain motionless for perhaps a minute or so, before dying down in brightness and begin moving across the sky. Many times it has dropped behind the headland - in the foreground of the images to the right of the frame - possibly into the water of Middle Harbour, Sydney?

While the pics are from earlier this year, the three sequenced Quicktime clips are from 2004, but in the same area and about the same time in the morning as the later still images. It is interesting to compare the results of the longer exposures of the still camera/tripod - 2.5 secs etc. - to the 25 frames per second of the Hitachi video camera/tripod.

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Chris

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>>>Subject: Sensitivity Of Dogs [was: Anyone Ever See The MIB?]

>>>>From: Carol Buckallew <clbuckallew.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 15:17:59 -0600
>>>>Subject: Re: Anyone Ever See The MIB?

>>>>They drove up close to a object setting on the ground, the man
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>Carol

Now that's something!

I've been hoping Eleanor White would get back to me on some of her research as it's sure fitting this thread. I think Eleanore was far ahead of the pack, no pun intended, than many give her credit for.

Communication and command via advanced technology is something we've done for years. Alfred Hitchcock used to tease about it every week on his classic tv show, he called them sponsors. Commercials are a way of suggestion via advanced technology. Whatever tech they're using to control or harm animals is based on electronics. Unfortunately once that technology is known by we humans you know where it'll go.

Perhaps our pets have been the clue to this mystery all along. It sure invalidates the headshrinker skeptibunkers who claim all abductions are subjective delusions.

Oh, and the reason I'm partial to dogs and a great case-in-point is another classic tv show, The Twilight Zone and a great episode written by The Waltons creator Earl Hamner called The Hunt. If you've not seen that episode before you're in for a real treat and why we like dogs.

Best,

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Sci-Fi Play Probes Alien Intelligence

Dean Lisk
The Daily News

The world of science fiction - artificial intelligence, time theories and maybe even extra-terrestrials - is getting the centre-stage treatment.

"I scratched my brain, and I can't remember the last time someone did an original sci-fi play in Halifax," Paul Kimball said.

The local filmmaker is directing *Doing Time*, an original production that will be performed at the Wired Monk in Halifax beginning tonight.

Although he has helmed a number of sci-fi and UFO television projects and documentaries for Halifax-based Redstar Films, this is just Kimball's second time directing a play. He oversaw last March's production of *Le Theatre de Boheme's Marat*.

He enjoyed the experience so much he started up his own independent theatre company, *Semaphore Theatre*, to produce original works by people he knows in the sci-fi industry.

Doing Time was adapted from a short story by Kansas City-based UFO expert and Internet blogger Mac Tonnies. The work originally appeared in an anthology called *Illumined Black*.

"The most important thing is that I wanted to do original works, but also niche-oriented plays that you are not going to see in Halifax - in this case, science fiction," Kimball.

The main character in the play is a young woman, *Leda*, who may - or may not - be in prison. The story also deals with ideas about time and the differences between human intelligence and artificial intelligence.

"Mac looks, in his writing, at how close are we, as human beings, coming to being artificial-life forms? How close is artificial intelligence to becoming self-aware - sort of the Terminator thing," Kimball said.

Appearing in the production are Kris Lee McBride, Christina Cuffari and Nick Lachance.

"I enjoy working with actors who have their own strong ideas," said Kimball, who says he has allowed them to explore the text and the themes. "They are confident, talented young actors, and

have made this process easy for me."

Kimball said Tonnie's will be flying into Halifax from his home in Kansas City to see the play, and there are hopes the production will tour and eventually be turned into a short film.

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if you go

- What: Doing Time, by Mac Tonnie's and Paul Kimball
- Where: The Wired Monk, 5147 Morris St.
- When: Today through Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

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Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 13:55:05 -0500
Subject: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

Check out this all-in-one recording and illumination flashlight, with video and audio capabilities - I wonder how well it would really work in the field in UAP/UFO investigations, especially at night, as the product also has night-vision. I agree with "petland ltd" that this would be a great tool to add to any serious investigator's toolkit.

Only difficult issue for me, personally: the \$1,500 price! Like yow, man!

Very cool.

Steve

From: "petland ltd" <j_bwkr.nul>
To: <ufologyinuk.nul-ufo.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2007 4:33 AM
Subject: [ufologyinuk] Every UFO investigator should have one of these

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

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:57:09 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 13:58:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Nov 2007 19:51:40 -0800
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 23:09:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>The usual debunking, "It's not in my personal experience,
>therefore it can't be."

>I myself have never seen a plane crash, a murder, a case of the
>bubonic plague, etc., etc. However, it would be rather foolish
>to doubt such things just because I had never personally seen
>them.

>We have already had posts here about cooks and others who did
>pull guard duty during military service even though not regular
>MPs. At Roswell, there is other testimony of personnel pulling
>guard duty outside of their regular duties, like Thomas Gonzales
>of Squadron T and William Quigley of the 393rd Bomb Squadron.
>Quigley said it was the only time in his military career he was
>ever ordered to guard anything, in this case a B-29 being loaded
>with something over a bomb pit, with orders to shoot to kill to
>keep people out.

Here are more stories of improbable things that really happened.

More than a decade ago, when fax machines were the height of office technology, the District Attorney's office in Manhattan - yes, in the heart of New York City - didn't have a fax machine. There wasn't money in the budget to buy one. So what did they do, when they needed to send a document somewhere? (Maybe as part of a high-level criminal case.) They had off-duty cops carry the document by hand, receiving overtime pay for doing so. Over the course of any year, that was wildly more expensive than buying a fax machine. But there was no money for fax machines in the DA's budget, and plenty of cash for overtime in the police budget.

(I learned about that from an Assistant District Attorney, over dinner one night.)

For many years, maybe for a generation, the custodians in New York City public schools didn't report to the principals of the schools where they worked. They reported to a supervising custodian in the central office of the Board of Education. So if a window broke in a school, and the custodian didn't immediately fix it, the principal couldn't order the custodian to do it. Instead, the principal had to send a request to a supervisor in the educational chain of command at the central office. The request would go up the educational chain of command, and eventually be passed on to a high-level supervisor of custodians. Then it would move down the custodial chain of command, and eventually reach the custodian at the school with the broken window. Maybe the custodian would fix the window, or maybe not. The result of this? New York City public schools were

famously in disrepair.

(This was widely reported in New York newspapers.)

For many years, the musicians' union in New York had a contract with Broadway theater owners, which required that certain theaters hire a certain number of musicians, even if the shows at those theaters didn't need any music. So every night, dozens of musicians - called "walkers" - would show up at theaters, sit backstage all evening without playing a note, and then collect their checks at the end of the week. At some theaters, they didn't even have to show up. They'd just come in once a week to get paid.

(Everyone in the theater and music business in New York knew about this. My sister, a violinist, was a walker for a while.)

Things happen, especially in big organizations, that defy logic, good management, and even common sense. Is anyone going to seriously claim that the military - famous for its inefficiency - is somehow immune to this?

Greg Sandow

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Lost Collections?

From: Barry Greenwood <uhrhistory.nul>
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Subject: Lost Collections?

I wonder if any List members can recall and re-tell stories about UFO files collections being lost or destroyed? I have found several sites devoted to the loss of libraries and archives around the world where countless bits of knowledge have become wiped from society's collective memory. It might be useful to document what has happened in this respect to UFO history. An example:

A former head of the New England UFO Study Group, Steven Putnam, had files from his years with the organization. Among other means, he often collected sightings from hitch-hikers who he would pick up in his car during his travels and would jot down information on scraps of paper much like Charles Fort. Steve's wife was not fond of UFOs. When he became ill some of us contacted his wife about his records and she promised to hold them for pick-up if Steve couldn't continue. He passed on and when his wife was contacted, she said everything was thrown in the trash. There was no intention to save it for others. She was getting back at his time spent on the subject by destroying it all. A chunk of New England UFO history was gone forever.

I think it would be valuable to hear about other incidents like this to gauge the scope of what is gone and how to prevent it in the future.

Barry Greenwood

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Re: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 14:02:22 -0500
Subject: Re: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

>From: Chris Beacham <cbeacham.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 13:45:49 +0900
>Subject: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

>Here are some images of this particular kind of 'light in the
>sky' from an area in Sydney in which there has been sporadic
>activity of this nature since 2002 that I know of...

>In the early morning I will wait, focusing on a particular part
>of the sky. Sometimes a strong light will appear - at other
>times there will be more than one light appearing at different
>intervals of usually a few minutes or so in the same area...

>It will remain motionless for perhaps a minute or so, before
>dying down in brightness and begin moving across the sky. Many
>times it has dropped behind the headland - in the foreground of
>the images to the right of the frame - possibly into the water
>of Middle Harbour, Sydney?

>While the pics are from earlier this year, the three sequenced
>Quicktime clips are from 2004, but in the same area and about
>the same time in the morning as the later still images. It is
>interesting to compare the results of the longer exposures of
>the still camera/tripod - 2.5 secs etc. - to the 25 frames per
>second of the Hitachi video camera/tripod.

><http://www.surfin.com.au/southlight.html>

><http://www.surfin.com.au/sthlight.html>

Hi Chris!

The pictures you posted from a few years ago are good examples on how today's advanced video imaging equipment and over enthusiastic observer can turn something non-mysterious into unknowns, especially under the darkness of night and other such unfavourable conditions. I am sure we can all find many such examples in our own video and photo archives.

While you commented only on the unusual shaped lights in the night sky over Sydney which would appear and remain motionless for a while before they started moving and begin to fade away, you seem to have overlooked the many other similar unusually shaped lights on the ground like a fleet of landed UFOs.

Do any planes fly over Sydney at night? I think it would be interesting to take your high magnification video camera and less than sturdy tripod and try recording the night time air traffic over the city. By doing so may provide an explanation for the sporadic UFO activity over Sydney (and other cities such as Toronto and Phoenix) that has been noted by you and others since 2002.

Although I have never been to Sydney, I have used Microsoft Flight Simulator to virtually flying over your city on my computer. As for those unusual lights you observed that seem to drop into the water, those of us on this List may not be aware

that several of the runways of Sydney Airport extend right into the harbour!

UFOs, including your unusual lights in the sky, have many explanations. Not all of them can readily and reasonably be attributed to ET activity. We should not forget that airplanes exist too and are frequently seen in our skies, sometimes under conditions that have them reported as 'unknowns'.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
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Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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>Date: Tue, 27 Nov 2007 12:08:42 -0800
>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 Nov 2007 14:50:09 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Randle On Haut's Affidavit - Part Two

<snip>

>>Now this was almost a year after Wendy and Dennis interviewed
>>him. He wasn't a senile old man when I spoke to him, and
>>therefore I seriously doubt he was when interviewed earlier.

<snip>

>>Guys like Walter may have had other reasons to deny deep
>>involvement. Carey & Schmitt say he had sworn to Blanchard not
>>to disclose what he knew during his lifetime. Others have
>>similarly said they swore an oath not to talk about, Edwin
>>Easley being but one example.

>
>I don't question any motives, and as I have stated before, I
>believe Walter did see bodies and or wreckage; this is based
>more on what I know he told people privately; However, that and
>\$5.00 gets you a gallon of gasoline!

Frank,

So, you also have private sources confirming that Walter Haut told them about a craft and a body (or bodies). It's too bad that these witnesses don't come out to confirm it. There is a basic question here, in my view. Could Walter Haut have invented that? Even if his memory was weakened, this is not a little detail in a man's life! It's a big schock, something that you will remember, even when you have forgotten all the rest. Like, where he did his military training, etc. Could Walter Haut have invented that as a kind of curious joke? The man I met in 1995 could never have done a thing like that.

I read the repeated argument that he denied it later, so he did not know what he was talking about, etc. But it can be explained by his moral conflict between his very strong desire to tell the story and his oath of secrecy, as David Rudiak and I have suggested.

>The Schmitt affidavit is an anecdote of anecdote performed by
>legal methodology and endorsed by its namesake; in regards to
>quality of evidence it's weak!

To me, this document is not anecdotal, for the reasons that I just suggested. But, yes, it cannot be put forward as a strong piece of evidence, especially to the many skeptics who know so well that Roswell is a balloon story.

>It also raises more questions:
>

>1. Why didn't Walter write it himself? (Which was presumed
>initially [when the book came out] and precipitated this
>dialogue. In your view he was perfectly coherent... so why
>not?

I don't understand this question. I suppose that General DuBose,
and some other reliable witnesses, did not write their affidavit
either. That's not a very big problem, really. BTW, I
corresponded with Walter Haut in 1995. I sent him my book on
modern art (a book with 450 colour plates), to thank him for
having received me at the Roswell Museum in July. He replied to
me some time later, on August 17, and he began his letter by
apologizing for not being a good typist:

"Dear Mr Bourdais: "To start out I want you to know that I am
not a typist so please excuse any mistakes that I may make".

So, it was not an easy thing for him to write a letter,
apparently.

>2. Why was it necessary to have a doctor, monitor his mental
>competency? (This according to Schmitt.

The presence of a doctor looks like a good point to me. And the
fact that Don Schmitt was not there at the signing is another
good point because, at least, he cannot be accused of having
held his hand. I am confident that, had he been there, the
accusation would have ben made!

<snip>

>It would be interesting to find out if the French film crew
>caught any of Walter's comments on tape; perhaps Gildas could
>lend a hand in that regard given his geography.

I talked at length with the French filmmaker Vincent Gielly
about this, having been interviewed in his film.

He told me that, when he did his filmed interview of Walter
Haut, with Wendy Connors, Haut looked like someone who wished to
say more, but could not. This lasted a long time, and he finally
decided, a little disappointed, to end the interview. But then,
he found Wendy, alone in another room, extremely disappointed
because, she told him, she felt Haut was just about to talk when
he ended the interview. That's what Gielly told me. He did not
tell me that Haut had talked about seeing the craft and bodies.
If he did, he may have promised not to repeat it, I don't know.

In short, Walter Haut finally told his story, even if he did it
hesitantly. In my opinion it was courageous and I personally
respect him for that. It may encourage other people to do the
same. One way or another, I suppose that the story will come
out.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

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>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 04:00:56 -0800
>Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

<snip>

>Perhaps our pets have been the clue to this mystery all along.
>It sure invalidates the headshrinker skeptibunkers who claim all
>abductions are subjective delusions.

Hi Greg,

I've kept dogs in wooded and hilly country, and gone on many camping-out treks with one or more in attendance, so I/we know a bit about their behaviour. Country bred dogs are fairly stable; if wild-life is close-by you usually know from their reactions - and they don't go crazy for no reason. So any extreme reactions are interesting in themselves. In many CE reports dogs have shown extreme fear and even run away from unknown/unseen presences on the ground.

On the other hand, herbivorous livestock have panicked when things have merely flown overhead - as in the the 1954 incident at Tananarive (Antananarivo), Madagascar:

"The 'machine' flew at a reported speed of approx. 300km/h directly over the city, just above roof-top height, in full view of walkers and commuters. The number of witnesses is estimated at being from 20,000 to 200,000 people, in the city and at the airport.

The object traversed the main city avenue, accompanied by rolling electrical blackouts which ceased immediately after its passage overhead. It created panic among animal life, both street & backyard animals and livestock held at the city cattle-market, although all these animals were habituated to low-flying aircraft using the city's airfield.

Two or three minutes after the object disappeared to the west, a report came from a farm school 150 kms to the South, that the same (or similar) object was terrifying their animals, which 'ran away into the swamps'.

If the same object - its speed en-route was about 3,000 km/hr."

Which could point to a field created by a method of propulsion upsetting the animals.

But the more close-range dog reactions of extreme fear - and sickness - are puzzling.

>Oh, and the reason I'm partial to dogs and a great case-in-point
>is another classic tv show, The Twilight Zone and a great
>episode written by The Waltons creator Earl Hamner called The
>Hunt. If you've not seen that episode before you're in for a
>real treat and why we like dogs.

Yup, think I understand; the story is here"

<http://www.hotcakencyclopedia.com/ho.Hunt.html>

Cheers

Ray D

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Digital Magnetic Map Goes Global

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Source: BBC News - London, UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/6982485.stm>

Friday, 2 November 2007

Digital Magnetic Map Goes Global

The first global map of magnetic peculiarities - or anomalies - on Earth has been assembled by an international team of researchers.

Magnetic anomalies are caused by differences in the magnetisation of the rocks in the Earth's crust. Many years of negotiation were required to obtain confidential data from governments and institutes. Scientists hope to use the map to learn more about the geological composition of our planet.

The World Digital Magnetic Anomaly Map (WDMAM) is available through the Commission for the Geological Map of the World.

The magnetic signature of the Earth's crust has been measured for many decades by a multitude of groups; but now, for the first time, the data has been combined to give a truly worldwide view of the phenomenon.

See map in detail:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/in_depth/629/629/7072715.stm

A British company involved in the project is GETECH, a spin-off from Leeds University.

Valuable tool

Managing Director Dr J Derek Fairhead explains: "The project is the result of a lot of coordinating efforts by the IAGA (International Association of Geomagnetism and Aeronomy) organisation to put together a magnetic map of the world, and it's taken decades to get to this position.

"Many of the companies and country organisations who hold the data in a confidential mode have been prepared to release 'decimated versions' of their data so that the commerciality of the data isn't affected.

"But the regional nature of the magnetic field can be clearly imaged and put together with all the other data to generate a global image of the magnetics."

The Kursk Magnetic Anomaly: <http://tinyurl.com/326pan>

Dr Juha Korhonen, one of the lead researchers on the project from the Geological Survey of Finland, explained that the map was available at "a low resolution".

"It represents a square grid of about five kilometres, so it's very coarse indeed. It is a starting point, and to go into detail, you can contact those organisations who have more detailed data on both the geology and mineral sources.

The Earth's magnetic rocks - PDF 4.2 MB:

<http://tinyurl.com/32rodX>

"There are just a few major deposits that can be seen on this map, like the Kursk iron ore deposit. Mainly one can see the major geological formations.

"It's generally considered in prospecting and resource analysis that this magnetic anomaly field is one of the most valuable tools or regional assets."

Many causes

The global map shows the variation in strength of the magnetic field after the Earth's dipole field has been removed (Earth's dipole field varies from 35,000 nanoTesla (nT) at the Equator to 70,000 nT at the poles). After removal of the dipole field, the remaining variations in the field (few hundreds of nT) are due to changes in the magnetic properties of the crustal rocks.

Hot colours (reds) indicate high values; cold colours (blues) indicate low or negative values.

The map shows up how the sea floor spreads apart in mid-ocean:

<http://tinyurl.com/24m6t6>

As well as revealing ore deposits, magnetic anomalies can also show areas of ground water and sea weakness zones. It is a useful tool for geologists and geophysics, as well as a teaching resource.

The information can be viewed as a flat, two-dimensional map or rendered in 3D on a virtual globe.

There are several different causes of magnetic anomalies in the Earth's crust.

On the ocean sea bed, the map shows a striped effect. Where Earth's tectonic plates are moving apart, new crust is created at mid-ocean ridges.

As the new material spreads out and cools, minerals in the rocks that make up the crust are magnetised in the direction of the Earth's magnetic field at the time of their formation. This field reverses polarity over time, creating alternating stripes on either side of the ridge.

On land, the dominant factors for magnetic anomalies are the thickness of the magnetised layer and the composition of the crust. Usually, young crust is relatively thin and has a low content in magnetic minerals.

The old cratons, stable interior sections of the continental crust, are thicker and have high magnetic mineral content. Perhaps the most prominent feature is the Kursk anomaly, which can be seen at the border between young western Europe and the old "Baltic Shield".

First identified in the late 18th Century, the anomalous region became the focus of a major industrial effort by the Soviets to develop iron ore mines.

Pieces in a jigsaw

The international team had many difficulties to overcome in creating its map.

Dr Korhonen said: "To acquire the Russian data required a ministry decision there. Then India released their data. We have Argentine data, similarly, which has been closed to all the world."

Dr Michael Purucker from the US space agency (Nasa), a user of the map, said: "There are literally hundreds, perhaps thousands, of organisations around the world which hold this kind of data. One should not underestimate the diplomatic efforts needed to secure support and data contributions from these organisations."

One of the challenges in gathering data from many different sources is piecing it together, and ensuring that all the data sets are in the same format.

"There are different techniques," explained Dr Korhonen. "If the techniques are somewhat similar, it's fairly easy finally doing the calculations in a similar fashion to put the map together."

"If the anomaly is defined in some other way, then we might have [a] problem. That's the main reason that the long wavelengths have been removed from the ground-based data and replaced by satellite data."

Next steps

This magnetic data has been gathered by Champ, a German and Russian-built satellite that has been in orbit since 2001. Now coming to the end of its life, it has charted the entire globe.

Not only does Champ measure the Earth's magnetic field, it can also measure the very long wavelength components of the Earth's crustal field with wavelengths greater than about 400 km, said Dr Fairhead.

With the publication of the first edition of the map, the team is already planning the second edition.

One area it hopes to improve on is the marine data coverage. The first edition uses information from the US National Geophysical Data Center, but there are other sources that may help to improve the accuracy of the map.

The upcoming Swarm magnetic field satellites, to be flown by the European Space Agency (Esa), will also help build new detail into the map.

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Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 06:48:26 -0500
Subject: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

They're weird, they're wild, some are the stuff of constant comedy but does the press and public know of the horror stories regarding UFO abduction stories?

For those who've investigated these stories can range from the terror of just having one's home invaded or the riveting terror of being immobilized and experimented on by strange creatures.

While perusing many documentaries and news stories I've noticed the real scary stuff hasn't been covered. I know, and many of you know some stories that if told would have people ready and up in arms.

So where are the accounts? Has or is anyone willing to finally put together a series of accounts that get down and dirty regarding the even darker side of abduction?

I say perhaps to get to the bottom of the issue as I no longer even remotely endorse the notion of involving the government nor mainstream press in any UFO revelations, these stories need be told. No matter how grisly, macabre, or controversial, it's high time we stop pussy footing around if we want the public to mobilize.

Best,

Greg
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Re: Lost Collections?

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Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 06:55:11 -0500
Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>From: Barry Greenwood <uhrhistory.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:59:34 -0600
>Subject: Lost Collections?

>I wonder if any List members can recall and re-tell stories
>about UFO files collections being lost or destroyed? I have
>found several sites devoted to the loss of libraries and
>archives around the world where countless bits of knowledge have
>become wiped from society's collective memory. It might be
>useful to document what has happened in this respect to UFO
>history. An example:

<snip>

>I think it would be valuable to hear about other incidents like
>this to gauge the scope of what is gone and how to prevent it in
>the future.

Hi Barry,

As researchers who are always searching for new pieces of the puzzle that will allow us to better understand UFOs and the people involved in the ongoing suppression of the truth, we should also be concerned about "lost re-collections".

Unfortunately, much of what each ufologist knows about UFOs that has kept his/her interest and continued involvement in the study of this phenomenon has never been recorded on paper. This includes important facts and information that were passed on to us by friends and associates and even total strangers - as frequently happens after a talk on UFOs when members of the audience come forward to reveal what they know but never told anyone about.

Collectively, if all ufologists took a moment and wrote down what they personally know or have learned about UFOs and shared it with others by posting it to the UFO UpDates List, not only would we have a better understanding of UFOs but may even be able to prove their reality and non-Earthly origin for some of these unknowns observed and reported in our skies.

A few days ago a friend, a retired airline pilot who I first met and stayed with at a Kurdish camp in eastern Turkey who was there for the same reason I was - to confirm that there was a catastrophic global flood in recent human times and that a large ship, a remnant of a prehistoric civilization still exists (it does) - contacted me about a UFO documentary he saw on The History Channel.

Although he is skeptical about UFOs, he admitted to me that a few years ago when he was visiting Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to speak to a bunch of WWII veterans about his search for Noah's Ark, he heard even then that there were secret chambers under ground that held remains of aliens and hardware from the Roswell UFO crash.

Another thing my friend shared with me was a statement made 22

years ago by a respected fellow Noah's Ark researcher who lived in Alamogordo, New Mexico. This researcher went into a hanger in what is now Los Alamos Laboratory in New Mexico and saw part of what appeared to him to be a part of a wreckage of a flying saucer.

I mention this here because such information should be shared before it too become lost or forgotten forever.

The last time we talked was when you were a guest on our weekly university radio show 'Cosmic Horizons' where you talked about your efforts to have video evidence still held by the government released so that people can determine for themselves the cause of the explosion at the Pentagon on 9/11. Below some other information about UFOs and 9/11 that I think will be of particular interest to you.

Last week I finally got a DVD copy of the film documentary Alien Technology about the UFO crash debris stored at the Pentagon which was given to U.S. industry to reverse engineer. According to an advertisement in the September 10, 2001 New York Times, this film, which the U.S. Government did not want shown, was scheduled to have its first public screening on September 12 in a lower Manhattan area cinema. The events in NYC and DC on 9/11 prevented this public screening. Coincidence?

Do other such secret underground facilities really exist? From my own experiences, the answer is yes!

For example, I have identified and independently confirmed the existence of a vast secret underground military command center with a room containing a huge map of the world (a forgotten relic of the Cold War?) located next to York University in Toronto where I work. No one I spoke to here wants to talk or even hear about it, even though one of the stations for the future subway line extension that will pass underneath my own building at York will be located right next to this secret underground complex. With so much money paid by taxpayers and the growing need for research labs and classrooms here at York, it is more than a pity that such facilities are still kept secret from the public.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

From: Eleanor White <eleanor.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 17:06:10 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 06:59:43 -0500
Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 04:00:56 -0800
>Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

<snip>

>>It's possible the electrical shock the man experienced walking
>>toward the UFO had something to do with the condition of the
>>dog's brain. I don't know if their exceptional hearing may had
>>some thing to do with that or not.

>>Carol

>Now that's something!

>I've been hoping Eleanor White would get back to me on some of
>her research as it's sure fitting this thread. I think Eleanore
>was far ahead of the pack, no pun intended, than many give her
>credit for.

Sorry to disappoint you, Greg, but I don't "research" advanced
remote influencing technology. I am instead harassed with it,
big time, daily and nightly. I'm hit with technology very much
like that used to manipulate abductees, only far more often.

I am influenced powerfully, though seemingly temporarily, such
as when I was working, showing up at my work office at 3 a.m.
without a clue as to why I was there.

With regard to brain damage to a dog, or any other bodily organ
of any other life form, I can say not only from personal
experience but also from a couple of thousand fellow harass-ees
world wide, that technology exists which can instantly switch
on/switch off any sort of disease condition the operator wishes.

Some experiments, far from instantaneous but very powerfully
indicating that disease can be transmitted without the actual
disease-causing pathogen, are described in the book "Secret Life
of Plants" by Tomkins and Bird. Those experiments themselves
were primitive, but they point to incredible possibilities for
what may actually be do-able in this universe.

We have experienced excruciating 'heart attack' symptoms -
powerful chest pain and shortness of breath - only to be told
at the emergency room everything is normal. We don't doubt we
could be instantly killed, as the technology is instantaneous
and powerful.

The only influence technologies I know in detail how to perform
are simple blasting with microwave, pulsed microwave voice to
skull transmission, and pulsed RF carrier artificial fatigue,
wakefulness or queasiness. If you combine one of the current day
subliminal sound transmission methods, (improvements on the
Lowery patent 5,159,703, for example) you can hypnotize someone
without their being aware, through walls.

Presumably, targeting someone in their bed with this technology

combo for months and years could do quite a bit of influencing if the target were fairly susceptible to hypnosis in the first place.

But we know that what's actually used on us is far beyond subliminal hypnosis. Routinely we get pushed around, sometimes have our legs yanked out from under us on the street, belongings pushed around and broken by invisible force, and once in a while, levitated. The current-day voice to skull penetrates totally enclosing multi-layer metal shielding, something microwave voice to skull could not do.

I doubt abductees are conventionally hypnotized, rather, it appears to me that there is an influence method well advanced beyond conventional hypnosis, possibly able to go direct to the brain bypassing the senses.

My interest in UFOs is mainly about what they are and what they mean to planet Earth. But as a high tech punching bag, I also watch for hints about the UFO/abductee level technology and how it may work, in case ufological discoveries may help us unravel what's used on us too.

I'm hit so hard with artificial fatigue attacks that I get barely two hours' useful time per day, and because my job was killed by sabotage before I could qualify for a pension, I have neither the strength nor money to do 'research'. I'm sidelined, not a researcher.

So that's why I haven't gotten back to you Greg.

Hopefully a way can be found to extract what world governments actually know about both arenas!

Eleanor White

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 14:28:48 -0800
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 07:01:52 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: Greg Sandow <greg.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:57:09 -0500
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 Nov 2007 19:51:40 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 23:09:07 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>The usual debunking, "It's not in my personal experience,
>>therefore it can't be."

>>I myself have never seen a plane crash, a murder, a case of
>>the
>>bubonic plague, etc., etc. However, it would be rather foolish
>>to doubt such things just because I had never personally seen
>>them.

>Here are more stories of improbable things that really
>happened.

One could fill a library with stories about improbable things
that maybe shouldn't happen but do. Military stories would
probably take up a whole wing of the library.

To add to the stories, during the 1989 earthquake in the San
Francisco Bay Area, untrained civilians were assisting firemen
put out fires and pulling out people from collapsed buildings
and freeways. This is something that would never be allowed to
happen under normal circumstances, but these were very abnormal
circumstances and the professional first responders needed all
the help they could get.

In the recent PBS series, The War, they quote George Patton
saying that in war, almost nothing goes as planned, and from the
moment battle begins you are constantly improvising.

I suspect that probably sums up what happened at Roswell, an
unprecedented event where senior officers were continuously
improvising as events unfolded, maybe even grabbing people like
cook Melvin Brown to stand guard. Unlike some, I don't really
find that very surprising or unbelievable. They would have been
shorthanded on regular MPs to cover everything and Brown was a
very experienced, battle-hardened WWII soldier, Bronze Star,
expert marksman in a gun battalion, not 'just a cook'.

David Rudiak

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Re: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

From: Diane Frola <auform06.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 08:59:26 +1000
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 07:04:40 -0500
Subject: Re: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 10:45:24 -0500
>Subject: Re: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

>>From: Chris Beacham <cbeacham.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 13:45:49 +0900
>>Subject: Light In The Sky Image Sequences

>>Here are some images of this particular kind of 'light in the
>>sky' from an area in Sydney in which there has been sporadic
>>activity of this nature since 2002 that I know of...

<snip>

>The pictures you posted from a few years ago are good examples
>on how today's advanced video imaging equipment and over
>enthusiastic observer can turn something non-mysterious into
>unknowns, especially under the darkness of night and other such
>unfavourable conditions. I am sure we can all find many such
>examples in our own video and photo archives.

>While you commented only on the unusual shaped lights in the
>night sky over Sydney which would appear and remain motionless
>for a while before they started moving and begin to fade away,
>you seem to have overlooked the many other similar unusually
>shaped lights on the ground like a fleet of landed UFOs.

<snip>

>UFOs, including your unusual lights in the sky, have many
>explanations. Not all of them can readily and reasonably be
>attributed to ET activity. We should not forget that airplanes
>exist too and are frequently seen in our skies, sometimes under
>conditions that have them reported as 'unknowns'.

Hi Nick & List

I agree with Nick.

Though interesting and I know Sydney and I see nothing unusual
in Chris images, sorry Chris.

However there will be some in the Australian UFO field that will
will see what Chris sees - BWQ "believe without questioning"

Warmest Regards

Diane Frola

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Re: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 17:29:13 -0800
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 07:07:58 -0500
Subject: Re: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 06:10:14 -0800
>Subject: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

>Check out this all-in-one recording and illumination flashlight,
>with video and audio capabilities - I wonder how well it would
>really work in the field in UAP/UFO investigations, especially
>at night, as the product also has night-vision. I agree with
>"petland ltd" that this would be a great tool to add to any
>serious investigator's toolkit.

>Only difficult issue for me, personally: the \$1,500 price!
>Like yow, man!

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

Here's another nifty gadget to add to your holiday wish list,
for "only" \$400, that might make a very useful device for UFO
field research:

<http://www.meade.com/mysky/>

It's a point-at-the-sky gizmo, a combinaton GPS with internal
sensors which enable it to know exactly where it is pointing and
then brings up information on celestial objects being pointed
at. It also has a computer interface that can be linked to a
Meade telescope so that the telescope can be made to point at
the same sky object.

With a little hacking, it should be possible to adapt the device
into a mobile tracker that can read out not only latitude,
longitude, and altitude, but azimuth and elevation angles of
where it is pointing. This could be attached to a video or still
camera so that we would have precise tracking information on
whatever was being photographed.

Two such devices separated by a respectable distance would
provide a triangulation baseline, from which the last important
tracking variable, object distance or range, could be calculated
(as long as the object wasn't too far away). Call it a poor
man's radar or theodolite tracking network.

With this data, it would be possible to determine trajectories
and other important information such as speed and acceleration.
Instead of ambiguous images without reference points, as in most
UFO photos or videos, this would enable real determination of
whether we have something anomalous in flight characteristics.

Thus with a little nerd ingenuity and a few thousand dollars for
two gizmos and high quality cameras (plus maybe some laptops),
we could have very useful instrumentation for gathering crucial
information in the field - if only we could get those darn UFOs
to perform for us at will!

David Rudiak

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What Happened To UFO Reporting?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: What Happened To UFO Reporting?

Source: Cullan Hudson's Strange State Blog - Oklahoma, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/37k46t>

November 28, 2007

What Happened To UFO Reporting?
Cullan Hudson

From fascinating enigma that had us looking toward the stars, to paranoid ramblings that have us now clutching our chakra crystals - what happened to UFO culture?

In particular, I ask about the state of UFO magazines.

Where once we could count on fascinating tales of unidentified craft in various periodicals devoted to the issue, we are now left with a handful of rags that seem to spend more time talking about ESP, the Raelians, ley lines, and esoteric spirituality - even ghosts and monsters!

To be honest, if I could turn back the clock a few decades, I would. I miss the good ol' days when investigators did just that. Investigate.

Frankly, I blame the aliens - for not showing up. Had they, then folks would have something to focus on instead of allowing their minds to wander and speculate about things that were based on little but dubious testimonies and paranoid supposition.

Sure, the fringe element has always been there, but the bulk of publications just dealt with telling the story and presenting the facts as they were known, often with a scientific slant.

Idle hands, as they say, are the devil's workshop.

So, with the Visitors late to the Barbecue, some people apparently got a little bored. Next thing we knew, they're out at Sedona chanting beneath a pyramid made from copper tubing.

Well, I have two words about that: Dry Lightning. It's as if there is a collective frustration that nothing more has been discovered.

Fundamentally, we are nowhere nearer to understanding the phenomenon than we were half a century ago. This fact, for many, will simply not suffice. They have a deep seated need to understand, and in supplication to that obsession, they begin to seek answers beyond the scope of the observable.

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Source: Billy Cox's Blog DeVoid - Miami, Florida

<http://tinyurl.com/34yy9v>

Wednesday, November 28, 2007

Free Advice For Ron Paul
By Billy Cox

Can you imagine the foul and craven spectacle we'd be subjected to if the "Macarena" had hit the charts today instead of 10 years ago? Something that popular and ubiquitous?

Oh yeah - John McCain wouldn't be singing "Bomb-bomb-bomb, bomb-bomb" whatever. He and Edwards and Mitt and Barack and Rudy and all those other swingin' hipsters would be doing "Macarena" gyrations in Iowa and New Hampshire to prove they're down with the people.

Spritz the breeze with the scent of a trend and these chronic extroverts are all over it. Remember 1988, when the George H.W. Bush and the Michael Dukakis camps both appropriated "Don't Worry, Be Happy" as their campaign song? Ugh.

Seems like just yesterday - actually, it was yesterday, almost - that the candidates were all chortling in unison about how they didn't "believe" in UFOs (De Void, 11/12/07). Granted, it was a glib, media-driven form of karaoke so patently insincere and ephemeral, the entire exercise had the shelf life of room-temperature shrimp. And the one who started it all - Dennis Kucinich, responding to a question at the Dems' debate on Oct. 30 - became the soccer ball.

But wait. What happened to Kucinich's polling numbers after he admitted he saw a UFO?

Fox News recorded a half-point bump to 2 percent approval from October to November. Gallup tracked him from a single point to 2.5 percent over the same period. Newsweek saw Kucinich double his support to 4 percent from August to November, as did CNN (1 percent to 2 percent).

Clearly, these numbers are nothing to scream about and there's no evidence of a direct correlation. What it does indicate is that the UFO revelation didn't hurt the guy. In fact, had Mike Gravel taken De Void's advice (9/7/07), he might have been able to scrape up enough money to grease his way back into the Democratic debates.

So, Ron Paul - are you listening? Yes, it's cool you can raise \$4 mil in a single day; 6 percentage points don't come cheap. Bottom line: You're still in the zero-to-lose zone.

If you're serious about shaping the national dialogue on unraveling big government, do your homework. Be smart and start asking questions about UFOs. The big difference between them and

the "Macarena" is, UFOs have been playing for more than half a century. The first one of you guys to learn the moves is gonna draw a serious crowd.

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Merry Christmas Extraterrestrial - Pt. I

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<http://tinyurl.com/37so6y>

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Merry Christmas Extraterrestrial - Pt. I
By Karl Eklund

Retired nuclear physicist, environmental scientist, and amateur theologian

Merry Christmas, Extraterrestrials; Peace on earth (and elsewhere) and good will to a universe of sentient beings.

Ordinarily I don't pay much attention to people who see UFOs, but I accidentally tuned into one of those supposedly real science programs that had some recently released recordings of pilots talking about their sightings. This was just credible enough to tip the question enough to allow me to ask myself what the significance would be if the reports were more-or-less true.

Why would extraterrestrials be interested in observing us? Why would they keep their visits secret, more -or less? If a government like ours found some wreckage and corpses from a spacecraft, why would they keep it secret? Why are the reports of UFOs so different from one another?

Actually the last one is easy. We always talk about extraterrestrials as if they were of one species, like we are on our planet. But it isn't likely that all the sentient beings in the universe would look alike, nor that they would build containers for bits of their environment that would all look the same. What they are likely to have in common is a technology that permits high-speed interstellar travel with out the expenditure of a lot of energy because otherwise we'd see more one-way trips.

But why do they want to observe us in relative secret and not visit us in the open? That's pretty easy to answer too. If they have been watching our television programs they'd understand that the U.S., which is the most heavily armed nation on the planet is seriously considering building a wall to keep out poor people who have a darker complexion and speak a different dialect than our upper classes. How, do you suppose, would that establishment react to people who not only looked considerably different but had superior technology? If you were they would you take the chance? I wouldn't: I'd avoid close contact if at all possible.

So the extraterrestrials have a motivation for keeping any accidental contacts secret, but what about us? Why would our government want to keep secret any information it had about visits from extraterrestrials? There are two possibilities: the contact left some sort of evidence, or it did not. If the latter, it would be because the extraterrestrial had better

technology for evasion than we had for detection and apprehension. No government likes to admit weakness, for fear its citizens might panic, so that's enough motivation.

If there is some evidence, it would be studied for any clues it might provide regarding the advanced technology that the extraterrestrial obviously has. After all, they came here, we didn't go there. It would be kept secret so as not to lose any advantage it might give us over our terrestrial rivals.

So secrecy by governments is not only ordinary and inevitable but, in this case, it is irrelevant. Government secrecy merely signifies ignorance. If any contact has brought us technological superiority, that superiority would be demonstrated without revealing its source; if not, it doesn't affect the realities of the situation.

So our reactions to the visits of extraterrestrial, if any, are essentially irrelevant. We are not in a position to demonstrate a friendly attitude toward extraterrestrials because of our attitudes from members of our own who have differences of appearance or status; and we don't have the technology to sustain an unfriendly attitude. They are going to do what they feel like without consulting us in the matter.

What does matter is the attitude and motivations of the extraterrestrials.

Why would they bother with observing us? Why, after a long history of very few, if any, contacts, are they buzzing around like flies? Is anything happening now that would make us of more interest to an extraterrestrial community? We are pushing our natural boundaries, sending things out into interstellar space that send signals back (and outward, too). But it will be a while before we can go out in crowds. We are in the same stage of interstellar travel that we were in atmospheric flying in the late 19th century. We still think it is impossible. So we won't be a problem in the sense of contact in their space for quite a while.

But the mere idea of us let loose on the universe must cause a universal shudder. We kill immense numbers of other species to eat, and even kill each other in large numbers for imaginary reasons that we label "politics" or "religion" or even simply for the trade tokens we call "money". To the rest of the universe we must look like a madhouse run by the patients. The risk of our escaping and infecting the universe with our presence must keep policy-makers awake (if their species sleeps).

And they could solve the problem easily. All they would need to do is trigger off a megavolcano like the one under Yellowstone and there would be a volcanic winter that would eradicate most life on earth. Even if some of us survived it would be a number of generations before we recovered enough to be a concern, and even then we would have no reason to believe that it wasn't a natural phenomenon.

But if that sort of thing happened, there is a reasonable chance that we might "go sane" and be the kind of species that would be welcome in a fully sentient society. Under those circumstances it would be reasonable to have observers come here to judge our state of evolution and, if we need some stimulus, to judge the degree of natural catastrophe that it would take to set us back on the right track. We shouldn't expect that they would tell us what they were going to do - that would divert us into thinking of them as "enemies" and turning us away from the correct evolutionary track. If we thought of the catastrophe as "natural" we would put our energies into recovery, and might choose the sane evolutionary track this time.

Of course, if we set ourselves on the right evolutionary track without a natural (or artificial) catastrophe that would be even better. There is nothing inevitable about the track we are on - it is more useful to think of it as a diversion that went on for far too long, coupled with an attempt to recover that failed at the last minute. We know what we need to do to survive, we just don't know how to get off the wrong track we are on. The right sized catastrophe might well do it, but there is no reason we can't do it without the catastrophe. We just have to decide to do it. But most people are so stuck in what they think of as

"reality" that they can't see the way out. I see one way out, and, for all the good it will do, I will try to explain it. I've done that before: the only difference is that now the UFOs can play a role.

For some reason it seemed like a good idea to have another blog, but the inspiration didn't go so far that it told me what the blog was going to be about! You can look at the stuff that I've been doing by going to:

<http://index.karleklund.net>

I'll have more to say later.

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

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Question Of ET Life May Be Resolved Soon

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:00:44 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:00:44 -0500
Subject: Question Of ET Life May Be Resolved Soon

Source: Mike Ignatowski's Blog - Hudson Valley, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/38jeh8>

November 28, 2007

The Question Of Extraterrestrial Life - It May Be Resolved
Sooner Than You Think

One of the important questions that we will almost certainly answer this century, one way or another, is the question about the existence of life elsewhere in the universe. Actually, we might answer that in the next 10 months or so.

It turns out that there is a tremendous amount of life existing below the surface of the Earth. By some estimates the total mass of living organisms below the surface is as much if not more of the total mass of living organisms above the surface.

When you look at another planet such as Mars where the surface conditions are rather harsh, many scientists believe that life is much more likely to exist below the surface of Mars than on its surface. This would also be consistent with surface life developing during a milder Mars climate billions of years ago, then spreading underground and surviving there as much of the Martian atmosphere slowly leaked away into space over the course of billions of years.

If everything goes as planned, in about ten months the most advanced generation yet of spacecraft will land on Mars to look for life. NASA's Phoenix Mission will land on the northern plains and dig three-feet into the soil and ice looking for evidence of microbial life. Should it find any, and some experts think it is likely, then a tremendous set of questions open up. Could this Martian life have come from Earth, or visa-versa? We know that meteor impacts on each planet occasionally jettison rocks into space that eventually crash into the other planet. Or is it based on a chemistry that is total different from any life on Earth? Either way, the discovery of the first extraterrestrial life will put us at the dawn of a major new scientific journey that will eventually tell us much more about our place in the grand scheme of things in the universe.

For an interesting discussion of this topic and its possible consequences, check out this article on Lonely Hearts of the Cosmos Revisited:

http://www.dailygalaxy.com/my_weblog/2007/11/lonely-hearts-o.html

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 00:11:06 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:32:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 Nov 2007 19:51:40 -0800
>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 Nov 2007 23:09:07 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>>From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 23 Nov 2007 12:05:03 EST
>>>Subject: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>>Over the years, the skeptics, the debunkers, and even the Air
>>Force has scoffed at the idea that some of the witnesses who
>>have claimed to seen the craft or the bodies at Roswell would
>>have been in a position to do so. Maybe the best example of
>>this is Melvin Brown who was assigned to the 509th Bomb
>>Group in July 1947 as a cook. The question they ask is, "Why
>>would a cook be out on guard duty?"

>>The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is
>>why a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would
>>be allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the
>>ship's debris.

>The usual debunking, "It's not in my personal experience,
>therefore it can't be."

>I myself have never seen a plane crash, a murder, a case of the
>bubonic plague, etc., etc. However, it would be rather foolish
>to doubt such things just because I had never personally seen
>them.

Conversely, the usual plea from the crash advocates; "there is a
remote possibility it might have happened, therefore it did."

>One hero of Pearl Harbor ...

And a horrific morning of carnage, destruction and horror is
analogous to The Incident how?

>I suspect not many privates will have the guts to tell a 4-star
>general to go to hell or threaten to shoot them if they don't
>back off. And not many 4-star generals I likely to take kindly
>to a teenage soldier threatening them or ordering them what to
>do.

Your lack of knowledge/experience in Military Security is only
too obvious, David. Just try and bully your way past an enlisted
MP at a military checkpoint. They truly do not care if you're a
4-star or what you think your importance is - if you are not "on
the list", you do not pass. Their ass is protected by military
law and if force is required, they are authorized use it
regardless of your rank. Fortunately, 4-stars are also well
versed in matters of security, and know better than to try and
force their way into places where they are not authorized. But,

if one should try...

>>A soldier (an engine mechanic, say...) who might pull guard
>>duty 2-3 times a year would not be able to properly secure such
>>an enormously sensitive post in times of extraordinary
>>circumstances.

>But Brown was more than "just a cook."

>Some actual facts on Sgt. Melvin Brown (from copies of his
>service record, in Timothy Good's "Alien Contact")

>Born: 1914 (therefore 33 years old at the time of Roswell, not
>some teenage MP) Enlisted: December 1939 (served in a gun battalion)
>Received MOS of cook: April 1943 Transferred to Asiatic Pacific
>Theater: June 1943

>Noted as being an Expert with M1 Carbine. Received the Bronze
>Star for Phillipine campaign. Noted as serving in battle in
>Northern Solomons.

>Point: Again, Brown was more than "just a cook

So now Mel Brown's real identity is now revealed as Steven Segal?

Sgt Brown's military history is totally immaterial. On a base
the size of RAAF, he was Just A Cook. He could have been war
hero with a chest full of medals... once he put on the apron, he
was Just A Cook. In 1947, the base was well populated with
soldiers who had also been through the war and knew how to
handle a rifle- Brown was certainly not unique in that regard.
The idea that he was somehow special because he shot Expert in
Basic Training is stretching that argument well beyond the
breaking point.

>For all we know, maybe Brown did get trained and serve as an MP
>early in his military career, sure speculation, but at least
>based on something a little more substantial than "no way, no
>how, because I say so."

So long as you insist on going down this road of idle and
useless speculation, why not hypothesize that Brown was really
an undercover OSS agent... or that he was a secret agent for the
Alien Presence... or that he was really Naomi Maria Self in
disguise. All just as valid, and equally a waste of time.

>>Easley, if he was a competent commander, would have only his
>>highly trained security troops or MPs guarding such a sensitive
>>building.

>Brown had been in the Army for almost 8 years at the time of the
>Roswell incident (3-1/2 years not as a cook) ...

Good Grief, David! Your contention is that Easley is going to go
out of his way to pick a cook who has seen very little if any
action for the last 4-1/2 years because of "his experience"??
Forgetting that he had hundreds of others to choose from, most
of them also war veterans with good if not better records and
some of whom have far more command experience? That is just
plain silly.

>>Had he done otherwise, like posting Brown, Blanchard
>>would have had his head on a stick!

>Blanchard would have needed a lot of free time on his hands to
>review and second-guess all decisions of his senior officers
>about personnel selections and other related matters. No,
>usually commanding officers delegate such authority and would
>have no reason to question such decisions later unless some
>colossal, compromising foul-up had occurred because of such
>decisions.

Like having the soldier who was supposed to guard the debris and
bodies from the most important event in the history of
mankind- debris and bodies that already had attained the Very
Highest Security Level ever- desert his post to wander around
with an unauthorized officer? That would easily qualify as a
colossal foul-up worthy of extremely severe repercussions.

>But during the Roswell incident, according to testimony, in
>addition to their normal guard duties, they would be required to throw

>up multiple cordons to keep unauthorized people out. The debris field
>area had to be secured, plus access to it. The smaller north site also
>had to be secured, and in addition, a cordon running for perhaps 60
>miles north of Roswell was thrown up along Highway 285 to keep people
>from venturing off-highway. Extra security would also have to be
>thrown up around Hangar 84 (where testimony indicates bodies, debris,
>and a craft were taken) and the base hospital, and few other places as
>well.

Here again, your lack of understanding of the Military shows.
All military units go through repeated training over and over
and over again to insure that every man's response to any given
situation is as close to "by the book" as possible. Easley, as
the guy in charge of security, had many scenarios to consider
and, presumably, had drilled his men thoroughly for many
different possible events.

Yes... Yes... I know! "the book" had nothing in it about alien
saucers crashing in the back yard! But reacting to the very real
possibility of a plane carrying a nuclear bomb crashing off base
was surely one of the many scenarios for which he had trained
his men. He did not have to "wing it" to secure a crash site and
retrieve militarily sensitive debris, deal with the injured and
dead, and keep nosey spectators at a distance. His men were
already trained for just such a scenario, and he had plans in
place to deal with that kind of an event.

If those plans included requisitioning additional personnel from
the base, then Easley would already know where those extra men
would come from.

Yes - no Plan, however hard you try, goes off perfectly, and the
mark of a good commander is the ability to adapt to the
circumstances. But your scenario of confusion, desperation and
conscripted cooks just does not stand up to how a well run
command would have handled the alleged Incident.

>So suppose Brown's mess hall commanding officer is a friend who
>he completely trusts and Brown doesn't see any harm in maybe
>letting him have a quick look. Plus he's going to have a very
>had time shooting the guy if he persists and doesn't go away.

Which is exactly why Easley would have never put in
inexperienced personnel to guard what was, at the time, the
most sensitive building in the nation. Brown=B4s purported actions
(as related by Beverly) demonstrates precisely why the whole
story smacks of being a tall tale. You have tried repeatedly to
make the argument that Easley wanted Brown=B4s "experience and
capability"... What Brown related demonstrates that Brown would
have been inexcusably incompetent.

>Anyway, that's the real, messy world I live in, not the fantasy
>world of debunkers who insist people must behave and things
>could go down in only one possible way.

And yet you feel compelled to concoct a fantasy world full of
"supposes", "possibles", "might haves" and "maybes" to somehow
get an Army Cook (that are generally exempt from guard duty by
SOP) with no security training assigned to a guard detail for
which he is totally and demonstratively unqualified.

Regards,

Bruce Hutchinson

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Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 00:28:51 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:35:22 -0500
Subject: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

Hello List,

Illumination would be appreciated.

On November 4 of this year, one post to the List was Plan 9 From Outer Space and mentioned the following:

>Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

><http://tinyurl.com/yr4c4p>

>November 3, 2007

>Plan 9 From Outer Space

>Fears of an alien invasion created greater alarm in the US than the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack, writes Philippe Mora.

>In January 1979, The New York Times reported that despite repeated, feverish denials, the CIA had indeed investigated the UFO phenomenon: "CIA Papers Detail UFO Surveillance" screamed the headline. The report is said to have so upset the then CIA director, Stansfield Turner, that he reportedly asked his staff: "Are we in UFOs?"

>The answer was yes - since the late 1940s, apparently. But exactly how, what, when, why and who remained layered in mystery, leaving grist for the conspiracy mill.

>But this year a raft of newly unclassified CIA documents revealed that the remote possibility of alien invasion elicited greater fear than the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack.

>More interesting still, the CIA documents show that despite decades of repeated public denials, behind the scenes there raged a series of inter-agency feuds that involved the highest levels of the US government.

Can somebody confirm that there are new unclassified CIA documents and where they can be consulted?

I googled "unclassified CIA documents"+UFOs and got 71 hits bearing the same expression "a raft of newly unclassified CIA documents".

I figure this kind of information would be of major importance.

There was no reaction on the List.

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: Motorist Reports Strange Object In Sky Over I-5

From: **Chaz Stuart** <daydisk2.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 08:17:46 GMT
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:38:02 -0500
Subject: Re: Motorist Reports Strange Object In Sky Over I-5

Source: North County Times, San Diego, CA, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2l2ald>

Thursday, November 29, 2007

Motorist Reports Strange Object In Sky Over I-5
By: North County Times

OCEANSIDE -- A motorist who is a high school football coach is seeking more information about a strange object he says he saw in the skies above Camp Pendleton late Tuesday.

Heading south on Interstate 5 at about 10:45 p.m., Tony Paopao said he and his wife saw what appeared to be a large, brightly lit flying vehicle pass overhead and briefly hover in place, before heading toward the mountains of Camp Pendleton and then out of sight.

"It was about 100 yards up. It was too low to be a plane and it was too fast and too quiet to be a helicopter," Paopao said. "I'm just curious if anybody saw what I saw."

He said he slowed down to get a better look at the mysterious object and saw red brake lights all around on the freeway, indicating that others were also slowing to get a gander.

A football coach for El Camino High School in Oceanside, Paopao said the object appeared to be more than 20 feet long and very quick. He said he reported the sighting to an online UFO center.

Reached Tuesday at noon, Sgt. Paul Robbins, a communications officer with Camp Pendleton, said there is no vehicle currently operating on base that is silent and of the size and capabilities described by the football coach.

"We've got things flying all the time, but the Marine Corps doesn't have any aircraft that would stop traffic," Robbins said. "I guess it could be an unmanned aerial vehicle, but those things are tiny."

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Organic 'Building Blocks' Discovered In Titan's

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 10:35:17 -0000
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:42:35 -0500
Subject: Organic 'Building Blocks' Discovered In Titan's

Source: PhysOrg.Com - Douglas, Isle Of Man

<http://www.physorg.com:80/news115477498.html>

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Organic 'Building Blocks' Discovered In Titan's Atmosphere

Saturn's moon Titan is the second largest in the solar system - and the only one with a dense atmosphere. The atmosphere, nitrogen and methane, resembles that of the early Earth. NASA's Cassini spacecraft peered through the atmosphere, imaged the haze layers - and ESA's Huygens probe landed on the surface. UCL-built equipment on the orbiter detects an unexpected component in Titan's high atmosphere - extremely heavy hydrocarbon-based negative ions. Their mass is at least 10,000 times that of a hydrogen atom, detected at 953 km above the surface; about the distance from London to Milan. The image shows Titan's haze and the heavy ions. These are part of the haze in the atmosphere, and may fall towards Titan's surface as organic gunk. They are Carl Sagan's tholins; a brown residue appearing in the Miller-Urey experiment, where a spark excites a mixture of gases resembling that of Earth's early atmosphere. The right hand side of the image shows the negative ion signature at 4 different encounters, including T16 where we see the 10,000 amu ions. The vertical stripes show the ions seen as the instrument is scanned through Cassini's direction of travel and increasing numbers of ions are seen as they ram into our sensor.

Scientists analysing data gathered by the Cassini spacecraft have confirmed the presence of heavy negative ions in the upper regions of Titan's atmosphere. These particles may act as organic building blocks for even more complicated molecules and their discovery was completely unexpected because of the chemical composition of the atmosphere (which lacks oxygen and mainly consists of nitrogen and methane).

The observation has now been verified on 16 different encounters and findings will be published in Geophysical Research Letters on November 28.

Professor Andrew Coates, researcher at UCL's Mullard Space Science Laboratory and lead author of the paper, says: "Cassini's electron spectrometer has enabled us to detect negative ions which have 10,000 times the mass of hydrogen. Additional rings of carbon can build up on these ions, forming molecules called polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, which may act as a basis for the earliest forms of life.

"Their existence poses questions about the processes involved in atmospheric chemistry and aerosol formation and we now think it most likely that these negative ions form in the upper atmosphere before moving closer to the surface, where they probably form the mist which shrouds the planet and which has hidden its secrets from us in the past. It was this mist which stopped the Voyager mission from examining Titan more closely in 1980 and was one of

the reasons that Cassini was launched."

The new paper builds on work published in Science (May 11) where the team found smaller tholins, up to 8,000 times the mass of hydrogen, forming away from the surface of Titan.

Dr Hunter Waite of the South West Research Institute in Texas and author of the earlier study, said: "Tholins are very large, complex, organic molecules thought to include chemical precursors to life. Understanding how they form could provide valuable insight into the origin of life in the solar system."

Source: University College London

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Re: Lost Collections?

From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 12:42:31 -0000
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:45:18 -0500
Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>From: Barry Greenwood <uhrhistory.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:59:34 -0600
>Subject: Lost Collections?

>I wonder if any List members can recall and re-tell stories
>about UFO files collections being lost or destroyed?

I saw Cynthia Hind in Harare shortly before she died, and I believe her collection of African cases remains with her son, presumably still living there.

Diana

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Re: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 06:46:39 -0600
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:47:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

>From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 17:29:13 -0800
>Subject: Re: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>To: <Ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 06:10:14 -0800
>>Subject: Every UFO Investigator Should Have One Of These

>>Check out this all-in-one recording and illumination flashlight,
>>with video and audio capabilities - I wonder how well it would
>>really work in the field in UAP/UFO investigations, especially
>>at night, as the product also has night-vision. I agree with
>>"petland ltd" that this would be a great tool to add to any
>>serious investigator's toolkit.

<snip>

>Thus with a little nerd ingenuity and a few thousand dollars for
>two gizmos and high quality cameras (plus maybe some laptops),
>we could have very useful instrumentation for gathering crucial
>information in the field - if only we could get those darn UFOs
>to perform for us at will!

Admittedly not to its complete discredit, you neatly outline
it, still. The failure of science or science failed.

Perhaps a device to humble same, the UFO pointedly refuses,
even mocks, analysis or measure and forecast or predictability
to remind a too proud humanity that the bigger it builds its
fire the more of its aggregate cluelessness is illuminated.

It remains, as you point out, why the brave attempt must be made
to do so, continue building the fire, because if all you have to
use is a spoon, you use the spoon for a shovel if digging must
be done. But we ought to know it, still. We ought to admit,
bravely, where a spoon for a shovel might have its shortcomings.
I don't think we do.

Sorry... just some thoughts you provoked.

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Re: What Happened To UFO Reporting?

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 07:47:51 -0600
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 09:51:14 -0500
Subject: Re: What Happened To UFO Reporting?

>Source: Cullan Hudson's Strange State Blog - Oklahoma, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/37k46t>

>November 28, 2007

>What Happened To UFO Reporting?
>Cullan Hudson

>>From fascinating enigma that had us looking toward the stars, to
>paranoid ramblings that have us now clutching our chakra
>crystals - what happened to UFO culture?

It's learning a little humility, as you should. See, as we dissect your churlish assessment, there was no "golden age" to which you would return. We are on the cutting edge of the "golden age" without regard to how it might turn your finger green.

>In particular, I ask about the state of UFO magazines.

Ok! Though, wear a cup! I do.

>Where once we could count on fascinating tales of unidentified
>craft in various periodicals devoted to the issue, we are now
>left with a handful of rags that seem to spend more time talking
>about ESP, the Raelians, ley lines, and esoteric spirituality -
>even ghosts and monsters!

Ted Sturgeon said 90% of everything is crap. Forgetting for a moment that this will include anything dull and pedantic sloshing around between your ears, drooling from your pen, or errantly banged out on your keyboard, it remains that you have picked and chosen your examples very carefully to grind an ax too obvious for citation.

There is content enough to satisfy the most up-tight "nuts and boltser," Sir! You choose your examples to enflame that fundamentalist base. Step off. Lastly, it may be that the crap-articles to which you refer are paying the freight for that which you suggest you have more appreciation.

>To be honest, if I could turn back the clock a few decades, I
>would. I miss the good ol' days when investigators did just
>that. Investigate.

Uh-huh... and just what was the result of that "good-old-fashioned" investigation? How have we been advanced thereby? How are we instructed? What are the gains made? How have we been enlightened? How have we been made less ignorant? How is science credited?

>Frankly, I blame the aliens - for not showing up. Had they, then
>folks would have something to focus on instead of allowing their
>minds to wander and speculate about things that were based on
>little but dubious testimonies and paranoid supposition.

Right. If you had a scoupsant of imagination, the slightest grasp of history, or the smallest intellectual courage you might consider that ET might understand well the consequences of discovery on the "discovered," and could be assisting a nose-

bubbling humanity into discovering it, so more or our sensibility is preserved. Think of the consequences, too, of giving children what they want when they want it. Without the knowledge of earning, don't they get progressively more willful and arrogant and dangerous? Besides, aliens "not showing up" spare you humiliation and allow you your specious quips in facile commentary. Really, thanks for helping out.

>Sure, the fringe element has always been there, but the bulk of >publications just dealt with telling the story and presenting >the facts as they were known, often with a scientific slant.

I'm sure Don Ecker was a personal favorite.

>Idle hands, as they say, are the devil's workshop.

Tools, actually. Though you have this wrong too. "Idle" hands remain tools. Bad news for the niggardly.

>So, with the Visitors late to the Barbecue, some people >apparently got a little bored. Next thing we knew, they're out >at Sedona chanting beneath a pyramid made from copper tubing.

So? George Dubs is "swinging rattlesnakes above his head" by report and self-admission. Consider. Your confidence in the 2% of reality that you've got the courage to remotely contemplate does not in any way justify your refusal to contemplate the other 98%.

>Well, I have two words about that: Dry Lightning. It's as if >there is a collective frustration that nothing more has been >discovered.

>Fundamentally, we are nowhere nearer to understanding the >phenomenon than we were half a century ago. This fact, for many, >will simply not suffice. They have a deep seated need to >understand, and in supplication to that obsession, they begin to >seek answers beyond the scope of the observable.

ET or alternative consciousness abundantly suggested by the evidence is a 'tad' more paradigm changing than getting to the bottom of your "Dry-lightning,," Mr. Hudson, even if it was on the way! You perform a disservice to suggest, vaguely, that the consideration of same is in the remotest league with a perhaps ubiquitous "other"...

Read a book... and more of those magazines. It might put a different thought in your head. I suspect any thought is a decided improvement.

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Re: Lost Collections?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 15:18:23 +0000
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:00:07 -0500
Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

Hi Barry,

>From: Barry Greenwood <uhrhistory.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:59:34 -0600
>Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>I wonder if any List members can recall and re-tell stories
>about UFO files collections being lost or destroyed?

I don't know if you are already aware of the effective
destruction of the records etc. that were owned by Arthur
Constance?

Some details are available at:

<http://www.forteana.org/html/BR-intro.html>

Cheers,

Joe

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Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

>From: Bruce Hutchinson <bhutch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>Conversely, the usual plea from the crash advocates; "there is a
>remote possibility it might have happened, therefore it did."

I have read much of the Roswell literature with a reasonably open mind, and I've encountered arguments on both sides - in about equal share - that I did not find exactly compelling. I surely would have remembered this extraordinary one if I'd seen it, but memory, I know, can be an imperfect instrument.

Would you please give me a citation for this argument in the Roswell literature? Thanks. I am taking it as operating assumption, of course, that this is not a rhetorical invention on your part.

Jerry Clark

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CNN's David Bohrman And The YouTube Debates

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:07:10 -0500
Subject: CNN's David Bohrman And The YouTube Debates

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Washington, DC - The YouTube Presidential Debate question referred to by CNN Senior Vice President and Washington Bureau Chief David Bohrman in the Wired Magazine article below is the X-PPAC question submitted for the July 23 Democratic and November 12 GOP YouTube debates. This question, which Mr. Bohrman mischaracterized, can be viewed at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dlfw3MPvIA

Mr. Bohrman's comment is disturbing on many levels and X-PPAC Executive Director, Stephen Bassett, is seeking a personal meeting with Mr. Bohrman to discuss the matter. Mr. Bassett has appeared on CNN regarding the UFO/ET issue and the concomitant government imposed truth embargo as has many of his colleagues. CNN has begun to provide more appropriate coverage of this extremely important issue, and it is possible Mr. Bohrman is simply not informed on the matter.

He may not be aware that 50% of the American people polled by CNN, his own network, respond they believe there is an extraterrestrial explanation behind the UFO phenomenon and over 80% believe their government is not telling them the truth about the issue. He may not be aware of the scores of high level government and agency witnesses coming forward in many forums with testimony to events and evidence that collectively confirm the extraterrestrial explanation. He may not be aware of the recent actions by France, the United Kingdom, Mexico, Brazil and other countries to open their files and reengage the issue.

Given CNN's prominence as a news organization and its role in the ongoing presidential election, it is important that Mr. Bohrman be aware of these developments. Mr. Bassett, who like Mr. Bohrman, is based in Washington, DC, hopes to meet with the CNN Senior Vice President as soon as possible and talk about why the matter of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race is more important to the American people and the nation than whether or not Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is a cyborg.

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CNN-YouTube Debate Producer Doubts the Wisdom of the Crowd

By Sarah Lai Stirland
Wired Magazine

www.wired.com/politics/onlinerights/news/2007/11/cnn_debate

As Republican presidential contenders brace for Wednesday's CNN-YouTube debate, the executive in charge of the event is unapologetic about his decision to put mainstream journalists in charge of deciding which user-contributed YouTube videos the candidates will actually face on the air.

For all the talk about online voter empowerment, the web is still too immature a medium to set an agenda for a national debate, says CNN senior vice president David Bohrman.

"If you would have taken the most-viewed questions last time, the top question would have been whether Arnold Schwarzenegger was a cyborg sent to save the planet Earth," says Bohrman, the debate's executive producer. "The second-most-viewed video question was: Will you convene a national meeting on UFOs?"

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You need better reading comprehension John. Bruce Hutchinson was saying he had never seen a cook stand guard while he was in the service, therefore he doubted it could happen in any circumstances. Hence cook Melvin Brown never stood guard, etc., etc.

This is what prompted my comment about never having seen a plane crash, etc., therefore does this mean it could never happen? I was pointing out the absurdity of claiming something couldn't happen because it wasn't in one's personal experience.

You probably still don't get it.

David Rudiak

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Re: Lost Collections?

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 12:10:43 -0600
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:10:25 -0500
Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>From: Diana Cammack <cammack.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 12:42:31 -0000
>Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>>From: Barry Greenwood <uhrhistory.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 09:59:34 -0600
>>Subject: Lost Collections?

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>I saw Cynthia Hind in Harare shortly before she died, and I
>believe her collection of African cases remains with her son,
>presumably still living there.

I heard in a recorded report from the Psychedelic Salon that the
late Terence McKenna's, Estate, Library, Research materials,
Notes and Art collections burned when a neighboring sandwich
shop caught fire. The loss was total.

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Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 13:26:45 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:14:56 -0500
Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 15:55:37 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Lost Collections?

>Unfortunately, much of what each ufologist knows about UFOs that
>has kept his/her interest and continued involvement in the study
>of this phenomenon has never been recorded on paper. This
>includes important facts and information that were passed on to
>us by friends and associates and even total strangers - as
>frequently happens after a talk on UFOs when members of the
>audience come forward to reveal what they know but never told
>anyone about.

That problem applies also to information collected in online
forums and mailing Lists.

Quite a few of the archives of forums I've been a member of no
longer exist, and the substantial amounts of useful information
on them is now lost. Many of these were places where people
shared their own amateur research freely, and a lot of
conversations benefited from the diversity of backgrounds.

Some forums were taken down at the whim of the owner, with no
notice given to participants and no chance to have them backed
up for personal use. Some went down because of technical
glitches or human error. Some were devastated due to widespread
hacking or virus, such as happened with EZBoard several years
ago. Sometimes a copy of deleted forums may have survived due to
the intervention of one of the participants who thought to make
a copy, but something later happened to that copy and it too was
lost without backup.

I lost access to a year's worth of private messaging records on
one forum when the owner (based in Europe, and with spotty
English skills) says he deleted the files accidentally and
couldn't get them back. Later it turned out that some of the
messages I'd had there might have been useful evidence regarding
a tragic (and possibly criminal) event. There are predators
online, and they thrive when their posting history and
institutional memory is lost. Keep both digital and hard copies
of anything you might need

We can all pay more attention to remembering to keep personal
copies of any forum postings we make that we might want to
access later. But along with this comes a need to make sure that
forum owners are aware that the forums they and their posters
have put so much work into are vulnerable.

This goes for blogs and websites as well. But it also applies to
those cardboard cartons and file folders full of specialist
information we've gathered, that our relatives don't necessarily
value the way we do. That's if we even have relatives to take
care of our possessions at our death. I remember being called in
to buy some books at the death of an editor who many of you
would have considered a household name at one point. The
landlord, whose job it was to empty out the apartment, spoke
about the dumpster full of files and correspondence he'd had
hailed away to the dump. I didn't have the heart to tell him it

was probably worth more than the value of his house.

Errol, how redundant is your back-up of the UFO UpDates archives? If something happened to you, do you have plans in place so that someone could take over for you? Are those plans known to those who would take charge of your personal affairs in the event of your death or serious illness? Do they know what to do with the UFO UpDates archives? Do they have passwords, account numbers? Is it all meticulously documented, along with backup people if the designated heir can't or won't take care of the records?

Better to have a plan and no emergency, than an emergency and no plan.

Carol Maltby

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What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

From: **Stephen G. Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 14:51:47 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:18:14 -0500
Subject: What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

Will those with Google Earth and some knowledge of photography please check out Greenland and let me know what the hell that image in the middle of this island could be? Just curious.

SB

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Re: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

From: **Brian Ally** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 15:15:49 -0500
Archived: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:34:59 -0500
Subject: Re: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 00:28:51 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

>Can somebody confirm that there are new unclassified CIA
>documents and where they can be consulted?

>I googled "unclassified CIA documents"+UFOs and got 71 hits
>bearing the same expression "a raft of newly unclassified CIA
>documents".

>I figure this kind of information would be of major importance.

>There was no reaction on the List.

Maybe you're thinking of this:

<http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/06/ufos-laser-weap.html>

Brian

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Good Afternoon, List, All -

I think we have gotten a little deep into the weeds as we say in the Army. The point I was attempting to make was that Melvin Brown, simply because he was a cook was not disqualified from being assigned to guard duty at some point. I was suggesting that the MPs would be required to continue their normal duties whether it was patrolling in town, guarding the air base, guarding the bomb pits or hangars, or anything else that required it. Now, they were suddenly tasked with additional assignments which could have overwhelmed their ability to respond. Jan Aldrich didn't like my quoting doctrine about this, but this is where we turn in this circumstance. Doctrine tells us who would be pressed into service for these additional duties.

While there would be no doctrine about an alien spaceship crash, there would be doctrine about guarding the scene of an aircraft accident and this doctrine could be adapted. It means that we might have the trained MPs at the critical areas, and those who have been impressed into service at the less important points. I think manning checkpoints on the side roads nowhere close to the critical sites makes sense.

Where does this leave Melvin Brown. Pressed into service to assist. Taken out into the field and then put in the back of a truck as an "escort." Why? Because he was there and wasn't assigned anything else. He was just riding back into town with something hidden under a tarp.

Possible? Yes. Probable? Maybe not.

But really, all I was saying was that it wasn't unheard of for the officers or NCOs to move through the base and grab anyone not otherwise occupied and impress them into service. No, they weren't screening them because of their prior service or awards. No, they weren't interested in if they had special training or had been in the infantry. They were taking those people available at that moment and Brown was swept up in that net. Anyone who has been in the service is aware that once released from duty for the day, you don't return to the barracks because that is the first place they look when extra duty appears.

So, I am suggesting that they needed additional soldiers for guard duty and they grabbed Brown. I'm suggesting, given his story, that no one really thought of his riding in the back as being that critical (and yes we can argue that point given what he claims to have seen) because it was just some tarp covered material and the NCO who assigned him the duty might not have realized the importance. No, I don't know because I wasn't there, I'm merely saying that in the excitement of the moment, someone made a decision who maybe should have thought about it a little longer.

Brown was assigned to the back of the truck because of a series of incidents that doctrine and policy might have forbidden, that all came together at this one point. It is said that an aircraft accident is one little mistake, but a cascade of them that if interrupted at any point would have prevented the accident.

There for the want of a nail...

I have been quite interested in the take of everyone about this, and surprised at the tone of some of the responses. But I think we need to get out of the weeds at this point.

KRandle

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Re: Melvin Brown And The MPs

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>>The question is not why a cook would be on guard duty; it is
>>why a cook, who claimed he was pressed into guard duty, would
>>be allowed such extraordinary access to the bodies and the
>>ship's debris.

>>The usual debunking, "It's not in my personal experience,
>>therefore it can't be."

>>I myself have never seen a plane crash, a murder, a case of the
>>bubonic plague, etc., etc. However, it would be rather foolish
>>to doubt such things just because I had never personally seen
>>them.

>Conversely, the usual plea from the crash advocates; "there is
>a remote possibility it might have happened, therefore it did."

No, more like "we have other known examples of where such things
have happened given the proper circumstances, so it can't be
automatically ruled out."

Your stance, in contrast, is "it couldn't happen, because I say
so, therefore it didn't."

>>One hero of Pearl Harbor ...

>And a horrific morning of carnage, destruction and horror is
>analogous to The Incident how?

A cook's assistant with no training left his post, manned a
machine gun, and shot down three planes. It was an example of
what a skeptic would call a highly improbable event, yet it
happened.

During the Battle of the Bulge, the cooks, the clerks, etc.,
were ordered to grab guns and grenades and fight back. The only
people who didn't were the medics.

I imagine similar things happened many thousands of times in the
war in many small battles that nobody now knows about. When the

usual manpower isn't there, "unqualified" people will often fill in the gaps.

>>>A soldier (an engine mechanic, say...) who might pull guard
>>>duty 2-3 times a year would not be able to properly secure
>>>such an enormously sensitive post in times of extraordinary
>>>circumstances.

>>But Brown was more than "just a cook."

>>Some actual facts on Sgt. Melvin Brown (from copies of his
>>service record, in Timothy Good's "Alien Contact")

>>Born: 1914 (therefore 33 years old at the time of Roswell, not
>>some teenage MP) Enlisted: December 1939 (served in a gun
>>battalion) Received MOS of cook: April 1943 Transferred to
>>Asiatic Pacific Theater: June 1943

>>Noted as being an Expert with M1 Carbine. Received the Bronze
>>Star for Phillipine campaign. Noted as serving in battle in
>>Northern Solomons.

>>Point: Again, Brown was more than "just a cook

>So now Mel Brown's real identity is now revealed as Steven
>Segal?

Debunker humor, probably considered to be a showstopper
argument.

>Sgt Brown's military history is totally immaterial.

Yeah, right! More like an inconvenient truth to debunkers trying
to portray the man as "nothing but a cook" who didn't know a
flour barrel from a gun barrel.

>On a base the size of RAAF, he was Just A Cook. He could
>have been war hero with a chest full of medals... once he put
>on the apron, he was Just A Cook.

He was "Just A Cook" when he received his Bronze Star in the
Philippines. During the Battle of the Bulge, guys who were "just
cooks" were ordered to pick up rifles and shoot back. Cooks can
get caught up in crisis situations just like anybody else in the
military and may be called upon to be more than "just a cook."

>In 1947, the base was well populated with
>soldiers who had also been through the war and knew how to
>handle a rifle- Brown was certainly not unique in that regard.
>The idea that he was somehow special because he shot Expert in
>Basic Training is stretching that argument well beyond the
>breaking point.

For 3-1/2 years he was a member of a gun battalion before
becoming a cook. He was in the battle of the Philippines and
Soloman Islands, yes as a cook, but somewhere along the way he
managed to pick up a Bronze Star for something. Maybe he baked
really great chocolate chip cookies, but I imagine it was for
some act of heroism while they were under fire.

>>For all we know, maybe Brown did get trained and serve as an
>>MP early in his military career, sure speculation, but at least
>>based on something a little more substantial than "no way, no
>>how, because I say so."

>So long as you insist on going down this road of idle and
>useless speculation,

You went down that road long ago with your assertions that a
mere cook would never stand guard under any circumstances.

>why not hypothesize that Brown was really
>an undercover OSS agent... or that he was a secret agent for
>the Alien Presence... or that he was really Naomi Maria Self in
>disguise. All just as valid, and equally a waste of time.

You've made some decent points how someone like a cook would be
less likely than most to pull guard duty in such a situation.
However, your arguments are anything but conclusive, and when
challenged with some decent counterarguments you resort to this
drivel. The facts are that Brown obviously had soldiering

experience beyond just being a cook and there is really no reason why he couldn't have pulled guard duty given the right circumstances, just like some others did at Roswell.

>>>Easley, if he was a competent commander, would have only
>>>his highly trained security troops or MPs guarding such a
>>>sensitive building.

>>Brown had been in the Army for almost 8 years at the time of
>>the Roswell incident (3-1/2 years not as a cook) ...

>Good Grief, David! Your contention is that Easley is going to
>go out of his way to pick a cook who has seen very little if any
>action for the last 4-1/2 years because of "his experience"??

Your math seems to be as bad as the rest of your reasoning.
Brown received his Bronze Star during the battle to retake the
Philippines, therefore towards the end of 1944 through the early
part of 1945, or roughly 2-1/2 years before Roswell. Thus he
wouldn't be much different than anybody else at Roswell, none of
whom would have seen combat for 2 years since the war ended.

>Forgetting that he had hundreds of others to choose from, most
>of them also war veterans with good if not better records and
>some of whom have far more command experience? That is just
>plain silly.

The regular MPs were mostly privates and corporals. You should
have a look at all the baby faces in the yearbook. A lot of
these guys were barely out of high school and had never seen
combat during WWII.

The same was true in all the other squadrons. It was a mix of
highly experienced war vets with relative newcomers.

My point is that if you are short of men, as Easley would have
been trying to guard so many things spread over such a wide
area, you grab who is available and preferentially grab those
with more experience if possible. If you have a choice between a
33-year-old cook, former member of a gun battalion, been through
combat and decorated, or a 19-year old mechanic or motor pool
driver with no combat experience, who do you choose first?

Also who might be grabbed can also be purely a matter of chance.
Someone who is right there gets selected, whereas others who
might be more qualified but elsewhere do not. You hear these
stories all the time from vets of how they tried to avoid being
"volunteered" but some officer spots them first and they get the
job instead of their buddy over in the next room.

>>>Had he done otherwise, like posting Brown, Blanchard
>>>would have had his head on a stick!

>>Blanchard would have needed a lot of free time on his hands to
>>review and second-guess all decisions of his senior officers
>>about personnel selections and other related matters. No,
>>usually commanding officers delegate such authority and would
>>have no reason to question such decisions later unless some
>>colossal, compromising foul-up had occurred because of such
>>decisions.

>Like having the soldier who was supposed to guard the debris
>and bodies from the most important event in the history of
>mankind- debris and bodies that already had attained the Very
>Highest Security Level ever- desert his post to wander around
>with an unauthorized officer? That would easily qualify as a
>colossal foul-up worthy of extremely severe repercussions.

Of course, we are getting the story through Brown's daughter.
But assuming it happened, the story also goes that when they
went inside the hangar, everything was already crated up for
shipment and nothing could be seen. In the end, no secrets would
have been spilled by the event, and if nobody reported it, there
would be no repercussions. For all we know, it was three in the
morning, and except for some other guards doing their thing
elsewhere around the hangar, nobody else was around.

We have other testimony of other people breaking standard
security to allow others to have a peek, or maybe talking about
their involvement at the time to close acquaintances when they
were ordered not to. You seem to be ignoring the human factor

here. Some people follow regulations to the letter and keep their mouths shut, others don't, or bend the rules, particularly if they don't think any harm will come of it and friends or family are involved.

I bet a lot of these guys were pissed being given the order to shoot-to-kill any unauthorized people. It's one thing shooting a German trying to sneak into your post, but quite another when it's one of your own guys, maybe somebody you know personally and are friends with. Under those circumstances, you might bend the rules a bit and allow them to take a quick peek. The Melvin Brown story isn't unique in that way, as I have previously pointed out.

>>But during the Roswell incident, according to testimony, in addition to their normal guard duties, they would be required to throw up multiple cordons to keep unauthorized people out. The debris field area had to be secured, plus access to it. The smaller north site also had to be secured, and in addition, a cordon running for perhaps 60 miles north of Roswell was thrown up along Highway 285 to keep people from venturing off-highway. Extra security would also have to be thrown up around Hangar 84 (where testimony indicates bodies, debris, and a craft were taken) and the base hospital, and few other places as well.

>Here again, your lack of understanding of the Military shows. >All military units go through repeated training over and over and over again to insure that every man's response to any given situation is as close to "by the book" as possible. Easley, as the guy in charge of security, had many scenarios to consider and, presumably, had drilled his men thoroughly for many different possible events.

>Yes... Yes... I know! "the book" had nothing in it about alien saucers crashing in the back yard! But reacting to the very real possibility of a plane carrying a nuclear bomb crashing off base was surely one of the many scenarios for which he had trained his men. He did not have to "wing it" to secure a crash site and retrieve militarily sensitive debris, deal with the injured and dead, and keep nosey spectators at a distance. His men were already trained for just such a scenario, and he had plans in place to deal with that kind of an event.

>If those plans included requisitioning additional personnel from the base, then Easley would already know where those extra men would come from.

You make a good point, followed by a really big "if". What "if" those contingencies didn't include requisitioning additional personnel? Or even if they did, you could still add another big if. What if the scope of this thing was well beyond any planned contingencies?

What if there are multiple crash sites with debris spread out over a wide area, plus this is even more sensitive than a nuke crash and civilians have to be kept out or silenced at all costs, and this level of security extends beyond the field, into town, and onto the base itself. It's hard to imagine a planned-for nuke crash with this broad a scope.

Easley did not have infinite numbers of trained and drilled MPs at his disposal. I mentioned about 380 pictured in the base yearbook, but forgot about the 1395th MP Company, which had about 110 more men pictured. Thus about 500 MPs total, about 15% of the base personnel. However, I doubt if even this number of men would have been sufficient to completely cover such a widespread situation 24 hours a day. Additional men would be needed.

>Yes - no Plan, however hard you try, goes off perfectly, and the mark of a good commander is the ability to adapt to the circumstances. But your scenario of confusion, desperation and conscripted cooks just does not stand up to how a well run command would have handled the alleged Incident.

This is just another one of your "no way, no how" assertions. I guess the George Patton comment about things rarely going as planned in crisis situations and improvisation is almost always necessary went right over your head.

>>So suppose Brown's mess hall commanding officer is a friend who

>>he completely trusts and Brown doesn't see any harm in maybe
>>letting him have a quick look. Plus he's going to have a very
>>had time shooting the guy if he persists and doesn't go away.

>Which is exactly why Easley would have never put in
>inexperienced personnel to guard what was, at the time, the
>most sensitive building in the nation. Brown=B4s purported actions
>(as related by Beverly) demonstrates precisely why the whole
>story smacks of being a tall tale. You have tried repeatedly to
>make the argument that Easley wanted Brown=B4s "experience and
>capability"... What Brown related demonstrates that Brown would
>have been inexcusably incompetent.

I also mentioned two eyewitnesses who said they were assigned to guard duty during the Roswell incident who were not MPs. E.g., Cpl. William Quigley said he was ordered to guard the loading of a B-29, with lethal force authorized, and then forced to sign a security oath afterwards. Quigley was no MP and said he had never been asked to guard anything before or since.

"Normally the MPs provided the security for an operation like that, but I heard a little later that something 'bigger than the A-bomb' was going on, and the MPs didn't have a high enough security clearance for it. That would explain why I was chosen for this special duty, because I possessed the highest security clearance that an enlisted man could obtain--higher, at least, than anyone else I knew. I guess they could find only one other enlisted man in my squadron with the required clearance and therefore had to substitute two officers to fill the other two guard spots. This took place during the time of all the buzz about the UFOs."

So what was so damn important that it was more important than an A-bomb? This seems to be have been the loading of a large wooden crate into the bomb bay of a B-29, attested to by three eyewitness crew members, which subsequently had another armed guard posted around it in flight, including officers, and was met by more guards and a mortician when they arrived in Fort Worth.

There is strong circumstantial evidence that this crate carried bodies from the crash. E.g., besides the unusual security and the recognized mortician, according to Blanche Wahnee, daughter of Meyers Wahnee, her dad confessed to the family in 1980 to being in charge of the guard on the crate and stated that the crate contained the alien bodies.

More details on this crate flight at:

http://www.roswellproof.com/B29_Flight_July9.html

So why would guy like Quigley, involved in plane armaments and no MP, get assigned such guard duty, perhaps the loading of alien bodies? According to you, this would never, ever happen, supposedly just as improbable or impossible as a cook like Brown guarding bodies. This isn't even a second-hand story like Melvin Brown's. The only way to try to "explain" it away is to argue that Quigley was a liar.

>>Anyway, that's the real, messy world I live in, not the fantasy
>>world of debunkers who insist people must behave and things
>>could go down in only one possible way.

>And yet you feel compelled to concoct a fantasy world full of
>"supposes", "possibles", "might haves" and "maybes" to somehow
>get an Army Cook (that are generally exempt from guard duty by
>SOP) with no security training assigned to a guard detail for
>which he is totally and demonstratively unqualified.

I'm the one concocting a fantasy world? You're the one making the absolute assertions that cooks would never be assigned to guard duty, even though we've already had two posts on this thread where people have said they know of cases where that indeed happened. Kevin Randle, e.g., said he personally saw cooks assigned to guard duty when he was stationed in Iraq.

I have actually tried to stick to some facts about Brown's known service record instead of resorting to pure speculation, as you have. He was in some very nasty combat zones during WWII and received a Bronze Star. For his cooking? I don't think so. Impossible for a cook, a combat veteran, to be ordered to guard

duty? No, of course not, if the situation demanded it. There are some famous instances from WWII, already mentioned, of cooks picking up guns and shooting back. This wasn't nearly as dangerous a situation as that. Brown would have been just another guy with a gun needed to secure a perimeter. Some rancher wandering up is unlikely to challenge that, no matter who is holding the gun.

You are also resorting to the usual clairvoyant powers of a debunker. You know for a fact things you don't know for a fact. How do you know that Brown never had security training? Were you there when he was in a gun battalion for 3 years before becoming a cook? Do you know anything about Easley's or other officers' knowledge of the men at the base? How could you possibly know who might be grabbed to assist in guard duties if they were short-handed? Officers do indeed need to improvise, and things aren't always so neat and clean as the fantasy world of debunkers who believe things could happen in only the way they can conceive it happening.

In the end, your argument comes down, "Melvin Brown could never have acted as a guard because I say so."

David Rudiak

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Re: What Happened To UFO Reporting?

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>Source: Cullan Hudson's Strange State Blog - Oklahoma, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/37k46t>

>November 28, 2007

>What Happened To UFO Reporting?
>Cullan Hudson

>From fascinating enigma that had us looking toward the stars, to
>paranoid ramblings that have us now clutching our chakra
>crystals - what happened to UFO culture?

>In particular, I ask about the state of UFO magazines.

>Where once we could count on fascinating tales of unidentified
>craft in various periodicals devoted to the issue, we are now
>left with a handful of rags that seem to spend more time talking
>about ESP, the Raelians, ley lines, and esoteric spirituality -
>even ghosts and monsters!

I agree with what he's saying it does seem that there is a need
for a newsletter that reports the facts. However, forums like
this do a pretty good job of filling the slot.

>To be honest, if I could turn back the clock a few decades, I
>would. I miss the good ol' days when investigators did just
>that. Investigate.

>Frankly, I blame the aliens - for not showing up. Had they, then
>folks would have something to focus on instead of allowing their
>minds to wander and speculate about things that were based on
>little but dubious testimonies and paranoid supposition.

I think he's right but shouldn't throw the baby out with the
bath water. Some of these "dubious testimonies" are really not
that dubious. I think the answers are there in plain sight and by
that I mean the testimonies of credible abductees.

>Sure, the fringe element has always been there, but the bulk of
>publications just dealt with telling the story and presenting
>the facts as they were known, often with a scientific slant.

>Idle hands, as they say, are the devil's workshop.

>So, with the Visitors late to the Barbecue, some people
>apparently got a little bored. Next thing we knew, they're out
>at Sedona chanting beneath a pyramid made from copper tubing.

>Well, I have two words about that: Dry Lightning. It's as if
>there is a collective frustration that nothing more has been
>discovered.

>Fundamentally, we are nowhere nearer to understanding the
>phenomenon than we were half a century ago. This fact, for many,
>will simply not suffice. They have a deep seated need to
>understand, and in supplication to that obsession, they begin to
>seek answers beyond the scope of the observable.

Re: What Happened To UFO Reporting?

He's right on target! An intelligent open mind does need to understand reality. At least as well as our minds are capable of knowing it's true nature. However, I respectfully disagree with his statement on our progress.

There has been a great deal of research in the last ten years that has turned some lights on. I am specifically talking abduction related work. Take a look at authors like Raymond Fowler (Watchers), David M. Jacobs, Ph.D. (The Threat), and Jim Sparks (Keepers). I am disappointed that we don't have full disclosure. But the more I learn about the nature of this the more I begin to realize many humans could not handle the truth.

Best,

Frank

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>Subject: What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

>Will those with Google Earth and some knowledge of photography
>please check out Greenland and let me know what the hell that
>image in the middle of this island could be? Just curious.

>SB

Well.. if Greenland were a piggy-bank then what I see is a slot
for coins! :^))

Cheers,

Frank

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Maybe you have to be the emergency room doctor to understand the
emergency room doctor's activities and behaviors. Many of these EMDs
have superior intelligence, and I'm told that they can be quite
adorable.

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Hi,

I have a couple of questions:

1) does anyone know how many men, how many fully-staffed cook-houses and how many autonomous or semi-autonomous units were within the base?

Reason: in units with only one cook-house set-up - i.e the basic three 'messes', and only enough cooks to run rotas, there's very little chance of a cook doing any other duties, even voluntarily.

However, where cooks themselves are under basic or upgrading military training (like the Catering Corps at Aldershot, UK) then only cooks will be doing their local guard duties.

Between those extremes there are all sorts of permutations possible.

Additionally, in smaller autonomous units cooks can be more integrated with the unit, especially when it is not deployed and they are not doing cooking duties.

2) Was the base secured as a whole, unit by unit or a combination of both?

Reason - MP's tend not to be used for unit guard duties in UK and Euro regiments except for national and international HQs, Supply/Logistics Centers, and Intelligence HQs (maybe). That is, in UK and Europe, Military Police tend to concentrate on external discipline, criminal investigations and external security duties, including large-scale military traffic control.

Regiments in base tended to use their own 'regimental police' during day-time. During night hours they used 'guards' nominated by unit OCs or Sgts. These guards could be from a wide variety of specialists. (Although UK Air Force bases do use security trained 'police').

So if units or sub-units were fully manned but only intermittently operating, then its specialists, maybe even attached cooks, could likely be grabbed for guard duties during night hours.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 18:54:29 EST
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 06:56:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 00:28:51 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Newly Released CIA Documents On UFOs?

<snip>

>On November 4 of this year, one post to the List was Plan 9 From
>Outer Space and mentioned the following:

>>Source: The Sydney Morning Herald

<http://tinyurl.com/yr4c4p>

>>November 3, 2007

>>Plan 9 From Outer Space

>>Fears of an alien invasion created greater alarm in the US than
>>the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack, writes Philippe Mora.

Where does any CIA document say any such thing?

>>In January 1979, The New York Times reported that despite
>>repeated, feverish denials, the CIA had indeed investigated the
>>UFO phenomenon: "CIA Papers Detail UFO Surveillance" screamed
>>the headline. The report is said to have so upset the then CIA
>>director, Stansfield Turner, that he reportedly asked his! staff:
>>"Are we in UFOs?"

>>The answer was yes - since the late 1940s, apparently. But
>>exactly how, what, when, why and who remained layered in
>>mystery, leaving grist for the conspiracy mill.

>>But this year a raft of newly unclassified CIA documents
>>revealed that the remote possibility of alien invasion elicited
>>greater fear than the threat of a Soviet nuclear attack.

No CIA document is quoted saying that.

>>More interesting still, the CIA documents show that despite
>>decades of repeated public denials, behind the scenes there
>>ragged a series of inter-agency feuds that involved the highest
>>levels of the US government.

The interagency feuds over who had jurisdiction over UFOs in the
US Intelligence Community were in CIA documents released back in
the mid-70's and are nothing new document-wise (though it might
be 'new' to UFO researchers who still think that a CIA
conspiracy 'controlled' the AF and forced the AF to debunk UFOs
when the truth was the reverse, the AF adopted a debunk-UFOs
psychological warfare policy in July 1952 and planted if not
forced it on the CIA).

It was basically the CIA against the AF over a clearly "air
intelligence" matter, UFOs and the AF won.

>Can somebody confirm that there are new unclassified CIA
>documents and where they can be consulted?

The CIA website occasionally adds a few new translations of foreign media reports from Russia, China, etc. I have not found anything substantively new.

>I googled "unclassified CIA documents"+UFOs and got 71 hits
>bearing the same expression "a raft of newly unclassified CIA
>documents".

>I figure this kind of information would be of major importance.

>There was no reaction on the List.

Here is what I posted on another List, Current Encounters, on Nov. 5 in response to question posted about the article, with a few edits:

It looks like a lot of old hat, mixed in with the usual false factoids. The reason for the article is that the reporter claims "newly" declassified CIA documents had been released earlier this year. But the documents seem to be the same as those released in the 70's.

The CIA often carelessly re-de-classifies the same documents again and again just because a copy turns up in another file that hasn't been stamped declassified and they don't bother to check any index to see if it is the same document previously released. And they release LESS this time around because in the 70's they didn't try to delete all the serial numbers and markings, which they now strive to do so one cannot follow a paper trail to other documents.

Factoids include the claim that CIA director Gen. Smith wrote a letter to the PSB (Psychological Strategy Board) on "July 1, 1952" when in fact the letter was drafted in Oct 1952 by his OSI chief Chadwell and rejected by Smith who never signed it and never sent it on its way to the PSB. This unsigned undated draft letter keeps getting dragged out by conspiracy buffs and wrongly claimed to have been "sent to the PSB" -- which they claim in order to prove some spooky sinister plot on UFO's at high levels of government.

And then there's the ridiculous claim that the CIA's ONE (Office of National Estimates) created in Nov 1950 was "close" to being a "documented version" of MJ-12 -- which in turn was purportedly created in Sept 1947 (already a fundamental 3-year discrepancy right there). Never mind that ONE admittedly was an intelligence "think-tank" and had no operational functions.

Had the few dozen or so scholarly eggheads in ONE ever tried to take on operational roles they would have been stopped dead in their tracks by the actual operational side of CIA. With CIA's operations directorate the DDP fielding 7,000+ personnel out of the 10,000 total employees then working for the Agency and controlling most (about 60%) of the CIA's \$550 million budget and wielding its immense political clout within the foreign policy establishment, CIA Operations would have made short work of the understaffed pipsqueak little ONE. The ONE wrote papers, intelligence estimates, and did not conduct operations.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:37:24 -0800
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 06:59:41 -0500
Subject: Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 22:22:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 14:51:54 EST
>>Subject: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

>><snip>

>>While perusing many documentaries and news stories I've noticed
>>the real scary stuff hasn't been covered. I know, and many of
>>you know some stories that if told would have people ready and
>>up in arms.

>>So where are the accounts? Has or is anyone willing to finally
>>put together a series of accounts that get down and dirty
>>regarding the even darker side of abduction?

>You mean like being forced to watch as a strange entity cut
>open your young daughter's chest as she lay unanesthetized on a
>flat surface in a domed room? After the operation, the daughter
>would never be able to stand up perfectly straight.

>The mother hearing herself screaming at the top of lungs to
>stop. And, the entities pretended not to hearing the mother.

>You mean reports such as that? Yeah, I noticed nobody wants to
>hear about those reports. God no.

>Those adorable, ETS of superior intelligence? They would never
>do anything like that. Oh yeah, the mother is so stupid she
>really does understand the ETs are "teaching" her a lesson.

>Some lesson.

Pardon me if I'm wrong Kathy but sometimes I don't know when
you're being sarcastic, kidding around or what so I'll have to
assume you're in agreement that there are horror stories out
there.

Now let me get on to the part of the Twilight Zone episode that
has that 'cognition' music with 9 beats to it I think.

Off-List I've gotten several stories so freakin' horrifying from
people of good credibility I can see no wonder their stories
haven't been highlighted in books, documentaries, etc. Seems
like we've got censorship going on even within the UFO community
itself. From the stories I've gotten in the past few hours I'd
say if these are even only 10% of the abduction stories there's
enough call for alarm to shut down every port from here to the
Klingon Empire.

The thousands of people I've chatted with over the years have
some horror stories and many include botched surgical procedures

which say our visitors have their own versions of 'Maxwell Smart' and their own versions of the Marquis de Sade.

There's no telling what else has gone on that we don't know about. One thing for sure is that Linda Moulton Howe's "Strange Harvest" video, the scariest thing you could watch is tame compared to the stories I'm getting.

We need to take a double take on this issue. If these stories don't get the public to start a fire under official asses nothing will.

Best,

Greg
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From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:42:16 -0800
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:01:34 -0500
Subject: Re: What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

>From: Stephen G. Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 14:51:47 -0500
>Subject: What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

>Will those with Google Earth and some knowledge of photography
>please check out Greenland and let me know what the hell that
>image in the middle of this island could be? Just curious.

It looks like ice and lots of it.

Also, I thought Greenland was a continent?

Why do they call it Greenland when it's all ice?

<http://ask.yahoo.com/20040409.html>

That's a link to the continent debate as to why Australia is a continent and Greenland isn't.

Even Europe by these standards isn't a continent just a group of peninsulas.

I can see Mr. Peabody and Sherman in one of those end of the episode debates but this time Mr. Peabody tells Sherman that it's all peninsula envy.

Okay, I'll let Alfred Lehmborg have at me for that one :)

Best,

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Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 17:47:45 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:03:31 -0500
Subject: Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

>From: Kathy Kasten
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 22:22:50 +0000
>Subject: Re: Will The UFO Horror Stories Get News Attention?

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>Some lesson.

Is it a real story or a joke?

If it is real, can you tell more or to publish whole story here?

Sergey

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Video Clip Rights?

From: Diane Frola <auform06.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 15:03:21 +1000
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:07:39 -0500
Subject: Video Clip Rights?

Can anyone help these guys?

From: Kaoru Yamamoto [mailto:yamamoto.nul-prod.com]
Sent: 11/30/2007 12:40:21 PM
To: editor.nul
Subject: Regarding UFO Video

Dear Editor,

Hello. I am sorry that I sent you email again.

We'd like to broadcast the video on TV so currently, we are looking for the person who has the right for it.

Therefore, if you have seen the scene anywhere else, please give me the information.

<http://www.buildup.co.jp/kaiki/bloodlessbovines.mov>

I am afraid of saying this but you do not need to examine if the scene is fake or not.

I am really sorry taking your time.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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Re: CNN's David Bohrman And The YouTube Debates

From: **Greg Boone** <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 21:43:25 -0800
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:09:49 -0500
Subject: Re: CNN's David Bohrman And The YouTube Debates

>From: Paradigm Research Group <PRG.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 11:04:00 -0500
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: CNN's David Bohrman And The YouTube Debates

>PRG
>Paradigm Research Group

>PRG Media Notice
>CNN's David Bohrman and the YouTube Debates

>Washington, DC - The YouTube Presidential Debate question
>referred to by CNN Senior Vice President and Washington Bureau
>Chief David Bohrman in the Wired Magazine article below is the
>X-PPAC question submitted for the July 23 Democratic and
>November 12 GOP YouTube debates. This question, which Mr.
>Bohrman mischaracterized, can be viewed at:

>www.youtube.com/watch?v=-d1fw3MPvIA

That's so ill.

Obviously they're not going to call for Congressional hearings regarding UFOs. Why people even waste their time attempting this over and over again is beyond me. They're not going to do it. It doesn't get any more complicated than that.

Here's another revelation: We_don't_need_them_to_have_hearings.

Why do we need a bunch of politicians and hacks to validate for us what we already know? It's useless.

The fact the CNN exec squashed the question which was very popular is an indicator to the kind of mindset and control involved here. To hell with them.

You've all got more contact with the public via alternative news than mainstream so who needs the mainstream? Ever see the number of hits on a hot YouTube video? Google Video? Heck, even My Space gets more viewers than most major news casts. Why? Because the people know it's better to get your news from someone you trust than someone who is sponsored by a car company.

Stop wasting your time with the government and the news industry it ain't gonna happen unless something totally embarrassing occurs or if OJ Simpson and Britney Spears is involved.

Best,

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Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 22:37:54 -0800
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:12:34 -0500
Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 16:16:35 -0000
>Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

>>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 Nov 2007 04:00:56 -0800
>>Subject: Re: Sensitivity Of Dogs

><snip>

>>Perhaps our pets have been the clue to this mystery all along.
>>It sure invalidates the headshrinker skeptibunkers who claim all
>>abductions are subjective delusions.

>Hi Greg,

>I've kept dogs in wooded and hilly country, and gone on many
>camping-out treks with one or more in attendance, so I/we know a
>bit about their behaviour. Country bred dogs are fairly stable;
>if wild-life is close-by you usually know from their reactions -
>and they don't go crazy for no reason. So any extreme reactions
>are interesting in themselves. In many CE reports dogs have
>shown extreme fear and even run away from unknown/unseen
>presences on the ground.

>On the other hand, herbivorous livestock have panicked when
>things have merely flown overhead - as in the the 1954 incident
>at Tananarive (Antananarivo), Madagascar:

>"The 'machine' flew at a reported speed of approx. 300km/h
>directly over the city, just above roof-top height, in full view
>of walkers and commuters. The number of witnesses is estimated
>at being from 20,000 to 200,000 people, in the city and at the
>airport.

>The object traversed the main city avenue, accompanied by
>rolling electrical blackouts which ceased immediately after its
>passage overhead. It created panic among animal life, both
>street & backyard animals and livestock held at the city cattle-
>market, although all these animals were habituated to low-flying
>aircraft using the city's airfield.

>Two or three minutes after the object disappeared to the west, a
>report came from a farm school 150 kms to the South, that the
>same (or similar) object was terrifying their animals, which
>'ran away into the swamps'.

>If the same object - its speed en-route was about 3,000 km/hr."

>Which could point to a field created by a method of propulsion
>upsetting the animals.

>But the more close-range dog reactions of extreme fear - and
>sickness - are puzzling.

>>Oh, and the reason I'm partial to dogs and a great case-in-point
>>is another classic tv show, The Twilight Zone and a great

>>episode written by The Waltons creator Earl Hamner called The
>>Hunt. If you've not seen that episode before you're in for a
>>real treat and why we like dogs.

>Yup, think I understand; the story is here"

><http://www.hotcakencyclopedia.com/ho.Hunt.html>

Awesome Ray! I think you've saved the day!

This data says it all for me. Dont' know how I could have been
so thick headed not to have seen such important data. These
stories of animals responding to sightings and abductions are
priceless and not evidence but proof that what some, I say some
abductions and sightings are indeed real events and not
subjective delusions. I recall the late Dr. John E. Mack stating
that some of the abductees he'd studied weren't pathological.

Add to the animal responses and the trace cases you can't shove
that data aside and it sure as heck isn't data to be sneezed at.

I've raised dogs all my life. From shepherds to poodles to pit
bulls. The most ferocious dogs I've ever seen are the small
ones, the toy dogs and poodles. I've seen them back down cops on
horseback in Manhattan! These critters fear not. However, even
as a kid I'd heard stories of fierce hunting dogs and guard dogs
cowering whenever a UFO situation occurred or of course those
Sasquatch stories.

Very interesting data, very interesting indeed!

Best,

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 07:04:37 -0600
Archived: Fri, 30 Nov 2007 08:33:36 -0500
Subject: Re: What In The Hell Is In The Middle Of Greenland?

>From: Greg Boone <evolbaby.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 Nov 2007 16:42:16 -0800
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>episode debates but this time Mr. Peabody tells Sherman that
>it's all peninsula envy.

>Okay, I'll let Alfred Lehmborg have at me for that one :)

Well, bravo in the first place - standing wave and a golf clap.
In the second place I thought we'd all agreed that we weren't
going to pretend to "let" Alfred Lehmborg do anything.

I'm conscience driven, and sometimes that means I sometimes have
to pop a cap in the cheeks of somebody's treasured sensibility,
you know? I expect to get as good as I give.

On your part you've spoken the devil's name and up he popped...
for a standing wave and a golf clap at your multi-leveled
cleverness. Too busy perhaps to heave a rock at a suspected
glass porch of hubristic anthropomorphism? I suspect so. Too
involved with clapping at present.

Again... bravo.

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