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From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 17:48:44 +0100
Archived: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 07:07:25 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Snapped Over Thames

>Source: The Sun - London, UK

><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article857527.ece>

>28 Feb 2008

Hi Listers,

It is a boring leap year hoax. Same picture of the object inserted into sightseeing pictures of London at night - and the "newspaper" is THE SUN -- no further comment.

Joachim

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 10:10:35 -0800
Archived: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 07:11:07 -0500
Subject: Re: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 16:45:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Date: Wednesday, February 27, 2008 1:06 PM
>>Subject: East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting

>>Source: KLTV - Tyler, Texas, USA

>><http://www.kltv.com/global/story.asp?s=7924765>

>>2/06/08

>>[Video at site]

>>East Texans Shares 'Family Secret' Of UFO Sighting
>>Gillian Sheridan
>>gsheridan.nul

>>"I was not a big UFO person, didn't know much about it other
>>than my own experience." Sitting in her Tyler, Texas home,
>>Charlotte man tells us about her experience, which she calls
>>the "family secret," many of the details discovered on her
>>grandparents deathbeds.

>>It was April, 1941 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Around 9:30
>>p.m., Charlotte's grandfather, Reverend William Huffman, got a
>>call about a plane crash and was asked to help. "When they got
>>out there, it wasn't a plane crash at all. It was a saucer, was
>>how he described it," says Charlotte.

>>According to the story, 3 alien bodies lie on the ground next to
>>the spaceship; two already dead. "However, granddad said the
>>third one when he got to him, he was breathing very shallow and
>>so he did pray with him. He did expire as he was on his knees
>>praying for him. He then went to the other two and prayed over
>>them."

>This account differs from the letter of Charlette Mann (not
>Charlotte man) sent to Ray Fowler, who passed it to Leonard
>Stringfield, who published in his Status Report VI of July 1991
>UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum. On page 70, that long
>letter said:

>"There were three bodies not human, that had been taken from the
>wreckage and laid on the ground. Grandfather said prayers over
>them so he got a close look but didn't touch them".

>She does not say at all that her grandfather prayed with a
>survivor.

>Where is the truth?

Gildas, et al,

I spoke with Charlette the other day, albeit briefly, and she in

essence said the reporter took some liberties; they were only together for 45 minutes and it's no surprise there were errors in this hastily prepared report.

The doc mentioned, or example, as not found at the National Archives.

Additionally, I found her to be humble, bright, focused and adamant about the reality of her grandfather's experience.

Cheers,

Frank

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Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 16:24:21 -0500
Archived: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 07:39:44 -0500
Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 13:31:22 -0500 (EST)
>Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

<snip>

>I guess this List has acquired a certain credibility over the
>years, that some of its members at least are trusted by the
>community. I suggest the members of this List send 3 or 4
>emissaries to meet with your source.

I like practical ideas like that.

Eleanor White

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>that might have.

>But you can imagine people doing everything they can, including
>sucking-up to the aliens in order to regain control... some level
>of certainty, predictability. That's what investors need.

>And, oh, by the way, we are all investors. The moment you got up
>this morning you started investing... investing in your future

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>under the assumption that there would be no big changes... like
>earthquake, tornado, plague, etc. - you know, the big things you
>can't control... such as major alien invasion.

>Yup. Keep on investing... act as if everything were normal and
>controllable - to some extent, at least.

>Right up to the end...

Knock it off, Maccabee! You'll scare off all the straights! <LOL>

Well said...

Regards,

John [I don't kiss alien booty] Velez

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 14:34:04 -0000
>Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

>>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:18:43 -0800 - PST -
>>Subject: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

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>>As a result of the article that I composed recently in support
>>of Shawn and Clay Pickering and Dr. Michael Salla's exposition
>>on the no longer secret UN UFO meeting, I received a call on
>>Monday night requesting that I make myself available - "Drop
>>everything you're doing tomorrow night..." - to meet again with
>>the 'Source' to discuss the disappointing reaction of the UFO
>>community to the notice of the 2/11 UFO Disclosure session at
>>the UN.

>>Our contact, however, did express some degree of satisfaction on
>>the part of the USG pro-Disclosure group that 'the ice has been
>>broken' - my term - and that a few ufologists have responded
>>positively or, at least, open-mindedly, to the prospect of
>>finally getting an official UFO Disclosure process 'under way'.

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>>'Source' provided extensive proof - official credentials &
>>documentation - of his current diplomatic status.

>>We also discussed various ways to proceed with UFO Disclosure
>>on our part, i.e. how we can help and the role of ufologists in
>>facilitating full Disclosure.

>Perhaps you and Mr Source could "proceed with UFO Disclosure" by
>first disclosing his own identity and credentials.

Disclosing the source would not be sensible. There are many
plausible reasons why a source would want anonymity and besides
the confidants gave their word. A logical assumption is that if
the source is revealed the information flow will stop.

There was an idea put forward to elect some List members to meet
the source as a validation measure. A smart informant knows that
the chance of compromise increases with each new contact. But
even if the source says yes, there may still be some that do not
believe the corroborators.

Right now we have four people that are giving identical testimony
and they are not believed. Would a few more make a difference to
the skeptics? The four in the know are Dr. Michael Salla, Robert
Morningstar, Shawn Pickering and Clay Pickering. All have talked
with at least one of the two sources.

After Dr. Salla published the first article many demanded
additional proof. Dr. Salla responded by making Clay Pickering's

email available for some validation. At that time, I emailed Clay and offered my services. I explained as an attorney I could discuss legal disclosure issues with the source and offer a high degree of confidentiality in the form of Attorney Client Privilege. If the source consented, I could disclose some information.

Clay and I emailed and also had an extensive phone conversation. He said that he would discuss my offer with the source. I have not heard back yet. I would say that after my conversation with Clay, I came away with a respect for his intelligence and knowledge. He sounded forthright and honest. He confirmed the details of the UFO Digest story and allowed me to ask questions. I had no reason to disbelieve his story.

I also have no reason to disbelieve Dr. Salla or Mr. Morningstar. I have emailed them only a few times, but I am familiar with some of their work and they seem reputable. I have not been in contact with Shawn Pickering.

Best regards,

Frank

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Food For Thought

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2008 09:46:12 -0500
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Subject: Food For Thought

Hey Listers,

I'd like to share some thoughts that have been bugging me lately, if only to give the rest of you something to ridicule and flame.

I recently posted a review of a soon-to-be-aired UFO documentary, frankly, the best documentary I've seen on UFOs. In the weeks since the preview I've reviewed what (little) I know about UFOs and I'm troubled by my conclusions. The accepted elements of the UFO phenomenon from the 1940's until today seems to point to one incredible and hard to believe reality.

We're being invaded.

In capsule form, the recent history of UFOs (and yes, none of the dates are rigid, there are exceptions reported, but overall...) begins in the 1940's with distant, lights-in-the-sky type sightings (Hello Kenneth Arnold). In the 1950's, lights in the sky came closer to the observers (Washington over-flight, Lubbock, Martel). By the late 50's and early 60's they were seen on the ground, through the 60's and 70, occupants were reported. The 80's saw the rise of the abduction phenomenon while the 90's and through today brought us mass sightings (Mexico City) and a number of governments admitting they've taken UFOs seriously - France, Mexico.

For all the Listers with military experience, what does that string of events sound like?

To me, it's the conventional tactics used by Earth militaries since the dawn of time... altered recently by information and espionage technology.

First, observation at long range, then observation at close range, followed by small force reconnaissance followed by reconnaissance in force, which is a polite term for invasion.

If we accept the Grey as the prototype alien, it would appear a physical confrontation would be over in seconds, with humans the likely winner.

But there's more than one way to skin a homo sapien and the latest work by Budd Hopkins and Dr. David Jacobs indicates the best way for an alien invasion to succeed.

Hybrids.

If the phantom pregnancy witnesses are experiencing something real, then it would appear we'll be taken over, not by force, but from within, by artificially altering the humans race.

Of course if you dismiss Budd Hopkins and Dr. David Jacob's recent work, then you've nothing to fear. Don't believe in alien abduction, then this thesis won't hold water for you.

What worries me is that I haven't seen any discussion of this possibility within the UFO community... and in the current state of official denial about UFOs, we in the UFO research community are the canaries in the planetary coal mine.

Instead of asking what they want with earth and with us, we in the community bicker over birds being mistaken for aircraft, endlessly argue the Alien Autopsy footage, point fingers at each other as government ops or disinformation disseminators.

We act like blind men in a room with an elephant, one grabbing the trunk and calling it a snake, the next feeling a leg and calling it a tree, a third, at the back end, convinced he's face-to-face with a politician.

We waste our time splitting hairs and counting the number of angels sitting on the head of a pin.

I've just re-read this entire post and I can't believe I'm writing it... or that I'll post it.

But, pending the convincing counter-arguments - and insults, ridicule, flames and requests to share what I'm smoking - I'm sure I'll receive in the next few days, the bottom line for me is that there are compelling indications that the 60+ years of UFO activity in and around earth is not benign.

Okay, everyone, get out the matches.

Let the flames begin.

Mike Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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By Ed Komarek

2/28/08

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My blog: <http://exopolitics.blogspot.com/>

The following is a press release that I intend to send to local newspapers in the South Georgia area where UFO/ET sightings are taking place so they can be alerted to the unfolding of these events and be prepared for the inevitable government lying and debunking of the subject. I expect plenty of people over the years have sighted extraterrestrial craft in this area but have been keeping the knowledge to themselves for fear of ridicule. This is a follow up on a previous article. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/2n63t8>

Events such as these in conjunction with interest from local media should flush out many past collateral ET sightings. I believe that this is what the Air Force fears and is the reason for the flare drops. I predict that the flare drops will be used support a cover story to confuse the mainstream media and the public at large. I have heard of one small flare drop on the night of the eclipse of the moon but nothing as on this scale.

I would like to report that I have been told that there is much more going on at Moody Air Force base than is public knowledge and much of the activity could deal with extraterrestrial realities. This could be promising territory for some interested reporter or ET investigator. I was told that at a local public meeting somebody from the base confirmed that there was a crash retrieval unit and program at the base. Of course nothing was said about retrieving anything other than conventional aircraft.

I would also like to report that a well know skeptical friend of mine in Panacea Florida had a UFO sighting this week over Dickerson Bay, another local unreported hotbed of UFO activity for the past 30 years. Things do seem to be heating up locally. Last year I along with J.R. and S.B. watched three UFOs south of Fiddlers Point and east of Mashas Sands out over the ocean. Maybe the Air Force from Pensacola Florida ought to scramble a few jets and put out a few flares over Dickerson Bay as another preemptive measure while they are at it. J

A contactee friend reports that a relative she talks to regularly by phone had a UFO sighting at 9:30 in the evening her time in Sands Springs Okalahoma about 20 miles west of Tulsa on 2/28/08. It was a row of 4 lights, blue, red, and orange. Then several jets showed up. Then at 1:00 pm 2/29/08 this relative saw a white orb the size of a basket ball pass by her window. When she was on the phone to my contactee friend voices came on and somebody said, "We are watching you." My contactee friend heard the last word "you". The sighting in the evening would be about one hour before jets began dropping flares around my contactee friend's home near Moultrie Georgia.

In my opinion I believe the U.S. Air Force has made a serious tactical error in judgment in attempting to preempt and suppress UFO sightings just east of Moultrie Georgia. I think they may have just thrown gasoline on the fire and placed themselves in a catch 22. They either have to deny the bombing of civilians and their homes and businesses with flares or admit to this act. Its going to be difficult to deny because of the obvious nature of the bombing and witnesses involved. Regardless of the UFO/ET element this dropping of flares on civilians is a serious matter and could become regional and national news.

Hopefully by the time readers read this there will be a thread up on the Open Minds Forum for UFO investigators, witnesses, reporters, citizens and government employees to share information in real time on this rapidly developing grass roots citizen initiated UFO/ET disclosure event.

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

Air Force Drops Flares to Quell UFO Reports?

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The Air Force response to my report on UFO activity east of Moultrie Georgia was swift immediate and very dramatic. I think I have stirred up a hornets nest. J

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

My UFO/ET report went on to the Internet in the early afternoon of February 28. A contactee friend reported to me on February 29 that on the evening of the 28 about 9:30 large numbers of jets flew into the area of my friend's homes and started dropping flares so close that the smell of the flares and smoke enveloped the area creating fog banks over the chicken houses and to the north of her home. She reported that the jets would dive down and release the flares as they were pulling up. It smelt of gunpowder and sulfur like a fireworks display said a witness. These were short duration flares. This dropping of flares in response to UFO sighting activity is well known within the UFO/ET community as a means to confuse the issue amongst the public and in particular the local mainstream media.

I have been told that UFO reports by local citizens in the area of Moultrie may have been suppressed by a local Moultrie newspaper, called the Moultrie Observer that regularly debunks and ridicules UFO sightings. We hope that other newspapers and media in this area including The Valdosta Times and The Tifton Gazette, will not fall to this level of reporting and will report fairly on these events as they develop.

We hope that the Air Force's preemptive flare strike against public and media extraterrestrial consciousness will backfire and that the media will not bend to political pressure as in Stephenville Texas.

<http://www.americanchronicle.com/articles/51832>

In addition I hope there is a local newspaper with the backbone not to buckle under and be shackled by demands from the national security establishment as these events unfold. The people have a right to know the truth and the 60 year UFO/ET cover up must end.

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>John [I don't kiss alien booty] Velez

Glad to see Doc Macc and John V showin' up. Reminds me of why I'm here.

I can see from the Doc's response I was on the right track and have been deeper in the field than I'd like to have admitted. Good to know I was right.

Yep John V. don't kiss no alien booty. My cousin Bear once told me since it was physically impossible for him to bend backwards and kiss his own butt, which he felt was the most important butt in the universe, then why would he bend any which way to kiss someone else's?

Although Doc Macc got humorous on us, it's a serious issue.

We humans are a gullible lot and any new culture displaying advanced technology may or may not be religious. Would we humans then drop or adopt?

Doc, I don't think it's all about uncertainty. It was maybe back in the 50's and early 60's but with time going on we know what the real deal is and it's a sure fired pisser-offer.

Nature has a tendency to wake a feller up in a rough way.

Remember, nature only rewards performance. It doesn't care how you got there but $E=MC^2$ not $E + \text{love and attention} + \text{sacrificing a virgin} + \text{waiting for the eclipse of the moon}=MC^2$. If it took all that we'd never get anywhere. The equations are simple, only our imagination coupled with our fears make them complicated.

Imagination is a good thing, no, a great thing, but fear mixed in is a very bad thing. So uncertainty was the problem but now it's that crestfallen thing and how to catch up with the Jones' or the Jones' trying to catch up with us?

Covers have long since been peeled off of this bad bedfellow.

Good news is, we have a default survival mechanism that got activated when this mess raised it's head. It's in every one of us and there have been some working on it long before the problem arose.

This is gonna be one heck of a fight.

Best,

Greg
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>Hey Listers,

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>We're being invaded.

Although I read your post with interest and appreciate your references, Mr. Woods, "invaded" is not an adequate take. Far from it. What has been here even longer than recorded history, what has helped fashion out of a wilderness of sorts an enduring home for the process of uninterrupted (relatively) evolution and from time to time injected clues toward subtle advances in technology and influenced the directions cultures have taken at crucial intervals...

Now finds it incumbent to make their presence known.

One other thing, "hybrdization" is not part of evolutionary progress and nothing more than some short term agenda to defeat the benefits of sustainable biological attainment. If you will allow, the tools of God, placed in the hands of fools. Be careful to whom you would attribute such evil. Look among humanity and those of a most aberrant bent from elsewhere, for such madness. Namely, ExtraBiological Entity, not any of the many different ET cultures that have presence here and would not only not conceive of "invasion" but would abhor both that and any form of genetic selectivity.

Ask yourself this, if genetic engineering were practicable, able in any way to further a culture's aspirations, why the need to conduct it on site?

Only those deluded by aberration, not those refined enough to survive passed possession of star travel technology, would view it in the slightest as an option.

There are simply paths not to be taken.

Perhaps we are at nexus, a critical point where the option of such a fatal mistake in chosing is inevitable.

And we are being tapped on the shoulder.

Just as we were toyed with over being on possession of hydrogen bombs. On the inevitable assumption, anyone that would make them would not be responsible for their use.

No, Mr. Woods, we are our worst enemies. We invade, we kill, we defeat noble goals to either turn profit for our masters or in the hopes we will become masters, masters without a clue of how to survive grander possibilities.

It's make or break time, perhaps.

JCH

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Stephenville UFO Is Viewed By Former Protector Of Texas Governors

By Angelia Joiner
Stephenville Lights Reporter
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Mike Zimmerman, 62, retired from the Texas Department of Public Safety after 25 years but not before he was on Protective Detail for five Texas Governors.

Zimmerman was assigned to protect Governors Briscoe, Clements, White, Richards and Bush for a period spanning 19 years.

"Clements was Governor twice," he said.

To date, Zimmerman may be the most credible witness to come forward to report what Erath County residents have been coming forward in droves to report since January 8 - another unidentified flying object.

He said it was 6:05 a.m. on January 31 when he awoke from a peaceful slumber for a Mother Nature call. As he was returning to bed, something caught his eye through the bedroom window of his home located just past the city limits on U.S. Highway 281 South in Stephenville, Texas.

"I saw three bright lights," Zimmerman said. "Two white lights were grouped closer together and higher and the third one was closer to the horizon. That one was a reddish orange color."

Zimmerman shared a sketch and notes he had jotted down.

But, there is more to this story=85

The two white lights also were shooting out beams of white light in a pulsating strobe light effect. The reddish orange light closer to the horizon did not have beams shooting from it.

"At first I thought it might be three helicopters with really bright search lights until I noticed the beams of white lights shooting out to the side of the bright lights," Zimmerman said.

He said he awoke his fianc=E9e to make sure he was seeing what he thought he was seeing. The couple watched for approximately three minutes he said.

"What I saw is completely different from what Lee Roy (Gaitan) saw," Zimmerman said. "The beams from the side weren't as obvious as the bright big lights and they were just real quick. The whole

beam would just shoot out there and just disappear. If anyone had taken a picture with a timed exposure they would have caught all of them (shooting beams) at one time. It was strange. I have never seen anything like this before at all."

Zimmerman said the sun was rising and he's not sure how the lights disappeared. He said he didn't know if they became less obvious because of the sun's light or if they just left.

"I could have turned away for a minute and they left," Zimmerman said. "I'm not sure what happened, but I remembered looking and they just weren't there anymore."

Zimmerman said his home faces the northwest and his bedroom is on the back of the structure.

"I got out my compass and it indicated 115 degrees," Zimmerman said. "So the objects would have been more to the east."

Zimmerman said he had talked with Gaitan on January 9 so he was aware of the object Gaitan and his son had viewed on the evening of January 8.

When asked if he was able to ascertain if the objects appeared to be under intelligent control, he said he could not say because he didn't see them move.

"I hope it's military," Zimmerman said. "I know they've got things. I could go either way (opinion of military or alien) but it was out of the ordinary and I have never seen anything like it before."

Zimmerman said as he was watching the shooting beams he at first wondered if something could be going on at Fort Hood.

"That's the first thought I had, but that's a long way off and it appeared to be closer than that," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman estimated that with a dime held out with his arm fully extended, the objects would have been slightly larger than the dime.

He is currently employed as an officer with the Tarleton State University Police and he said he has not had another sighting, but openly confessed, "I pay more attention now and I'm watching for it."

When asked why he waited so long to come forward, he looked thoughtful and then he said, "It was something I had to think about and it didn't seem the same as what Lee Roy (Gaitan) saw."

The Stephenville UFO saga continues with Zimmerman being the third officer to come forward after Erath County Constable Lee Roy Gaitan and Sheriff's Deputy Jim Clifton.

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>the sky came closer to the observers (Washington over-flight,
>Lubbock, Martel). By the late 50's and early 60's they were seen
>on the ground, through the 60's and 70, occupants were reported.
>The 80's saw the rise of the abduction phenomenon while the 90's
>and through today brought us mass sightings (Mexico City) and a
>number of governments admitting they've taken UFOs
>seriously - France, Mexico.

>For all the Listers with military experience, what does that
>string of events sound like?

>To me, it's the conventional tactics used by Earth militaries
>since the dawn of time... altered recently by information and
>espionage technology.

>First, observation at long range, then observation at close
>range, followed by small force reconnaissance followed by
>reconnaissance in force, which is a polite term for invasion.

>If we accept the Grey as the prototype alien, it would appear a
>physical confrontation would be over in seconds, with humans the
>likely winner.

>But there's more than one way to skin a homo sapien and the
>latest work by Budd Hopkins and Dr. David Jacobs indicates the
>best way for an alien invasion to succeed.

>Hybrids.

>If the phantom pregnancy witnesses are experiencing something
>real, then it would appear we'll be taken over, not by force, but
>from within, by artificially altering the humans race.

>Of course if you dismiss Budd Hopkins and Dr. David Jacob's
>recent work, then you've nothing to fear. Don't believe in alien
>abduction, then this thesis won't hold water for you.

>What worries me is that I haven't seen any discussion of this
>possibility within the UFO community... and in the current state
>of official denial about UFOs, we in the UFO research community
>are the canaries in the planetary coal mine.

>Instead of asking what they want with earth and with us, we in
>the community bicker over birds being mistaken for aircraft,
>endlessly argue the Alien Autopsy footage, point fingers at each
>other as government ops or disinformation disseminators.

>We act like blind men in a room with an elephant, one grabbing
>the trunk and calling it a snake, the next feeling a leg and
>calling it a tree, a third, at the back end, convinced he's face-
>to-face with a politician.

>We waste our time splitting hairs and counting the number of
>angels sitting on the head of a pin.

>I've just re-read this entire post and I can't believe I'm
>writing it... or that I'll post it.

>But, pending the convincing counter-arguments - and insults,
>ridicule, flames and requests to share what I'm smoking - I'm sure
>I'll receive in the next few days, the bottom line for me is that
>there are compelling indications that the 60+ years of UFO
>activity in and around earth is not benign.

>Okay, everyone, get out the matches.

>Let the flames begin.

Hi Woodsy,

This one is just for you buddy. Wouldn't do it for anybody else.
Your post deserves a thoughtful response.

I have avoided 'speculating' on this List assiduously since its
inception. Speculation is just that and I have always thought
that all it really ever accomplishes is to further muddy already
murky waters. Lacking any other way to say what I have to say, I
just wanted to preface my remarks with this little 'disclaimer'
to acknowledge the fact that I am simply speculating.

Woodsy mon ami, stop worrying. For all intents and purposes the
"invasion" is over! I am convinced it was over eons ago.
Whatever, whoever these beings are, they have left a trail
throughout human history that is plainly visible to all but the
hopelessly blind who refuse to see it.

That we, 'humanity' may in point of fact be the result of
somebody else's genetic experimentation/manipulation could easily
prove to be more than just the lunatic rantings of uncritical
true believers.

There is a history of abduction in my family that I can trace
back before the 50's. My firmly held belief that this business
goes further back in time than 1947 is based on more than idle
speculation. I had an uncle that was institutionalized in the
early 50's because he insisted that he was being visited at night
by strange looking "enanos" (that's 'dwarves/midgets' in
Spanish,) and he claimed to have conducted long conversations
with them on assorted and sundry topics. They put him away for
it.

If memory serves, Budd Hopkins has traced abduction in one family
history back to the 1920's. I believe David Jacobs has a case
that takes him further back in time to the turn of the century.
The great 'airship' era of the 1880's-1890's. We all believe they
may have been following certain bloodlines from time immemorial.
Abductions may be nothing more than somebody else's 'catch and
release' monitoring program.

The scenarios are endless as to what is really going on. But it
just may turn out that the 'aliens' aren't aliens at all. It is
quite possible that they -were here first. Humanity may only
represent the first wave of 'hybrids' created specifically to
live on and enjoy this rare, blue water world. Although we may
live out our lives on it, it may not be "our" world!

According to Whitley Strieber, in response to a question he asked

a 'grey' as to why they are abducting us, the alien claimed they "have the right" to do with us what they please. As if discussing 'property'.

What you see Woodsy may only be the latest in a long line of incursions into human history. They have made their presence known in the past and apparently they make their presence known more and more in our time with each passing year. The progression you have observed in the manifestation of the phenomena is real and even under cursory scrutiny appears -deliberate and calculated. The product of intelligence. They appear to be deliberately stepping out from behind the curtain and I think that's what we're witnessing as the UFO phenom of today.

Hey Woodsy, you think you sound crazy? Watch how much of my foot I can get into my mouth! I think both Budd and David are correct. Hybrids are already here. What matters to humanity now is how it will respond to the realization.

Personal note

Abductees have had to integrate, somehow make room, in their world views for, "Them." Soon it will be everybody else's turn. It's not an easy thing to deal with having your world view shattered but, what doesn't kill you only makes you stronger. We (abductees) have had to do this important psychological adjusting and integration work by ourselves. We've been left to our own devices and to basically fend for ourselves for the most part. At least when all of humanity becomes involved, people will hopefully support each other in ways that we never had at our disposal.

When the reality of the phenomenon becomes common knowledge no one will accuse anyone of being nuts or delusionary. Based on what I witnessed in New York on 9/11, I think people will help each other to adjust to, and cope with, the inevitable disruptive individual and social changes that will take place.

I hope so anyway. 'They' are here, like it or not. May as well start dealing with it now as opposed to being rudely awakened and having to deal with it on the wing.

You're a perceptive dude, Woods. Great post. I look forward to reading the responses from the other List denizens.

Warmest regards, I remain,

tu amigo,

John

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Life In Outer Space And Our Responsibilities

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Life In Outer Space And Our Responsibilities
by Dr. Ruwantissa Abeyratne

Common Heritage: Humanity's foray into the solar system brings out the ethical issue of what we should do if life is found in outer space. Do we send more probes to further investigate and do we have a responsibility to protect that life and allow it to develop naturally?

If robotic probes definitively find life, should we erect a "Do Not Disturb Sign" and refrain from sending further probes? Then again, what if we were to find intelligent life forms closer to the human form and not mere vegetation? Could we exercise control over the welfare of such life and who would claim that control?

Space law is grounded on the principle that outer space is the common heritage of mankind and that no State or individual can therefore claim rights in rem to any portion of outer space. Air law, on the other hand, is firmly entrenched in the principle of sovereignty of States, so that a State may lay claims to rights over the airspace above its territory.

This essentially means that while the implementation of air law is heavily influenced by municipal law, space law is solely grounded on legal principles binding on the community of nations. Principles of public international law therefore play an exclusive part in the application of space law principles.

Extraterrestrial life is life originating outside of the Earth. Its existence remains hypothetical; there is no evidence of extraterrestrial life that has been widely accepted by the scientific community.

Most scientists believe that if extraterrestrial life exists, its emergence occurred independently, in different places in the universe. An alternative hypothesis is panspermia which suggests that life might emerge in one location and then spread between habitable planets.

These two hypotheses are not mutually exclusive. The study and theorization of extraterrestrial life is known as astrobiology, exobiology or xenobiology.

Intelligent life

American geneticist Joshua Lederberg introduced to the world the science of exobiology (or astrobiology) - a branch of biology which deals with the search for extraterrestrial life, especially intelligent life, outside the solar system.

Although remote astronomical observations of a planet or other celestial body provide information about its physical environment, the determination of the presence of life on these bodies is more difficult.

Exobiological techniques are designed to detect life forms, artefacts produced by intelligent life, waste products of metabolic reactions, remnants of former life, prebiological molecules that may reflect early evolutionary stages or substances such as carbon or combination of Hydrogen and Oxygen forming water that are necessary for the sustenance of life as it is experienced on Earth.

In 1948 the U.S. Air Force commenced maintaining a file of reports relating to extraterrestrial phenomena called Project Blue Book. In July 1952, the U.S. government established a panel of scientists including engineers, meteorologists, physicists and an astronomer to investigate a series of radar detection coincident with visual sightings near the national airport in Washington D.C. The panel was organized by the Central Intelligence Agency, which underscores the thrust of public and government concern and interest at the time.

The concern was based on U.S. military activities and intelligence and that its report was originally classified Secret.

Later declassified, the report revealed that 90 per cent of UFO sightings could be readily identified with astronomical and meteorological phenomena (e.g. bright planets, meteors, auroras, ion clouds) or with aircraft, birds, balloons, searchlights, hot gases, and other phenomena, sometimes complicated by unusual meteorological conditions.

The publicity given to early sightings in the press undoubtedly helped stimulate further sightings not only in the U.S. but also in Western Europe, the Soviet Union, Australia, and elsewhere. A second panel established in February 1966 reached conclusions similar to those of its predecessor.

This left a number of sightings admittedly unexplained, and in the mid-1960s a few scientists and engineers, notably James E. McDonald, a University of Arizona meteorologist, and J. Allen Hynek, a Northwestern University astronomer, concluded that a small percentage of the most reliable UFO reports gave definite indications of the presence of extraterrestrial visitors.

Options

This sensational hypothesis, promoted in newspaper and magazine articles, met with prompt resistance from other scientists.

The continuing controversy led in 1968 to the sponsorship by the U.S. Air Force of a study at the University of Colorado under the direction of E.U. Condon, a noted physicist. The Condon Report, "A Scientific Study of UFO's" was reviewed by a special committee of the National Academy of Sciences and released in early 1969.

A total of 37 scientists wrote chapters or parts of chapters for the report, which covered investigations of 59 UFO sightings in detail, analyzed public-opinion polls and reviewed the capabilities of radar and photography. Condon's own "Conclusions and Recommendations" firmly rejected ETH - the extraterrestrial hypothesis - and declared that no further investigation was needed.

This left a wide variety of opinions on UFO's. A large fraction of the U.S. public, and a few scientists and engineers, continued to support ETH.

A middle group of scientists felt that the possibility of extraterrestrial visitation, however slight, justified continued investigation, and still another group favoured continuing investigation on the grounds that UFO reports are useful in sociopsychological studies.

These varying views and attitudes were expressed at a symposium held by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, in December 1969. Several years later, in 1973, a group of U.S.

scientists organized the Center for UFO Studies in Northfield, Ill., to conduct further work.

SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) is the collective name for a number of organised efforts to detect extra terrestrial life.

A number of efforts with SETI in the project name have been organised, including projects funded by the United States Government. The generic approach of SETI projects is to survey the sky to detect the existence of transmissions from a civilisation on a distant planet, an approach widely endorsed by the scientific community as hard science.

What should we do if we find life in outer space?

What are we entitled to do if we found extra terrestrial life?" Firstly, the Outer Space Treaty of 1967 in Article II provides that outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies is not subject to national appropriation by claim or sovereignty by means of use or occupation, or by any other means.

Furthermore, the Treaty, in Article III requires that States parties to the Treaty shall carry on activities in the exploration and use of outer space, including the Moon and other celestial bodies, according to the principles of international law, including the Charter of the United Nations, in the interest of maintaining international peace and security and promoting international cooperation and understanding.

'Use of force'

There is no known principle or pronouncement of law which mentions "extraterrestrial intelligence". Therefore, no existing norm of international law prohibits social intercourse in outer space between humans and extraterrestrial beings (if such were to exist). The only prohibition which will obtain at international law would be if such intercourse leads to the "non peaceful" use of outer space by States.

It is incontrovertible that the absence of peaceful use of outer space (when states indulge in activities in outer space) would inevitably mean warlike or aggressive use of outer space. Accordingly, such action would perforce form "use of force" by such states on other states or persons affected by these actions.

In a purely forensic sense, the fundamental postulate of space law, which devolves upon States the responsibility to explore and use outer space for peaceful purposes is pivotal to the conjecture of extra terrestrial intelligence.

To start with, there were two United Nations General Assembly resolutions on the subject. Resolution 49/34 of 1994, which inter alia covered international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space, links the importance of international co-operation in developing the rule of law, including the relevant norms of space law and their important role in international co-operation for the exploration and use of outer space for peaceful purposes.

The operative criterion for the adoption of the above aims, as used by the Resolution, lies in the endorsement that they should be achieved through international co-operation in the development of the rule of law. The Resolution therefore brings to bear the ineluctable and compelling need for the application of existing principles of international law as a means towards this end.

The General Assembly of the United Nations, on February 5, 1996, adopted Resolution 56/27 relating to international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This resolution broadly reaffirmed the principles of Resolution 49/34.

Having considered the Report of UNCOPUOS on the work of its thirty-eighth session, the General Assembly endorsed the Committee's recommendation that the Committee should, through its Scientific and Technical Sub-Committee, inter alia, consider the use of nuclear power sources in outer space and questions relating to space transportation systems and their implications for future activities in space.

Matters relating to life sciences, space medicine and astronomy

were some of the areas that were focused on for further consideration in the Resolution.

Peaceful use

On December 14, 2006, at its 79th Plenary Session, The United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 61/111 on international co-operation in the peaceful uses of outer space. This Resolution requests inter alia UNCOPUOS to consider, as a matter of priority ways and means of maintaining outer space for peaceful purposes.

Article VI of the Outer Space Treaty provides in part that State Parties to the Treaty shall bear international responsibility for national activities in outer space, whether such activities are carried out by governmental agencies or non-governmental agencies.

This provision clearly introduces the notion of strict liability erga omnes to the application of the jus cogens principle relating to outer space activities of States and could be considered applicable in instances where States hold out to the international community as providers of technology achieved and used by them in outer space, which is used for purposes of air navigation.

Article VI further requires that the activities of non-governmental entities in outer space shall require authorization and continuing supervision by the appropriate State Party to the Treaty, thus ensuring that the State whose nationality the entity bears would be vicariously answerable for the activities of that organization, thereby imputing liability to the State concerned.

The Moon Agreement of 1979 provides that in the exploration and use of the moon, States Parties shall take measures inter alia to avoid harmfully affecting the environment of the Earth through the introduction of extra terrestrial matter or otherwise. In the field of international space law, two clearly connected terms have been used: liability and responsibility.

Although "responsibility" has not been cohesively interpreted in any legal treaty relating to outer space, "liability" occurs in the Convention on International Liability for Damage Caused by Space Objects, March 29, 1972 (Liability Convention) and is sufficiently clear therein.

This, however, does not mean that State responsibility is not relevant to the obligations of States law as, in international relations, the invasion of a right or other legal interest of one subject of the law by another inevitably creates legal responsibility.

At present, one can regard responsibility as a general principle of international law, a concomitant of substantive rules and of the supposition that acts and omissions may be categorized as illegal by reference to the rules establishing rights and duties.

Shortly, the law of responsibility is concerned with the incidence and consequence of illegal acts, and particularly the payment of compensation for loss caused. Therefore, as discussed, both treaty law and general principles of international law on the subject of space law make the two elements of liability and responsibility a means to an end - that of awarding compensation to an aggrieved State or other subject under the law.

In view of the many legal issues that may arise, the primary purpose of a regulatory body which sets standards on State liability would be to carefully consider the subtleties of responsibility and liability and explore their consequences on States and others involved as they apply to the overall concept of the status of a State as a user of space technology which may cause harm or injury to the latter.

Finally, we have to be mindful of a few fundamental truths. Firstly, if we come across any form of life in outer space it will be the concern of all humankind. Second, any treatment of such life, irrespective of the fact that it is found in outer space, should be according to the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter. .

Within these parameters, yes, we could send more probes to investigate further. Yes, we could even put up a "do not disturb sign". But whatever we do, we are bound by the principles of responsibility and international accountability to treat life in outer space with the same dignity accorded to life on Earth.

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[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 20:56:40 +0000
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 07:41:09 -0500
Subject: Re: Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 28 Feb 2008 14:34:04 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

>>>From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>>Date: Wed, 27 Feb 2008 15:18:43 -0800 - PST -
>>>Subject: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO Meeting'

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>>>As a result of the article that I composed recently in support
>>>of Shawn and Clay Pickering and Dr. Michael Salla's exposition
>>>on the no longer secret UN UFO meeting, I received a call on
>>>Monday night requesting that I make myself available - "Drop
>>>everything you're doing tomorrow night..." - to meet again with
>>>the 'Source' to discuss the disappointing reaction of the UFO
>>>community to the notice of the 2/11 UFO Disclosure session at
>>>the UN.

>>>Our contact, however, did express some degree of satisfaction on
>>>the part of the USG pro-Disclosure group that 'the ice has been
>>>broken' - my term - and that a few ufologists have responded
>>>positively or, at least, open-mindedly, to the prospect of
>>>finally getting an official UFO Disclosure process 'under way'.

>><snip>

>>>'Source' provided extensive proof - official credentials &
>>>documentation - of his current diplomatic status.

>>>We also discussed various ways to proceed with UFO Disclosure
>>>on our part, i.e. how we can help and the role of ufologists in
>>>facilitating full Disclosure.

>>Perhaps you and Mr Source could "proceed with UFO Disclosure" by
>>first disclosing his own identity and credentials.

Regarding anonymous sources:

From Philip Shenon, New York Times reporter and author of The
9/11 Commission: The Uncensored History:

"I don't like anonymous sources either. I have spent my career at
a newspaper that is so wary of anonymous sources that the word
"sources" is effectively banned."

But, of course, the subject Shenon is dealing with in his book
goes to a higher level of concern than a possible UN meeting
reported by a 'source' without the knowledge of any press
announcement or mainstream media reporting.

For myself?

I need at least two different sources reporting on the same event
in the mainstream press before I can accept it as a real meeting
that really happened. Not two people attached at the hip claiming
to have a third hand report of a "secret meeting".

KK

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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<snip>

One 'picky' point here, Mike. Ken Arnold's sighting wasn't lights
in the sky. He had visuals on hard objects and described them.

Don Ledger

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Re: Atlanta GA Sighting

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 21:10:10 -0500
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 08:31:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Atlanta GA Sighting

Here's a brief report from one of my group's members from Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday, March 1, 2008, FYI:

"Tonight, at 8:45pm Eastern time, there was an aircraft that was not a helicopter traveling north from downtown Atlanta area. It had no wings and made no noise. It had a conical nose and a short body. It had one white light on the cone and four green lights on the body. It made no noise at all."

Eleanor White

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>From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 29 Feb 2008 22:03:28 -0500 (EST)
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>Disclosing the source would not be sensible. There are many
>plausible reasons why a source would want anonymity and besides
>the confidants gave their word. A logical assumption is that if
>the source is revealed the information flow will stop.

>There was an idea put forward to elect some List members to meet
>the source as a validation measure. A smart informant knows that
>the chance of compromise increases with each new contact. But
>even if the source says yes, there may still be some that do not
>believe the corroborators.

>Right now we have four people that are giving identical testimony
>and they are not believed. Would a few more make a difference to
>the skeptics? The four in the know are Dr. Michael Salla, Robert
>Morningstar, Shawn Pickering and Clay Pickering. All have talked
>with at least one of the two sources.

>After Dr. Salla published the first article many demand! ed
>additional proof. Dr. Salla responded by making Clay Pickering's
>email available for some validation. At that time, I emailed Clay
>and offered my services. I explained as an attorney I could
>discuss legal disclosure issues with the source and offer a high
>degree of confidentiality in the form of Attorney Client
>Privilege. If the source consented, I could disclose some
>information.

>Clay and I emailed and also had an extensive phone conversation.
>He said that he would discuss my offer with the source. I have
>not heard back yet. I would say that after my conversation with
>Clay, I came away with a respect for his intelligence and
>knowledge. He sounded forthright and honest. He confirmed the
>details of the UFO Digest story and allowed me to ask questions.
>I had no reason to disbelieve his story.

>I also have no reason to disbelieve Dr. Salla or Mr. Morningstar.
>I have emailed them only a few times, but I am familiar with some
>of their work and they seem reputable. I have not been in contact
>with Shawn Pickering.

<snip>

Hello Frank and List,

You don't seem to understand that this essentially a matter of credibility, a quality the field is craving for.

As I said previously to Robert Morningstar, please put yourself in my (our?) shoes.

If a smart informant knows that the chance of compromise increases with each new contact, so does the smart disinformant.

I don't know Dr Salla personally and I don't want to engage in smearing his reputation but he does not exactly come across as a prudent individual weary of the pertinence and value of the information he encounters. I will take for example one of his papers:

<http://exopolitics.org/exo-comment-55.htm>

Titled "Will the Cassini Space probe be used as a nuclear trigger to ignite Saturn and terraform its moons for human colonization? - Exopolitics Comment #55", his man in this intellectual adventure is Richard Hoagland. Reading the article, it is obvious they both ignore the principles of farting into the wind or spitting into the ocean.

I don't know who Clay and Shawn Pickering are. Pardon my ignorance. Their names pop up on the Internet in relation to the UN meeting only, and mainly in the context of Dr. Salla's paper stating: "February 13, 2007 I received the following email from two trusted colleagues (Clay and Shawn Pickering) regarding a reliable source informing them that a secret meeting occurred yesterday morning (Feb 12) at the New York office of the United Nations concerning the recent spate of UFO sightings."

"... the recent spate of UFO sightings" exactly.

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Or a test.

God knows this has happened several times in the past.

I have to say that Robert Morningstar vouching for it has made me careful of dismissing the story outright. With all due respect to Robert, he would not be the only one to fall victim to this kind of scheme.

That is why I suggested sending 4, maybe 5, individuals backed up by this community to get to the bottom of this.

Either this is true or this is false.

If it is false, we should be the first ones to bring the scam into the light, before this goes too far.

If it is true, well... if we can't change the future, we might as well prepare for it.

But I may have been too hasty in my proposal.

I now suggest a preliminary contact via phone conference between the proponents of the UN meeting and the following Listers:

EBK, Stanton Friedman, Don Ledger, Peter Davenport and Dick Hall.

Don't forget Dick Hall.

Cheap, practical. We will see from there.

I would be weary of a Source who would be afraid of those gentlemen, provided the said Source is telling the truth.

Vincent Boudreau

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Source: OpEdNews.Com - Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA

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March 1, 2008

French Expert Publicly Emerges To Confirm Secret United Nations Meeting On UFOs

by Michael Salla

<http://www.opednews.com>
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Tell A Friend

A French aviation expert has come forward to reveal his participation in a secret meeting held at the United Nations New York headquarters that discussed the UFO phenomenon from February 12-14. Gilles Lorant is an attach=E9 to the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS- National Center for Scientific Research) which is a government-funded research organization, under the administrative authority of France's Ministry of Research. He is also a member Institute of Advanced Studies for National Defense (IHEDN - the French Organization that produced the 1999 COMETA Report). Both CNRS and IHEDN are prestigious scientific organizations in France, and Lorant was invited to attend the UN meetings in a professional capacity. A report released by a French UFO organization (Federation of European Airplane), of which Lorant is an executive member, contained a summary of the UN meeting where he describes what happened at the meeting.

Lorant revealed that a series of UN meetings were held over a three day period. In the meetings there was discussion of a confidential report, prepared by the U.S. Air Force and a branch of the National Guard, concerning the societal impact of UFO sightings. The initial meeting was held on February 12 and, according to Lorant's report, led to a request by three U.S. Senators for further discussions. Additional meetings were held immediately after on February 13 and 14. The implication is that three U.S. Senators attended the secret UN meetings. The meetings were very concerned about social upheaval from continued UFO

sightings and the testimonies of individuals claiming to have first hand knowledge about UFO's, extraterrestrial life, and future global events. It was reported that adverse public reactions to UFO sightings could have a dramatic economic impact that could lead to recessions in some countries.

The emphasis on possible societal upheaval due to growing UFO sightings was reminiscent of recommendations by the 1953 Robertson Panel, convened by the CIA, which identified adverse public reactions as a major security threat that could be exploited by foreign enemies. The UN discussions appeared to match concerns identified in both the 1953 Robertson Panel and the 1961 Brookings Report () to the U.S. Congress, over ramifications of UFO reports and the eventual discovery of extraterrestrial life.

2009 was raised as the year when an important change in official attitudes concerning the UFO phenomenon could be made. This suggested that the official debunking policy underway since the 1953 Robertson Panel would be abandoned and more serious study of the UFO phenomenon would occur. This indicated an important policy shift were the study of UFO's would be officially encouraged. However, certain global conditions would have to be met for the official opening. Most important appeared to be social stability in G-8 countries and the maintenance of liberal democratic systems in developing nations. Lorant also suggested that an official opening in attitudes would only occur if UFO sightings continued to occur at present levels.

Lorant's testimony provides independent corroboration for an anonymous source who first came forward on February 12 to reveal to two New York researchers (Clay and Shawn Pickering) that the UN meeting had taken place. The source's testimony was revealed in two articles published by this author on February 13 and 20 , and a follow up article by Robert Morningstar on Feb 25. Lorant's testimony gives more detailed information of what happened at the meeting, and is consistent with statements from the original source of the UN meeting concerning approximately 40 participants, multiple issues being discussed as well as the UFO phenomenon, and public reactions to increased UFO sightings. Most importantly, Lorant provides insight into reasons for a significant change in official public policy towards the UFO phenomenon.

The reported results of the UN meetings indicate agreement was reached for an international strategy to more seriously study the UFO phenomenon in a manner that maintains present levels of social stability. This raises the possibility that those presenting information on UFOs/extraterrestrial life deemed to threaten national stability or financial systems, would receive special attention by national security agencies. The meetings results suggest that an official change in government policy from '=91debunking' to '=91openness' concerning UFO's would lead to official approval to narrowly define study of the UFO phenomenon. However, those claiming to have first hand experience of extraterrestrial life would be targeted as charlatans. The UN meeting thereby suggested continuation of policies aimed at exploiting divisions in the UFO community between researchers advocating a strictly scientific study of the UFO phenomenon, and those wishing to discuss testimonies/documentation concerning extraterrestrial life visiting Earth. An article exposing "Galactic COINTELPRO" is available here.

Lorant's testimony finally suggests that governments are being driven to more open approach to the UFO phenomenon due to the recent increase sightings that are projected to continue well into 2009. What follows is a summary report of the UN meetings based on Lorant's testimony that appears in a newsletter of the FEA and is available in the original French.

[Acknowledgements] I thank Didier de Plaige for his kind assistance in helping confirm background information about Gilles Lorant, and for first revealing on his blogsite details about Lorant who at the time requested anonymity through a mutual acquaintance of de Plaige. I also thank Jean-Luc Bozzoli and Victor Viggiani for their assistance in translating the original French document.

Posted by Jean-Jacques Yvars =85

Dear Friends,
=85

For strictly professional reasons and by coincidence, an active member of the FEA was invited to the UN in New York in the week starting February 11, 2008. This person took part in the development of discussions on the subject of UFOs, after the meeting of February 12. These discussions at the United Nations, brought forth further deliberations during three conferences held behind closed doors on 13 and 14 February, to which our member had the honor and pleasure to attend.

Here is a summary of the minutes that Mr. Gilles Lorant, invited to the meetings, kindly shared with us about what was said at the United Nations in New York:

On 12 February, the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard would actually presented a report on the subject of UFOs and the impact of sightings on many communities in the United States. Since this report was considered important for industrialized countries, representatives from several countries were invited to attend. Then, at the request of three United States Senators, a series of three meetings took place in the [two] following days, in the presence of forty representatives from twenty-eight member countries, including the Vatican (two countries did not send representatives). On both days, the subject of UFO's was discussed, for no more than an hour and a half, as one of the causes of social upheaval of a country, due to the high probability of economic recession resulting from the speeches of 'contactees', charlatans, religious [figures], some scientists and prophecies. Sightings of UFOs increase sharply the risk of social unrest threatening the political systems of several emerging democracies.

According to Mr. Gilles Lorant, what was discussed was an opening in official attitudes when publicly considering, in future, how to treat the UFO phenomenon. An official opening to be held under two conditions:

- 1) Until the end of 2009, that social peace in the G8 countries is guaranteed around the liberal democratic model (US version)
- 2) By the end of 2009, that the UFO sightings disturbing "our neighbors" continues throughout the world.

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Dr. Michael Salla is an internationally recognized scholar in international politics, conflict resolution, US foreign policy and the new field of 'exopolitics'. He is author/editor of five books; and held academic appointments in the School of International Service& the Center for Global Peace, American University, Washington DC (1996-2004); the Department of Political Science, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (1994-96); and the Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington D.C., (2002). He has a Ph.D in Government from the University of Queensland, Australia, and an M.A. in Philosophy from the University of Melbourne, Australia. He has conducted research and fieldwork in the ethnic conflicts in East Timor, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Sri Lanka, and organized peacemaking initiatives involving mid to high level participants from these conflicts.

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 08:45:15 -0500
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 14:27:28 -0500
Subject: Re: Food For Thought

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2008 09:46:12 -0500
>Subject: Food For Thought

>Hey Listers,

>I'd like to share some thoughts that have been bugging me lately,
>f only to give the rest of you something to ridicule and flame.

>I recently posted a review of a soon-to-be-aired UFO documentary,
>frankly, the best documentary I've seen on UFOs. In the weeks
>since the preview I've reviewed what (little) I know about UFOs
>and I'm troubled by my conclusions. The accepted elements of the
>UFO phenomenon from the 1940's until today seems to point to one
>incredible and hard to believe reality.

>We're being invaded.

<snip>

>I've just re-read this entire post and I can't believe I'm
>writing it... or that I'll post it.

>But, pending the convincing counter-arguments - and insults,
>ridicule, flames and requests to share what I'm smoking - I'm sure
>I'll receive in the next few days, the bottom line for me is that
>there are compelling indications that the 60+ years of UFO
>activity in and around earth is not benign.

>Okay, everyone, get out the matches.

>Let the flames begin.

You're right.... at least in part, if not in toto.

Many years ago Ellen Crystal wrote a book with the title Silent
Invasion about her experiences.

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Additional Confirmation Of The UN Meeting About

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 15:05:19 +0100
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 14:38:32 -0500
Subject: Additional Confirmation Of The UN Meeting About

Dear Colleagues,

After the recent rumours inside ufological community about the alleged UN UFO meeting and the alleged attendee I have decided to acquire additional confirmation of the whole story.

The background of the whole issue you can find here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2yxa8z>

<http://tinyurl.com/2gld6d>

Sure enough I was able to get in touch with mr. Michel Ribardiere who is a president of FEA (Federation of European AIRPLANE), french group that is researching aero-ufology and have good contacts with figures from French Defense and Research.

The background of the FEA you can find here:

Recent interview of Jean-Jacques Yvars (secretary of FEA) by french researcher Grelet Christophe (Garlet has also recently done interview with me too):

<http://tinyurl.com/yw9akv>

<http://tinyurl.com/yw4hls>

Additional background info of FEA;

"The European Federation AIRPLANE is originally a French association, under the 1901 law, born in February 2007. It carries out public communication can be used as advertising material for large companies or institutions that support it. In addition, it prepares the presentation of research projects and public communication of a European dimension, in the grant programs of the Council of Europe. Projects that will meet the needs of future populations on the subject being sensitive, Aerospace Unidentified phenomena. It brings together experiences of Defense, technology and scientific research. In addition to the breadth of the initiatives of the European Federation AIRPLANE for the general public, a large number of eminent figures from the Defence and Research, have agreed to cooperate with and image of credibility. Complementing technically, several professionals achieve audio visual, imagery, as well as the media, have given their engineering selflessly."

As it was already reported, it seems that the member of FEA, mr. Gilles Lorant, has been present at the February UN meetings about UFO phenomena and its implications to the modern society and states. It was reported that Gilles Lorant is a member of National Center for Scientific Research CNRS and Institute of the Indepth Studies IHEDN.

I am pasting you in the text below original message that I have received from mr. Michel Ribardiere. At the moment I am trying to acquire an telephone interview with mr. Lorant so we could learn additional details so stay tuned.

I have received permission to forward Mr. Ribardiere's English statement to UFO UpDates and other mailing Lists and forum.

My previous contacts with the French community and figures you can find in the following links:

My interview with the Jacques Patenet, head of GEIPAN - prior to the AP mainstream story about the release of French UFO archive.

<http://tinyurl.com/ys2a2s>

Partial statistical analysis of the French UFO archive:

<http://tinyurl.com/2654x3>

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From: president [mailto:xxx.xxxx.xxx]
Sent: Sunday, March 02, 2008 12:19 AM
To: Giuliano Marinkovic
Subject: Re: UN Meeting and other questions?

Dear Mr Giuliano Marinkovic,

Thank you for your letter. I had a look on you statistics of the Geipan Data and we know that there are very close from the official statistics that have been given by Mr Sillard the president of the comity that pilots the GEIPAN. When you pick up the observations of type C, the observations of type D are around 27%.

Now I'm listening your show and it sounds very good. Congratulation!

About the meetings that took place at the United Nations in New York, Mr. Gilles Lorant who is a member of our organization has been invited to participate. He was invited by the Embassy of the United Nations to carry out an audit on the operation of the United Nations for his company.

However, he was unable attended the three meetings that followed the alleged meeting announced by Mr Salla, which reportedly took place at the beggining of the week.

The meetings he could attend as a listener only, took place behind closed doors at the request of three senators of the United States on 13 and 14 February 2008.

These meetings were a follow-up to the meeting that took place earlier this week.

The purpose of these meetings were to discuss the elements that can cause social crises in industrialized countries in times of economic crisis.

I would like to point out that security applied to the persons invited to these meetings has absolutely nothing to do with what is described elsewhere. Security is less than that practiced in an international airport.

28 nations were represented by about forty people. There was also a turn over of Representatives.

On both days, during those three meetings, the subject of UFOs

was discussed during a maximum of 1:30 hour

The UFO subject has been seen as one reason that may affect social equilibrium of a nation, considering the high probability of economic recession, the speech of contacted, charlatans figures, religious, some scientists and prophecies. Manifestations of UFO further sharply the risk of social unrest threatening to their political system some emerging democracies.

According to our member, the information probably the most interesting is the following: it was suggested by the United Nations to representatives of nations to prepare people about UFOs.

This opening could be held under two conditions:

- 1) That social peace in the G8 countries is guaranteed around the liberal model (US version)
- 2) By the end of 2009, that the demonstrations annoying "our neighbours" persist throughout the world.

Attention this suggestion is not a measure and has not been passed but has only been suggested.

Moreover, it was discussed the position to adopt in the case or a non-aligned nation decided to overtake the countries gathered on the formalization of the topic.

However, it can be seen as a symbolic indication on the part of the community land in response to manifestations, resulting from the non-terrestrial community. A message which would then be: "If you continue your manifestations by the end of 2009, we agree to reveal your presence."

According to our members, representatives of the nations were serene. There was an atmosphere of complicity grateful implied the presence of "our neighbours" in our environment.

Although Dominique Strauss-Kahn was not seen by our member and he was officially in Asia, his name was announced as each of the people who have entered. We do not know if he was there personally or if he was represented.

At present we do not know whether those meetings, which do not appear in the schedule of formal meetings of the UN are considered official meetings or private meetings.

Sometimes, organizations or nations reserve rooms for private meetings.

This detail is important because in cases those meetings would be official then a formal reports should be issued to the attention of nations that could not attend the meetings. And it will be possible to have more details at the end of March from the UN.

Mr. Lorant is a very busy person, but he has just accepted a confrontation with Mr. Salla to be held soon for a french radio.

<snip>

Best regards

Michel Ribardiere

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Date: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 09:21:57 -0500
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 14:38:32 -0500
Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
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IMO, Dr. Salla is a fool.....

From: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Salla

Michael Salla
From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia
Dr. Michael Emin Salla

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Dr. Michael Emin Salla, Ph.D. (September 25, 1958) is an international politics scholar who in 2001 became interested in the study of exopolitics and subsequently embarked on a personal effort to disseminate his exopolitical beliefs and hypotheses via the mediums of the internet, UFO and New conferences, and radio appearances. Salla's most recent academic position was in Washington at American University, Center for Global Peace. The Center did not sanction his ufological research, and emphasizes that it is personal.[1] Controversy would eventually lead to Salla's dismissal from the university.

His unconventional views have made his work the subject of considerable controversy and criticism within both the ufological and mainstream academic communities. Much of the testimony he uses to support his position is controversial due to a lack of empirical evidence to substantiate many of the claims. While many of Salla's sources are considered to be credible by adherents to the UFO Disclosure movement who cite a variety of supporting documents and credentials, critics argue these sources have been discredited for a variety of reasons; among these the dissemination of patent falsehoods in the content of claims made, and the misrepresentation of credentials.

Dr. Salla and Exopolitics, and the entire X-Conference group are one of the reasons that I am slowly backing away from a field that I believe is now becoming more and more tainted by those whose goal is to promote their viewpoint.

Good luck with the anonymous sources and the UN.

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Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

From: **Franklin Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 09:56:11 -0500 (EST)
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 14:54:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Regarding Official UFO Disclosure & 'UN UFO

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
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If the story continues to be reported accurately it will not damage the
progress. The story is a leak from U.N. officials about a disclosure
discussion.

There is no need for the credibility of the reporters to be
questioned. Robert Morningstar stated that "the 'Source' provided
extensive proof - official credentials & documentation - of his
current diplomatic status." The real issue is the intent of the
source.

It is important not become too jaded. If this source is providing real
information what a story! If this source is providing disinformation
still a good story and can help the cause when exposed.

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You are absolutely correct. But it also has all the makings of a true
disclosure initiative.

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>EBK, Stanton Friedman, Don Ledger, Peter Davenport and Dick Hall.

>Don't forget Dick Hall.

There is nothing to lose if the source says yes. What if the four
talk to the source and he has credentials and appears creditable.
Does that preclude disinformation? What is the plan if the source
says no?

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<snip>

Would a French speaking Lister be willing to confirm or disprove
this story? Will someone please contact Jean-Jacques Yvars?

Can someone verify that the testimony appears in the newsletter
of the FEA and is available in the original French?

Frank

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Re: New Stephenville Witness Most Credible?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 10:43:56 EST
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 15:36:15 -0500
Subject: Re: New Stephenville Witness Most Credible?

>Source: Stephenville Lights.Com - Texas, USA

<http://stephenvillights.com/news.html>

>3-1-2008

>Stephenville UFO Is Viewed By Former Protector Of Texas Governors

<snip>

>He said it was 6:05 a.m. on January 31 when he awoke....

>"I saw three bright lights," Zimmerman said. "Two white lights
>were grouped closer together and higher and the third one was
>closer to the horizon. That one was a reddish orange
>color."

>Zimmerman said the sun was rising and he's not sure how the
>lights disappeared. He said he didn't know if they became less
>obvious because of the sun's light or if they just left.

Classical astronomical case, sleepiness making the witness unsure
how it all ended.

>"I could have turned away for a minute and they left," Zimmerman
>said. "I'm not sure what happened, but I remembered looking and
>they just weren't there anymore."

>"I got out my compass and it indicated 115 degrees," Zimmerman
>said. "So the objects would have been more to the east."

Clincher. At 116 degrees magnetic were the two brightest planets
in the heavens, Venus (mag. -4) and Jupiter (mag. -2), extremely
bright in the early morning sky, in very close conjunction only
about one degree apart, and very low on the horizon, about 5-6
degrees elevation as seen from Stephenville at that exact time
6:05 AM.

The planets were at 115 degrees magnetic at 6:00 AM.

The second brightest star in the constellation Sagittarius, Nunki
(mag. +2), was still lower on the horizon at about 1-2 degrees
elevation and at 117 degrees magnetic bearing, probably reddened
by the denser atmosphere just like the rising or setting sun is
reddened close to the horizon.

Brad Sparks

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Re: Food For Thought

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 09:22:20 -0500
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 15:45:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Food For Thought

Hey James,

I'd hoped my post would provide food for thought. It has. For me.

>Although I read your post with interest and appreciate your
>references, Mr. Woods, "invaded" is not an adequate take. Far
>from it. What has been here even longer than recorded history,
>what has helped fashion out of a wilderness of sorts an enduring
>home for the process of uninterrupted (relatively) evolution and
>from time to time injected clues toward subtle advances in
>technology and influenced the directions cultures have taken at
>crucial intervals...

While I believe we've been the subject of reconnaissance for centuries, or millienium if you prefer, I believe it was passive and periodic until the post 1945 era. At that point, we'd developed technology to enter space and weapons capable of planetary destruction. Certainly, the pre-WW2 period does not show the sustained and increasing activity that has reported in the last 60 years.

However, I will point out something that supports your thesis.

Approx. 30 to 40 thousand years ago, a switch was flipped inside homo sapiens brain...and we began to display creativity in the form of the first art - cave paintings. What turned on our brains after some 80-thousand plus years of shuffling around with the same basic equipment remains one helluva mystery... at least to me.

>Look among humanity and those of a most aberrant bent from
>elsewhere, for such madness.

>Namely, ExtraBiological Entity, not any of the many different ET
>cultures that have presence here and would not only not conceive
>of "invasion" but would abhor both that and any form of genetic
>selectivity.

I'll concede humans are capable of just about anything...although I don't think our science is up to hybridization of human/?. And where would we get the ? DNA to work with. If, by ExtraBiological Entity, you are refering to extra-dimensional beings as opposed to the "many different ET's", well sure, why not. Although I'm curious. How do you know there are many different ET cultures here? I'm not asking for proof. My post was opinion and belief. The biggest problem with UFO research is the total absence of hard evidence.

>Ask yourself this, if genetic engineering were practicable, able
>in any way to further a culture's aspirations, why the need to
>conduct it on site?

You go where the DNA is.

>No, Mr. Woods, we are our worst enemies. We invade, we kill, we
>defeat noble goals to either turn profit for our masters or in the
>hopes we will become masters, masters without a clue of how to
>survive grander possibilities.

You're writing to a former soldier who has seen combat, I know only too well what we as a species, and I, as an individual, are capable of. On the other hand, I would suggest a conversation with a credible experiencer, such as John Valez, who will tell you their encounters with ET in whatever form, come straight out of a high-tech Abu Ghaib.

>It's make or break time, perhaps.

On that note, James, we end this discussion because I agree with you. It could very well be make or break time for the species.

Best wishes, thanks for your thought-provoking response.

Mike Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 09:41:11 -0500
Archived: Sun, 02 Mar 2008 15:45:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Food For Thought

>From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2008 15:01:50 -0500
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Subject: Re: Food For Thought

>>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 1 Mar 2008 09:46:12 -0500
>>Subject: Food For Thought

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>>the dates are rigid, there are exceptions reported, but
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>>type sightings (Hello Kenneth Arnold). In the 1950's, lights in
>>the sky came closer to the observers (Washington over-flight,
>>Lubbock, Martel). By the late 50's and early 60's they were seen
>>on the ground, through the 60's and 70, occupants were reported.
>>The 80's saw the rise of the abduction phenomenon while the 90's
>>and through today brought us mass sightings (Mexico City) and a
>>number of governments admitting they've taken UFOs
>>seriously - France, Mexico.

<snip>

>This one is just for you buddy. Wouldn't do it for anybody else.
>Your post deserves a thoughtful response.

>I have avoided 'speculating' on this List assiduously since its
>inception. Speculation is just that and I have always thought
>that all it really ever accomplishes is to further muddy already
>murky waters. Lacking any other way to say what I have to say, I
>just wanted to preface my remarks with this little 'disclaimer'
>to acknowledge the fact that I am simply speculating.

>Woodsy mon ami, stop worrying. For all intents and purposes the
>"invasion" is over! I am convinced it was over eons ago.
>Whatever, whoever these beings are, they have left a trail
>throughout human history that is plainly visible to all but the
>hopelessly blind who refuse to see it.

>That we, 'humanity' may in point of fact be the result of
>somebody else's genetic experimentation/manipulation could easily
>prove to be more than just the lunatic rantings of uncritical
>>true believers.

>There is a history of abduction in my family that I can trace
>back before the 50's. My firmly held belief that this business
>goes further back in time than 1947 is based on more than idle
>speculation. I had an uncle that was institutionalized in the
>early 50's because he insisted that he was being visited at night
>by strange looking "enanos" (that's 'dwarves/midgets' in
>Spanish,) and he claimed to have conducted long conversations
>with them on assorted and sundry topics. They put him away for
>it.

>If memory serves, Budd Hopkins has traced abduction in one family
>history back to the 1920's. I believe David Jacobs has a case
>that takes him further back in time to the turn of the century.
>The great 'airship' era of the 1880's-1890's. We all believe they
>may have been following certain bloodlines from time immemorial.
>Abductions may be nothing more than somebody else's 'catch and
>release' monitoring program.

<snip>

>When the reality of the phenomenon becomes common knowledge no
>one will accuse anyone of being nuts or delusionary. Based on
>what I witnessed in New York on 9/11, I think people will help
>each other to adjust to, and cope with, the inevitable disruptive
>individual and social changes that will take place.

>I hope so anyway. 'They' are here, like it or not. May as well
>start dealing with it now as opposed to being rudely awakened and
>having to deal with it on the wing.

>You're a perceptive dude, Woods. Great post. I look forward to
>reading the responses from the other List denizens.

Hey John,

If you sent me an e-mail that contained nothing but the word
'asshole' repeated 50 times, I'd still read every word of it.

With pleasure.

Yeah, a lot of people are saying I'm taking too short-term a
view, that the phenomenon stretches back through time.

Could be. I do believe we've been monitored for millemium...and
there is that big question no scientist can answer: what turned
on human creativity 40-thousand years ago *(approx.) after some
80-thousand years of wandering earth with the same basic
equipment. My not-quite-explained thrust is that the post war era
has seen their presence increase dramatically, and seen them
partially emerge from the shadows.

Covert reconnesaince, such as your genetic line has endured,
makes sense to me in that light... but it doesn't have to start
in the 40's... in fact, from a military invasion point of view,
you would start it earlier. Perhaps part of my problem is seeing
it from a human life-span perspective - the longer lived a
sentient creature is, the more likely it is to plan on a longer-
term.

I sure agree with your bottom line... we better learn to deal with
it before _we_ get dealt with.

Hoping a merciful god smiles on you and yours,

Mike Woods

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From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 01 Mar 2008 18:28:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Food For Thought

>>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
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><snip>

>One 'picky' point here, Mike. Ken Arnold's sighting wasn't lights
>in the sky. He had visuals on hard objects and described them.

Hey Don,

That's not being picky, it's looking for accuracy. Yes, Arnold certainly saw something in the daylight, that he tracked. I was using "lights in the sky" as shorthand for any distant aerial object, which for the most part, describes the first wave of post-war sightings - distant objects in the sky.

Lazy me.

Mike Woods

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Re: French Expert Confirms Secret UN Meeting

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 18:31:10 +0100
Archived: Mon, 03 Mar 2008 06:05:53 -0500
Subject: Re: French Expert Confirms Secret UN Meeting

>My opinion of Expolitics is considerably below zero on the
>credibility meter.

>Having had close-encounters with the uselessness of Exopolitics
>in my own backyard, I've witnessed the naivete, ignorance and
>stupidity demonstrated by adherants in their willingness to
>demonstrate the old-saw of open-minds & cascading brains.

>In essence the muddying of already murky-waters for the newly
>interested in the phenomena.

Hello Errol,

It was hard for me to translate and understand your words above.

Is there a "light-version" available? ;-)

[They are schwachkopfe [imbeciles] - stay away --ebk]

I just went to the UN website and typed into the search box
"extraterrestrial life". Many links popped up. One was:

<http://www.un.org/events/unispace3/>

There I read:

"At a Workshop on Mars Exploration, current knowledge and understanding of the planet, its importance in the search for extraterrestrial life and plans and prospects for exploration, will be presented. The workshop will also seek new opportunities for international cooperation and global participation in exploring Mars."

Interesting, isn't it? At least they were dealing with it.

Another link was: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/index.html>

It is a huge website and maybe it is worthwhile to have a look at it to find the needle in the hayrick?

Joachim

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Unearthing The Truth Of UFOs

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Subject: Unearthing The Truth Of UFOs

Source: The Boston Globe - Massachusetts, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yqewyt>

March 2, 2008

[Photo at site]

Unearthing The Truth Of UFOs
Group investigates reported sightings

By Matt Gunderson
Globe Correspondent

The craft was at a very low altitude and moving very slowly in the chilly air above Woburn last November. One witness said she saw the object as she was turning her car onto an exit ramp, and described it as having a triangular shape, three large white lights on the side, and a red light in its center. more stories like this

Mystified, the woman, whose name was not released for confidentiality reasons, went home and filed an online report with the Massachusetts Mutual UFO Network, a Framingham-based nonprofit organization that investigates sightings of unidentified flying objects across the state.

While such accounts are often explained away or even ridiculed by skeptics, sightings that appear to defy descriptions of conventional aircraft fascinate Greg Berghorn, director of the state chapter of the national Mutual UFO Network, known as MUFON.

The Massachusetts group was established in 1984 and now boasts about 100 volunteer field investigators, and logs approximately 50 UFO reports annually. The vast majority can be explained as hoaxes, misidentified satellites, or even the planet Venus, said Berghorn, but three or four sightings every year are not so easy to discredit.

Strange lights appearing to one person, whose observation skills may be impaired or distorted, is one thing, said Berghorn. But when multiple witnesses report similar unusual sightings independently and from different locations, things get more interesting.

As an example, Berghorn cited an incident in 1997, when a retired machinist in northern Massachusetts filed a report describing a large, low-flying, disc-like object that was moving so slowly it took almost a minute to pass over his house. Another report was filed by a woman a short distance north in New Hampshire, who independently described the same object passing by her house 20 minutes later, he said.

Berghorn drew a trajectory line based on the machinist's account, and the two stories matched up.

"It occurred so that I could actually draw a timeline between their two houses," said Berghorn, an engineer from Tewksbury. "This was a very bizarre object, and it was very unique."

As is the case with most field investigations, Berghorn said, his inquiry into the matter ended there and yielded no more evidence than the two eyewitness accounts.

"What is frustrating about this process is that it's not as cleanly cut as a TV show," he said. "The evidence is very murky. A lot of the information becomes unresolved. People won't talk to you."

The fear of ridicule prevents some would-be witnesses from coming forward, said Berghorn. For this reason, the organization does not disclose the names of witnesses who file reports, unless the witnesses are willing to go public, he said. The national organization estimates that only one in 10 UFO sightings are reported, a number that Berghorn thinks is a little high.

The reports coming into the local chapter vary in nature, he said, ranging from tiny objects streaking or zigzagging across the sky to people allegedly being taken up into UFOs. The abduction phenomenon is largely explained away by mainstream researchers, although a prominent Harvard University psychiatrist, John Mack, sparked controversy in the early '90s after becoming convinced that the abductions are real and not mere fantasies or delusions.

Mark Petty, assistant director for Mass. MUFON, described a reported near-abduction case in 2004 in Billerica that has fascinated UFO buffs worldwide.

He said a couple, who identified themselves publicly only as Robert and Anne, saw a large craft appear over their house one December evening as they were standing on their deck. They reported being engulfed in a bright white light. As they stared up into the light, a blue beam pierced down, settled on Anne and started pulling her off the deck. In terror, Robert grabbed his wife by the waist and "threw her into the kitchen" before following her quickly through the door.

When he looked back outside, the light had disappeared, according to their report. The man said he was so shaken that he couldn't even pick up the phone when it rang a minute later.

Petty and other field investigators from the chapter canvassed the neighborhood and even placed an ad in local newspapers in an attempt to corroborate the story, but the only supporting evidence came from a sister of Robert. She said she was driving in the area at the time, and saw a brilliant white light with a blue trail hovering near the ground in the vicinity of the couple's house.

While such accounts are compelling for some, Berghorn and Petty both said they are not "true believers" in the notion that extraterrestrials are visiting the planet.

Berghorn said his vantage point as an engineer and amateur astronomer restrains him from leaping to conclusions, though he did say that he views at least some of the reports as unexplained phenomena.

"Most of the really odd [sightings] are sufficiently credible enough that you can't just explain it away by saying the person's crazy," said Berghorn. "And that's what keeps us going."

Physical evidence in the field is scarce but does exist, said Berghorn. Corn stalks that had been flattened in a crop-circle formation in Western Massachusetts, for example, had been exposed to microwave radiation, which is hard to square with a hoax scenario, he said.

Often, witnesses of UFO events are distressed at what they have seen and have difficulty coming to terms with their experiences, added Berghorn. About the only thing investigators can offer such "experiencers," as they are called in UFO circles, is empathy and shared knowledge, he said.

"What I've learned is that oftentimes, people don't really want answers to their questions so much as they want to know that

other people have experienced the same thing," said Berghorn. "They at least get some comfort out of that, because we can't offer them any answers."

The Massachusetts chapter maintains a 24-hour hotline for UFO sightings, 781-246-0523. Sightings can also be reported on their website, MassMUFON.com.

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><http://stephenvillights.com/news.html>

>3-1-2008

>Stephenville UFO Is Viewed By Former Protector Of Texas Governors

>By Angelia Joiner
>Stephenville Lights Reporter
>ajoiner.nul

>Mike Zimmerman, 62, retired from the Texas Department of Public
>Safety after 25 years but not before he was on Protective Detail
>for five Texas Governors.

>Zimmerman was assigned to protect Governors Briscoe, Clements,
>White, Richards and Bush for a period spanning 19 years.

<snip>

>"I saw three bright lights," Zimmerman said. "Two white lights
>were grouped closer together and higher and the third one was
>closer to the horizon. That one was a reddish orange
>color."

>Zimmerman shared a sketch and notes he had jotted down.

>But, there is more to this story=85

>The two white lights also were shooting out beams of white light
>in a pulsating strobe light effect. The reddish orange light
>closer to the horizon did not have beams shooting from it.

>"At first I thought it might be three helicopters with really
>bright search lights until I noticed the beams of white lights
>shooting out to the side of the bright lights," Zimmerman said.

<snip>

>Zimmerman said his home faces the northwest and his bedroom is on
>the back of the structure.

>"I got out my compass and it indicated 115 degrees," Zimmerman
>said. "So the objects would have been more to the east."

>Zimmerman said he had talked with Gaitan on January 9 so he was
>aware of the object Gaitan and his son had viewed on the evening
>of January 8.

>When asked if he was able to ascertain if the objects appeared to
>be under intelligent control, he said he could not say because he
>didn't see them move.

Could one of the "white lights" have been Venus (the planet!)?

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Hickson Recounts Night Aliens Took Him

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Source: The Commercial Appeal - Memphis, Tennessee

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

Friday, February 29, 2008

Miss. Man Recounts Night Aliens Took Him Aboard
Associated Press

GAUTIER, Miss. -- Charles Hickson didn't need the recent reports of a UFO sighting in Stephenville, Texas, to stir up memories of what he says was his encounter with alien visitors more than 35 years ago.

"I was terribly frightened," Hickson told WLOX-TV News of that late October night in 1973.

Hickson, now 76 and living in Gautier, decided to go fishing on the Pascagoula River with his buddy, 19-year-old Calvin Parker. But something happened that night that would change their lives forever.

"It looked to me like air, or steam, or something escaping from a pipe," Hickson recalled.

A piercing sound made Hickson and Parker stop what they were doing, Hickson said, and that's when he spotted a large object hovering behind them.

"It was some kind of craft, it was probably 30 or 40 feet," he said. "There were three things, they weren't human beings. I know now they were robots."

The sight is burned into Hickson's memory.

"They appeared to me that they had something like elephant skin, it was very wrinkled. These things came to us and took a hold of me, and one took a hold of Calvin. We went into that beam of light and they carried me aboard that craft."

He said the aliens held them for about 30 minutes.

Hickson and Parker's alleged abduction played a crucial role in the creation of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle.

The center is a centralized place for people to call and report strange and mysterious things they see.

Parker is reportedly now living in Louisiana and has declined to discuss the incident.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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<http://www.victoriaadvocate.com/793/story/203997.html>

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[Photo at site]

UFO Investigator Comes Home To Victoria To Investigate Texas Sightings

"Other life probably exists out there, and perhaps in many places."
-- Neil Armstrong American astronaut

In the skies over war-torn Pristina, Kosovo, on a night almost a decade ago, something unexplainable appeared over the head of a soldier with the American 82nd Airborne Division =96 and changed the course of his life forever.

Jeremy Ray was only 20 when he found himself among the NATO forces fighting in the Kosovo War in 1999, at the time just about the most dangerous spot on the planet.

Ray's job of protecting ethnic Albanians against Yugoslav forces who tried to practice "ethnic cleansing" led him to Kosovo's capital city of Pristina, and that's where he saw them.

Four balls of red light hovered over the city, then swooshed away at high speed.

Ray's unit commander, a lieutenant, had him fill out a report of the sighting. "They took it very seriously," he said.

And that wasn't Ray's first sighting. Three years earlier, when he was a high school student in his hometown of Victoria, he and several of his neighbors witnessed a bright light hovering over the rooftops. "The grownups were all freaking out," he said.

After that sighting, Ray said he "had my nose in books all the time" to further his knowledge about the UFO phenomenon. "I'd known something was going on," he said.

But it was his later experience in Kosovo that made him realize his future would involve the investigation of whatever was up there.

For the past two years, Ray has been a field investigator for MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network), the largest existing organization to investigate UFOs.

"The scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity" is the mission statement of the nonprofit MUFON, which is now a worldwide network of UFO investigators.

Until now, Ray's field investigation work has been in San Diego, Calif., but he has just moved to Victoria and will be the MUFON

volunteer for not only Victoria but also a big triangle of real estate from Corpus Christi, to Austin, to Houston.

It should keep him busy, he said. "Texas has been a real hot spot since the late weeks of January," he said.

Sightings in mid-January at Stephenville, in central Texas, have given MUFON some very rich material for investigation, he said. MUFON records indicate that Texas and California always show the most sightings on a month-to-month basis.

While Ray was in San Diego, MUFON investigators practiced "sky fishing," which is aiming lots and lots of cameras at the skies, then examining the footage for any sign of UFOs.

He plans to do some of the same "fishing" in this area.

MUFON takes a serious and practical approach to UFO investigations, Ray said.

"We don't automatically assume it's alien" when a sighting is reported. "I wouldn't be surprised if these objects were ours =96 maybe just weird, non-traditional craft."

That's why MUFON field investigators, who are all trained with the same manual and the same techniques, go through a whole checklist of questions and answers and data collection at the site of any UFO sighting.

Ray says that in his experience, eyewitnesses to UFOs are hesitant to come forward with their stories unless they have some evidence to back their accounts =96 evidence like video, photographs or burned ground.

And in Ray's time in the field, he says he seen a lot of evidence that "something is going on. It's mind-boggling."

"I think in our lifetime the truth is going to come out. There's a couple of guys at MUFON who laugh and say, =91When we were your age, we thought the same thing,' and they've been there 20 years or more."

MUFON was formed in 1969, the same year Neil Armstrong put the first footprints on the moon, and is headquartered in Denver.

The organization needs serious applicants to be field investigators.

They've got to study a 300-page manual and pass a very difficult test, but, at least to Jeremy Ray, the rewards are great.

MUFON urges people to come forward and tell their stories when they see a UFO. "It can be very confidential, even anonymous," Ray says. "MUFON respects that."

The Web site is www.mufon.com. It's an interesting site, even for those who just want to read the latest about UFOs.

It's a big sky up there, and maybe it would be a good place for you to do some fishing of your own.

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Re: French Expert Confirms Secret UN Meeting

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Archived: Mon, 03 Mar 2008 08:22:00 -0500
Subject: Re: French Expert Confirms Secret UN Meeting

>From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 18:31:10 +0100
>Subject: Re: French Expert Confirms Secret UN Meeting

>>My opinion of Exopolitics is considerably below zero on the
>>credibility meter.

>>Having had close-encounters with the uselessness of Exopolitics
>>in my own backyard, I've witnessed the naivete, ignorance and
>>stupidity demonstrated by adherants in their willingness to
>>demonstrate the old-saw of open-minds & cascading brains.

>>In essence the muddying of already murky-waters for the newly
>>interested in the phenomena.

>Hello Errol,

>It was hard for me to translate and understand your words above.

>Is there a "light-version" available? ;-)

>[They are schwachkopfe [imbeciles] - stay away --ebk]

>I just went to the UN website and typed into the search box
>"extraterrestrial life". Many links popped up. One was:

><http://www.un.org/events/unispace3/>

>There I read:

>"At a Workshop on Mars Exploration, current knowledge and
>understanding of the planet, its importance in the search for
>extraterrestrial life and plans and prospects for exploration,
>will be presented. The workshop will also seek new opportunities
>for international cooperation and global participation in
>exploring Mars."

>Interesting, isn't it? At least they were dealing with it.

>Another link was: <http://www.unoosa.org/oosa/index.html>

>It is a huge website and maybe it is worthwhile to have a look at
>it to find the needle in the haystack?

I think perhaps you've missed the reference in question, but the
UN Workshop isn't connected to Exopolitics, but I believe that
they are using this to further their agenda, alluding to
"anonymous" sources and hidden information.

The subject line of this message includes "French Expert Confirms
Secret UN Meeting", and the workshop you've referenced doesn't
seem to fit that description.

I still agree with Errol.

Steve

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Archived: Mon, 03 Mar 2008 10:01:45 -0500
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 01:18:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: New Stephenville Witness Most Credible?

>>Source: Stephenville Lights.Com - Texas, USA

>><http://stephenvillelights.com/news.html>

>>3-1-2008

>>Stephenville UFO Is Viewed By Former Protector Of Texas Governors

>>By Angelia Joiner
>>Stephenville Lights Reporter
>>ajoiner.nul

>>Mike Zimmerman, 62, retired from the Texas Department of Public
>>Safety after 25 years but not before he was on Protective Detail
>>for five Texas Governors.

>>Zimmerman was assigned to protect Governors Briscoe, Clements,
>>White, Richards and Bush for a period spanning 19 years.

><snip>

>>"I saw three bright lights," Zimmerman said. "Two white lights
>>were grouped closer together and higher and the third one was
>>closer to the horizon. That one was a was a reddish orange
>>color."

>>Zimmerman shared a sketch and notes he had jotted down.

>>But, there is more to this story.

>>The two white lights also were shooting out beams of white light
>>in a pulsating strobe light effect. The reddish orange light
>>closer to the horizon did not have beams shooting from it.

>>"At first I thought it might be three helicopters with really
>>bright search lights until I noticed the beams of white lights
>>shooting out to the side of the bright lights," Zimmerman said.

><snip>

>>Zimmerman said his home faces the northwest and his bedroom is on
>>the back of the structure.

>>"I got out my compass and it indicated 115 degrees," Zimmerman
>>said. "So the objects would have been more to the east."

>>Zimmerman said he had talked with Gaitan on January 9 so he was
>>aware of the object Gaitan and his son had viewed on the evening
>>of January 8.

>>When asked if he was able to ascertain if the objects appeared to
>>be under intelligent control, he said he could not say because he
>>didn't see them move.

>Could one of the "white lights" have been Venus (the planet!)?

Bruce, List,

If Officer Zimmerman was looking 115 degrees east at 6:05 AM on January 31st. He would have had to be looking almost straight at Venus _and_ Jupiter. He could not have missed them. They would have been the brightest things in that part of the sky.

There was only 1.18 degrees of separation between them. That is just a little over the width of two full Moons. The Moon was also visible though not full.

Venus' coordinates were Az: 121:36:14; Alt: 6:34:23
Jupiter's coordinates were Az: 121:24:05; Alt: 5:24:31

Their conjunction is a rare event and would have been a spectacular thing to see... This event will not be visible in North America again until January of 2019.

The Sun rose at 7:26 AM which would have caused them to "disappear".

As for the 3rd light however, I can't find any celestial object that corresponds to that position or description. No stars, no comets. I haven't tried to research satellites yet.

All in all it's my opinion that Zimmerman was viewing Venus _and_ Jupiter.

Cheers

Terry

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Thanks Gildas.

This sort of shameless, self-serving distortion is typical of Salla and the other exocranials, trying to make it sound like a confirmation of their far-fetched beliefs and as if they were playing some kind of an important role...

They are a pack of charlatans.

Dick

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SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 03 Mar 2008 10:29:35 -0500
Subject: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

SDI #454

Twenty Questions

20 Questions expansively addressed by Dave Furlotte, Mike Woods, Don Ledger, and Alfred Lehmborg, served seasoned by our master Ufological chef, Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. What are the real mechanics of being sacked from a gainful position over the subject of UFOs? Could Alfred Lehmborg and Angelia Joiner perhaps provide similar reports? Did AJ get her two weeks compensation?
2. Are affected folks pressured to "shut-up" by superiors and authorities with regard to their reports on UFOs in and around Stephenville, TX?
3. Does the Air Force know where its planes are?
4. Is the number of corroborating witnesses to the Flap well over 30? 300? 3000?
5. What are 10 F-16s observed chasing if there's no such thing as UFOs?
6. Does Stephenville, TX run a strange inverse parallel with Roswell, NM? Why the 'reflex-lie' so obviously checked? Does authority want to get caught stupid?
7. How does one chase what one shall not investigate?
8. Is an informed populace able to give informed consent a necessary thing?
9. How long can confusion reign?
10. Is Stephenville an isolated location and singular in its reportage? Are any outlying towns also affected?
11. Is there a Ufological tie-in with the reported reclaimed pig farm bought at a steal that is the current ancestral home of GWB?
12. Is the dreaded 'giggle factor' on the accelerating wane? Are more people coming forward?
13. Is old CSICOP's new CSI taking hold? What's happened to Mr. McGahoohee? Was Dr. Shermer re-drafted to cover a suddenly reluctant or relieved McGeehoohar? Is it a shame given Mr. McGagaga was able to Jenny-Craig all that extra poundage to look so damn good on broadcast TV?
14. Could it be possible at the alienating denouement that UFOs and the supposed occupants of same... are minions of Satan, friends and neighbors, demons to drag us into the fiery pits of hell by our flaming shirttails, brothers and sisters... where we butt-surf like yowling mongrels on a lake of fire for eternity? Can I get an "Amen"?

15. Is there a lot of the preceding south of the Canadian border?
16. Do UFO flaps occur lately with an increasing frequency?
17. Do Ufological Podcasters "count"?
18. What is the "astounding information" rumored to be released by MUFON regarding Stephenville?
19. If terminated Stephenville journalist Angelia Joiner is banished from her employ after giving a professional two weeks notice, herself, does she still get her two weeks compensation; is it her employer with the lesser professionalism; was Joiner driven from her employ to "wet-blanket" the story?
20. Who really owns the paper terminating Joiner's employment? Is it even an American?

In some realms it's called "facilitated gobsmacking." I've referred to it frequently as "suffering baragrugous ZOT"; you may know it as "Great GoogleyMoogley." It's with some small sorrow I report this was the most substantive, expansive, and satisfying program yet... grand words and true enough even if predictable. See, you almost dread the report on such a great program because a good program next time seems average and hard to write for to a degree... it's judged unfairly.

Yeah yeah yeah... I hear the internal dialogue. Park it. I said predictable! Accuse same at the risk of a literary duel.

See, sporting an edge of uniquely layered design, and with real carbon in the steel, too - a balance in the pommel... these programs just go further and further informationally into the looming future before us. With verve and sack the program... well, it demonstrates a certain courage given the future accelerates directly towards aggregate perception so undeniably... roll that and smoke it, eh? A certain foreshadowing is achieved with SDI!

Consider, the sustenance implied by the very first paragraph above is not entirely inappropriate, eh? Errol serves up nutritious fare and, Even if only a bland staple, these programs sustain like highly seasoned. I suspect they aspire to be as revisitable as Terence McKenna Lectures, if I may be bold. Hyperspace looms for all and one.

But to the point, I only got 15:46 into 90:44 (reads like bible verses, doesn't it?) of this exceptionally 'beefy' program! I didn't even clear Furry, land O'Goshen brothers and sisters! He's always good for 6 or 8 questions, but c'mon! All Twenty? Yes... all 20 questions righteously compelled in under 16 minutes right out of his segment! A record!

An hour and substantive change remains and such remains, reader!

Remaining is TV newsman Michael J. Woods making a style of report that I'm betting he's never made before. There is not an ounce of tounge in cheek schadenfrude or professional distance. It's about a new UFO documentary by David Cherniak that he is taking very, very seriously. Shortly, he embraces the doc without reservation or qualification. I don't think I overstate my case that the lovely Errol Bruce-Knapp shares a similar sentiment. Reports and predictions are that Paul Kimball's Best Evidence will be supplanted as my own favorite - and thank God for that as it's been such a strain being nice to Paul... just kidding, Mr. Kimball!

Remains is aviating USO investigator Don Ledger, a man whom I wish was selling a used car so I could purchase same, on the bee's knees Stephenville report as it stands in the state of its art! From him we get a very rational foreshadowing on this UFO kerfuffle as it pertains to the anticipated official report on same, and from which information has been perhaps justifiably parchy! Mr. Ledger is decidedly impassioned and informational vis a vis his concisely detailed reportage on the Stephenville affair!

Then there's Alfred Lehmborg with his usual reach-beyond-grasp-stream-of-consciousness-nonsense, but introducing a tune he's composed called The Ballad Of Angelia Joiner, to honor same. Don't let the expectation exceed the event, now. Sounds best in

WinAmp.

We're hoping John Velez can later add a percussion track...

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>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 15:05:19 +0100
>Subject: Additional Confirmation Of The UN Meeting About UFOs

>After the recent rumours inside ufological community about the
>alleged UN UFO meeting and the alleged attendee I have decided
>to acquire additional confirmation of the whole story.

>The background of the whole issue you can find here:

><http://tinyurl.com/2yxa8z>

><http://tinyurl.com/2gld6d>

>Sure enough I was able to get in touch with mr. Michel Ribardiere
>who is a president of FEA (Federation of European AIRPLANE),
>french group that is researching aero-ufology and have good
>contacts with figures from French Defense and Research.

>The background of the FEA you can find here;

>Recent interview of Jean-Jacques Yvars (secretary of FEA) by
>french researcher Grelet Christophe (Garlet has also recently
>done interview with
>me too):

><http://tinyurl.com/yw9akv>

><http://tinyurl.com/yw4hls>

>Additional background info of FEA;

>"The European Federation AIRPLANE is originally a French
>association, under the 1901 law, born in February 2007. It
>carries out public communication can be used as advertising
>material for large companies or institutions that support it. In
>addition, it prepares the presentation of research projects and
>public communication of a European dimension, in the grant
>programs of the Council of Europe. Projects that will meet the
>needs of future populations on the subject being sensitive,
>Aerospace Unidentified phenomena. It brings together experiences
>of Defense, technology and scientific research. In addition to
>the breadth of the initiatives of the European Federation
>AIRPLANE for the general public, a large number of eminent
>figures from the Defence and Research, have agreed to cooperate
>with and image of credibility. Complementing technically, several
>professionals achieve audio visual, imagery, as well as the
>media, have given their engineering selflessly."

Giuliano and All,

I feel uneasy when seeing that text on the List.

From What I know, it is still a rather small group. This is more
a statement of its impressive ambitions for the future, than a
description of its present situation.

Re: Additional Confirmation Of The UN Meeting

The people I know are nice fellows, but they still have a long way to go before reaching that status!

It so happens that Gilles Lorant had a chance to meet two people at the UN who had him invited to that confidential gathering.

Please, let's not over do it.

Gildas Bourdais

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>authority _want_ to get caught stupid?

I grew up in Dublin. No one has picked up nor seemed interested
in what I've tried to discuss about the area before. I'm not
talking now. Feel around in the dark some more.

JCH

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>>UN Meeting]

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I am not defending Dr. Salla; he is capable of doing that for himself. However, I would like to make a general statement about these kinds of comments.

Probably a few hundred million earthlings would call us all charlatans. Seeing how we are trying to say there is something to the UFO phenomena.

There is so much disinformation out there it would almost be impossible to know the whole truth. I would say the disinformation is at the level of a psychological war operation (PSYWAR) or in the least a (PSYOP).

I don't see how anyone can fault some for following a few rabbits down the wrong hole and then attempting to bolster their position. If that is the case?

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Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 04 Mar 2008 07:17:33 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 08:41:23 -0600
>Subject: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

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>Twenty Questions

>20 Questions expansively addressed by Dave Furlotte, Mike Woods,
>Don Ledger, and Alfred Lehmborg, served seasoned by our master
>Ufological chef, Errol Bruce-Knapp:

<snip>

>Remaining is TV newsman Michael J. Woods making a style of report
>that I'm betting he's never made before. There is not an ounce of
>tongue in cheek schadenfrude or professional distance. It's about
>a new UFO documentary by David Cherniak that he is taking very,
>very seriously. Shortly, he embraces the doc without reservation
>or qualification. I don't think I overstate my case that the
>lovely Errol Bruce-Knapp shares a similar sentiment. Reports and
>predictions are that Paul Kimball's Best Evidence will be
>supplanted as my own favorite - and thank God for that as it's
>been such a strain being nice to Paul... just kidding, Mr.
>Kimball!

Hey Alfred,

Guilty as charged. The only time I was even remotely that respectful was on Errol's other show, Mind/Shift, when we interviewed an author who was an expert on state-of-the-art nanotechnology, especially its then-current medical applications. By the end of that on-air interview, I think I was addressing this guy as "Sir".

Otherwise, yep, tongue-in-cheek as necessary (or not) and professional distance, which I'd do interviewing anybody or about almost anything or anybody, except Robert A. Heinlein, where I simply worship.

Mike Woods

Pray there's intelligent life somewhere out in space;
There's bugger all down here on Earth.

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March 2, 2008

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Ideas & Trends

Please Call Earth. We Still Haven't Found You.

By Dennis Overbye

NEARLY half a century ago, Frank Drake, a young radio astronomer with extraterrestrials on his mind, stepped up to a blackboard in Green Bank, W.Va., and scribbled a string of symbols intended to bring some clarity to the question of just how alone humanity is in the cosmos.

The dozen wise men (there were no women) in the room were an elite group. Among them were Carl Sagan of Cornell University, as yet relatively unknown; the biochemist Melvin Calvin, who would learn during the meeting that he had won the Nobel Prize in chemistry; Barney Oliver, the research chief of Hewlett-Packard; and John Lilly, the dolphin expert, in whose honor the group dubbed themselves the Order of the Dolphin.

They sifted the variables in the light of what was then known or guessed, did the math, and concluded that there could be from less than a thousand to a billion other civilizations in the galaxy.

The Drake Equation, as it is known, has served as the bones of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence (SETI) and for the hopeful field of astrobiology ever since.

Since that meeting, in 1961, spacecraft have surveyed all the major bodies of the solar system, except for Pluto, and radio astronomers have listened for intelligent signals from more than 1,000 stars, so far in vain. Last month, a scaled-down version of our own solar system, with a pair of planets analogous to Jupiter and Saturn, was found orbiting a star 5,000 light years away in the constellation Scorpius, bringing the total number of known exoplanets, as they are called, to more than 250.

You might think we have made some headway in solving the equation, or rewriting it, or generally getting a handle on our cosmic loneliness. But you would be wrong. Astronomers today are as fuzzily optimistic (or pessimistic) as the Green Bank group.

"I get that question all the time," said Dr. Drake, 76, by phone from his office at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, Calif., where he is chairman emeritus and director of the Carl Sagan Center for the Study of Life in the Universe. "There hasn't been any great change. The equation still stands."

The discoveries of the last half-century, he explained, have confirmed what were just educated guesses on the part of the Dolphins.

Dr. Drake's equation consisted, and still consists, of seven factors, which range over all human knowledge and aspiration. Some are strictly astronomical, like the rate at which stars are born in the Milky Way and the fraction of those stars with planets - 10 per year and half, respectively according to the Dolphins. Others are impossibly mystical, like the average lifetime of a technological civilization - 1,000 years to 100 million years was the guess.

In between are more squishy details like how many habitable planets there are per planetary system (one to five they said), and what fraction of those habitable planets develop life, intelligence and the technology to communicate with other worlds. The Dolphins pegged those last three probabilities optimistically as, respectively, 100 percent, 100 percent, and 10 percent to 100 percent (dolphins, for example, don't build radio telescopes). Multiply all the factors together and you get the putative galactic census.

In the realms in which astronomers have actually gotten new data, the old guesses of the Dolphins have held up very well, Seth Shostak, an astronomer and spokesman at the institute, explained. In the more sociological and biological realms, where the data are ambiguous or nonexistent, you can't prove they were wrong.

"These guys were either enormously lucky or amazingly prescient," he said. One change, he said, was in the notion of a habitable world, that is to say, one with liquid water. In the old days "habitability" meant a planet had to be small and rocky and in a narrow Goldilocks zone around its star where the temperature would be just right.

Astronomers say space missions like NASA's Kepler, scheduled to be launched next year, will determine the frequency with which these Goldilocks planets occur in our neck of the galaxy. But the possibilities have expanded since spacecraft discovered evidence of water on or in some of the moons of Jupiter.

At the same time, scientists discovered that life on Earth was tougher and more versatile than scientists had thought, thriving in weird places like boiling undersea vents. "There is so much evidence for lots of pathways to the origin of life," Dr. Drake said.

But how often does intelligent and technological life actually emerge from such environments? Some evolutionists, like Stephen Jay Gould, who died in 2002, have argued that intelligence is not inevitable. The dinosaurs did just fine for 150 million years without getting appreciably brainier.

The advantages intelligence and technology confer, moreover, might also be outweighed by their dangers; thus the interest in the last term of the equation, the lifetime of a civilization. As Dr. Sagan would emphasize, this is the ringer in the works. Or, in Dr. Drake's words, "the real iffy one."

If the answer is less than a million years, said Geoffrey Marcy, an ace planet-hunting astronomer at the University of California at Berkeley, "Our Milky Way may be lit up only here and there during the past 10 billion years, and we may be the only lit bulb."

Dr. Sagan looked forward to finding an extraterrestrial signal as a sign that technological societies are not doomed to blow themselves up or poison themselves.

Once upon a time, the end of the cold war would have been seen as good news in that regard, but the possible advent of bioterrorism, genetical engineering mishaps and novel pandemics has led some otherwise sober thinkers, like Martin Rees, the Cambridge University cosmologist, to suggest that Civilization as We Know It won't make it out of the present century.

So the cosmic glass is still half full or half empty, depending on your personal inclinations. You can make your own guesses online, at msnbc.com/modules/drake/default.asp.

Dr. Drake, who conducted the first fruitless SETI listening tour, of a pair of stars in 1960, once said that the most likely aliens to hear from would be a race of immortals, who had plenty of time to wait for an answer. But he said now that he no longer expected to hear from ET in his lifetime. Under realistic estimates, he said, you would need to look at 10 million stars (there are 200 billion in the galaxy), and there is not enough time left.

"We could be wrong," he said. "The extraterrestrials have to help us a lot," he explained, by beaming powerful beacons our way.

But the trend might be in the opposite direction, if humans are any indication, he noted. Earth first became detectable in the 1950s, he said, when the planet was full of powerful television and radar transmitters beaming and leaking gigawatts of power into space.

"We assumed that was the way it was always going to be," both for us and, by extension, for extraterrestrials, he said. But now the big transmitters are being phased out in favor of cable and satellites that leak hardly anything at all out to space. It's very economical and it's the wave of the future. Earth is gradually going radio quiet.

"That's big change nobody anticipated," he said. Once the big powerful transmitters go off the air, he said, "We will still exist but we will be hard to detect."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 2 Mar 2008 10:43:56 EST
Archived: Tue, 04 Mar 2008 09:19:24 -0500
Subject: Re: New Stephenville Witness Most Credible?

>Source: Stephenville Lights.Com - Texas, USA

<http://stephenvillelights.com/news.html>

>3-1-2008

>Stephenville UFO Is Viewed By Former Protector Of Texas Governors
<snip>

>He said it was 6:05 a.m. on January 31 when he awoke....

...

>"I saw three bright lights," Zimmerman said. "Two white lights
>were grouped closer together and higher and the third one was
>closer to the horizon. That one was a was a reddish orange
>color."

...

>Zimmerman said the sun was rising and he's not sure how the
>lights disappeared. He said he didn't know if they became less
>obvious because of the sun's light or if they just left.

Classical astronomical case, sleepiness making the witness unsure
how it all ended.

>"I could have turned away for a minute and they left," Zimmerman
>said. "I'm not sure what happened, but I remembered looking and
>they just weren't there anymore."

...

>"I got out my compass and it indicated 115 degrees," Zimmerman
>said. "So the objects would have been more to the east."

Clincher. At 116 degrees magnetic were the two brightest planets
in the heavens, Venus (mag. -4) and Jupiter (mag. -2), extremely
bright in the early morning sky, in very close conjunction only
about one degree apart, and very low on the horizon, about 5-6
degrees elevation as seen from Stephenville at that exact time
6:05 AM.

The planets were at 115 degrees magnetic at 6:00 AM.

The second brightest star in the constellation Sagittarius,
Nunki (mag. +2), was still lower on the horizon at about 1-2
degrees elevation and at 117 degrees magnetic bearing, probably
reddened by the denser atmosphere just like the rising or
setting sun is reddened close to the horizon.

Brad Sparks

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Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3a42oc>

February 27, 2008

[See Reader Comment at end]

Unusual Outage Tests Power Grid

By Richard Mullins
The Tampa Tribune

An extraordinary loss of electricity from two South Florida nuclear power plants about 1 p.m. Tuesday triggered a cascade of blackouts across the state, cutting electricity for an estimated 3 million people.

Within a few seconds of the nuclear units going down, electrical networks from Miami to Tampa engaged safety systems to protect themselves from potential damage and stopped providing electricity to customers, power company officials say.

The outage affected several hundred thousand customers in the Tampa Bay area for several hours Tuesday.

The statewide event may have been triggered by a fire at an electrical substation in Miami, illustrating the interdependent nature of electricity distribution in Florida. If anything, the outage put emergency backup systems to the test at phone, cable, cellular and other utility providers that normally only engage those systems during hurricanes.

"This was an extremely unusual occurrence," Tampa Electric Co. President Chuck Black said.

About 50,000 of Tampa Electric's 670,000 customers lost power for some time Tuesday. Most customers saw service restored by 4 p.m., company officials said.

About 150,000 Progress Energy customers across the state lost power. The company did not have a tally of local outages but said the vast majority had power restored by 3 p.m.

Florida Power & Light, the state's largest utility, said equipment failure and a fire at a Miami substation led to the power outage. FPL is still trying to determine what caused the failure and fire. The company says such equipment failure should not have caused the widespread blackouts.

The outages had no connection to terrorism, Homeland Security Department spokeswoman Laura Keehner said. No foul play was suspected, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Alvarez said.

Florida Gov. Charlie Crist said that he was grateful to the utilities "for the great work they put in" to quickly restore power.

Crist said he consulted with Florida National Guard Maj. Gen. Douglas Burnett about using troops to help ensure the safety of Floridians in case it appeared there would be significant outages overnight, but Crist ruled out troop use when power was restored for most customers by nightfall.

Rapid Fire Chain Of Events

The power disruption in Miami rippled across a large, cooperative power grid that connects Florida power plants and is designed to routinely smooth out lulls and spikes in power usage and demand.

The outage began when a Florida Power & Light electricity distribution system in the Miami area broke down about 1 p.m., said Brenda Mozafari, a project manager with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission who oversees projects at Florida nuclear plants.

When that outage occurred, two nuclear generating units about 25 miles south of downtown Miami at Turkey Point independently and automatically unplugged from the power grid, shutting down to prevent internal damage.

Within a couple of seconds, control rods above the two Turkey Point reactor cores dropped down between the nuclear fuel rods - as they are designed to do - all but instantly squelching the nuclear chain reaction that helps generate electricity, NRC officials said.

It's thought the reactors sustained no damage.

As the nuclear plants stopped producing power, the overall electricity supply dropped dramatically across the state. That, in turn, triggered safety systems to engage as far away as Tampa and Gainesville.

Two other nuclear power plants in the state, a reactor in Crystal River and twin reactors in St. Lucie County, continued to operate, although officials at those two facilities noticed the grid disturbance.

One nuclear unit at Turkey Point was set to restart Tuesday evening. The other was expected to remain shut down for scheduled maintenance, NRC officials said.

System Worked On Cue

Although inconvenient to customers, the outages in the Bay area occurred because electrical systems did what they were designed to do, Tampa Electric Co. officials said.

The phenomenon is similar to a home surge protector for TV sets or computers, which automatically cuts the power flow when it detects a disturbance. By doing this, it is hoped that damage to a TV or computer is prevented. The surge protector can be reset quickly when the power supply stabilizes.

"By disconnecting, we prevented something that could have moved into a much worse problem," said Black at Tampa Electric.

Normally, Florida's statewide electrical grid handles power loss and spikes several times a day, balancing demand and generation from power plants across the region with no effect on customers. The difference Tuesday was the degree of the problem, Black said.

Although the exact scope had not been determined, power experts said the system immediately lost between 2,000 and 3,000 megawatts, the equivalent of two or more large power plants.

Black said such a sudden, large drop in power had not happened in recent memory, outside of hurricanes in Florida.

Local Ripple Effect

Tampa Electric spokesman Rick Morera said most of the large-scale outages in the Tampa area affected New Tampa and the University of South Florida's Tampa campus.

The Brandon and Valrico areas east of Tampa lost power for about 45 minutes, coming back up shortly before 2 p.m. Neither Brandon Regional Hospital nor the Westfield Brandon mall reported power outages. Hospitals typically have emergency generators to keep critical systems running.

At Tampa's University Community Hospital, an operations building and a warehouse, neither of which is directly involved in patient care, lost power for about 50 minutes.

In Pinellas County, about six schools reported power losses, school district spokeswoman Andrea Zahn said. Outages were also reported at the school district's administrative offices, transportation facilities and operations offices.

The power loss resulted in traffic signals going dark in some areas across Tampa.

Phone and cable TV companies in the Bay area engaged backup systems normally used only during severe storms. By 2:30 p.m., Verizon Wireless officials counted 61 cellular phone sites in the Tampa Bay area running on backup generators and 24 sites on battery backups. None of those cellular sites lost service, said spokesman Chuck Hamby, even though the company saw a "tremendous amount of usage all of the sudden as people reached for their cell phones."

The main land-line phone company in the area, Verizon, reported some service problems in the Brandon area as backup generators turned on, spokesman Bob Elek said. The company's Internet and FiOS TV service also saw battery backup systems engage at homes.

Bright House Networks had brief glitches, spokesman Joe Durkin said, but a backup system restored power for cable TV, phone and Internet service.

Information from The Associated Press was used in this report. Reporters from The Tampa Tribune, TBO.com and News Channel 8 also contributed. Tribune reporter Richard Mullins can be reached at rmullins.nul or (813) 259-7919.

Reader Comment

Posted by speezer on February 27, 2008 at 6:34 a.m.

South Florida Power Outage May Be Connected To UFOs
by Bill Knell

While appearing live on an internet radio program on Monday, February 25, 2008, UFO Researcher Dick Criswell took several live reports about UFO sightings. Some were from Eastern Canada and others from the area of the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Generating Plant near Homestead, Florida. The Florida sightings involved both cylindrical and triangular shaped UFOs. Earlier today, Tuesday, February 26, 2008, we received more reports of triangular shaped UFOs near Homestead and the nuclear power plant operated by Florida Power and Light.

Just after receiving the additional reports of UFO sightings from the Homestead area, more reports came in from areas all along the East Coast of Florida. Shortly after that, the Turkey Point Nuclear Power Generating automatically shut down leaving millions of South Florida residents without power. Based on the reports we received and the fact that UFOs have been directly and indirectly connected to other power outages and failures throughout the years, we believe that the Florida outage was caused by the presence of UFOs.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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>way to go before reaching that status!

>It so happens that Gilles Lorant had a chance to meet two people
>at the UN who had him invited to that confidential gathering.

>Please, let's not over do it.

>Gildas Bourdais

Thanks for clarifying this Gildas. The hype on this "secret meeting" was getting into an area that some of us felt was a bit new agey in it's appearance. Jumping into this feet first was done too quickly too soon.

I'm sure that some discussion will take place and perhaps some protocols could be forthcoming.

But even firefighters have protocols as do the RCMP here in Canada to deal with such contingencies. It would surprise me if the UN didn't address it to some degree.

Don Ledger

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That is a statement pasted directly from the FEA website that you
can find here;

<http://www.federation-airplane.eu/site/fr/index.php?lien=ressources>

For now I have reported what is claimed without interpretation.
We will know more after more details arrive.

I am still working on the story and I will send new details soon.
For now

Best regards.

Giuliano

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My regards, Mr. Fields;

Mr. Hall poorly applies what he should allow as a lesson from
his well regarded research on the Rendalsham Forest sightings.
And which, I'm sure, fetched him the same 'charlatan' label more
than once.

By those overly conservatives who have never come to terms with
the axiom: if you cannot say what a thing is, you cannot say
what it is not.

JCH

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Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2008 07:50:57 -0600
Archived: Tue, 04 Mar 2008 11:02:23 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 15:20:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 08:41:23 -0600
>>Subject: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>>SDI #454

>>Twenty Questions

>>20 Questions expansively addressed by Dave Furlotte, Mike Woods,
>>Don Ledger, and Alfred Lehmborg, served seasoned by our master
>>Ufological chef, Errol Bruce-Knapp:

><snip>

>>Remaining is TV newsman Michael J. Woods making a style of report
>>that I'm betting he's never made before. There is not an ounce of
>>tongue in cheek schadenfrude or professional distance. It's about
>>a new UFO documentary by David Cherniak that he is taking very,
>>very seriously. Shortly, he embraces the doc without reservation
>>or qualification. I don't think I overstate my case that the
>>lovely Errol Bruce-Knapp shares a similar sentiment. Reports and
>>predictions are that Paul Kimball's Best Evidence will be
>>supplanted as my own favorite - and thank God for that as it's
>>been such a strain being nice to Paul... just kidding, Mr.
>>Kimball!

>Hey Alfred,

>Guilty as charged. The only time I was even remotely that
>respectful was on Errol's other show, Mind/Shift, when we
>interviewed an author who was an expert on state-of-the-art
>nanotechnology, especially its then-current medical
>applications. By the end of that on-air interview, I think I was
>addressing this guy as "Sir".

>Otherwise, yep, tongue-in-cheek as necessary (or not) and
>professional distance, which I'd do interviewing anybody or
>about almost anything or anybody, except Robert A. Heinlein,
>where I simply worship.

I'm the exact same way about Theodore Sturgeon, defining us both
pretty neatly I expect, but it's cool. They were pals, you see.
Too, respectful ones given the introduction Heinlein provided to
Sturgeon's capstone book, Godbody.

"The last of the wine... and the best."

What giants! We stand on their massive shoulders to see further
than they ever did, or could, eh?

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Re: Cigar-Shaped Object Over Gold Coast OZ

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 04 Mar 2008 13:32:10 -0400
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 06:26:45 -0500
Subject: Re: Cigar-Shaped Object Over Gold Coast OZ

>From: Glennys Mackay <gem60.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 16:44:20 +1000
>Subject: Cigar-Shaped Object Over Gold Coast OZ

>Greetings from Brisbane,

>This report was received by UFO Research Queensland today even
>though the sighting was on 9th February.2008.

>The gentleman has only just plucked up the courage to phone
>in... Because he is a business man he was concerned what his
>clients and colleagues may think of him.

>-----

>Date: 3/3/2008 3:58:51 PM
>To: uforq.nul
>Subject: [uforq] Cigar shaped object over the Gold Coast, Qld

>UFO Sighting Feb 9, 2008 Gold Coast

>[Please note, identifying details have been removed from this report
>as requested by the sender.]

>I'm a conservative business man and have never seen or reported
>seeing any UFOs in my life. I am not a crack pot of any sort and
>I would not be reporting this sighting unless I saw what I saw
>and can say with utter conviction that what I saw in the sky
>that evening was no airplane.

<snip>

I'm curious, Glennys,

Was there a follow-up done on the report? The sighting was on
February 9, 2008 but was that when it was reported to UFOR. Were
the police, radio, and TV stations and newspapers canvassed for
supporting reports. What about air traffic control/the local
tower? Don't forget flight service station-if they still call it
that in OZ. Pilots will often report there rather than to tower.

Surely something this big would have been seen by others at that
time of the day. Sometimes leaking a bare bones story to the
media will get results without compromising details of the
original witnesses description and avoid copycatting.

Don Ledger

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Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2008 09:53:57 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 06:50:43 -0500
Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2008 10:12:39 -0600
>Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 3 Mar 2008 07:51:36 -0800 (PST)
>>Subject: Re: SDI #454 - Twenty Questions

>>I grew up in Dublin. No one has picked up nor seemed interested
>>in what I've tried to discuss about the area before. I'm not
>>talking now. Feel around in the dark some more.

>James,

>I'm kind of curious what your reply had to do with Alfred's post.
>I read no comments about Dublin, the area or it's citizens. Heck,
>he never mentioned Dublin at all in the original post.

>Alfred is obviously referring to the Air Force's knee-jerk
>reaction to the event.

>Please explain.

I will go that far, no further. Dublin lies less than 12 miles
SW of Stephenville on Hwy 377. The center of the sightings is
closer to it than Stephenville and the best witnesses live in
the Dublin area. The predilection to refer to the name
Stephenville is, I suppose, purely because the reporter on the
story was from a daily in Stephenville.

I am inferring there is far more context to this, making for a
more understandable parallel to the allusions (perhaps meant
purely as anecdotal,) Mr. Lehmborg makes.

This is my final comment on the matter and it should have been
unnecessary. And I care not what anyone makes of that.

JCH

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UFO 'Seen Hovering Over Village' Near Wrexham

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Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 06:50:43 -0500
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 06:50:43 -0500
Subject: UFO 'Seen Hovering Over Village' Near Wrexham

Source: The Wrexham Leader - Wales, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/2e4rau>

04 March 2008

UFO 'Seen Hovering Over Village' Near Wrexham

A north east Wales resident has called for an explanation after spotting a UFO.

The man, who did not want to be named, claims to have seen a strange object in the sky above Overton, near Wrexham, at about 6am on Friday.

This is the latest in a string of UFO sightings in the Wrexham area in recent months, prompting one flying saucer enthusiast to dub the region "a UFO hot spot".

In July last year, the Evening Leader had its largest ever internet response to a video, posted on its website, of 'UFOs' which had been seen by a number of people over Borrass.

Referring to the latest sighting, the Overton resident said: "I don't want to be made a laughing stock, but I thought I'd let you know I saw a UFO this morning over Overton at around 5.40am.

"I viewed it for three minutes or so. I hope it was a plane or something but I was watching it for a while and it didn't ring of a plane to me. I'm just hoping someone else has seen it so I don't look silly."

One of Britain's most famous UFO incidents, dubbed North Wales' very own 'Roswell incident' allegedly occurred on the Berwyn Mountains in 1974.

On the evening of January 23, dozens of witnesses from across Lancashire and Cheshire had called the police earlier in the evening and reported seeing a strange formation of lights flying erratically over the skies of the north-west.

At about 8.30pm that night, a large disc-like object was seen falling from the sky over what was when Clwyd and apparently crashed into the Berwyn mountains near Llan drillo, leaving an orange glow which radiated in the sky over the spot for a few minutes.

Police and military apparently converged on the crash site within minutes, cordoning the area off from public view.

What is most bizarre is that at the same time as the 'crash', tremors were recorded, measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale, which shook nearby villages.

Due to the volume of 'Freedom of Information' requests on UFO sightings, the Ministry of Defence plans to release a total of

160 files dating back to the inception of their UFO project in 1950.

The files will be given to the National Archives in Kew and the first are expected to be made available in the spring.

Have you spotted anything strange in the skies over north east Wales?

Tell us what you saw by leaving a comment below or emailing digitalnews.nul

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UFO Spotter Claims Cover-Up

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:50:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:50:00 -0500
Subject: UFO Spotter Claims Cover-Up

Source: This is Local London - UK

<http://tinyurl.com/yr6gjz>

Monday 3rd March 2008

Woodford Green: UFO Spotter Claims Cover-Up

A man who spotted a UFO in the skies above Woodford Green believes there is a conspiracy to cover up "something strange" about Woodford.

The Ministry of Defence has appealed for calm after sightings over Woodford Green last weekend.

Two residents have contacted the Guardian saying they saw a strange object flying through the sky above the Winston Churchill statue.

Construction worker Darrell Greenway, 19, told the Guardian he believes it could indicate that an alien invasion is about to happen.

A government spokeswoman said residents should not be alarmed by the sighting, but Mr Greenway is convinced that what he saw was a hostile alien craft.

He said: "I was walking down the road with my friend by the Cricketers Pub on the High Road, it was a really sunny day.

"Someone shouted oh my God what's that?' I looked up and there was this white-grey dish-like thing up in the sky.

"It wasn't a plane because it didn't have any fuel coming from it.

"It was going really fast, and it was quite low, about the height of Canary Wharf."

He added: "I think it was aliens. I know people who have also seen strange things in sky - there's something secretly going on with Woodford."

But the MoD dismissed the claims.

Spokeswoman Susan Coulthard said: "It's certainly common that people see something they don't understand.

"There are many possible explanantions for such sightings, whether it is aircraft, ballons or other similar objects."

She added: "we are scanning the skies all the time for security reasons, so the chances of a member of the public seeing something that we don't know about are remote."

"Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no

attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

Ms Coulthard said the ministry had not received any reports of sightings in Redbridge.

She added: "Do people living in Woodford need to be worried? No they do not."

However Mr Greenway disagrees.

"They are trying to cover it up" he said.

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Spielberg To Launch UFO And Paranormal Social

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:52:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:52:00 -0500
Subject: Spielberg To Launch UFO And Paranormal Social

Source: Live News.Com.Au - Sydney, NSW, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/2hyv7t>

5/03/2008

Spielberg To Launch UFO And Paranormal Social Network?
Jesse Perez

Hollywood mega-director Steven Spielberg is reportedly setting up a social network for people interested in paranormal and extra-terrestrial activity, inspired by his own personal experiences with the unknown.

The focus of the network will be on people who have an interest in, or have experienced paranormal phenomena, and the network may feature multimedia content of UFO sightings, paranormal activity and user-based content.

Stories of Spielberg's own personal experiences with ghosts are widely known; his stay in the Excelsior House led him to become so frightened by alleged ghosts that he fled the room and moved 20 miles away, forming the inspiration for the movie Poltergeist.

The network may have been originally in development with Yahoo, but the project was abandoned before it was launched. But reports suggest that the idea lives on, and a team of developers are aiming for a mid-year launch.

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Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:54:00 -0500
Archived: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 07:54:00 -0500
Subject: Mysterious Object No UFO

Source: The Star Phoenix - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/231t7p>

Wednesday, March 05, 2008

Mysterious Object No UFO: Expert
Charles Mandel, Canwest News Service

One thing's for sure when it comes to a mysterious object over the skies of Prince Edward Island: No one knows what it was - not even the UFO experts.

Chris Rutkowski, research co-ordinator for Ufology Research in Manitoba, said the object trailing a dark, spiralling plume behind it in January over the island is not a UFO.

But Rutkowski is at a loss to identify exactly what it was an islander captured on video and that left the entire country guessing as to its origin.

"We're puzzled," Rutkowski said in an interview late Monday. "But we're fairly certain it was terrestrial phenomena."

The non-profit UFO organization began investigating the strange sighting after islander Marie Ford sent them video footage she'd shot of the dark plume.

Ford said Tuesday the sighting has left her baffled. "I guess we'll never know."

At the time of the incident, Ford's husband Tony said the object was "definitively unidentified," but ruled out "Martians or anything like that."

Instead, he speculated that perhaps it might have been a jet plane dumping fuel. Other suggestions have included everything from space junk to tornadoes.

Ufology researchers enhanced the film using digital image processing and examined close-ups of screen captures, but were still unable to determine what the object might have been.

Rutkowski said he's certain it's not a meteorite or a "chunk of comet" entering the atmosphere, because the object was in the air for too long - nearly 30 minutes.

Nor does he believe it's a satellite or rocket booster. According to Rutkowski, typically space objects travel eastward, but this object was heading west.

"At this point, we simply have to chalk it up to the unexplained," the researcher said. "Because it has all the earmarks of something resembling an aircraft or a fireball of some sort that originated within the atmosphere, I'm fairly certain there is an earth-bound explanation."

According to the group's annual report, 736 UFOs were spotted in Canada in 2006 and 96 fireballs were reported. British Columbia had the highest number of sightings with 209, followed by 188 in Ontario and 98 in Saskatchewan. Prince Edward Island has the lowest number of sightings, reporting only one.

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Reader Tries To Pass Off Fake UFO Picture

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Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 08:16:13 -0500
Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 08:16:13 -0500
Subject: Reader Tries To Pass Off Fake UFO Picture

Source: The Grantham Journal - Licnncolshire, UK

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

05 March 2008

[Photo at site]

Reader Tries To Pass Off Fake UFO Picture

A Journal reader has tried to pass off a famous UFO picture as a genuine sighting over Grantham.

Wayne Mills brought in this picture of what he said was a UFO hovering over Old Somerby last weekend.

He told us: "It was just hovering there.

"It was like a fireball but it was moving up and down.

"It looked pretty small but the light coming from it was huge.

"It was there for a few seconds and then when it went, I went as well."

However the picture is a well-known 'UFO sighting' taken by Mexican man Carlos Diaz on December 21, 1994 while taking photos of the eruption of Mt. Popocatepetl in Puebla, Mexico.

The picture has been examined worldwide by many photographic experts and published in numerous magazines, newspapers, and books.

It shows a glowing, yellowish, disc shaped object with a red hue toward the top and windows or portholes.

Diaz, a highly controversial figure in Ufology alleges to have been contacted by aliens directly.

He is considered a charlatan by many Ufologists.

To see Diaz's original photo (the same as Mr Mills') and to read more about his photos from Mexico - not Old Somerby - click on the links below:

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Giuliano's Report #4 - More On UN Meeting

From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 5 Mar 2008 13:09:28 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 08:21:59 -0500
Subject: Giuliano's Report #4 - More On UN Meeting

Dear Colleagues,

Those are the new details about alleged UN meeting (in the connection with my previous posts).

The host of the French radio program "Radio Ici et Maintenant", Didier Plaige, who will soon have telephone interview with Mr. Lorant, has released new details.

In the text below you can find translated article from his blog using Google Translate.

There is also a picture of Mr. Lorant.

Best regards to everyone:

Giuliano

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/yplaq4>

Wednesday, 2008 March 5th
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Gilles Gilles Lorant, who is now quoted on many forums and french Anglo-American, I clarified some points before we organized the interview scheduled for radio.

It can of course comment on any of the information transmitted by Michael Salla, which relate to the day of 12 February in which he did not attend.

He was in New York to observe the functioning of the United Nations, and it is a coincidence that the topic of UFO's has been discussed during these two days.

He said today:

- It was on 13 and 14 February for preliminary discussions, prepare for a forthcoming meeting of the Economic and Social Council.

- Nothing has moved, but extracts from the reports of the National Guard were projected on screens, and commented on by the three senators who had ordered,

- Participants have been no excavation particular, it was only imperative to extinguish mobile phones.

- At the end of the meeting, participants had to fill in a form of appreciation.

"The meetings were chaired by Srgjan Kerim, a former Foreign Minister of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" (elected president of the 62nd session of the United Nations General Assembly on May 24, 2007). =93

I have at the moment of confirmation that the presence of Sir John SAWERS, for the United Kingdom, and the Archbishop

Celestino MIGLIORE, permanent representative of the Vatican.

"The permanent representative of the Vatican was present in New York at this time, as evidenced by the Catholic Press Agency:
"The Archbishop Celestino Migliore, the Vatican's permanent observer to the United Nations was present on Wednesday (thus 13 February) during the 62nd Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, entitled "Climate Change: The UN and the world in the search for solutions."

It was possible to join the meeting which was held in the hall of the Security Council, since Gilles Lorant told me that individuals have participated in various meetings on the same day.

During this brief interview, Gilles Lorant also stated: "I have been seen as an attach=E9 Research" at the CNRS, only because he happened to me in the past to carry out two specific contracts.
=93 With regard to the IHEDN, I have actually been "auditor", but I have been reached by the age limit. "

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From: **Michael Tarbell** <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Wed, 05 Mar 2008 09:36:18 -0700
Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 08:26:25 -0500
Subject: Mysterious Object No UFO

>Source: The Star Phoenix - Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada

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>guessing as to its origin.

Well, this comically contradictory passage should remove any and
all doubt as to whether the term "UFO" has been irretrievably
commandeered. UFO = alien spacecraft, like it or not. I hadn't
fully appreciated why ever more generic labels (e.g., UAP) were
being coined, but it's pretty clear now. Get ahead of the crowd
and start composing your response to "do you believe in UAPs?"

Mike

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What's It Like To See A UFO?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 09:10:00 -0500
Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 09:10:00 -0500
Subject: What's It Like To See A UFO?

Source: The Frederick News Post - Maryland, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/yns3fh>

March 06, 2008

What's It Like... To See A UFO?

By Ron Cassie
News-Post Staff

This is one in a series of stories that goes behind the scenes to explore the unusual, memorable, quirky things people do - and go through - in the courses of their lives.

Frederick County native Keith Chester is among the 14 percent of Americans, along with former President Jimmy Carter, who told The Associated Press last year that they've seen an Unidentified Flying Object. Now, after four years of research at the military National Archives in College Park, Chester has published a print-on-demand, 320-page book on the subject titled, "Strange Company: Military Encounters with UFOs in WWII." Available through Anomalist Books, the work contains detailed accounts of unconventional sightings by American and British pilots culled from military and government documents, interviews and news stories.

Marion Lambert remembers the late summer day 42 years ago when her son, Keith, then 9 years old, ran frightened into their house, telling his mother he'd seen a huge, shiny ball in the sky over a nearby tree line.

"Oh, he was scared to death, petrified," Lambert recounted. "He'd seen it with some of his friends and said it was a large, red circle. They said it hung up above the trees and then it just - went."

"It was about 5:30 or 6 p.m. and the sun had already gone down behind me, behind the mountain," said Keith Chester, who now lives in Harford County with his wife, Nancy, and is researching a second book. "It was completely bright, large, round and red. Immediately, the hair on the back of my neck stood up and I instantly felt fear."

Lambert said about six months before her son's sighting, she and her grandmother, Effie Spurrier, had witnessed something similar from their backyard at the base of the Catoctin Mountains in Yellow Springs.

"There was a very bright light, very high in the sky, the whole mountain was lit up," she said, recalling the mid-1950s through the 1960s when they and neighbors would sit outside in the evening, looking for possible extraterrestrial objects amongst the clouds and stars. "I never did find out what that was. It was hovering over the trees off Bethel Road toward Mountindale, but certainly wasn't a helicopter, I knew what they looked

like."

Lambert recalled seeing news reports shortly after her son's sighting, with the government explaining that it had been weather balloons that several local citizens spotted in the Frederick area. She didn't buy it.

"Apparently, there were a bunch of people that saw what my son saw, but weather balloons weren't red," Lambert said.

The national - and local - mystery around UFOs and his own sighting sparked a lifelong interest for Chester. But he didn't give the subject a serious look until he heard secondhand that a former Army colonel secretary turned Frederick high school teacher, was telling students in the late 1980s about a earlier military cover-up around a recovered UFO.

By 1999, he began researching his book about the sighting of unexplained aerial phenomena by American and British fighter and bomber squadrons during World War II. Sometimes called foo fighters (lead singer Dave Grohl of the rock band by the same name is a UFO aficionado), Chester started chronicling accounts from 1931 until the end of the war.

Shortly after in 1947, in what would later become the most famous of all UFO incidents, an episode shook up Roswell, N.M., though it didn't reach the public consciousness until decades later.

Eventually, Chester met a former WWII Army Air Force sergeant turned UFO author and researcher, named Len Stringfield. He told Chester of his sighting flying over the Pacific on the way to Tokyo, days after the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki. Chester said he later found a CIA document, called the Robertson/Durant Report, from 1953 that said while the "foo fighter" sightings were likely misidentified electrical weather phenomenon, such as what's known as St. Elmo's Fire, their exact cause wasn't explainable. This report encouraged Chester to dig deeper.

Over his four years of research, Chester said he made perhaps 150 trips to the National Archives, pulling thousands of boxes and documents. He said that what makes his work unique is it focuses on the WWII-era that has not been comprehensively chronicled previously. His book cites over 500 references to declassified documents, memorandum, notes, newspaper accounts and interviews.

"Strange Company" starts with the re-telling of a "100-foot flaming dirigible" in West Virginia from a 1931 New York Times story and a 1932 New Jersey police report of another odd aircraft. Among research from the war, he found a 1944 report from British pilots of a "airship-like," silver, cigar-shaped object. The crew said they could see lights and windows at the bottom of the massive object 2,000 to 3,000 feet away.

A Feb. 11, 1945, document, classified as secret, from the Air Staff Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force, cited worried crew reports of "flight phenomena" from the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, stressing "that something should be done to get to the root of the matter."

A March 1945 military document headlined, "BALLS OF FIRE - RED," said "Bomber Command crews have for some time been reporting similar phenomena." It suggested flak and German Me-262 rockets as "the most likely explanation," but went to say the whole affair remained something of a mystery.

The issue and reports from U.S. Army Air Force pilots attracted enough attention at the time that in 1945 both Time and Newsweek ran stories of foo fighter sightings, which briefly became a catch-all phrase before terms like "flying saucer" entered the lexicon and the later name, UFO, took hold.

"There was a great deal of disbelief by those who were not witnesses," said Chester, who has been profiled recently in such disparate publications as UFO magazine and The (Baltimore) Sun. He said crews were often ridiculed by intelligence investigators, some of whom accused the men of drinking on the job. This prevailing attitude, he said, "persuaded airmen to remain quiet."

Both Stringfield and Harold Auspurger, the commanding officer of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, were interviewed extensively by Chester. They maintained that what unnerved them during the war wasn't German-made. Later, they came to believe it was something extraterrestrial. Those interviews, his own sighting and his research has convinced Chester.

"I tried to look at and represent everything I found at face-value," he said. "I certainly can't call all these veterans liars. They were elite, highly-trained observers, and assuming they're telling the truth, I don't think flares, rockets or the moon explain what they said they saw.

"It suggests something otherworldly," Chester concluded. "There is nothing before, (or) during (WWII) or today that's been invented and behaves in the way the things they described did. I personally would be more surprised to discover we are alone in the universe. It puts us in that realm. But there is no absolute proof, it's still speculation. I tried to lay out the facts for people."

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Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM
15.02.08 RICHMOND MELBOURNE VICTORIA 2000hrs (NL)
Witness name: Jason x
Other Witnesses: There were 8 people present. All of us saw the objects. All can be contacted through the email address I gave.
Sighting Duration: 5 - 10 minutes
Qualifications: Commercial Pilots licence

Observation: We were facing east and noticed an object traveling from the SE towards the NW. It was rectangular in shape but appeared to black to silver in color and appeared to be rotating. At first we thought that it could have been something like a garbage bag, however there was no wind and it appeared to be quite low.

We were all about to just write it off as something we couldn't explain until another object appeared not less than 2 minutes later travelling in the same direction, but it appeared to be spherical in shape and seemed to pulsate while changing in color, as with the other object from black to silver.

We did notice what seemed to be a red flash off the first object every now and then, however I believe as the sun was setting that this was the suns reflection off the shiny silver side of the object. As I said, it was rectangular and slightly curved in shape, with the longer side being vertical and it appeared to be rotation around the vertical axis.

We watched both object travel across the sky for about 5 - 10 minutes. The further away they got the first object appeared to begin climbing while the second object appeared to maintain the same altitude.

Earlier we watched a helicopter fly past, however these objects were travelling substantially quicker for the altituded that the appeared to be at.

There was no wind, I've seen weather balloons before and they don't travel at near the speed that these were moving at. Also weather balloons appear to raise vertically quite quickly, whereas these things were maintaining altitude. There was no

sound associated with the objects.

Apparent Size: Pea-Sized - Actual Size: Hard to say really. Because they were shiny and spinning/pulsating, it was hard to judge distance and size. Altitude: I would have said at least 1500ft. Looked similar to the hight you'd see a light plane fly past at. Object Origin: From the SE, over the trees Object Destination: The NNW, just to the east of the Melbourne CBD. Weather Visibility: Clear, Warm, Calm Weather Comments: Clear with not a breath of wind. Viewing Aids: naked eye only. 8 witnesses

Effects Psychological: Well once all of us realised that there was a second object which was just as unexplainable as the first, we all sort of freaked out a little. 1 is a coincidence, but two was just freaky.

Other Experiences: No, never. And I've been a pilot previously, and also worked in ATC for a brief period of time. About two weeks earlier I was down at Wilsons Prom in victoria and saw a bright flash followed by seeing an object crossing the sky just like any other satellite, however I just thought that it could have been the space station with the sun reflecting off it.

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Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM
12.02.08 MIDLAND (PERTH) WA 1430hrs (DD)
Witness: Andrew x
Occupation: Music Professional
Sighting Duration: about 8 sec - then another 8 sec

Observation: During the 12th of Febuary 2008 at about 2:30pm I was driving east on Gt Eastern Hwy and stopped at the traffic lights entering Morrison Rd turnoff. I noticed a large shiny object at about 2 o'clock just above the Darling Range hilltops, which did not look like a plane. The people in the car stopped in front of me saw it too and were pointing at it. The object was moving in a circular pattern coming from over the darling range, circling north over greenmount/middle swan, then disappearing back over the hills. It appeared to have an "out of focus" glowing aura underneath it. I thought it had gone but about 3 minutes later as I entered The Crescent in Midland it appeared again. This time it followed the same flight path but came much lower appearing to almost land near the Cycle Dome. I pulled over into a side street and quickly got out of my car. As I looked away for no more thasn 2 seconds, trying to get my phone camera to take a video, it vanished. It was about the size of a small jet liner and seemed to change shape from a flat cigar shape to a teardrop shape as it turned away from me. The cloudy aura underneath was hard to focus on, and during the first sighting I thought I had some mucus in my eye. However, this was not the case; as was confirmed during the second sighting.

Description: The object was in the flight path for Perth Airport and I am used to seeing planes taking off and landing in the same airspace. However this object was moving about double the speed of the planes. The object appeared to change shape but it could have been the gaseous glass-like sphere of haze around it which could have warped my perspective. As it turned away from me it appeared to go from a flat cigar type shape to more like a teardrop with the big end at the front and the small end at the rear. The most distinguishing feature was the hazy out-of-focus spherical aura that travelled underneath it. The top part of the object was clearly metal, with the look of stainless steel. I heard no noise from the craft.

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Source: AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING SUBMISSION: UFOinfo John Hayes
Location: Gold Coast, Qld Australia
Date: 09/02/2008
Time: About 6:00 PM
Number of witnesses: 1
Number of objects: 1
Shape of objects: Cigar shaped a little bit raised in the middle

Weather Conditions: Clear with a few low clouds in the distance
Description: I was sitting on my deck at my home in the Gold Coast (Bonogin) hinterland over looking the Gold Coast / Surfers Paradise building sky line. As I was peering out I noticed this

dark grey object in the sky out above the buildings or a bit further out over the ocean. I first thought it might be a plane banking out over the building on its way out over the ocean, but then I realised how large it was and it stopped moving and just sat there in the sky not getting bigger or smaller. The size of it compared to the buildings made it "way too big" at that distance to be any plane. (It would have had to been the size of 3 747s noise to tails long) There were no lights or sounds just this huge dark grey object sitting there in the sky for about 45 to 60 seconds. And then it must have darted out over the ocean because it went from being huge to disappearing very quickly. (Like when you see a fighter jet rocket out of sight into the sky, but faster.)

TV/Radio no

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[Australian UFO sightings email list]

Source: AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING SUBMISSION: UFOinfo John Hayes

Date: Sat, 09 Feb 2008 21:38

Location: N.N.W of Richmond Vale.(near KURRI KURRI

Date sighting: about 1956

Time: between 7.30pm & 8.30.pm

Number of witnesses: none

Number of objects: up to 10

Shape of objects: they were like stars

Weather Conditions: fine

Description: I was looking at the night sky, when I saw about 10 bright objects, they were going in a northerly direction, then some would break away & chase each other. I saw one just disappear for a while then come again, this went on for about 30 min. (would it be a meteor shower)? I was only 15 yr old when this happen, & is still very clear in my mind.

TV/Radio no

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[Australian UFO sightings email list]

Source: AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING SUBMISSION: UFOinfo John Hayes

Location: Past YASS, Sydney, Australia Crescent Or Possibly Disc Shaped UFO

Posted: February 7, 2008

Date: January 28, 2008 Time: Approx: 7:30 p.m.

Number of witnesses: 1 Number of objects: 1 Shape of objects:

Crescent shaped, possibly disc shaped. Weather Conditions:

Clear, few clouds,

no rain, no wind.

Description: After changing drivers near YASS, N.S.W with my partner on our way back to Melbourne via the Hume highway I saw a crescent shaped object in the distance. It was about 1cm in width and at first I made nothing of it. I was staring at it for a good 30 seconds when it faded from sight only to reappear to the east almost instantaneously!

This excited me and I told my partner although she was quick to dismiss it. From an estimate I would assume that the object traveled at least 100km in less than a second. If anyone else was able to see something like this please post!

TV/Radio I'm not aware of any press related to the sighting.

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Source: AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING SUBMISSION: UFOinfo John Hayes

Posted: February 3, 2008

Date: January 2, 2008 Time: 5:20 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Woodridge, Gin Gin, WA. Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 2 Shape of objects: bright orangeOrbs, Horizontal ovoid shapes.

Full Description of event/sighting: 05.10 this morning I awoke to see two bright orange, round orbs in the sky. I watched them for approx 10 mins to observe any movement (I obviously thought at first they were stars) and I could see they were moving up and down and side to side in very rapid manner. I went down stairs to get a drink and when I returned to the room and looked out of the window again they had moved closer. I now saw a very

large very white bright object and next to it was a smaller object which was orange/red in appearance. I became quite frightened and went downstairs to wait for the sun to start coming up. As the sun started to rise I went back upstairs for another look and the objects were still there but appeared to be moving away as the sun was rising. I had a similar experience (with my husband) back in late November 2007.

I am only submitting this sighting because it is the second one I have had over the past five months and previous to this I have never seen anything which could be described as a UFO. To be perfectly honest, it completely freaked me out. I am a mature, respectable woman of 39 and I would be interested to know if any sightings of this nature have been reported recently.

If what I saw are merely stars, then I am completely happy to accept that explanation.

Kindest Regards,

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Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM

Date: 27.01.08

Location: BUNBURY WA 11:10hrs (DD)

Witnesses name: Sandra John Wayne & Paula

Sighting Duration : 10 - 15 minutes

Observation: Sighted metallic cylindrical object in sky, grabbed binoculars and when focused on object found that it was tumbling through the sky at the same altitude throughout the whole visual. The object was traveling east to west. We watched it travel until it was out of sight Description: reflected extremely bright as it tumbled.

Apparent Size: Dinner Plate - Actual Size: After the visual a plane flew over which was much closer and smaller than that of the metallic object. The plane was a small cesna. - Altitude: A couple of miles high Object Origin: east - Object Destination: west Weather Visibility: Clear, Hot, Calm - Viewing Aids: binoculars www.auforn.com

[Australian UFO sightings email list] Source: Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research Location: Queensland, Australia Multiple UFO Sightings (Diagram Of Figure- Face) Posted: January 13, 2008 Date: Different dates. Time: Different times. Full Description of event/sighting: I have seen 3 UFO's throughout my 33 years of life, 1982 a pulsating orange orb 5 meters in diameter only meters away from me on Fraser Island. 1993 a craft (35 ft diameter) spitting out colored lights into the ocean off Scarborough Beach Queensland. 1998, 6 glowing lights hovered around exploring for two hours off Scarborough Beach Queensland. But one thing that has always baffled me is a memory as a 3 year old boy. I was in bed and remember a big round ugly head floating in my room. I was frozen with fear. It spoke to me (can't remember what it said) then disappeared. It's image is so clear in my head I can draw it today. When I was about 14 years old I drew a picture of it's face and told my father about this event. My Dad was in shock of my story for he had seen the exact same thing floating in his room when he was 16 years of age. (He was also frozen with fear at the time). If anyone else has had a similar story or can shed light to this I would be very grateful. Regards.

Additional Information And Diagram: Hi Brian, Yeah ok, well I drew a picture of this thing for you. The "head" was round, about 2 feet in diameter, human looking in origin, but very ugly, over sized fat lips that kind of stretched across its face, very pale skin with an almost translucent quality, no hair (eyebrows etc). It's voice (whether it was telepathic or physically audible) was menacing and negative. My Father said when he experienced this entity it didn't speak, it just looked at him. I'm not much of an artist, I tried to give it's skin a translucent quality but instead it looks more like it's been working in a coal mine.

The event happened at Shorncliffe, Queensland, Australia around 1977 at night time. My Father's experience was at Bribie Island,

Queensland Australia 1968 around 3:00 a.m. I'd just like to point out too that this thing glowed like the moon but not as bright. I hope this helps. I have just recently joined "Aliens UFO Network Forum" looking for some answers, and a guy claims to have seen a similar thing when he was seven, a "floating head" however the thing he saw was light green with big black eyes.? Anyhow I would be most grateful to hear from you in the future on any information you stumble across regarding similar stories of this event. Regards.

To view the excellent diagram the witness made: *Queensland, Australia Multiple UFO Sightings (Diagram Of Figure- Face)* Thank you to the witness for the interesting report. Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research. email: hbccufo.nul Website: <http://www.hbccufo.org> <http://www.brianvike.com>, <http://www.hbccufo.com>, <http://www.hbccufo.net> HBCC UFO Research International: <http://www.hbccufointernational.org/>

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Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE FOLLOW UP CALLIN#6418a
Date reported : 26.01.08
Location: KATOOMBA NSW
Time: 1900hrs (NL)
Witness: Gayle
Number of objects: 3 Orbs - 2 images?

Description: Report
Gayle was outside her Katoomba home on the verandah taking sunset photographs with a digital camera. Although she noticed nothing out of the ordinary, when the images were examined there was an inexplicable large object right in the frame and this object was neither vague, blurry or out of context.

Having become fascinated as to why such a large object could have been completely un-noticed, Gayle decided to have the camera inspected for faults; none were found. The Cameraman was also fascinated with how such a thing could have occurred. As far as he was concerned, the object was definitely in the original scene.

The house overlooks Narrowneck and the Mega long valley. Another curious thing about the image was the appearance of =93one of those strange orb things you hear about=94 especially as this one appeared to exhibit a shape within. Gayle=92s partner contacted a well known astronomer who is also unusually fascinated with it.

image 1&2 at Australian UFO sightings email list.
Apparent Size Other: unknown - Viewing Aids: still camera
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Investigator Lorraine & Dom AUFORN NSW
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[Australian UFO sightings email list]
Source: AUFORN Online UFO Report Form
Date: 17.01.08
Location: DERBY WA
Time: 2030hrs (NL)
Witness: John
Occupation: Shop Owner
Sighting Duration: 20 minutes

Observation: This has happened on three occasions. Last year our dog was ill and needed to go outside. It was 3am and this single light looked like star but it was moving quite fast but not like a shooting star. It went in a straight line. No flashing lights so I knew it wasn't an air craft.

Then this year my wife and I both saw the same thing right above our home at 8.30 pm, plus the latest one, except I was looking at it from our bedroom window. It circled this time. I couldn't believe my eyes. We are on a flight path here with flight going out to see for asia and UK etc. but these weren't planes. Far too high for starters and you can hear the planes here because the area is so quiet. I am 54 years old and I know what I saw. Please let me know if anyone else has seen this.

Description: No sounds. Unusual movements would be the speed and the last sighting would be the circle that it did.

Location: Nearest Road xxxx in Derby W.A. This is the Kimberleys and regional. No pollution. Clear nights. Even though it was stary on all occasions this was as clear as day to see what was happening.

Other Witnesses: Second incident my wife also saw it. Actual Size: Absolutely no idea. Altitude: Higher than planes go or so it appeared. Object Origin: 1st and second incident south heading north. Not a flight path. Flight path is slightly further south than sighting. Last incident was westerly but circling.

Object Destination: First and second incident headed northerly. Last incident just disappeared westerly. Moon Visible: On the last occasion the moon was visible. Couldn't remember for the first two. Moon Size Comparison: Much smaller like star size
Weather Visibility: Clear - Warm www.auforn.com

[Australian UFO sightings email list]

Source: AUSTRALIAN SIGHTING SUBMISSION: UFOinfo John Hayes

Date: 14.01.08

Location: SOUTH EAST BAYSIDE MELBOURNE VIC

Time: 2150hrs (NL)

Witnesses: 3

Sighting Duration: ?

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: bright big dot

Weather Conditions: very very clear

Description: I was having a cigarette with my friend in my yard. we both looked up at a bright dot moving across the sky. it looked very high, almost not in atmosphere. it was very clear, no clouds, no wind. we called for everyone there to come and look but my nephew only came outside. it made no sound, had no wing lights that flashed. as it passed over and got about 3/4 the way across the horizon, it seemed to move side to side slowly, not far aside in distance, and then very quickly turn into a really small dot, either because of the angle across the atmosphere or because of speed. either way, it was not normal. this was not our first sighting.

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Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6412

Date: 11.01.08

Location: GOVEE SYDNEY NSW (NL)

Witness: Ray

Number of witnesses present: 3

Investigator: Daniel AUFORN QLD

Rang and spoke to Mr Ray C.

Very interesting fellow indeed, Ray is a WW2 veteran of 83 years of age. Found our 1800 hotline call number and decided to tell his story of one of his sightings he had 30 years ago when he was a pilot.

Ray and his co-pilot were flying up to Grove out of Sydney, going to Charleville at night.

Observation: They observed a bright orange circular light approx the size of a soccer-ball, it was approx =BC mile forming off the port wing. First thing he did was radio back to base, identified himself and asked if any other aircraft were joining their flight circuit on the port side. Reply from base was no, nobody else was in their flight circuit space at the time. Ray told me he then became very worried as the object was very bright and too close for comfort (considering he was many thousand feet in altitude)

After a short while and right after speaking to the base, the orange object shot upwards at great speed =93Like a Rocket=94 (was the description of acceleration according to Ray)right into outer space. Obviously extremely fast for the figure of speech.

When he landed to refuel, he was talking to the Re fueler at the base and found out he wasn't the only one to witness this object,.

2 other pilots along with the re fueler had also seen it as well.

The Air Force sent personnel out to investigate and talk to the other 2 pilots (must have had a closer look to receive a debriefing) when they landed at Tindal Air Force Base in Catherine. The pilots never spoke of it again after that. (according to Ray =93 probably not allowed to=94

Of the other 2 pilots, (one who was a lot younger than Ray) is currently still active in aviation and is flying jets for a company (sorry I cannot disclose) and Ray has supplied us with his full name and the company for which he still fly=92s for so we can try to contact him in case he wishes to inform us about the encounter (if he is allowed to of course) being that it was 30 years ago. We will tell him that Ray C from the same Air Force Base had given us his details in case he would like to talk to us about it, as Ray was happy to finally talk about it.

We also have been given the full name of the second pilot who until quite a few years ago was still flying 737=92s for a domestic airliner. (which also witnessed the same object)

Ray is not the only one from his squad to witness this phenomenon, many more pilots had also witnessed similar sightings and reported them as well that he was fully aware of but unfortunately most of them have since passed away (old WW2 vets)

This is unfortunate because these guys would have had some amazing sightings I am sure.

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[Australian UFO sightings email list]
Source: AUFORN Online UFO Report Form
Date: 10.01.08
Location: HENTY NSW 2040hrs (NL)
Witness: No name
Occupation: Age care health
Sighting Duration: 5 minutes

Observation: near sunset, sky still light, seen with naked eye white like object at high altitude, steady pace, heading directly east, quickly grabbed digital camera, took zoomed in photos and download on computer. Amazed at photos as photos came out dark like night sky (and yet it was not dark) zoomed again on photos and object was now redish and appeared like (2) sphere shape disc and looked like one was towing the other! I also captured it on camera video (not very steady shooting) only short footage.

Description: No sound at all, no white trail stream as you see at times behind jets. The movement was direct east at a steady fast pace Location: backyard of home

Other Witnesses: No other witness only digital camera and photos still on camera (have not deleted) only downloaded to computer

Apparent Size Other: looked large white cigar shape and yet showed up disc shape on computer photo - Actual Size: no idea you need to analysis photos

Altitude: higher than our usual jets fly over this area.

Object Origin: came from west heading directly east direction towards Canberra
Object Destination: eastern sky Moon Visible: didn't notice the moon till later and
it was to the left in the lower western sky -

Weather Visibility: Clear - Hot - Sunny - Calm -
Viewing Aids: photographed and (few second video shot)
Effects Physical: slight shock at what I had just seen

Effects Psychological: emotionally had to tell someone experienced in this field so they could give me a logical answer to my sighting.

Other Experiences: yes, on two other occasions and in the same region. There are witnesses but we never speak of it.

[Australian UFO sightings email list]
Source: AUFORN Online UFO Report Form
05.01.08 LAKE EILDON PONAGE VIC 2300hrs (NL)
Witness: Ren
Number of witnesses present: many
Occupation: Music producer
Sighting Duration: 10 minutes

Observation: My girlfriend and I observed what looked like a star moving very fast from the southern cross to the pan stars, then as the UFO approached the pan stars another started following it and after a few seconds veered off on another course, a few seconds after that a 3rd UFO started moving very fast towards the southern cross and kept going until out of sight ! We saw 3 UFOs which at one point were close together or what looked like they were close !

Description: We didnt hear any sound, 2 of the UFOs looked like stars and one looked red in colour. Actual Size: The objects looked like stars in size to us. Altitude: The UFOs looked like they were stars so they looked very high Object Origin: The 1st was spotted around the southern cross - Object Destination: The 1st disappeared into the pan star area Planets Visible: There were a lot of stars visible to us. Weather: Clear.

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[Australian UFO sightings email list]
Source: 1800 UFO HOTLINE CALLIN#6430
Date: 01.01.08
Location: MORLEY PERTH WA (NL)
Witness Name: Robin S
Number of witnesses present: 2
Sighting Time: 21:00hrs
Sighting Duration: 30 Seconds

Observation: Robin and his wife were outside their house where Robin was pointing out Venus in the sky to his wife. When Robin noticed a small white dot moving quickly near Venus for about 30 seconds then vanished into the night sky.

Description: No sound, the light wasn't very bright either just moving quickly in the night sky .

Apparent Size: Pea-Sized - Actual Size: Not very big at all about pea size Altitude: High as the stars - Object Origin: Northern part of the Perth sky . Object Destination: Heading further into the Northern Part of the Perth Sky then disappearing - Moon Visible: No moon was visible - Planets Visible: Heaps of stars and Venus was visible Weather: Hot, Calm

Other Experiences: Robin observed a UFO many years ago when working at Midland he said it was as big as a football field.

Investigator Dean Wright AUFORN WA
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Warmest Regards

Diane Frola

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 13:36:24 -0000
Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 09:14:00 -0500
Subject: Is Earth a Way Station?

Hello List,

Recently some eminent Listers have put forward the hypothesis that Earth was and is invaded, overtly from late 1940's onward, and maybe covertly for a long period before.

Well, am personally convinced that a heavy cover-up began in late '40s:

www.perceptions.couk.com/reports.html

and am also fairly sure there's a case for sightings:

www.perceptions.couk.com/fortrel883.html

and

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/wb2.html

and also a presence in myth & legend:

www.perceptions.couk.com/greensearch.txt

throughout history.

But, from averaging all modern reports, think all we can say for sure about our visitors is that some or all of them need water, and some also like high voltage power, perhaps for propulsion or life-support systems.

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Brookings Report at: www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/aliens.txt

Even more humiliating would be the possibility that our strange visitors, from 'chupas' to humanoids, to automata, even to the 'Grays' & 'Nordics', are actually controlled by far-advanced intelligences \

www.perceptions.couk.com/magic2.html#3

and, like ship-owners of old, those intelligences don't know or care which planets their minions use as way stations.

Cheers

Ray D

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JCH

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Archived: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 12:56:59 -0500
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Of course, researchers experienced in dealing with media know
that media often confuse the terms themselves and confusion is
typically not the fault of those quoted. And experienced
researchers wouldn't label people without knowing the whole
story.

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"alien space craft". I stated clearly to the reporter that the
"unidentified flying object" was likely terrestrial in nature,
and that alien space craft were not involved.

But that's the price you pay when working with media. I think it
was more important that they sought out a follow-up to an
apparently dead story, indicating that interest in the UFO
phenomenon is still running very high, within both the media and
general public. This indicates that should people actually
conduct research and investigations and disseminate results to
media, it will be, in general, favourably received.

And thanks for the vote of support.

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 12:13:53 EST
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 06:55:19 -0500
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Think Charlton Heston in the classic sci-fi drama "Planet of the
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"It's a mad house! A mad house!"

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Only the insane cannot evaluate themselves to the point they
know they're insane. Tell humanity we're the mentally ill branch
of the species in this quadrant of the galaxy and there'd be
fighting.

Guess that explains why politicians, lawyers, and religions.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 06 Mar 2008 13:23:37 -0400
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 06:58:27 -0500
Subject: Re: Mysterious Object No UFO

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Hi Al,

In the context of NARCAP, UAP means Unidentified Anomalous
Phenomena.

NARCAP is targeted solely on pilot sightings where the phenomena directly interfered with the pilot, the air craft and the crew while they were in flight.

UFO was dropped due to it's new meaning, alien spacecraft. NARCAP did not want this appellation to the phenomenon going in; in other words it was a foregone conclusion that what the pilots saw/reported/avoided/violently avoided was an alien spacecraft.

I for my part am tired of hearing the question, "Do you believe in UFOs?" It makes as much sense to me as being asked if I believe in FBIs or concrete. Even being asked if I believe if UFOs exist or real is patently silly. Does the unknown exist?

The media is just as dumb about this use of the acronym as the general public.

The handy label known as UFO is now a bit of an albatross.

Don Ledger

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That's certainly part of it. I suspect that an equally strong
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I would agree that the term UFO goes a step further than UAP in

that it refers to an "object", but you're already well down the slippery slope when you implicitly ascribe additional properties to it such as intelligent control and purposeful intent. It's not that these features cannot also be present, but if they are, one should say so explicitly instead of tacitly incorporating them into the original terminology.

I know I'm crying over spilled milk here... one may as well try to recover the word "gay". Nevertheless, it's an irritating development.

Mike

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From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 11:33:03 +0100
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 08:01:00 -0500
Subject: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

To EBK and the List,

I have important information on the curriculum vitae of Gilles Lorant, and consequently his testimony about alleged meetings at the UN.

It was confirmed to me, Thursday evening - Paris time - by attorney Michel Algrin, Administrator of COMETA, that Gilles Lorant is not, and has never been, an auditor at the Institut des Hautes Etudes de Defense Nationale - The Institute of National Higher Defence Studies - contrary to one of his claims in his resume, which has been widely reproduced.

Michel Algrin, himself an auditor at IHEDN, like several members of COMETA, has had direct confirmation of that by the administration of IHEDN.

He asked me to quickly warn Lorant that IHEDN was going to sue him in the coming days, for usurpation of title - which may result, in France, in one year in jail and a penalty of 100,000 Euros.

So I warned him at once and he immediately agreed to retract that claim. I think we have avoided him big trouble.

Michel Algrin also recommended I let this been known publicly, which is what I am doing now, here and on several French Lists.

I am also informing Lorant of that action.

BTW, it seems that he is/has not either a member, or correspondant of CNRS and CNES, but this needs still be confirmed.

As for the veracity of his testimony about alleged meetings at the UN, for me it has to be put in a "grey basket, as Stan Friedman would say.

Gildas Bourdais

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Hi Chris,

James Horak's reply is merged here with my original post, so I'm
not sure who you were responding to. In any case, I was not
directing criticism at you.

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In which case you were blatantly misquoted, since the reporter
flatly states that you said the object "is not a UFO". I suspect

you'll agree that it makes the resulting article sound a little silly.

Regards

Mike

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Experts Baffled By Orange UFO

From: **Sheryl Gottschall** <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 07:38:01 +1000
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 08:03:00 -0500
Subject: Experts Baffled By Orange UFO

Source: Gold Coast News - Queensland, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/2v85oh>

March 7, 2008

Experts Baffled By Orange UFO
by Andrew MacDonald

What glows orange, scours the skyline and leaves a black plume of smoke? Annette Van Zetten is not exactly sure what she saw shooting across the Tweed skyline on Wednesday evening, but it certainly grabbed her attention as well as the police and rescue authorities. The Kingscliff woman was home entertaining friends about 5.30pm when she saw a bright orange object, seemingly not far from her Pacific Street home.

Fearing a plane was in trouble, Mrs Van Zetten's friend, Greg Swaney, called police, who immediately began searching the area with the aid of a crew from the RACQ CareFlight helicopter.

Mrs Van Zetten said she was sitting on her back deck when she spotted the unidentified flying object.

"It just sort of looked like an orange glow," she said. "The shape of it was like a flying saucer. "It didn't look like a plane. It was definitely going down and then we saw black smoke so that's when we thought perhaps a plane was on fire."

Ms Van Zetten said it was hard to judge exactly how large or how far away the object was. "We don't know how big it was. We thought maybe it was about 10km (away), maybe around Cabarita. It was hard to tell."

As airfields and airports in the region began accounting for their aircraft on Wednesday night, police received reports of further sightings of the orange glow. With no reports of missing aircraft, the helicopter search was called off after about half an hour.

Police from Kingscliff, Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah and Byron Bay continued looking for any sign of the object before the search was called off. Sergeant Rob Taylor of Tweed Heads police said it was likely an object had streaked across the sky on Wednesday. "There is some credibility given that a few people have reported seeing something," he said. He said police were fairly confident the object was not a plane but that it may have been a meteor.

"We've got no craters or anything like that," he said. Byron Bay police conducted an early morning search of bushland near the beach yesterday morning, with no results.

Sydney Observatory astronomy educator Mel Hulbert said although there was no record of major meteor activity on Wednesday night, the light in the sky over Kingscliff was likely to have been caused by a type of meteor known as a bolide.

"There are a couple of meteor showers that are running at the moment, but neither of them peaked yesterday," she said. "Probably what we've seen is a bolide. A bolide is just a larger piece of debris. Meteors are generally not that big. Most of the ones we see are about dust grain-sized. "Usually most of the meteors that we see burn up completely. Having said that, we estimate that we get a rock fall to Earth once every two hours."

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Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 17:16:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 09:05:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 25 Feb 2008 13:01:26 -0000
>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 24 Feb 2008 01:02:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 16:20:25 -0700
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 22 Feb 2008 11:45:53 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>>>>Subject: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

<snip>

>>>>This deception - bigger than the UFO cover-up - not only effects
>>>>how our governments decide how to run our lives but it will
>>>>continue to create global conflicts and possibly even bring WWIII
>>>>over the alleged, but false, limited non-renewable fossil fuel
>>>>reserves. If these deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan and on Earth
>>>>have a geological origin, then it is a renewable resource just
>>>>like helium continues to be produced and accumulate in cavities
>>>>within the Earth from the natural radioactive decay of heavy
>>>>atoms in the ground...

>You tell us that the biogenic theory of petroleum origin is a
>"lie" imposed on the geological/geophysical community by the oil
>industry, a "deception" threatening WWIII. You tell us that an
>opposing abiogenic theory has been "suppressed". But based in my
>own reading I don't think this is realistic.

<snip>

Hi Martin,

Sorry for the unintentional delay in replying to your e-mail on a subject that has not only relevance to life in the universe and by extension to UFOs but possibly even the very survival of human civilization on this planet.

We all don't read the same articles and books or place our trust in the same people or figures of authority. Taking the various expert opinions into account about a subject (opinions sometimes not only different but totally opposite as in the cast of the real origin of "fossil fuels"), we as rational thinking people are forced to weigh the various arguments and the evidence presented and come to our own conclusions - as long as we do not ignore the simple facts.

Oceans of fossil fuels have been discovered on Titan that exceed the known (or declared) deposits here on Earth. This can only

mean one of three things: 1) Titan was once a Garden of Eden in our solar system where life flourished for millions or even billions of years; 2) the vast deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan have a geological, not a biological origin or 3) Titan once harboured (and still harbours?) life and like Earth, it is also blessed with renewable and thus unlimited amounts of hydrocarbon fuels of geological and biological origin.

The fact that neither the European Space Agency or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration whose mandate and purpose of existence is to find life in space have not even bothered to put a "life on Titan" spin to this discovery is compelling evidence to me that it knows that fossil fuels are not from fossils or decomposed once living matter but are naturally produced by the Earth itself.

As for my own proof that this is indeed the case, please read Joe Vials' 2004 suppressed article 'Russia Proves "Peak Oil" Is A Scam' which can still be found on the Internet. I suggest you read this article too and then maybe you will reconsider.

Nick Balaskas

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>Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 06:20:31 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Mysterious Object No UFO

<snip>

>Well surmised, Mike, only debunkers and those confused by them
>will try and tell you what a thing is not when they can't tell
>you what it is.

Pardon my pedantry James, but there is a fundamental fallacy
there.

You might be confronted by a new species of insect and wholly
unable to tell anybody what it is, while also being absolutely
certain that it is neither a fish nor an aircraft.

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Taking UFOs For Credit And For Real

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Campus Journal; Taking UFOs For Credit, And For Real
By Michael Decourcy Hinds

Every fall semester at Temple University, Prof. David M. Jacobs exposes himself to ridicule by teaching a course entitled Unidentified Flying Objects in American Society. This year he made himself more vulnerable by asserting in a book that extra-terrestrials are among us and doing vile things.

"We have been invaded," he writes. "They want human sperm and eggs."

Such theories, he admits, make most people laugh or call him an embarrassment to the university. But many faculty members strongly support him, if only because of their commitment to academic freedom, and students sign up for his class in droves and give it superlative ratings in questionnaires.

Professor Jacobs, a historian, graduated from U.C.L.A. and earned his Ph.D. in history from the University of Wisconsin, where he wrote his doctoral thesis about the U.F.O. phenomenon. Having spent nearly a third of his 50 years on this planet separating U.F.O. fact from U.F.O. fiction, he is the first to admit his findings sound incredible. A corkboard in his cluttered Temple office, for example, features clippings from supermarket tabloids with headlines like "Alien Kidnappers Seek Human Blood and Body Parts, Warn Experts."

So what is the difference between aliens seeking blood and aliens seeking sperm and eggs? Research, says Professor Jacobs. And his book, "Secret Life: Firsthand Accounts of UFO Abductions" (Simon & Schuster, 1992), has a glowing introduction by Dr. John E. Mack, a professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School. Professor Jacobs had "made his case well," Dr. Mack writes.

Using hypnosis, Professor Jacobs interviewed about 60 people who say they were kidnapped and sexually exploited by aliens in several hundred encounters. Their stories are amazingly similar. They tell of "small beings" and "taller beings" from 2 feet to 5 feet tall with big heads, huge eyes and leathery gray skin. They do not talk but communicate telepathically, the people say.

The "beings," they say, kidnap men and women at night or at other times when the victims will not be missed, then put them into a trance, give them medical examinations, extract sperm or eggs, and sometimes implant or remove alien-human embryos.

Millions of Americans may have been abducted, Professor Jacobs

theorizes, but most of them know only a residual feeling of anxiety and depression akin to post-traumatic stress disorder. "I want to be wrong," he said of his theory, adding he would "weep with joy" if there were no aliens around.

Professor Jacobs, who teaches a variety of history courses, has taught the one-semester U.F.O. course since 1977. The course, which attracts about 75 students, concludes with the study of his research on abductions.

"I am an easy target for ridicule," Professor Jacobs said. "But this is a serious course about a serious subject, and students take it seriously and get serious grades."

During a recent class, students paid rapt attention as Professor Jacobs described how a scholarly committee in the late 1960's was commissioned by the Air Force to investigate reported U.F.O. sightings. Instead, he said, committee members conspired to discount the validity of the sightings.

"I love it," Gregory Webb, a sophomore, said at the end of class.

Joe Clemens, a senior, said, "I absolutely believe there are UFOs."

But Lou Teller, a senior, was skeptical. "I feel he is trying to sell us his view on UFOs because he discounts everyone else's work," he said.

Among themselves, some professors have questioned whether Temple's curriculum should include a three-credit course discussing supposed sexual abuse by aliens. But academic freedom has triumphed.

"I don't see David proselytizing, and as long as that is the case, I will continue to support him," said James W. Hilty, chairman of the history department. He recently nominated Professor Jacobs for promotion, to full professor of history from associate professor on the basis of "Secret Life" and numerous articles on UFOs. "It's an important body of work, and he has shown courage in pursuing it," Professor Hilty said.

Other faculty members think Professor Jacobs's book and course are nonsense. "Faculty members talk about it a lot and say it's really oddball stuff," said Prof. Philip R. Yannella, director of the department of American studies. "But I wouldn't want to be in the position of canceling the course just because it advocated a strange position."

Prof. Julia A. Ericksen, until recently the university's acting provost with responsibility for curriculum, said: "The most troubling complaints were two letters saying that the people Professor Jacobs had interviewed for his book had to be mentally ill, and that it was irresponsible for him to encourage their fantasies rather than getting them treatment."

But then again, Professor Ericksen said, "People didn't believe Copernicus either."

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Black Ops Patches

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Subject: Black Ops Patches

How about an interesting peek at some black ops patches?

<http://www.newsweek.com/id/118841?GT1=43001>

Of course, touching upon Area 51 and UFO retrieval.

JCH

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UK Astronomers To Broadcast Adverts To Aliens

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07/03/2008

UK Astronomers To Broadcast Adverts To Aliens

By Roger Highfield
Science Editor

British astronomers are to broadcast the first adverts to aliens.

The cosmic stunt marks a small step for man, a giant leap for advertising hype and underlines the desperation of British astronomers to find new sources of funding as they struggle to cope with swingeing cuts that now threaten institutions such as Jodrell Bank, the world famous observatory in Cheshire.

Although each and every television advert already broadcast has leaked into the heavens, the caper marks the first time one is to be targetted at an other worldly market, a zone in the constellation Ursa Major that could harbour alien worlds, the snack manufacturer Doritos announces today.

The project, in which the public are invited to shoot a 30 second advert, underlines the current crisis in funding astronomy, due to an =A380 million shortfall.

For broadcasting the advert into space, encoded as ones and zeros that clever aliens should be able to figure out, Doritos will make an undisclosed donation to astronomers and academics from Leicester University and Eiscat (The European Incoherent SCATter Scientific Association).

The space-bound ad will broadcast from a 500MHz Ultra High Frequency Radar from the EISCAT Space Centre in Svalbard, Norway, used to study the atmosphere and northern lights, which has escaped a savage round of cuts because its five year renewal contract has been signed.

Prof Tony van Eyken, Director of Eiscat, admits he does not know what the effects of the UK cuts will be but says he is happy to accept any novel source of funding: "Broadcasting an advert extra terrestrially is a big and exciting step for everyone on Earth as up until now we have only tended to listening for incoming transmissions."

When NASA recently beamed a Beatles song towards the North Star, 431 light years from Earth, some experts warned that the signals could expose us to the risk of attack from mean spirited aliens.

"In this case we are giving somebody the opportunity to create this message as a way to say hello on behalf of mankind," says Prof van Eyken, who adds the prospect of the Earth being

destroyed by Doritos hating aliens is remote. "No, I am not worried."

Humans have been announcing their presence by radio and TV broadcasts for decades and when it comes to the NASA broadcast, "this is a 1,000 light year round trip, it's highly unlikely it will ever be received by extra-terrestrials."

However, he adds that in this case "there is a much greater chance that the Doritos advert will potentially be seen by billions of aliens."

The transmission will be invisible to earthlings and is being directed at a solar system 42 light years away from Earth with planets that orbit its star '47 Ursae Majoris' (UMa). 47 UMa is located in the 'Ursa Major' Constellation, also known as the Great Bear or Plough.

He adds "we have no way to know whether there is extraterrestrial life out there."

As part of its new 'You Make It, We Play It' campaign, Doritos will also air the advert on the more conventional medium of British television in June. The filmmaker responsible for the winning ad will also win =A320,000.

The Royal Astronomical Society has talked about its "deep pessimism and anger" at the cuts. Although it welcomes a consultation by the Science and Technology Facilities Council, STFC, the Society remains "deeply concerned" about the impact on UK research in astronomy, space science and solar-system physics.

The RAS does not, however, accept the STFC's classification of many projects as 'lowest priority', which include the =A32.5 million running costs for "e-Merlin" - an upgrade to the Multi-Element Radio Linked Interferometer Network between the UK's seven radio telescopes, notably Jodrell, which would struggle if this funding were lost.

Some of these have a high profile, it says, including eMerlin, the Gemini Observatory and UK involvement in the Hinode space observatory currently being used to study activity on the Sun.

Alongside the risks to these and other projects is a 25 per cent cut in the STFC research grants to universities that will see numbers of postdoctoral researchers in space science and astronomy fall to their lowest level for seven years.

There is also a real concern that the consultation with the science community on the Review is too brief for responses to be heard. This began this week and will close on 21 March - by comparison UK Government guidelines on public consultation suggest a minimum period of 12 weeks.

President of the Royal Astronomical Society, Prof Michael Rowan-Robinson says: "I welcome the commitment by STFC to consult with the wider community on what remains a severe package of cuts. It is vital that the consultation is as fair and transparent as possible so that the eventual decisions are seen to be made on an objective basis.

"Closing down UK involvement in a swathe of projects will harm our ability to carry out cutting-edge research, our international reputation and our ability to attract young people into science and physics in particular."

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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07/03/2008

Jodrell Bank Observatory For Sale On eBay

In the light of the Government=92s Science & Technology Facilities Council decision to withdraw =A32.5 million funding, the world famous Jodrell Bank observatory is faced with closure and is being put up for sale.

Despite the fact that \$8 million has already been spent on establishing the Merlin Network which links seven UK based telescopes at the centre of which is the Jodrell Bank facility, the plug is being pulled on the project and the assets are being disposed of.

Alien Worlds magazine:

<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

has been appointed sole agent for the sale of Jodrell Bank and we are proud to bring you this unique opportunity to own your very own 'big dish'.

Look at these amazing features;

Works via the car=92s 12v cigarette lighter adaptor

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No licence needed. Just press and speak.

Talk to real aliens! Meet Reggie and Vance from Mars and Luscious Vita from Venus.

Rotates 360 degrees. Point it down to the ground and you can hear Australians talking to their kangaroos!

Turn it upside down other way round and use it to collect rainwater for the garden.

Can be used as an outdoor cinema screen, apparently!

Stick it on the roof of your car and it doubles as a CB radio. (Please note; car roof may need reinforcement. Avoid low bridges and use responsibly).

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Best Evidence 2008 EBE Award Winner

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Source: Paul Kimball's Other Side Of Truth Blog - Halifax,
Nova Scotia, Canada

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

Monday, March 03, 2008

Best Evidence - 2008 EBE Award Winner

So, here I am in sunny Los Angeles, hanging out with my good pal
Greg Bishop - not a cloud in the sky! Hurrah!!

The end of the International UFO Convention and Film Festival
was great - super banquet, lots of nice folks, some very good
films (and therefore some great competition), and a WIN for Best
Evidence, in the category that probably meant the most to me, as
a guy with a history degree - Best Historical Documentary.
Lovely statue!

I can't remember what I said in my stumbling "aw shucks"
acceptance speech, other than thanking my Mom & Dad in
particular, and ending with "God Save the Queen", which was a
running joke all week between we Canucks and Brits on one side,
and our southern cousins the Yankee Doodles on the other. I
thanked everyone in general who worked on the film, or who
helped get it made, but the list of names was too long to be
specific. However, here are some I absolutely should have
mentioned, and who I wish had been there to see their hard work
pay off:

Findlay Muir - DOP

John Rosborough - Post Audio & Music

Zan Rosborough - Post Audio

Jim Kimball - Co-Producer/Production Manager

Kris Lee McBride - Narrator

Thor Henrickson - On-Line Editor

Also, of course, Linda Wood and Ann MacKenzie at Film NS, which
invested in the film, Andrew Mark Sewell at B7 Media in the UK
(our distributor), and Charlotte Engel at Space: The Imagination
Station, which commissioned it. Can't forget Nan MacDonald and
Linda Kearney at the RBC. Finally, everyone who appeared in the
film, including our chief consultant Brad Sparks, as well as
Stan Friedman, Nick Pope, Don Ledger, Dick Hall, Bruce Maccabee,
Mac Tonnies, Lt. Col. Bruce Bailey, Capt. Robert Salas, Col.
Charles Halt... it's a very long list!

The EBE belongs to them as much as me... but I get to keep it!
;-)

Thanks everyone, for making me look good!

Paul Kimball

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>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 12:13:53 EST
>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>Only the insane cannot evaluate themselves to the point they
>know they're insane. Tell humanity we're the mentally ill branch
>of the species in this quadrant of the galaxy and there'd be
>fighting.

>Guess that explains why politicians, lawyers, and religions.

It is an ages-old construct laid upon us by the elite to blame
the individual for ills that have been maintained by systems so
we do not step back and view objectively what is required for
necessary change.

Otherwise you would know that... instinctively.

We are not homo sapien any longer; we are homo domesticus.

What does it matter who we serve as a beast of burden if the
rewards are the same for our service?....

Even a monster with a string of dead bodies and other criminal
activities behind her long enough to reach to the moon.

JCH

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Source: CBC News - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

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UFO Group Finds No Answer For P.E.I. Mystery

CBC News

A UFO research group in Manitoba has been unable to identify a mysterious sighting in the sky over P.E.I. on Boxing Day.

The long, smoky spiral was videotaped by Tony and Marie Quigley of North Tryon. Researchers in Manitoba used digital software to enlarge the images, and were able to rule out meteors, satellites and airplanes, but beyond that they just don't know.

Chris Rutkowski, head of the Ufology Research Centre in Winnipeg, said the Quigleys join a group of hundreds of Canadians who see something unexplainable in the sky every year.

"They were witness to a very interesting phenomenon and they're one of the hundreds of people in Canada every year who see UFOs," said Rutkowski.

"In their case, it was something very spectacular in 2007."

Only about one third of sightings each year are definitively explained. The incident will be included in the group's annual report, due out in a couple of weeks.

Environment Canada and the Transportation Safety Board also examined the video, but were unable to explain the phenomenon. The best explanation offered is it might have been a fighter jet dumping fuel.

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Re: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 15:01:00 -0000
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 14:17:03 -0500
Subject: Re: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 11:33:03 +0100
>Subject: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

>To EBK and the List,

>I have important information on the curriculum vitae of Gilles
>Lorant, and consequently his testimony about alleged meetings at
>the UN.

>It was confirmed to me, Thursday evening - Paris time - by
>attorney Michel Algrin, Administrator of COMETA, that Gilles
>Lorant is not, and has never been, an auditor at the Institut
>des Hautes Etudes de Defense Nationale - The Institute of
>National Higher Defence Studies - contrary to one of his claims
>in his resume, which has been widely reproduced.

>Michel Algrin, himself an auditor at IHEDN, like several
>members of COMETA, has had direct confirmation of that by
>the administration of IHEDN.

>He asked me to quickly warn Lorant that IHEDN was going to sue
>him in the coming days, for usurpation of title - which may
>result, in France, in one year in jail and a penalty of
>100,000 Euros.

>So I warned him at once and he immediately agreed to retract
>that claim. I think we have avoided him big trouble.

>Michel Algrin also recommended I let this be known publicly,
>which is what I am doing now, here and on several French Lists.

>I am also informing Lorant of that action.

>BTW, it seems that he is/has not either a member, or
>correspondant of CNRS and CNES, but this needs still be
>confirmed.

>As for the veracity of his testimony about alleged meetings at
>the UN, for me it has to be put in a "grey basket, as Stan
>Friedman would say.

Gildas

This information seems in accordance with a letter I received
from Julien Guillaume, a press officer with CNRS enclosing the
Updates exopolitics item. Although the language has lost
something in translation I think he is saying Lorant and CNRS
are not linked. See our correspondence below...

Dear Sir,

I think Gilles Lorant doesn't work at CNRS now, but I have
contacted IHEDN to know how to join him.

I'll tell you.

Best regards,
Julien Guillaume

visions a =E9crit :

>Dear Julien Guillaume

>I am sorry I do not speak French.

>But as a journalist in the UFO field in the UK I would
>like confirmation from you that Gilles Lorant is indeed an
>attache to the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
>as suggested below.

>Best Regards

>Dave Haith

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F.E.A Asks For Lorant's Resignation

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 19:27:27 +0100
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 14:23:00 -0500
Subject: F.E.A Asks For Lorant's Resignation

Dear Colleagues,

As more and more pressure has been issued towards evidence of Mr. Lorant's credentials, FEA has made a new release about this whole issue.

I have received this lead today from another good colleague, and finally it is confirmed to me today directly from Michel Ribardiere from FEA. This is the new stament.

The statement that I have received is in the text below:

From: Michel Ribardiere <xxx.nul>
To: Giuliano Marinkovic
Date: Friday, March 07, 2008 5:06 PM
Subject: Re: New claims on Lorant

Mr. Gilles Lorant has been severely attacked by some people questioning the professional profile that he announced at the start entering FEA. Yesterday evening, he was summoned by the board of directors FEA to explained himself. He then confirmed to having given false information on his profile. As a result, the board of directors at FEA asked for the resignation of Mr. Gilles Lorant.

At this link you'll find the official communication of the F.E.A. Mr. Gilles Lorant having lied about his profile to the FEA, it becomes impossible for the organization to support the assertions of Mr. Gilles Lorant concerning information he would have heard at the United Nations.

http://www.federation-airplane.eu/site/fr/nouvelles/newsletter/suite.php?new_sid=72

DENIAL

The F.E.A asks for M. Gilles Lorant's resignation

In consideration of the external pressures made on M. Gilles Lorant, he gave us a denial concerning his participation to the IHEDN as an auditor. Remind that this information had pushed the F.E.A to introduce M. Gilles Lorant as an auditor of the IHEDN in a public statement.

Considering the embarrassing position that this denial imposes to the F.E.A, its board of directors has decided to request his immediate resignation. M. Gilles Lorant complied yesterday March 6th, 2008, before the board directors and is no longer a member of the F.E.A.

Concerning the very sensible informations about his travel at the U.N in February 2008, which were released by M. Gilles Lorant, the F.E.A no longer can supports nor confirms M. Gilles Lorant's allegations.

However, the article will remain online as documentary and must now be considered, as an element of a fiction scenario in wich U.N. took into consideration the official release disclosed to

the public at large on the subject of UFOs.

Considering the manoeuvres which are at the start of the infiltration of many foreign ufological research associations, by unscrupulous individuals, having sometimes worked for sabotage operations, the F.E.A reserves the possibility to bring this whole affair before the justice.

The President,

Michel Ribardiere

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Re: Black Ops Patches

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 12:09:16 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 15:25:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Black Ops Patches

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 19:09:23 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Black Ops Patches

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><http://www.newsweek.com/id/118841?GT1=43001>

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Hi James, Everyone,

A few years ago I while in Las Vegas I rented a car and drove along the Extraterrestrial Highway to the Little A'Le'Inn in Rachel, Nevada close to Area 51. While there having coffee and cake several people wearing military uniforms came in and sat at the table next to mine. They were not wearing any patches or insignias of any kind that could identify them. Trying to evesdrop on their conversation, the building was rocked twice by two explosive sonic booms. When I asked the waitress what that was, she said "What was what?". Before I left a stranger came in a dropped off an unpublished manuscript about UFOs in a ziplock plastic bag before he mysteriously disappeared...

I later drove on to the perimeter of Area 51 (where I first encountered a mutilated cow!) and the next day I dropped by the isolated Las Vegas airport terminal where the employees commute by air to their secret jobs - but that's another story.

Earlier this week I purchased an interesting second-hand coffee mug which I now use at work. The mug has a cartoon of Area 51 which depicts a startled air force officer and an alien in a flying saucer that is taking off. The caption on this mug says "I visited AREA 51, and all I got was a lousy abduction!". The bottom of the mug gives the name of the company and says that it was "Designed exclusively for THE ARMED FORCES". Does anyone know anything about the history or purpose of this mug?

Nick Balaskas

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Hi James:

Thanks for posting this. I've actually been trying to get this guy to respond to an email request regarding research I'm doing on this subject. Since he hasn't responded to me, maybe a post of my email might help. I sent the email below about 10 days ago.

Dear Trevor Paglen:

I just found out about your research and was wondering if during your research you have come across any photos or illustrations of military and/or intelligence emblems (or uniform patches) that would not normally be found in the public domain. I'm trying to locate a particular patch/emblem that someone saw during an encounter experience. After viewing some 500+ military patches and emblems, I've only found three that are similar, but not similar enough to be the same emblem.

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Archived: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 15:29:00 -0500
Subject: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

A number of people have asked me about the MoD's file on the Rendlesham Forest incident, which - together with the file the Cosford Incident - was removed from the MoD website on February 25, "for copyright reasons":

<http://tinyurl.com/n2x5s>

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The following more detailed position statement was passed to me earlier this week by the MoD's press office:

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Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: UFO Group Finds No Answer For P.E.I. Mystery

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 14:52:41 -0500
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 08:28:57 -0500
Subject: Re: UFO Group Finds No Answer For P.E.I. Mystery

>Source: CBC News - Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada

><http://tinyurl.com/2vowp5>

>Friday, March 7, 2008

>UFO Group Finds No Answer For P.E.I. Mystery

>CBC News

>A UFO research group in Manitoba has been unable to identify a
>mysterious sighting in the sky over P.E.I. on Boxing Day.

>The long, smoky spiral was videotaped by Tony and Marie Quigley
>of North Tryon. Researchers in Manitoba used digital software to
>enlarge the images, and were able to rule out meteors,
>satellites and airplanes, but beyond that they just don't know.

>Chris Rutkowski, head of the Ufology Research Centre in
>Winnipeg, said the Quigleys join a group of hundreds of
>Canadians who see something unexplainable in the sky every
>year.

>"They were witness to a very interesting phenomenon and they're
>one of the hundreds of people in Canada every year who see
>UFOs," said Rutkowski.

>"In their case, it was something very spectacular in 2007."

>Only about one third of sightings each year are definitively
>explained. The incident will be included in the group's annual
>report, due out in a couple of weeks.

>>Environment Canada and the Transportation Safety Board also
>examined the video, but were unable to explain the phenomenon.
>The best explanation offered is it might have been a fighter
>jet dumping fuel.

I don't know if the "UFO group in Manitoba" reads this List, but
I previously posted a link to evidence in one of the video
frames that the object looked like a B2 aircraft. So how they
were able to rule out airplanes is a bit of a puzzle.

See http://www.treurniet.ca/Ufo/pei_video/

The Transportation Safety Board conclusion that it might have
been a military aircraft in trouble is consistent with what I
saw in the video.

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Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 20:45:03 +0000
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Are you saying then, James, that you have never identified
anything by a process of elimination?

Do you not regard that as an intellectually respectable
procedure?

Are you seriously prepared to endorse a frame of perception so
broad that anything can be anything ?

If so, then why bother saying or writing anything at all -
because anything else can just as easily be the case!

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Gerald O'Connell

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>effectively transfers to the individual requesting the
>information.

Nick,

It seems puzzling that such an obvious issue as that of
copyright hasn't cropped up before now in the FOI field.

Drawing on your experience of these matters, is this a new
departure?

Does this mean that communications from the public will no
longer be part of any (UFO-related or otherwise) FOI general
information releases?

What's going on?

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Gerald O'Connell

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Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 09:32:00 -0500
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 09:32:00 -0500
Subject: Robbie Williams Three Sightings

Source: Top News - Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India

<http://tinyurl.com/yohfux>

March 8th, 2008

'I've Seen UFOs, Thrice,' Says Robbie Williams
Posted by Kiran Pahwa

London, Mar 8: British pop star Robbie Williams has claimed that he has seen Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) three times.

The 'Angels' star said that he will give up his current profession, singing in favour of studying aliens after his E. T. experiences.

"I'm stopping being a pop star. I'm going to be a full-time Ufologist," The Sun quoted him, as saying.

He also said that he believes that cult Scientology "exists" and thinks ghosts "are other worlds".

Robbie "swears" he saw the UFOs - the first when he was a kid in Britain. His second sighting was above a hotel in Beverly Hills.

He said: "I was lying on my sun lounger outside at night. Above me was a square thing that passed over my head silently and shot off."

Williams said that the third UFO appeared as he stood on his bedroom balcony after writing a song about alien contact.

He said: "This big ball of gold light turned up. On my life."(ANI)

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Don Ledger On Coast To Coast Monday

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 07 Mar 2008 18:59:34 -0400
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 09:36:00 -0500
Subject: Don Ledger On Coast To Coast Monday

For those interested I will be chatting with George Noory on Coast to Coast on Monday night, March 10, from 11pm - 3am Pacific, 2am-6am Eastern.

The topics to be covered are my book Maritime UFO Files and some cases from therein, Stephenville Texas and the F-16 Bush Ranch possible connection, my NARCAP affiliation re pilots and UAP and most likely some Shag Harbour material and the Shag Harbour UFO Incident Society's Festival this summer on August 8 and 9.

Best,

Don Ledger

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 00:58:56 +0000
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 10:38:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Mysterious Object No UFO

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 06:34:23 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Mysterious Object No UFO

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 00:15:43 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Mysterious Object No UFO

>You "might" a number of things, Mr. O'Connell, even find that
>some UFOs are extra-biological. The sad and deplorable truth is
>that in 60 years and with the variety confronted, we haven't
>nailed down any form of life or phenomena we can exclude.

>The "fallacy" is that you compare a host of things to one single
>zoological discernment or example. While the fact is, yes, in
>this universe, far more than in earth's mudpuddle, an insect
>an/or fish might just be an "aircraft". At least to more broad
>framed perceptions.

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Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 18:23:14 -0800 (PST)
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 10:40:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 04:09:59 -0800 (PST)
>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>We are not homo sapien any longer; we are homo domesticus.

>What does it matter who we serve as a beast of burden if the
>rewards are the same for our service?....

>Even a monster with a string of dead bodies and other criminal
>activities behind her long enough to reach to the moon.

>JCH

Abilene paradox, bandwagon effect, collective behavior, collective consciousness, collective effervescence, collective hysteria, collective intelligence, communal reinforcement, conformity, crowd, crowd psychology, demagoguery, ethnicity, flash mob, group, group behavior, group polarization, group-serving bias, groupthink, heragei, herd behavior, herd instinct, herd morality, herding instinct, informational cascade, keeping up with the Joneses, large group awareness training, lynching, mainstream, mass hypnosis, mob rule, mobile vulgus, mobocracy, ochlocracy, organizational dissent, pack journalism, peer pressure, risky shift, sheep, sheeple, simple living, smart mob, social comparison theory, spiral of silence, system justification, team player, tribalism, westernization, and "Yes, you're unique, just like everyone else."

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Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 20:22:51 -0800
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 10:42:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 6 Mar 2008 17:16:42 -0500 (Eastern Standard Time)
>Subject: Re: Revealed Life On Titan Or The 'Fossil Fuel' Lie

>Oceans of fossil fuels have been discovered on Titan that exceed
>the known (or declared) deposits here on Earth. This can only
>mean one of three things: 1) Titan was once a Garden of Eden in
>our solar system where life flourished for millions or even
>billions of years; 2) the vast deposits of hydrocarbons on Titan
>have a geological, not a biological origin or 3) Titan once
>harboured (and still harbours?) life and like Earth, it is also
>blessed with renewable and thus unlimited amounts of hydrocarbon
>fuels of geological and biological origin.

>The fact that neither the European Space Agency or the National
>Aeronautics and Space Administration whose mandate and purpose
>of existence is to find life in space have not even bothered to
>put a "life on Titan" spin to this discovery is compelling
>evidence to me that it knows that fossil fuels are not from
>fossils or decomposed once living matter but are naturally
>produced by the Earth itself.

It needs to be distinguished that the lakes and seas on Titan
are thought to be composed of liquid methane and/or ethane, not
oil/petroleum. While both are called hydrocarbons (fossil
fuels), they are different kinds. As I understand it, it is the
origin of the oil/petroleum deposits on Earth that are still
debated, which are only one kind of fossil fuel. The origin of
methane is better understood, and can be produced both
geologically and biologically. On Titan, it is cold enough at
the poles for the atmospheric methane to become liquid, where it
rains and forms the lakes and seas, just like the water cycle on
Earth (complete with rivers, too).

That atmospheric methane is also being replenished somehow, most
likely from underground, possibly cryovolcanism. A biological
origin is less likely given the extreme surface conditions,
although I would hesitate to say impossible, and there is also
thought to possibly be a subsurface liquid water/ammonia ocean.

The complex organic molecules found in Titan's upper atmosphere
by Cassini are of the type that are precursors to life, not the
byproducts of life.

The dry tholins (another hydrocarbon) that make up the massive
dunes around Titan's equator also originate from the atmosphere,
but I need to look up their chemical makeup again.

The point though is that Titan's liquid hydrocarbons are not the
same as our oil deposits specifically (which I think is what you
were referring to by saying "fossil fuels"), so the "origins of
oil" debate is kind of a moot point here. How the methane is
being produced may be another matter though?

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
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Re: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 10:45:16 +0100
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 11:44:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 11:33:03 +0100
>Subject: Gilles Lorant Not Auditor At IHEDN

>To EBK and the List,

>I have important information on the curriculum vitae of Gilles
>Lorant, and consequently his testimony about alleged meetings
>at the UN.

<snip>

>He asked me to quickly warn Lorant that IHEDN was going to sue
>him in the coming days, for usurpation of title - which may
>result, in France, in one year in jail and a penalty of 100,000
>Euros.

I have to correct this information. The penalty is not 100,000
Euros but 100,000 Francs. A Euro is worth about 6.5 Francs, so
the amount in Euros would be around 15,400 Euros, or 23,000
Dollars. BTW, what would be the penalty in the US ?

Gilles Lorant has now retracted publicly, and confirmed that he
is not and has never been an auditor at IHEDN.

As a result, he has been dismissed from the group FEA, as you
have been already informed.

I want to add this: the fact that a false claim of Gilles Lorant
has been revealed and confirmed does not mean necessarily that
the rest of his story is false.

On the question of alleged meetings at the UN, where the
question of UFOs would have been discussed, remains, to me, an
open question. Let's see if some other source comes out.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 14:11:34 -0000
Archived: Sat, 08 Mar 2008 11:46:00 -0500
Subject: Re: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 20:51:16 +0000
>Subject: Re: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

>>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 17:29:05 -0000
>>Subject: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

>>A number of people have asked me about the MoD's file on the
>>Rendlesham Forest incident, which - together with the file the
>>Cosford Incident - was removed from the MoD website on February
>>25, "for copyright reasons":

>><http://tinyurl.com/n2x5s>

>><http://tinyurl.com/ynd3d3>

>>The following more detailed position statement was passed to me
>>earlier this week by the MoD's press office:

>>Whilst investigating the best way to the release our UFO files,
>>it became clear that placing letters from non MoD sources such
>>as members of the public on our website, without the express
>>agreement of the individuals who wrote those documents, would
>>place the MoD in breach of copyright. Since the documents
>>contain a great many documents written by the public, and we
>>simply do not have the resources to trace every individual who
>>wrote to us, we recently (within the last week) withdrew the
>>above document from publication. It may have been possible to
>>leave the MoD documents on the website, but it was felt that the
>>remaining documentation made little sense without the public
>>correspondence that related to it. That having been said, not
>>only will this information be released at a future date to the
>>National Archive as part of the release programme, but we can
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I'm not an expert on UK copyright law, but the last sentence of
MoD's position statement seems to imply that all the material
(MoD documents and communications from the public) will be

available once the files are transferred to the National Archives.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>don't think so". The pause allows my difference and my motive,
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Of course. But, once we reduce down our powers of expectation by
limiting possibility we can so easily become little more.

I will assert until proven wrong our children possess the
ability to be equal with those of anyone anywhere and when we
are delivered of all the banal insanity you have listed at
length, it will be by their hands.

Not by the monsters that pretend a throne steadily encroaching
upon even our cognizance and perceptions.

JCH

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 19:59:35 -0000
Archived: Sun, 09 Mar 2008 06:51:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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Hi Rick,

Actually the implication was 'not even cattle'.

The evidence seems to say there's likely to be organizing
intelligences, in the universe and even in our galaxy, to which
we would have the same relationship as a bacterium has to us.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 17:05:39 -0500
Archived: Sun, 09 Mar 2008 07:51:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 21 Feb 2008 12:21:53 -0500
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Confirmation & Update On 'Secret UN UFO Meeting'

>Confirmation & Update On Secret UFO Meeting At UN

><snip>

>From: Shawn and Clay
>To: drsalla.nul
>Date: Wednesday, February 20, 2008 9:21:17 AM
>Subject: Follow Up Of Source's UFO Meeting At The UN

>Dear Michael,

>This email is a follow up of the UN meeting which took place
>Tuesday 12, 2008 at 8:00AM.

>We met our source 7:00PM, Monday, February 18, 2008. Our source
>stated the following:

>1) The meeting went well; however, our source left with a
>degree of frustration.

><snip>

>11) The ET's who will arrive on 2017 are referred to as "The
>Controllers." They are a "galactic federation" type group;
>however, "galactic federation" is not the real name for their
>group - it is hypothetical name used as a reference.

>12) The controllers have a keen sense of freedom and free will.
>They will not intervene and help humanity if humanity does not
>show them we want their help. If some entropic event happens
>(nuclear war), the controllers will not make contact. "This is
>something they will not tolerate," our source stated.

>13) The controllers will not give us technology to expand our
>ability to feed ourselves if we do not recognize the necessity
>to stabilize our population growth. They don't want our planet's
>population to double because of a technological innovation seeded
>by them. Our source used India as an example, " India has over 1
>billion people. It is clearly a country out of balance in terms
>of its population size."

List readers have no doubt noticed the apparent contradiction
between the name "The Controllers" given to the ETs and the
claim that they have a "keen sense of freedom and free will".
The implication seems to be that they are the controllers and we
are the controlled. What does that say about our free will, we
might well ask?

The most recent statement at:

<http://www.exopolitics.org/Exo-Comment-69.htm>

goes some way to clearing this up. It says, "As for objections

to the use of the word "Controllers", our source simply used this term to describe a certain group of extraterrestrials that appear to hold sway over other extraterrestrial groups." This comment implies that there are ET groups who would like to curtail our free will, and the Controllers are protecting us from them.

I bring this up because there is another source who says that this scenario is true. Some may scoff at the source, but I think it's worth considering.

Specifically, the source is a channelled ET named Ra who gave a lot of info in the 1980's called the Law Of One series. This source has the respect of people like David Wilcock and others open to channelled information. Controllers are described in the Law Of One, but are called "guardians".

The following quotes from Ra indicate that humanity is being protected from certain ETs called the Orion group who would like to restrict our free will.

"These Guardians sweep reaches of your Earth's energy fields to be aware of any entities approaching. An entity which is approaching is hailed in the name of the One Creator. Any entity thus hailed is bathed in love/light and will of free will obey the quarantine due to the power of the Law of One.

The Guardians guard the free will distortion of the mind/body/spirit complexes of third density on this planetary sphere. The events which required activation of quarantine were interfering with the free will distortion of mind/body/spirit complexes."

So unless the UN source is using the Law Of One as the basis for a disinformation script, it might be taken as independent corroboration of what he said. Of course, for those who don't accept that the channelled entity is legitimate, this amounts to nothing more than coincidence.

Regards,

wct

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Very astute, Mr. Lehmborg. And, by far, that's not the only
abdication to responsibility they make.

It is also remarkable that KK finally stumbled upon a good
question to ask.

JCH

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I think the position is that in issuing a document as part of an
FOI request, the Department is acting in the role of a
'publisher' and is thereby covered by copyright law. By simply
placing documents in an archive where they can be read by
members of the public nthey are not actually 'publishing' it,
but a just acting as a repository.

If anyone, having copied the documents, where to re-print them
verbatim, they would then become the 'publisher' and would have
to consider the copyright position. In general, if they
subsequently used the data presented in the documents without
actually reproducing them word-for-word there would be no
problem. They would also be allowed to quote short extracts 'for
purposes of review'.

Some Departmental officials may be being a little over-
sensitive, but I do not think there is anything particulalry
sinister going on.

--

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 16:32:06 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Sun, 09 Mar 2008 17:14:30 -0400
Subject: Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 17:29:05 -0000
>Subject: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

Dear colleagues.

2 days ago, Nick Pope has informed the ufological community at the UFO Updates mailing List that the British MoD has recently removed their files about Rendlesham UFO incident and Cosford UFO incident from their official website. The files about those two cases were removed on February 25 "for copyright reasons", MoD's statement says.

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Best regards to everyone,

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 09:59:46 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 07:49:52 -0400
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>>Are we really only someone else's cattle? I pause and say "I
>>don't think so". The pause allows my difference and my motive,
>>while I'm awake that is.

>Of course. But, once we reduce down our powers of expectation by
>limiting possibility we can so easily become little more.

>I will assert until proven wrong our children possess the
>ability to be equal with those of anyone anywhere and when we
>are delivered of all the banal insanity you have listed at
>length, it will be by their hands.

>Not by the monsters that pretend a throne steadily encroaching
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Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 10:08:33 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 07:51:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 19:59:35 -0000
>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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>Hi Rick,

>Actually the implication was 'not even cattle'.

>The evidence seems to say there's likely to be organizing
>intelligences, in the universe and even in our galaxy, to which
>we would have the same relationship as a bacterium has to us.

Thanks Ray!

Does that evidence always track back to 'might makes right' as a
law of the universe then? Or are we assigning motive to the
motiveless?

Seriously, I wonder. Do bacteria think; do they mind? And since
we were born to the same world, is the Earth a way station for
us or our little bacta brothers?

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Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 07:53:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 16:32:06 +0100 (CET)
>Subject: Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

>>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 7 Mar 2008 17:29:05 -0000
>>Subject: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

>2 days ago, Nick Pope has informed the ufological community at
>the UFO Updates mailing List that the British MoD has recently
>removed their files about Rendlesham UFO incident and Cosford
>UFO incident from their official website. The files about those
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Best wishes ,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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UFO Book Authors To Present Findings

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 08:53:40 -0400
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 08:53:40 -0400
Subject: UFO Book Authors To Present Findings

Source: The Times Record News - Wichita Falls, Texas, USA

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

Monday, March 10, 2008

UFO Book Authors To Present Findings
By Judith McGinnis

Publishing their book Mexico's Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash was pretty exciting for authors Ruben Uriarte and Noe Torres. Promoting it in the U.S. and Mexico, they have continued to gather even more information about the mysterious 1974 midair collision of a small airplane and an unidentified flying object.

Things got more exciting still, however, when the authors were contacted by the History Channel to appear on an episode of UFO Hunters.

"Our hope while promoting the book had been to find more people connected to the case, hopefully an eyewitness or family members of the pilot or passengers of the airplane," said Noe Torres, a South Texas librarian and school teacher. "Now those chances are even greater."

Torres and Uriarte will be at Hastings Books at 7 p.m. Sunday to make a presentation on the book's amazing story, delving into the reported crash near the border between Chihuahua, Mexico, and Presidio, Texas, in Big Bend Country.

They say the story actually began in 1992, when what are believed to be U.S. government documents concerning the crash and an intense military recovery effort were leaked to international UFO research experts. Eventually published on the Internet, Uriarte and Torres were the first to investigate the information seriously.

"What was really eerie about it was the level of detail and military precision with which the report was written," Torres said. "It mentions specific locations. Flight paths, military hardware and procedures, aircraft, etc. Its level of detail and accuracy stuck me as sounding highly plausible."

The two traveled to the Chihuahuan village of Coyame, near the supposed crash site. Residents told stories of a ground-shaking explosion that summer night in '74, a debris field, a burned-out pit and a mysterious deep man-made mine shaft at its center. And of how, afterward, Mexican officials warned them never to come near the area.

"They took us to the desert to see where the wreckage was," Torres said. "The burned area is large enough you can see it on Google Earth."

In their appearance on "UFO Hunters," Uriarte and Torres revisited the Coyame site. Scientific tests of the metallic

fragments showed an unknown substance; they and the shaft also had elevated levels of radiation.

Residents of the area told the authors that Mexican soldiers who first arrived on the scene to clear the wreckage became sick and later died. Soldiers from Fort Bliss in El Paso were said to have been dispatched to complete the operation.

Torres, a teacher and librarian, is a native of Edinburg, Texas. In 2005 he published Ghost Leagues: A History of Minor League Baseball in South Texas, in 2005.

Uriarte is a 20-year member of the Mutual UFO Network and a graduate of California State University in Hayward, Calif.

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From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 09:20:23 -0000
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 08:04:27 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 09 Mar 2008 15:03:39 +0000
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>>>It seems puzzling that such an obvious issue as that of
>>>copyright hasn't cropped up before now in the FOI field.

>>>Drawing on your experience of these matters, is this a new
>>>departure?

>>>Does this mean that communications from the public will no
>>>longer be part of any (UFO-related or otherwise) FOI general
>>>information releases?

>>>What's going on?

>>I'm not an expert on UK copyright law, but the last sentence of
>>MoD's position statement seems to imply that all the material
>>(MoD documents and communications from the public) will be
>>available once the files are transferred to the National
>>Archives.

>I think the position is that in issuing a document as part of an
>FOI request, the Department is acting in the role of a
>'publisher' and is thereby covered by copyright law. By simply
>placing documents in an archive where they can be read by
>members of the public nthey are not actually 'publishing' it,
>but a just acting as a repository.

>If anyone, having copied the documents, were to re-print them
>verbatim, they would then become the 'publisher' and would have
>to consider the copyright position. In general, if they
>subsequently used the data presented in the documents without
>actually reproducing them word-for-word there would be no
>problem. They would also be allowed to quote short extracts 'for
>purposes of review'.

>Some Departmental officials may be being a little over-
>sensitive, but I do not think there is anything particulalry
>sinister going on.

I too don't think there's anything sinister about this.

I often found dealings with MoD legal staffs frustrating, but in
this situation once the lawyers advised that MoD was in breach
of copyright, officials would have been foolish not to take
remedial action.

Unfortunately, however, what is a potential good news story about open government and MoD's commitment to freedom of information is in danger of becoming a PR disaster - especially if the first few files aren't released fairly soon.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 12:55:52 +0000
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 14:46:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

>From: Nick Pope <contact.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 22:03:48 -0000
>Subject: Re: Giuliano Report #7: Links To MOD Documents

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Yes, Nick. The Internet (not forgetting Google's cache in the
litany of the unruly) certainly does make it more difficult to
deny the undeniable.

Of course, whether this is a good or a bad thing depends
entirely on for whom one is batting...

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 07:27:05 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 14:57:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

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There was a time, Rick, when the alchemist/lone scientist of the Middle Ages, would seek an apprentice. This would not be done on the basis of rearing, class, education... any but one thing.

That the child had not acquired the societal craft of dissembling. That is the distinction I make here.

JCH

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Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 15:00:27 -0400
Subject: UFO Expert To Speak Thursday

Source: The Greeley Tribune - Colorado, USA

<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20080310/NEWS/211164150>

March 10, 2008

UFO Expert To Speak Thursday
Staff Reports

The latest in UFO sightings will be offered by an international expert Thursday evening.

James P. Carrion, international director of the Mutual UFO Network will be the guest speaker at a Thursday meeting at the Western Sizzlin' Steakhouse, 3033 8th Ave., Evans. Dinner will be at 6 p.m., with the program at 7 p.m. Participants may buy dinner on their own, admission to the meeting is \$3.

Carrion has been the international director of MUFON for the past two years. He has implemented new technologies to enhance the UFO investigation process for the organization. He has investigated several UFO sightings and is known as one of the most qualified investigators in the network.

He will talk about a recent UFO sighting near Stephenville, Texas, as well as other extraordinary UFO events.

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A Goblin In Argentine Cemetery?

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 11:03:55 -0400
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 16:53:06 -0400
Subject: A Goblin In Argentine Cemetery?

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 10, 2008

Readers of *Inexplicata* over the years will remember the reports of strange imps, goblins or other diminutive creatures which, according to experts and some clergymen, appear to be more frequent in the days leading up to Holy Week.

Source: Planeta UFO and INFOBAE de Buenos Aires
Date: 03.09.08

Argentina: A Goblin At The Cemetery?

A group of teenagers allegedly recorded the apparition when they were chatting ont a streetcorner in the early hours of the morning.

Sighting causes fear among local residents

"We were chatting about our latest fishing expedition. The time was 1:00 a.m. I began fillming them with my cellphone while they clowned around. Suddently, I heard as if someone were tossing pebbles at us. I looked to one side and noticed that the bushes were moving," recalls Jose, thinking back to the strange evening.

"I thought it was a dog, but when I saw that imp-shaped figure appear, I became very frightened. I recorded it for a little while, then we all took off runing," said the youth, who managed to capture the incident on his cellphone.

The strange event occurred in General Guemes, Salta Province. A group of youths had gathered at one of the last blocks of the San Isidro neighborhood, next to the local graveyard. Their animated exchange was interrupted by a strange sound. When they looked toward the bushes, the noticed that a strange figure was moving away with short hops, according to the *El Tribuno* newspaper.

"This is no joke. We are still afraid to walk past the place, just like the neighbors. One of my friends was so frighened we had to take him to the hospital," stressed Jose.

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Re: MoD Rendlesham File Removed

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 9 Mar 2008 16:52:22 -0500
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 16:54:30 -0400
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>sinister going on.

On one occasion, when informed that his porch was on fire, Mr.
Rimmer was heard to reply, "Oy! Are there any wursts, chops, or
marshmallows to be had, then"?

Indeed, Isn't Mr. Rimmer famous for a certain lack of
sensitivity to anything particularly sinister going on, at all,
and that one might be less than reassured given a decided
klasskurtxian bent our Mr. Rimmer has displayed in the past?

I may be woo-woo... but I ain't ga-ga.

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Argentinean "Goblin" video at the INFOBAE website

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Christian Musician's UFO Song?

From: Chris Rutkowski <rutkows.nul>
Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 11:51:10 -0500 (CDT)
Archived: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 18:00:00 -0400
Subject: Christian Musician's UFO Song?

How did we miss this one?

In an obit for a Christian musician named Larry Norman, who dies a few weeks ago, one of his most famous (in Christian music circles) songs was noted as: "UFO"

Sure enough, here's the YouTube link, about Jesus returning to Earth as a UFO.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I1VgzBewijo>

"And if there's life on other planets
I'm sure that He must know"

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>From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 8 Mar 2008 19:59:35 -0000
>>Subject: Re: Is Earth a Way Station?

>>The evidence seems to say there's likely to be organizing
>>intelligences, in the universe and even in our galaxy, to which
>>we would have the same relationship as a bacterium has to us.

<snip>

>Does that evidence always track back to 'might makes right' as a
>law of the universe then? Or are we assigning motive to the
>motiveless?

<snip>

Rick, that is a huge question - if we remember that life is now
thought to be 'probably ubiquitous in the universe', and then
check some evidence in near space, from NASA and USAF footage -
here's a couple of shorts:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhbuFlpaIGY (7 mins)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uhmcl5eXGW8 (8 mins)

Then, just as we're now told that our kind of matter is only a
small part of the universe (4%), it looks like our kind of life
is also very small and insignificant; i.e. that much bigger life
exists, and more commonly, which is totally different to us.

So who can know their motives?

Cheers

Ray D

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March 10, 2008

Bad Timing For MoD
Billy Cox

The British Ministry of Defence has just given The History Channel's UFO Hunters the sort of publicity windfall that money just can't buy.

On Feb. 25, just two days before the network aired an episode on the Rendlesham Forest incident, the MoD announced it was yanking related documents off its Web site.

Its press office cited "breach of copyright" laws pertaining to public correspondences bundled into the military data, arguing that "it made little sense" to delete those letters while trying to uphold their context. The MoD reassured inquiring minds that said documents - letters and all - could still be obtained through individual Freedom of Information Act requests.

The announcement was disseminated to the rest of the world largely through Nick Pope, an ex-MoD official who worked the Ministry's UFO desk from 1991-94. Given how long those suddenly withdrawn documents had languished in the public domain - not to mention the banality of the accompanying letters that so recently raised the eyebrows of the UK's legal eagles - Pope found the sudden move perplexing.

"MOD is its own worst enemy sometimes," Pope stated in an e-mail. "(It has) managed to turn a potential good news story about open government and freedom of information into a bad news story about cover-ups and conspiracies."

Indeed, unlike the U.S., which insults common sense by insisting it doesn't collect UFO data, the Brits at least pay lip service to the notion by logging queries from its citizens who want to report sightings. Certainly, keeping official links open removes the stigma from British pilots like Ray Bowyer who, without fear of negative professional repercussions, felt free to discuss the "mile wide" UFO he and others spotted over the English Channel last April. No such openness exists among active-duty American pilots.

The Rendlesham Forest incident occurred in late December 1980, when U.S. military security working the UK's NATO base outside Woodbridge investigated nighttime sightings in the woods nearby. Several Americans reported seeing a UFO on the ground, as well measuring its attendant landing-gear indentations in the soil as well as residual traces of radiation.

It's an old case revisited numerous times, from Unsolved Mysteries to Larry King. But UFO Hunters would be derelict if it didn't exploit the MoD's recent maneuver, even if the issue is

more about timing than intention.

Meanwhile, back in the UK, Pope says readers who might not have otherwise been inclined to review those documents online are still free to do so, thanks to some real crackerjack quality control.

"MoD haven't even blocked access properly anyway," he writes.

"There are still ways of accessing it, e.g. through the Wayback Machine, which gave me this:

<http://tinyurl.com/2ppg3g>"

So have at it, but don't get your hopes up. It's pretty dull fare.

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Roe & Vallee On 'UN UFO Meeting'

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Subject: Roe & Vallee On 'UN UFO Meeting'

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Date: Mon, 10 Mar 2008 21:21:25 -0700 (PDT)
Subject: Re: UFO Community: UN Denies Meetings Took Place...
Have We Been Suckered?!

Victor,

I do not have the ability to reply to everyone on this List but you may forward this if it is helpful.

I became involved with this discussion on a private list and when I replied to a question regarding my opinion about Michael Salla's credibility, that response was unscrupulously forwarded to Mr. Salla. Even though it was a private conversation Mr. Salla forced his way into the conversation and accused me of character assassination, sloppy research, etc... I warned him that spreading hearsay first without doing research to verify his claims was not the way to build credibility and his response fell far short of his claims of being an expert at conflict resolution.

Neither myself nor NARCAP have any opinion about aliens or disclosures or UN meetings regarding UFOs though we do have some opinions about making unfounded commentary and the effects of wild claims on the credibility of those who are diligently engaged in careful research.

It is interesting how the story has morphed from Salla's original claim that a disclosure is imminent and an overt alien presence is anticipated in 2013 or 2017 to a claim by Msr Gilles Lorant whose claims are eerily reminiscent of Dr. Vallee's presentation to the UN in 1978 - a public presentation....

It is in the interest of reminding everyone how important it is to keep beliefs in check and follow the rules that are understood by science and journalists when it comes to making claims that I am participating in this discussion at all.

I contacted Dr. Vallee regarding this UN meeting and Msr Gilles Lorant's claims and have provided an introduction and his responses below.

While I will engage responses to this list, I am not able to reply to the list in its entirety as Yahoo does not have a "reply all" capability and I use this email for work that does not involve NARCAP.

Ted Roe Executive Director NARCAP

Hello,

NARCAP EAC member Dr. Jacques Vallee has extensive experience with the UFO matter both inside and outside of government

including the United Nations. So I contacted him regarding Michael Salla's claim of a "Secret UN meeting" regarding UFOS that allegedly took place in February of 2008. I asked Dr. Vallee specifically if he knew anything about Gilles Lorant and if he could shed any light on this story.

His comments are below.

To put it simply, Msr. Gilles Lorant is not what Michael Salla claims that he is.

So now we are left with determining the true roots of this story. Michael Salla claims that it arose from the Pickering brothers so the question arises regarding where they acquired it and the veracity of their source.

I contend, and I am sure that many experienced researchers will agree, that such materials need to be thoroughly verified before they are placed in the public domain.

We have watched this story shift from claims of impending "disclosure" and an overt alien presence in 2013 or 2017 to a description that seemed eerily reminiscent of Dr. Vallee's own presentation to the United Nations in 1978. While the story has shifted several times, Michael Salla has yet to retract his various claims.

Hopefully the information below will enlighten Michael Salla and others who may be taking this story to heart and he will make a public retraction of this story, cite the fraudulent claims of Gilles Lorant and take steps to protect his credibility.

This type of situation is unfortunate and underscores the need for caution and for verification of information before publishing it. Credibility is everything in this field and it is very, very easy to damage one's own credibility beyond repair.

Ted Roe

From NARCAP EAC member Dr. Jacques Vallee:

Dear Ted:

My friends in France can find no trace of Lorant at CNRS. He now claims he was an "auditor" at IHEDN but is now beyond the age limit.

You'll notice that the story speaks of "the Secret UN Meeting" even though it appears to have been a routine mid-level gathering (non-secret) to prepare an administrative conference. The manipulation is becoming obvious. My advice is to stay away from it.

It seems to me this story is falling apart but the structure is very interesting -- along the lines of a psywar rumor process or what is known around the Internet as a "meme war":

1. You make up a really intriguing story that seems very legitimate by including respected names: UN, French Ambassador, DSK etc. and precise dates.
2. You leave it full of holes so that people will come up with questions, thus revealing who is interested and why.
3. You imply great secrecy, thus dangling new bits of mystery.
4. You slowly retract the story (since a lot of it was made up in the first place out of pure imagination) but you point to a legitimate-looking person (Lorant) who was there.
5. The legitimate-looking person (whose credentials don't check out) "reveals" more details but does not confirm the earlier story, thus gaining additional credibility and "dangling" new information.
6. Legitimate journalists reinforce the apparent story by trying to follow this new trail.
7. You throw in new intriguing names like Ted Kennedy and John

McCain through new anonymous sources "who could be in danger if they revealed their names..." thus seducing more recognizable researchers into revealing their interest...

8. You use the Internet to circulate the whole mess to an increasing circle of people, hoping to create a mass effect.

9. At that point, any official denial of the story (or part of it) sounds like a cover-up or skeptical reaction, enabling you to claim that you are the victim of disinformation, etc. etc.

All very clever.

Feel free to circulate my analysis. I'd like to know what other people think of this.

Jacques Vallee

Ted:

Oddly enough, some of the arguments of the alleged UN report are similar (although exaggerated) to the testimony I presented quite officially before the political committee of the UN in 1978, along with Dr. Hynek, Claude Poher, Gordon Cooper, Stanton Friedman and a few others in attendance. The meeting was non-secret (it was in fact open to the public and press) and widely reprinted. Therefore I don't even grasp what Messrs. Salla, Lorant etc. are claiming in terms of new information, or why there would be such a pretense of great urgency and secrecy.

Last minute information: Gilles Lorant has been forced to resign from the FEA in France and has confessed that he was not and had never been associated with the IHEDN, which told him in no uncertain terms he would be brought into Court (such false claims and misrepresentation expose you to 100,000 euro fines, plus time in jail in France) unless he made it clear he had no such status.

So the whole thing has collapsed.

Jacques Vallee

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Damage Control Disclosure

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
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Subject: Damage Control Disclosure

If the terms, limited engagement, deniability, and legend mean nothing to you, you've absolutely been unpenetrating in the choices you've made in reading material over these last 25 years.

I've started counting the many trips ufologists have had to the edge of the abyss these last 50 years, in raised hopes they could peer over into officialdom's most guarded of all secrets. I stopped at 75, yes, 75.

When the egg is cracked in this spatial dimension there never seems to be a yoke. Now why is that?

I'm certain our friend, Robert Morningstar, would like to know... and has earned the right to know.

If I may I will use a little bit more detached example... but one still immediately topical and ultimately relevant - see this link to know just how relevant:

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

There is just recently, for the very first time in noted history, an admission across the board of American officialdom, that testing of American's tap water is not inclusive of many possible toxins and chemical compounds. Intentionally.

Well, if you still retain sensory perception, your nose and taste buds could have told you that.

But then we're told it's because we wouldn't understand the results and would take alarm.

Maybe it's because we would understand...way too much! But now that the damage has been done... perhaps not so well...so meaningfully well.

So I'll throw this one little personal experience out.

Back in 1978 I was married to a lovely little German girl of some talent and intelligence. A few years before she had been given management of Tandy's central pet store supply center here in Fort Worth on the basis of having been the very first person in the world to discover how to mate a pair of the cyclid family of fish, oscars.

One summer she had not been able to prepare the fish tanks and aquariums with the water taken from city supplies. All the fish exposed to this source were developing ick and dying. Both saltwater and fresh- water.

She started complaining to the city. As the complaints were being passed further and further along the chain of diversion, she finally found a chemical engineer that told her something highly interesting.

According to him behavioral chemicals had been added to city water supplies since the riots in Watts and Detroit in the sixties. Amounts were intensified in the summer. He advised her

to take her water source directly from lakes or rainwater.

This fits in with a possible reason for suspecting the contrails (so many already do suspect) of serving some similar purpose in the advent that masses of people are turning to other sources for their drinking water.

But what are we told? Some BS that enough people throw away costly, though oddly unwanted pharmaceuticals, in the amounts that would prove toxic to water supplies! You buy this BS?

This is officialdom's >truth<, what serves only the next level of deception in a never ending quest to social-engineer us into compliant tools.

Damage control disclosure.

JCH

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Australian UFO Sightings Jan & Feb 2008

From: Diane Frola <auform06.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 11 Mar 2008 10:55:51 -0400
Subject: Australian UFO Sightings Jan & Feb 2008

06.02.08 WINDERMERE TAS 1930hrs (NL)
Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM
Witness: John xxx
Occupation: Wood craftsman
Sighting Duration: 5 minutes

Observation: While looking out from my workshop widow,I noticed a brilliant white light in the middle of the river which shone a shaft of white light in a straight line,almost like a laser beam,in a direct line across the mud flats directly in my direction. I have no idea what this was as there is no beacon in that part of the river,there was no boat or any other discernable craft in that vicinity. The sun was over towards the west and the light was beaming across directly north.I watched it with 10 magnification binoculars for about 5mins and then it faded to nothing.

There was nothing to be seen where this light was even though I was still observing the same area with the binoculars.I have been looking out of my workshop window at this partof the Tamar river for twenty five years and have never seen any-thing like it.

After it faded away ,there was a brief out-line of a rectangular shape before it to was completely gone.

Description: No sound just a fading of the . It was like a brilliant spot-light,shining in a straight line across the mud flat as the tide was out. Apparent Size Other: Large rectangle -
Altitude: Ground level. Object Origin: Un-known. Object Destination: Un-known. Weather: Clear, Warm, Sunny , Calm
Viewing Aids: Binoculars 10/30 magnification.

Effects Other: There was an unusual smell in bed-room that night.This has been happening on and off for some time over the past two years.This strange smell comes in the middle of the night and wakes either my-self or my wife,both of us thinking that there was some-thing burning in the house. Upon investigating we discovered nothing amiss.Strangely,the smell is confined to the bed-rooms only as we sleep in seperate rooms.It is so strong that it feels like our sinuses are stinging. Other Experiences: Dreams of floating through the air and when I wake up I am convinced I can really do it.

04.01.08 Between TAMWORTH & ARMIDALE NSW 2130hrs (NL)
Source: AUFORN ONLINE UFO REPORT FORM
Witness: G xx
Occupation: Student
Sighting Duration: 10 minutes

Observation: I was returning home from Katoomba N.S.W. with my Mother(name and age withheld), my Sister(name name and age withheld) and My Niece (name withheld) age 2. We were driving along , no other cars, and this triangle of three red dots appeared over head and started to move over the sky form east to west and then it started to vibrate and it then flashed blue and was gone. Before it did this I took a photo on my camera phone.

Two days later a man in dark clothing (most noticeable of which was a long black trench coat, even though it was summer, and a "Che Guevarra" berret) came up to me in the street claiming to be from an organisation called "Black Stone" and demanded I hand over my phone; when I refused he looked into my eyes and I could not move, he reached into my pocket and took my phone. As he walked away I found I was able to move. It was very spooky.

Apparent Size Other: A triangle angle, about the size of a hang-glider. Actual Size: A bit bigger than a modern passenger plane. Altitude: I am not an aviation expert but maybe a couple of kilometers but this is just an estimate. Object Origin: East to west then it disappeared in a flash of blue light Object Destination: Upwards? Moon Visible: It was a clear-night but I do not remember seeing the moon. It may have been there. Weather Visibility: Clear

Comments: I came to you now because I have decided not to be intimidated by this man in dark clothing. Effects Other Witnesses: The others seemed pretty terrified but they did not remember afterwards (no lost time).

Some identifying details with held - under investigation.

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/AustralianUFOsightings/>

For those interested in a Night Watch keep an eye on the AUFORN web page for more details <http://www.aufor.com>

Warmest Regards

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Archived: Tue, 11 Mar 2008 16:32:19 -0400
Subject: Michael Salla?

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KK

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So now you know what the rest of us have known for a few years.
What's your point?

Don Ledger

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MoD inquiry Into London UFO Mystery

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11 March 2008

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MoD inquiry Into Archway UFO Mystery
nlnews.nul

The Ministry of Defence opened a file on the Archway UFO sightings - but decided against further inquiries as it did not deem the sighting a threat to national security.

Just over a year ago Archway ground to a halt as dozens of glowing lights were seen in the sky, causing widespread panic among residents.

Now the Gazette can reveal that top level government agencies looked into the phenomenon - which many believe was nothing more than floating Chinese lanterns.

The Gazette sent a Freedom of Information request to the Ministry demanding to see every document relating to the Archway incident, as well as a total cost of the investigation.

The MoD did not disclose the cost of its inquiries, but did release what it said was the only document relating to the phenomena they hold on file.

It is from an organisation called Contact International which reports seeing "12 to 15 orange balls of light that moved quickly, stopped, faded away or moved upwards". Names and contact details have been blanked out by the Ministry.

In response to our inquiries, a government official wrote: "The Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' to establish whether what was seen might have defence significance - namely whether the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised. To date no report has revealed such evidence. We believe that rational explanations such as aircraft lights could be found."

James Zafar, 40, a designer from Crouch End, saw the lights when collecting his daughter from Archway. He said: "It was worth them investigating because it was really weird. I know in my gut whatever we saw was not balloons. It just seems crazy they are not looking into it further. It could have been a potential threat from another country or anywhere."

And Paul Southcott, of the Islington-based UFO and Supernatural Studies Group, said: "I am not surprised they looked into it - it is their job to investigate these things.

"They have probably looked into it more deeply but the likes of us will never know. I think it is a load of rubbish that they

only have one document on it, there would definitely be more than that."

He added: "We come up against brick walls like this the whole time when investigating UFOs - it is very frustrating."

But not all were so convinced. Writer and UFO sceptic Ian Ridpath said: "It seems to me fairly obvious they were balloons. Last summer I saw some of these balloons drift across the sky and I recognised them immediately from all the Archway videos.

"It is quite remarkable that even though someone admitted they had set them off from a party people who saw it still believe it was something else. They won't accept it because it would make them feel a bit silly.

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Some time back I contacted his university down under and found
he did have the PhD he claimed to have.

Stan Friedman

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Your premise I agree with, your non-sequitor conclusion I do not. Salla was 'let go' by American University here in Washington, D.C. Depending on what you mean by "background", his is pretty well known. I would say that a person's 'track record' (their educational and training accomplishments, activities, public statements, and advocacies) should be checked.

On that score, a very complete record on Salla emerges as someone totally lacking in credibility. The slanted, self-serving, wildly inaccurate version of an apparent mention of UFOs at a UN meeting on other topics is just more of the same from Salla and the exocranials.

Dick

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"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed"

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"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed"

So says Brazilian Air Force Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, one of the most distinguished military officers in Brazil, who gave Brazilian UFO Magazine an exclusive interview last Saturday, March 8th, 2008

Brigadier Pereira admitted that he is a supporter of our campaign UFOs: Freedom Of Information Now, and said that "it is time to end all secrets about UFOs in Brazil and everywhere".

Brigadier Pereira has an impressive military record. He flew all sorts of aircraft all over the world for 40 years and was a top authority in the Brazilian Air Force during the last two decades. Recently he served as General Commander of Comdabra, The Brazilian Airspace Defense Command and then President of Infraero - Brazilian Airports Infrastructure Company. He has a direct line with the president Lula da Silva. Brigadier Pereira was once considered the man who had the key to the safe the UFO secrets were kept in.

Brigadier Pereira gave me and my associates Roberto Affonso Beck, a 50-year UFO researcher and Fernando de Aragao Ramalho an exclusive, over 4-hour interview not avoiding more than 100 questions. That vast material is now being transcribed and will be entirely published in our edition 141, April. I presume that the interview will soon become another Ufological milestone, as happened with the head of Operation Saucer in the Amazon, given to me and Marco Antonio Petit by Colonel Uyrange Hollanda in 1997.

Among the many things affirmed by Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira, is:

"All secrets must be disclosed. There is no reason at all to keep them away from the citizen, in the military installations. It seems that the phenomena don't represent any kind of threat to national security nor a danger to aviation. So, I am in favor of all files being opened - wherever they are being kept - so that the population may learn what they contain, especially UFO researchers".

He added that "there is a favorable environment in Brazil's military community in that this matter should be treated openly. I will do my part, assuring my support to the UFO researchers' movement that requests government freedom of information".

When asked if he would accept an invitation to take part in an international effort such as the one conducted by Leslie Kean and James Fox in Washington, last November, he said he "would consider that with interest".

Quite significantly, Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira confirmed information that we have, since the interview I did with Colonel Uyrange Hollanda, that I wasn't able to verify 100% with any other source.

Brigadier Pereira confirmed that, indeed, over 2,000 pages of documents resulted from Operation Saucer, in the Amazon, as well

as over 500 photos of the phenomena and 16 hours of Super-8mm and Super-16mm film. And he said that all this material is in Brasilia. This is very significant.

I will keep you posted of new developments. The entire interview will be translated into English soon.

See photos here: www.ufo.com.br/public/pereira/

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To all List Members,

Please find below information of some interest.

I'm not enclosing the three daily journals - Programme of Meetings & Agenda - for Tuesday, February 12th; Wednesday, February 13th & Thursday February 14th 2008 provided by the United Nations as they are more than 40 pages all together.

It is obvious these so-called UFO Meetings at the UN never happened... and are pure hoax!

I let the people and French ufologists who promoted this false information in face of their responsibilities.

No more comment.

From: inquiries2 <inquiries2.nul>
To: bthouanel.nul
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2008 8:33:52 AM
Subject: Re: Press Info

Greetings from the UN Public Inquiries Team.

As far as we are aware of there was no meeting concerning UFO's at the United Nations.

Attached below are the Journals for those days which lists all the meetings that took place:

Best regards,

Public Inquiries Unit
Public Relations Section
Department of Public Information
United Nations
inquiries2.nul

Best,

Bernard Thouanel

Associate Editor
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Re: MoD inquiry Into London UFO Mystery

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 13:31:34 -0300
Archived: Thu, 13 Mar 2008 07:09:02 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD inquiry Into London UFO Mystery

>Source: The Islington Gazette - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/2yw9jo>

>11 March 2008

>[Photo at site]

>MoD inquiry Into Archway UFO Mystery
>nlnews.nul

>The Ministry of Defence opened a file on the Archway UFO
>spottings - but decided against further inquiries as it did not
>deem the sighting a threat to national security.

>Just over a year ago Archway ground to a halt as dozens of
>glowing lights were seen in the sky, causing widespread panic
>among residents.

<snip>

Wide spread panic, huh? Want to bet that didn't happen. Speaking of being "a bit silly", Ridpath is one of the the main proponants of the Orford Ness lighthouse theory for Rendlesham.

Whether these were party balloons or not will never be known. Nor do we get any facts either, like wind speed and direction for starters or any real description of the objects. The former is still checkable however by checking weather records for windspeed and direction - get aviation weather and get the data for 3,6, and 9,000 feet. What's on the ground is seldom what it is aloft.

Re MOD interest, yea or nay... on Coast To Coast the other night George Noory and I talk about this briefly. I mentioned that the same mantra is proffered by the US, Canada and the UK air forces/governments; the phenomenon poses no threat to national security. George asked the most obvious question which we all ask I guess, "How do they know that they aren't a threat." Or words to that affect.

The fact that our airforces are ineffectual when it comes to keeping up or deterring these anomalies should be threat enough. It means they don't control the skies above our countries. That's what airforces are supposed to do, not hide behind some official policy. No wonder they don't want to talk about it.

Don Ledger

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UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 13 Mar 2008 07:09:02 -0400
Subject: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 12, 2008

Source: www.ceufo.blogspot.com

Date: 03.12.08

Argentina: UFOs Over La Pampa
By Quique Mario, CEUFO

Apparitions of strange flying objects in the skies over La Pampa are no longer a novelty. What is startling is that for some time now, their maneuvers are taking place in broad daylight, with the possibility to photograph them and film them with the quantity of technical elements available to us today.

This increase in activity lacks a given schedule or timetable, allowing for a number of interpretations. One of them leads us to suppose that "something" is being sought by our alleged, unknown visitors aboard those strange craft. Readers can make their own interpretation, since by now, all Pampeans who are familiarized with the phenomenon to such an extent that those of us at CEUFO insist that the phenomenon is indeed "out there".

This illustration shows us the classic "flying saucer". It was taken by Luis Jerez in a neighborhood to the south of the city of Santa Rosa. What is important about this is that we are seeing the classic image of something that ufology believed to be "old fashioned."

Another important detail about this photo is that its author did not notice it until he downloaded his pictures to the PC a few days after taking it during a lightning storm over Santa Rosa in early February. What is surprising about apparitions of this sort is that they have become common amid storms, which speaks to the ability of these UFOs to traverse an environment that may be considered, a priori, to be hostile. There is no doubt that they are in possession of an alternative technology.

Translation (c) 2008. S. Corrales, IHU
Special thanks to Quique Mario and Guillermo Gimenez

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The 2008 Argentine UFO Wave

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The 2008 UFO Wave in Argentina

By Luis Burgos

Fundacion Argentina de Ovnilogia (FAO)

(Translated by S. Corrales, Inexplicata)

PART ONE

Number of Reports to Date: 64

January 1: La Plata, Buenos Aires

Juan Pablo Ruiz Villoldo what will be the first case of the year. At 23:43 hours, he witnesses a perfect triangular formation of three vehicles, heading W-E toward Rio de la Plata. The same formation is seen shortly after from Colon (Entre Rios Province) by members of the COLOVNI group.

January 3: San Marcos Sierra (Cordoba)

Ximena and Mariano submit a photo of a strange "phantom" UFO to the FAO. It was taken on the banks of the Quilpo River at 07:30 hours with a Fuji Finepix 2.0 mpix, representing the first photographic case of the year. Photo subjected to analysis.

January 3: Calamuchita (Cordoba)

Martha Nunez reports another UFO over Cordoba at the same time, photographed at 18:00 hours.

January 3: Vicente Lopez (Buenos Aires)

Damian Heras video records a nocturnal light (NL) at 21:59 hrs.

Early January: Victoria (Entre Rios)

The Vision OVNI group reports a considerable activity by unidentified lights, with irregular movements toward midnight. This phenomenon was seen for several consecutive days.

Early January: Chabas (Santa Fe)

A series of mysterious aerial lights were sighted, some of them photographed at night, such as the ones photographed by Dr. Javier Alzayar, reported by the Vision OVNI group.

January 7: San Lorenzo (Santa Fe)

Pablo Lasa reported that his friend Sergio Civetta saw an irregular NL, yellow-white in color, at 21:50 hours.

January 7: Jacinto Arauz (La Pampa)

Three hunters witness a white-colored NL, shifting to red and blinking, according to Guillermo G.S. Tanos (FAO collaborator in Darregueria).

January 7: Darregueira (Buenos Aires)

The same FAO collaborator and his friends see an intense white NL a few minutes before midnight for a few minutes, and displaying an elliptical backward motion.

January 8: Vicente Lopez (Buenos Aires)

Damian Heras and Cristian Soldaon videotaped another irregular NL at 04:45 hours.

January 8: Capital Federal

Ufologist Asdrubal Acosta reports the presence of an NL with irregular movements at 21:49 hours over Western Buenos Aires. A similar phenomenon is detected and recorded by Taller Glaucoart.

January 9: Sierra de los Padres (Buenos Aires)

A series of "phantom" UFOs are captured at noon by members of Vision OVINE, who express the continuous activity of this phenomena in the area. Photos were analyzed.

January 9: Claromeco (Buenos Aires)

Beatriz Mascioli, a resident of the beach community, reports an episode she witnessed at 23:00 hours. Two luminous object moved diagonally across the sky, some 45 degrees toward the northwest. The lower of the two, with the more intense lights, suddenly shot upward at high speed while the other continued its normal trajectory.

January 10: Santa Rosa (La Pampa)

Quique Mario (CEUFO) reports an unusual aerial phenomenon with a strange behavior, seen from various parts of the city on a stormy night. A photograph of this incident also exists.

January 11: Isidro Casanova (Buenos Aires)

Guillermo Gimenez disseminates a photo of a UFO taken during daylight hours, according to information received from MUFON in the U.S.A.

January 12: Calamuchita (Cordoba)

Martha Nunez presents a new photo of an alleged "phantom UFO" taken at 18:30 that afternoon. Photo is being investigated.

January 13: Capilla del Monte (Cordoba)

Webcam Uritorco manages to photograph a UFO over the region at 15:05 hours.

January 13: Villaguay (Entre Rios)

According to www.rosario3.com, residents of that riverside region reported seeing "very bright and strange luminous

phenomena" at night.

January 14: Capilla del Monte (Cordoba)

Gustavo Fernandez submits eyewitness accounts from local residents who witness the transit of "an orange sphere", engaging in maneuvers between 22:00 and 23:05.

January 14: Santa Rosa (La Pampa)

Raul Chaves (CIUFOS) witnesses the flyby of an irregular nocturnal light (NL) at 22:26 hours.

January 14: Rio Cuarto (Cordoba)

The shift operator of the Rio Cuarto Airport reports the transit of a yellowish luminous body at around 22:30 hours from East to West, witnessed by dozens of locals. It unleashes a controversy over whether it was a UFO or the ISS (International Space Station).

January 15: City of Santa Fe

According to www.ufoinfo.com, a resident of this city views from his terrace the passing of three lights that formed a "perfect triangle", traveling at high speed, until it lost itself from sight at 00:25 hours. The sighting lasted some 10/15 seconds.

January 15: Capilla del Monte (Cordoba)

Once again, Gustavo Fernandez reports UFO sightings about Uritorco at around 16:00 hours and then at 21:30.

January 15: Necochea (Buenos Aires)

Guillermo Gimenez reports the sighting of an irregular NL, white in color, at 23:30 hours.

January 16: Calafate (Santa Cruz)

While traveling with his wife, Hector De Rosa informs FAO that at 14:00 hours, in broad daylight and in the vicinity of El Calafate, they saw a motionless black object, relatively small in size. The sighting lasted several minutes.

January 16: Capital Federal

Taller Glaucoart reports the persecution of the Cosmos Rocket satellite by a luminous unconventional object at 21:21 hours.

January 16: Necochea (Buenos Aires)

Guillermo Gimenez receives a report from another witness regarding an irregular NL, blue in color, at 23:05. "Flashes" in the sky were subsequently reported.

January 17: La Plata (Buenos Aires)

Nelson Polanco (FAO La Plata) reports a slow, high altitude flyby performed by an incandescent luminous body from SW to NW, crossing the firmament at 19:00 hours.

January 20: Capital Federal

Taller Glaucoart videotapes an NL with irregular movements at 03:27 hours toward the northeast.

January 20: Cipolletti (Rio Negro)

Jorge Luis Figueiras submits a photo of a "phantom UFO" taken at 10:55 hours over the city. Material is being studied.

January 20: Ensenada (Buenos Aires)

Juan Carlos G. (retired military) informs the FAO of a sighting at 22:10 hours when he detects a light crossing over the face of the moon (in its quarter crescent phase), engages in a few maneuvers before being "absorbed" by the darkness toward the NE. The ISS did not fly overhead and the three satellites that crossed the heavens on that night on those coordinates do not coincide in their magnitude or schedules.

January 23: Lago Menendez (Chubut)

Mrs. Marta Fourcade submits a photo of a "phantom UFO" flying over the aforementioned lake at the Los Alerces National Park next to the Torreillas Glacier at 15:30 hours. Photo analyzed.

January 24: Santa Lucia (San Juan)

A strange "fireball" fell from the sky and could be located. Its weight was under 2 kilograms and was blackish in color. It is under analysis by scientists at the El Leoncito Astronomical Complex. Probable meteorite.

January 24: Villa Ventana (Buenos Aires)

Daniel Valverdi (Vision OVNI) reports a photograph that appeared in the "Noticias de Tornquist" newspaper. While a fire raged through the area, a journalist took a "chance" photo of a strange object flying over the area during daylight hours. Photo analyzed.

January 27: Neuquen (capital city)

Channel 7 on Neuquen transmits the recording made by a resident of the Bouquet Roldan district showing a luminous object, taken with a cell phone. Object moves horizontally from left to right at 21:15 hours.

January 27: Villa Gessell (Buenos Aires)

Alejandro Inza reports a sighting of two luminous aerial objects, opaque and orange in color, spinning at a given altitude before joining and vanishing abruptly.

January 29: San Miguel del Monte (Buenos Aires)

Nelson R. Polanco (FAO La Plata), his sister Rosana Rocha and a mutual friend, Nora, had a surprising experience involving luminous objects over Laguna del Monte on the nights of Jan. 29 and 30. Strange shapes seen on the water, luminous flashes and even a small sphere that hurled itself at Rosana were among the events recorded.

January 31: Rio Cuarto (Cordoba)

The COR group reports the appearance of two strange footprints at the DGI campsite. A semi-circle covered by a sort of ash and a "horseshoe" caused surprise among the witnesses. Case is under investigation.

Month of January: Santa Rosa (La Pampa)

A collaborator of CIUFOS (Mariano) takes landscape photos on various days and times. Some of these images display strange aerial and solid objects not seen by the author of the images. These were taken during daylight hours.

Month of January: Lago Lolog (Neuquen)

According to a submission received by FAO, young Claudio Burgos of San Martin de los Andes witnessed as UFO emerging from under Lago Lolog, located to the north of this city in Patagonia. Case under investigation.

February 1: San Miguel de Tucuman

Juan Valenzuela submits a curious photo to FAO. It was taken at 18:30 in the vicinity of Cerro San Javier, only a few kilometers from the city, while he was photographing various landscapes. One of the images show what has become known as a "phantom UFO". This material was also submitted to UFO researcher Carlos Ferguson. Photo analyzed.

February 1: Necochea (Buenos Aires)

Guillermo Gimenez reports a new sighting in that beach front community. A local resident witnesses the transit of a large object from N to S at 22:00 hours. It was white in color, spherical in color, and vanished suddenly after going a certain distance.

February 1: Capital Federal

At the same time as the Necochea case, at 22:00 hours, Taller Glaucoart recorded a high intensity nocturnal light (NL) that remained static for 4 minute over Buenos Aires.

February 2: Santa Rosa (La Pampa)

CIUFOS looks into some strange marks that appeared "from one day to another" located to the south of the city on a property belonging to Mrs. Margarita C. These marks show a yellow-golden coloring that stand out against the grass in the back yard.

February 2; Parana (Entre Rios)

According to Gustavo Fernandez (AFR), many residents of the San Agustin district phoned the FM Capital station to report a luminous body flying at high altitude with flashes of lights and colors that ranged from light blue to gold and headed northeast at 22:10 hours.

February 3: La Plata (Buenos Aires)

Andres Reynoso and his parents reported a singular observation at 21:10 hours over the La Lona district. Two black objects, rotating on their own axii, traveled from W to E while a third entered the scene. All three continued on that trajectory. As this happened, an airliner performed a strange "swerve" maneuver or course correction as the artifacts went by.

February 3: Tandil (Buenos Aires)

According to Radio Tandil and other local media, several residents reported the collision of a fireball at 04:00 hours behind Cerro Las Animas as a large forest fire "coincidentally" took place. Whether it is a UFO, satellite debris or a meteorite, "it has to be there". Case under investigation.

February 10: La Banda (Santiago del Estero)

According to Noticiero 7 from Santiago del Estero and Diario Panorama. Young Maria de los Angeles Gomez photographed an unidentified object with her cell phone during the afternoon, after taking a picture of a rainbow forming over La Banda. Photo analyzed. It is a typical case of "phantom UFO".

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Just out of curiosity has anybody reviewed the listings for words like crisis management or threat from space, or outer space? I would be surprised, if there were a meeting, which I doubt, if the word UFOs was used. I don't want the Exo guys coming back with an excuse.

Stan Friedman

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Turkish UFOs

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<http://www.toplumpostasi.net>

12 March 2008

UFO
Fazile Zahyr

The sighting of a UFO this week has excited the Turkish media with pictures appearing in both tabloid style and more serious broadsheet papers this week. The flying object was spotted in the Karakopru area of Sanliurfa province towards 4am on Wednesday morning. Filmed by an amateur videographer the strangely glowing hexagonal ball of light hovered in the sky emitting red, green and white lights and moved both fast and erratically. After fifteen minutes it disappeared without a trace. As of yet no official explanation has been offered as to what it might be although internet comments vary between lauding a genuine sighting of a 'Green Fireball' phenomenon, non believers claiming the object is just a star filmed under magnification and the more cynical believing that these are 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 in the early evening which lasted on and off for a week and Istanbul on January 4th when people in the Yenibosna area of Istanbul saw a spinning circle with glowing white lights in the sky. The head of the Turkish Sirius UFO Space Sciences Research Centre Haktan Akdog(an claimed in August that in the last few months the number of sightings in Turkey, as in many other countries, has been increasing.

The largest concentration of sightings in Turkey and perhaps the best documented occurred between 2001 and 2002. This spate of sightings seem to have been triggered by the extraordinary events of June 7th 2001. Ten rural guardsmen from the village of Dondurmaz in Adyaman province were watchmen for the night. 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 Ulubas, mountain and then winked out of existence.

When the men reported to their commander their statements were taken seriously and the governor of Adyaman province, Halil Isik, had them seperated 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 Haktan Akdog at the Sirius organisation. By the 13th of June in the same year Sabah newspaper was leading with the headline 'Everyone searching for UFOs' in a story that detailed how in Usak locals had stoned an alien, in Gaziantep the police had videoed a UFO and that people all over the country were phoning

in reports of strange occurrences to their local jandarma.

The reports continued in a slightly hysterical atmosphere well into 2002 and included an event in Gebze on the 31st of May 2002 where a UFO was visible and circling with projecting lights for over an hour. This was followed by Aksam newspaper printing the story on 1st June 2002 of Saffet Sap, an electronic technician from Beykoz, who managed to video a flying object like a black bug with seven or eight legs. Later in the year on the 9th of November Hurriyet newspaper ran the account of four commercial pilots from different planes who had all seen UFO's in the same patch of sky on the same day at the same time.

Haktan Akdog of Sirius seems to be a recurring figure in Turkish UFO lore commenting freely on each event and insisting on the importance of Turkey to alien life. His motives however may not just be scientific, he is also the owner of the Istanbul UFO museum that opened in 2002 (riding on the back of these multiple UFO events) and any extra interest in aliens will also encourage punters through the door of his museum. He also runs the museum as a fairly successful franchise, of the six UFO museums in the world three are in Turkey (Istanbul, Denizli and Goreme in Cappadocia) and his website www.siriusufo.org advertises for further partners to open other UFO branch 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 organisation provide all the necessary materials and installations so each museum is a de facto copy of the first. Whether they are lucrative or not is not mentioned but when the Goreme museum opened in 2006 Hurriyet newspaper reported that they had 5000 visitors in one month alone. Apparently it was especially popular with the Japanese.

Whether extra terrestrials 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 in deep ocean trenches to water bears (aka tardigrades) that can survive temperatures from nearly absolute zero to 303=BAF 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 has worked on the assumption that both oxygen and liquid water were key factors in sustaining life but now it seems that these are only important to some types of life. The 'rare earth' theory is falling out of favour to be replaced with the idea that life is adaptable and that the question that needs to be asked is what kind of environment other than our own might sustain living things. The chances of intelligent life with the technology to communicate is slimmer, it is possible that such worlds have been and gone. I.f life of this sort exists now they, like us would have the technology to recognise that earth is an 'interesting' planet and worth investigating. So why aren't they here? Some would say they are and the report of flying objects above Karakopru on Tuesday was a clear indication of just that.

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UFOs Over Belize

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<http://www.lovefm.com/ndisplay.php?nid=7459>

March 12, 2008

Belmopan Residents Report Sighting Of UFOs

Love News today received reports that a few residents in the Belmopan area saw some bright lights over the hills in the direction of the University Heights area last night. We were told that the unidentified objects were bright fire ball like lights that came on and off for about 30 seconds at a time. This lasted for more than two hours. One resident claimed that some two years ago similar objects were seen in the night skies from Belmopan and wondered if it could be UFO's. We were also told by one of the viewers who have a lot of experience with flairs and fire display that what he saw last night was nothing similar to what he knows about flairs and fires.

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New Strange Days... Indeed PodCast Up

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Readers who have asked "What's happening with Ted Phillips?", might care to use their UFO UpDates Archive access to download and listen to the latest Strange Days... Indeed #455 at:

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

Ted discusses his new website:

<http://ufophysical.com/>

the new Center for Physical Trace Research team and the on-going Marley Woods Project, where they've been on site to video the phenomena occurring there.

The program also includes regulars, Dave Furlotte & Stuart Miller with their observations of things ufological...

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Gonerby UFO Sighted Over Saskatchewan

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

13 March 2008

Gonerby UFO Sighted Over Saskatchewan
By Bob Hart

A UFO sighted over Great Gonerby repeatedly over the last four years has also been spotted in Saskatchewan, Canada.

The Journal recently reported five sightings by Allan Spick, who provided a drawing of the mysterious flying object he has seen from his home at Belvoir Gardens.

Now an anonymous UFO spotter has got in touch to say he saw the very same object over Saskatoon in November or December 2005.

He said: "It was about 50 feet off the ground and not more than a city block away from me. I saw what appeared to be a craft that looked almost tear-shaped but sideways. I slowed down to a crawl and watched it hovering for about 10 seconds.

"I could only see the outline by its multi-coloured lights that surrounded the object."

After around 20 seconds the object banked to the right and flew slowly away.

He said: "I do feel that when I slowed down more that maybe they took notice of me observing this and that caused the object to start its sharp bank and then slowly disappear.

"It was all very weird to me."

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52 Less Possibilities For Triangular 'UFOs'?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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Subject: 52 Less Possibilities For Triangular 'UFOs'?

The old USAF Stealth Fleet is dwindling. The US Air force is down to 20 some B-2 bombers after losing one in Guam a few weeks back and now the remaining 52 of 59 F-117As are being retired. Neither of these aircraft are supersonic.

According to some less than discriminating investigators the F-117s and B-2s when not in combat roles are apparently flown all over the world in their secondary role which is to generate UFO reports.

This story from AVWeb:

<http://tinyurl.com/2vtt5n>

March 11, 2008

Final Flight For Stealth Fighters

The U.S. Air Force is retiring its fleet of F-117 Nighthawks, which were the world's first attack aircraft to employ stealth technology. The single-seater aircraft made its first flight in 1981 at the Tonopah Test Range in Nevada. The Nighthawk program remained classified until 1988, when a photo of the jet was first unveiled to the public. The Air Force said the decision to ground the fighters was based on economics. "With aging aircraft fleets and infrastructure, senior Air Force leadership has made hard choices to pay for modernization of our overall aircraft inventory," said Air Force spokeswoman Diana Filliman. "One of these decisions was to accelerate the retirement of the F-117, and use the savings generated to accelerate the recapitalization and modernization efforts underway across the fleet." Fifty-nine of the F-117s were built, the last one in 1990, and seven of them crashed. During more than 1,000 sorties flown by Nighthawks during Operation Desert Storm in the early 1990s, not one was shot down, the Air Force said.

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After a retirement ceremony this week, the airplanes will be stored in Nevada. The Nighthawk's mission will be taken over by the F-22 Raptor.

Don Ledger

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Tell All Bowyer UFO Sighting Interview

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Subject: Tell All Bowyer UFO Sighting Interview

Listers may be interested in this full interview with Captain Ray Bowyer the airline pilot who had a Channel Islands encounter with two discs.

He is interviewed on UK Channel 4's Richard and Judy Show:

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

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PSYOPs & Public Influence

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March 13, 2008

[Graphic & Photo at site]

Are Psychological Operations (PSYOPs) Used to Influence Public Opinion of UFOs?

by Franklin Fields

An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) is a reported sighting of an object or light usually seen in the sky whose appearance does not have a conventional explanation. In most cases UFOs are eventually explained as celestial bodies, planes, or even birds.

However, in a small percentage of cases, which is actually a large number, UFOs have been identified as real extraterrestrial (ET) crafts not from this earth.

In fact, a great deal of evidence for this reality has been accumulated. Evidence such as photographs, video footage, eye witness testimony, physical evidence, and even captured ET ships have been acquired. But still there is a disagreement on the certainty of this evidence and its authenticity. Why is there so much disagreement and why won't the scientific and political communities seriously examine the phenomena? One of the main reasons is the misinformation, deception, propaganda, and other social mechanisms being applied by different groups. These mechanisms when part of a planned program are termed psychological operations (PSYOPs).

A PSYOP is a prescribed process used to induce or reinforce attitudes and behaviors favorable to an originators interest. PSYOPs are routinely used by governments and militaries to effect change across the full spectrum of political, military, economic, and ideological actions. PSYOPs are so widely used that they may have become the most exploited means to achieve national objectives. Many governments routinely use them against their own citizens.

A simple Google internet search will confirm that PSYOPs are part of modern military and governmental operations. Whole organizations and bureaucracies have been built around these undertakings. Why is this being done? The answer is clear, because they are extremely effective at achieving their objectives. PSYOPs have become so effective they are now being used on world populations at an ever increasing and alarming rate. In almost all cases the affected populations are not aware that this is occurring.

PSYOPs by their very nature are secretive. In order to effect change, its' existence and intentions must not be known by the intended recipients. If an operation was discovered it would not be effective and the receiver would not be misled. This piece of

information alone means that evidence of PSYOPs is hard to obtain. Governments go to great lengths to conceal them but some have been revealed. A number of readily available examples are those used by the military.

[PSYOP Leader Chart]

When PSYOPs are part of a nation's military strategy, they are known collectively as psychological warfare (PSYWAR). A PSYOP used in warfare has the primary purpose of influencing attitudes and behavior of a hostile foreign power in a way that achieves the warring nation's objectives. During war, a nation's use of propaganda and other psychological measures would often be illegal to use on its' citizens at home.

A modern example of PSYWAR occurred in the early 1990s during the Gulf War. In that campaign the U.S. led coalition successfully used PSYOPs and ejected Iraq's military out of Kuwait. Tens of thousands of Saddam Hussein's military were induced to surrender or defect by an exceptionally effective deception PSYOP. Other military examples are readily available for those willing to search the internet.

In environments less than war, a nation uses PSYOPS to accomplish its objectives just as the military would during a war. PSYOP policy is derived from normal governmental policy statements. It has become integrated into governmental operations as a means of doing business. That is most assuredly how PSYOPS have come into play within the UFO phenomena.

In the beginning a policy of playing down UFOs may have been implemented in order to reduce perceived public anxiety. This policy may have made sense sixty years ago but now has outlived its usefulness. Regardless of the policy's legitimacy, PSYOPS would have been an expected government outcropping to respond to the policy decision. PSYOPS can be massive campaigns or mere statements made to the right audience by the correct spokesperson.

Most PSYOPs require extreme subtlety to be effective. They work delicately to change the target audience's perceptions. Everything we know about the world around us comes from our perceptions. In truth perception is reality for us. Those who practice PSYOPs understand this and have developed means to direct messages that are tailored and targeted to specific listeners.

After years of careful testing and studying, PSYOP professionals have become incredibly knowledgeable and effective in determining the target audience and what small message is needed to send for the desired outcome. How a subject matter is portrayed in key public forums makes a difference and can substantially affect public perception and opinion. If a subject is portrayed a specific way in the right forum, it will be a major influencing factor.

An example of how this type of subtle message works occurred during the October 2007 U.S. Presidential debate. Tim Russert, described as "the quintessential Washington insider" by the Washington Post asked Congressman Dennis Kucinich if he'd seen a UFO in a dismissive and trivializing way. The way the question was asked clearly stated to the world that the UFO subject was inappropriate and not worth serious consideration. Even Congressman Kucinich was forced to play down his actual UFO sighting in order to maintain some respectability.

It is important to note that nothing in U.S. Presidential politics is said or done without a specific reason. Russert holds a doctorate degree; he is well regarded as a journalist, and clearly a political pundit "in the know". He would not have made that type of statement without an intended rationale. These types of statements, in key forums, by key speakers are what create and maintain the "giggle factor" around UFOs. That is how attitudes and behaviors are reinforced using a subtle PSYOP. Of course it cannot be known if Russert's remarks were part of an actual PSYOP but it is certainly a clear example of how one might work.

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Command and General Staff College. His military awards include the Bronze Star Medal for leadership while serving as a unit commander in Iraq. His civilian education includes a Juris Doctor Degree from the University of Florida. Frank currently works as an attorney and owns a real estate investment company.

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I Wanna Be Sedated
Billy Cox

This week's Associated Press expose on the pharmaceutical pollution leaching into the nation's water supplies is just the latest glimpse into what we're ingesting whenever we turn on the spigot. Studies identifying H2O spiked with mood levelers, anti-cholesterol agents and hormone boosters have been ongoing for years.

In fact, right here in Southwest Florida, Mote Marine Lab and the University of Florida are assessing how prescription drugs like anti-depressants are affecting the biology of bull sharks prowling local salt- and freshwater systems.

But that ain't all bad. Seriously. Because dig this:

For the last couple of weeks, the blogosphere has been a-twitter over alleged secret meetings at the United Nations in February, designed to produce a global reappraisal of and consensus on UFOs. Members of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard, the Vatican, representatives from 27 other countries, and three (3) United States senators are said to have participated.

Indisputable confirmation was acquired by Dr. Michael Salla, whose exopolitics.org Web site peddles, among other things, "Galactic Diplomacy Seminars" that train Earthlings to become "multi-dimensional ambassadors" for humanity. Its basic tenets of peace, love and harmony aren't all that different from any other organized religion, but here's the twist.

"There are dozens of extraterrestrial races," Salla writes, "with a variety of motivations that are interacting with global humanity... (from) uplifting humanity towards a fuller expression of its collective potential, to manipulative activities designed to undermine human sovereignty."

Unfortunately, this apparent dichotomy of cosmic good-doers and evil-doers is mirroring civilization on Earth. As the Hawaii resident reported in his March 1 newsflash: "The UN meeting ... suggested a continuation of policies aimed at exploiting divisions in the UFO community between researchers advocating a strictly scientific study of the UFO phenomenon and those wishing to discuss testimonies/documentation concerning extraterrestrial life visiting Earth."

Good lord ...

Salla's only named source in the article was a man named Gilles Lorant, who identified himself as a member of the French

Institute of Advanced Studies for National Defense (IHEDN).

For nearly a week, conspiracy allegations, rebuttals, and charges of deranged buffoonishness clashed and splattered against the walls of cyberspace until somebody actually decided to contact the UN. Which denied the meeting took place. No surprise there. Denying things is what institutions do. That's their job.

But then, uh oh, the IHEDN denied Lorant had ever been with its program. Consequently, a French UFO group called (god, how I wish I were making this up) Federation European Airplane pressed its suddenly-most-controversial member - Gilles Lorant - for an accounting. Then Lorant denied he'd ever belonged to IHEDN. Federation European Airplane then denied Lorant his membership.

Renowned UFO investigator Jacques Valle dismissed the whole episode as a fraud. Others, like ufodigest.com editor Robert Morningstar, asked Lorant's critics to "Please note that they are attacking his credentials not the information."

In the past, this would've been the point where my head exploded and dripped off the ceiling. Or maybe, were I having a relatively good day, I might've appealed to Pat Sajak: "I'd like to buy a vowel - Eeeeeee!"

Instead, this stuff doesn't bother me anymore. I feel placid. Tranquil. Unfazed. Content. I'm not even upset about the price of gasoline, or pouring \$275 million a day down the black sucking hole of Iraq.

Another glass of tapwater and I'm good for another four hours.

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Re: Michael Salla?

From: John Velez <jvelez49.nul>
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Subject: Re: Michael Salla?

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 06:48:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Michael Salla?

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 11 Mar 2008 16:57:33 +0000
>>Subject: Michael Salla?

>>What is interesting is to do a background check on Michael
>>Salla; check out his claimed resume. Yes, very interesting.

>>A background check was done on Lorant, but not Salla. Why not?
>>It would seem the French take their UFO research more seriously
>>than Americans.

>Your premise I agree with, your non-sequitor conclusion I do
>not. Salla was 'let go' by American University here in
>Washington, D.C. Depending on what you mean by "background", his
>is pretty well known. I would say that a person's 'track record'
>(their educational and training accomplishments, activities,
>public statements, and advocacies) should be checked.

>On that score, a very complete record on Salla emerges as
>someone totally lacking in credibility. The slanted,
>self-serving, wildly inaccurate version of an apparent mention of
>UFOs at a UN meeting on other topics is just more of the same
>from Salla and the exocranials.

Hi Dick,

Since 'exocranials' are on the agenda I'd like to throw in two cents if I may. My 'problem' with the exocranials is simply this; as a group, the people involved in exopolitics, as well intentioned as many of them may be, is responsible for more putting out more dis-information and just plain gobbledy-gook, than any real or imagined clandestine government agency whose sole purpose in life is to be a source of disruptive and mostly false information.

Why anyone would support these self-serving opportunists with their hard earned dollars is a complete mystery to me. Yet the regular conferences that are mounted by the exopoliticos are generally fairly well attended. Again I ask, why?

It's not rocket science... until people stop supporting these charlatans with green-backs, they will continue to mount conference after conference, post lie after lie, and take credit for the hard work of others.

One important note. I don't think that everyone who is involved with exopolitics is a bad-guy. There are some bright, sincere and genuinely well-intentioned people involved. My friend Victor Vigiani is one such individual. To Victor and to all concerned I will quote an old axiom/truism;

'The road to Hell is paved with good intentions'!

I hope they all wake up and realize how much damage they do by consistently muddying the waters with the kind of pure unadulterated crap we have all had to endure (again) with this new UN UFO meeting nonsense. 'Un-named' or 'secret' sources for stories being put forth are always a tip-off that a steaming heap of fresh bovine excretion is about to rain down on your poor head!

Exopolitics? Buyer beware!

On the side of sanity...

John Velez

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Unexplained Light Above Halifax Helps Make West Yorkshire UFO Hot Spot

A large unexplained beam of light above Halifax has helped put West Yorkshire in top hot spot in a national league of close encounters.

Two people witnessed the circular beam of light above Halifax which moved quickly and erratically from side to side.

The Halifax UFO was one highlight among an astounding 34 unexplained sightings in West Yorkshire alone.

West Yorkshire is ranked number one in 'The Virgin Media Files' =96 a specially compiled list of Britain's top 10 UFO hot spots.

The research, conducted by Virgin Media to mark a month-long Sci-Fi series on its TV on demand service is supported by the former head of the Government's UFO project, Nick Pope.

'The Virgin Media Files' have been compiled from data which goes back to 1961 and , including a large.

The top 10 areas are:

1. West Yorkshire (34)
2. Nottinghamshire (29)
3. Lancashire (23)
4. Shropshire (22)
5. North Somerset and Avon (22)
6. Suffolk (19)
7. South Wales (18)
8. Co. Durham (17)
9. Lanarkshire (15)
10. Devon (15)

Nick Pope said: "It's fantastic to see local folk taking an interest in UFO activity and keeping an eye on the sky! While we currently have no explanation why certain places in the UK are alien hot spots, as the research reveals, there are areas where mysterious objects are repeatedly witnessed, so people who want to alien-spot should definitely head to Halifax."

Virgin Media has set up a dedicated area on its website where people can now share their real life encounters at www.virginmedia.com/ufo

James Kydd, managing director of brand and marketing at Virgin Media, said: "Sci-Fi is a popular genre with many dedicated fans of all ages so it's great to be able to make the classic shows

available on Virgin Media TV On Demand for people to enjoy whenever they want. And who knows, as West Yorkshire is one of our top 10 hot spots, Halifax folk may even have their very own close encounter with the third kind!"

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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E.T.? An Intriguing Possibility In Beyond UFOs

By Fred Bortz
Special to The Seattle Times

Beyond UFOs: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life and Its
Astonishing Implications for Our Future

by Jeffrey Bennett

Princeton University Press, 211 pp., \$26.95

Is there life beyond Earth? Until about 40 years ago, that question was beyond scientific investigation with one dubious exception: the persistent but unsupported hypothesis that some unidentified flying objects =97 UFOs =97 are alien spacecraft.

Today, however, respectable scientists armed with real data are able to speculate about the existence of life on other worlds. Spacecraft have probed every planet from Mercury to Neptune. Advanced telescopic instruments and techniques have detected hundreds of planets orbiting other stars, and it is probably only a matter of a decade or two before the first extrasolar Earthlike world is discovered.

As astrophysicist Jeffrey Bennett declares in the title of his new book, it is time to look toward the emerging science of astrobiology. "Beyond UFOs" is, as the opening paragraph of its first chapter promises, "a book about possibilities."

"It is about the possibility that, within a decade or two, robotic or human explorers will drill into the Martian surface and discover microscopic life. It is about the possibility of landing spaceborne submarines on Jupiter's moon Europa, where they might melt their way through miles of ice and observe life swimming in a volcanically heated ocean. It is about the possibility of strange, cold-adapted life forms on Saturn's moon Titan."

And another possibility looms: the arrival of "an unmistakable signal coming to us from a civilization that has grown up around a faraway star."

In a series of well-crafted chapters, the book delivers on all of those promises. It takes a grand trajectory from Earth =97 which has "The Makings of a Truly Great Planet" (as one chapter title puts it) =97 to the stars. Planet by planet, moon by moon, the book explores the possibility of life elsewhere in this solar system. It then speculates about other solar systems in

our galaxy where, according to the prevailing scientific view, simple life almost surely exists and intelligent life is plausible.

For the most part, Bennett's search for extraterrestrial life adds up to a very satisfying package. More problematic are his diversions into his personal philosophy and politics as he weighs extraterrestrial life's "astonishing implications for our future."

Numerous times, Bennett climbs on his soapbox and preaches. In many cases, such as when he is trying to address people who reject science in favor of religion, most readers will find themselves wondering why the author is sermonizing on the obvious. In other places the preaching turns blatantly political. Readers on one side of his argument will agree, while those in opposition to him will grumble about "green" or "peacenik" philosophies. The first group doesn't need the sermon; the second will reject it.

Fortunately, even readers who are annoyed by Bennett's preaching will be willing to forgive his flights of passion. At its core, this book delivers a combination that is hard to beat: solid yet highly speculative science plus accessible prose that add up to an out-of-this-world reading experience.

Physicist Fred Bortz is the author of many science books for young readers, including Astrobiology in Lerner Publishing's "Cool Science" series.

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Friday, 14 Mar 2008

UFO Captured On Tape In Pasco

WESLEY CHAPEL - An unidentified flying object caught the attention of some Pasco County residents early Friday.

Many described the object -- a rotating triangle of three white lights plus a flashing red light that stayed put -- as a UFO.

The Pasco County Sheriff's Office says some Wesley Chapel residents called 911 around 6:25 a.m. wondering what was up -- literally.

A deputy's report says it was a balloon, but doesn't get more specific than that.

Watch the video attached to this story and decide for yourself:

<http://tinyurl.com/32jhsa>

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Gilles Lorant Did Not Meet UN Staffers

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Subject: Gilles Lorant Did Not Meet UN Staffers

To all,

Michel Ribardiere, of the French group FEA (Federation Europeenne Airplane) has authorized me to reveal publicly that Gilles Lorant told him that he had not met with the two UN diplomats in charge of the UFO question! This new revelation comes after his admission that he had never been an auditor at IHEDN, nor a member of CNRS.

Consequently, it seems to me, all the testimony of Gilles Lorant about alleged UN meetings is now in deep doubt .

As for his alleged career as an Air Force pilot, that's another question which remains to be clarified. BTW, I don't recall having said to anyone that Lorant had participated in any high level military meeting. If someone believes that I said that, it must be a misunderstanding.

All that does not mean, in my opinion, that the UN meetings did not take place. But it is true that the demise of Lorant as a witness does not help to try to know more about them. It does not mean that Lorant has been an actor in a dark plot of disinformation, as some people are suggesting now. For me, this is unfounded speculation. Having met myself with Lorant several times, I really doubt that.

Gildas Bourdais

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Thursday, March 13, 2008

666 + 2

Mark your calendars folks. June 6, 2008 will be a red letter day. That is, if we are to believe a Frenchman who goes by the name of Antoll Ma. On that auspicious date extraterrestrials will be arriving and will be seen in Dromon, a region somewhere in southeast France.

According to Antoll his first encounter with the extraterrestrials was on June 6, 1975 when he was 24 years old. He saw an orange ball of light in the sky. Soon thereafter he was able to talk to (or with) the occupants of what I presume to be the spacecraft. If his claim is that he talked to the aliens, I'd like to know whether they talked back. If they didn't I'd say he might as well have talked to Allah or Yahweh or Apollo. On the other hand, if he did hear voices, he'd better have had made a recording or shrinks would want to see him in their office.

I got to know of Antoll after stumbling upon one of his videos in a discussion board. Antoll has been quite busy promoting that video all over the Net, posting a link to it in a smorgasboard of discussions forums (try googling "extraterrestrial world contact June 6th"). In the video, he talks about the Dromon event. However, for that to happen Antoll says he needs our support--our presence, our belief, wish, etc. That drew a guffaw from me. He's got an out right there--if nothing happens on June 6, if no spaceship or little/giant green humanoids show up, then Antoll can blame it on a lack of numbers, lack of faith, or whatever it is he says is a prerequisite.

Early on in the video he claims that the aliens come every 6th of June. I'm just wondering why, given his cinematographic skills, he hasn't gone to the site on June 6 and filmed the orange light, spacecraft, and/or its passengers. Wouldn't that be far more convincing than just giving us a scenic tour of France and telling us his tale? Among the various ad hocs he can use to explain this away are: ETs are camera shy. Or perhaps photographic equipment suddenly malfunction in their presence. Or they only appear in Antoll's mind via telepathy. Or the idea has just never ever crossed his mind. (Having a slow Internet connection, I didn't bother checking his other videos where he might have actual photographic and other types of evidence.)

In his June 24, 2007 entry, Antoll posted what he claims to be a page from the magazine Le Nouveau D=Étective. The first line, "Je suis Antoll Ma, le futur ma=Étre du monde," piqued my curiosity since I wanted to know what "future ___ of the the world" he was claiming to be. I ran "maitre" through the Babel Fish translator and discovered Antoll to be suffering from

delusions of grandeur. In earlier blog entries he had mentioned and talked about "masters of the world." Perhaps after years of intense deliberation Antoll finally found who the grand master is. I'm surprised he didn't make the connection earlier since he blatantly tells us in a 2004 entry that "Antoll Ma" is a name like that of Jesus Christ.

Come June 6 we just might just see Antoll and his "Ma-ians" gathered in Theopolis, the "land of the Apocalypse" (which must be that mountaintop in Dromon). May I suggest they do so in 2012 instead when the Mayan calendar supposedly abruptly ends. Antoll believes in Jung's synchronicity so I'm sure he'll be ecstatic about this wondrous homonymic discovery I've made. (Maybe in appreciation he'll make me one of the masters. Well, if so, I sure hope the ETs speak English.)

Nanu nanu.

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Author Chronicles Denton's Strangest Historical

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Source: The North Texas Daily - University of North Texas,
Denton, USA

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3/13/08

Author Chronicles Denton's Strangest Historical Headlines In New Book
Shaina Zucker

Alien spacecrafts, ghosts and buried treasure are not only found on the pages of fiction books, but also within Denton city limits.

Chad Lewis, a paranormal researcher and author, compiled bizarre headlines from Texas newspaper archives to create his book, "Hidden Headlines of Texas."

The strange stories that he uncovered, many of which took place in Denton, were written between 1860 and 1910.

"I think the book combines not only the weird and the paranormal, but also Texas history," Lewis said. "There are things like strange deaths and strange creatures but also weird characters like the well-known hermit that lived in the area or the heaviest man in the world who walked around a Texas street. Just all kinds of oddities."

The book is part of his Hidden Headline series, which includes similar books he's published about the strange happenings in Wisconsin, New York and California.

Lewis has also written a series called the Road Guide to Haunted Locations with his research partner Terry Fisk on paranormal activities.

Fisk met Lewis several years ago at a conference. Together they founded a company called Unexplained Research.

"When we do our research, we try to find eyewitnesses to collect as much history and information as we can," Fisk said. "We spend a lot of time going through old records to see how much truth is actually in these stories."

Lewis and Fisk spoke to many historical and genealogical societies while writing their books to see if people and places from the stories were still in existence.

"Chad and I work well together because we have personalities that compliment each other and we come at it from two different approaches," Fisk said. "Chad's background is more in the sciences, like psychology, and my background is more in religion and philosophy."

Fisk said he usually brings in mediums or psychics to see what kind of information he can gain from a haunted location while

Lewis uses scientific equipment like electromagnetic field detectors.

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More UFO Sightings In Luton Area

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Source: Luton Today - UK

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

13 March 2008

Plenty More UFO Sightings To Report In Luton Area
By Dave Burke

Newsdesk inundated with responses

In the varied world of local newspapers, we find that there are few things that get people talking quite as much as possible "UFO" sightings.

Since last week's article about mystery lights in the skies over Luton and Houghton Regis, this newsdesk has been inundated with readers sharing their own experiences.

From witnesses, sceptics and self-professed UFO fanatics, here is a selection of the responses....

Eaton Bray lights:

Nemide Ibrahim got in touch over the weekend saying she spotted something unusual in the air as she drove out of Eaton Bray on Saturday.

She was with her partner heading in the direction of Mead Open Farm when two lights appeared in the sky shortly after 7pm.

Nemide recalled: "As we were driving out of Eaton Bray we noticed some very strange bright red lights hovering very low in the sky.

"There were distinctively two red lights together. One was a constant red light, while the other directly next to it flashed continuously red."

Nemide said that at first she thought it could have been an aeroplane or a helicopter, and she added: "We cannot be 100 per cent sure of what it actually was, but it definitely did not have any distinctive markings, sounds, shape or any recognisable features that you would expect to see on any known aircraft.

"There was no shape of a plane or helicopter to be made out, just the two red lights together."

She said the mysterious lights vanished from sight before reappearing and heading in the direction of Edlesborough and Eaton Bray.

Craning necks in Leagrave:

But reader Laura Field helpfully pointed out that many people craning their necks to spot a spacecraft in the Leagrave area

could actually just be spotting a crane.

After seeing last week's front page she said: "There's been a lot of talk about UFOs in the Leagrave area as well over the past few weeks, however I'm pretty sure what the cause of it all is.

"There is a massive tower crane on the old Elm Trees site in Grange Avenue, it's a bright red light and can be seen for miles around.

"You can't see any part of the crane when it's dark, so it could easily be mistaken for something else.

"My other half was out walking our dog late one night last week and it freaked him out until he realised what it was the next morning."

But Dave Fullbrook, who featured on last week's front page article, said yesterday that the lights he spotted above the Luton & Dunstable Hospital had nothing to do with the crane.

He said: "I saw that (the crane), but I saw this other red thing further up, it was further up in the air than the crane. There were two red things up in the air that night."

And he added that although he has kept an eye out over the past week, he hasn't seen anything since.

"I haven't seen ET flying across just yet," he joked.

Red light in Houghton:

Also contacting the newsdesk was Lorraine Saunders, who spotted a red light in the sky above Houghton Regis.

But she is confident that there was a more rational explanation.

She told us: "It passed directly in front of me as I approached the Co-Op in Houghton and appeared to hang in the air, but it acted as a flare would act and after a short while fell downward and then was gone.

"I don't know where it came from, but it most definitely was not alien."

Aliens set to be unveiled in five years?

Thanks to the wonders of the internet, emails have also been arriving from all over the world.

One carried a report claiming that the United Nations has set up a secret UFO working group, and that extraterrestrials are set to show up in 2013.

It concluded: "Overall, it appears that a countdown is underway to official disclosure around 2013, and the nation states and the UN are being briefed.

"The acclimation process will accelerate over the next five years as UFO sightings increase around the globe, forcing governments to make public policy statements on UFOs and extraterrestrial life.

"Is this the start, the truth is finally stepping onto the world stage? Time will tell."

The full article contains 726 words and appears in n/a newspaper.

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Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

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Subject: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

The Hubble Space Telescope has reportedly found evidence of methane in the atmosphere of an exoplanet orbiting a distant star, the first ever such detection. While methane can be produced both biologically and geologically, the brief media advisory mentions that the planet is "too hot" for life (as we know it):

<http://tinyurl.com/27t7jf>

NASA will hold a media teleconference at 2:00 pm ET on Wednesday, March 19. When it starts, more information will be posted here:

<http://hubblesite.org/news/2008/11>

See also the TMJ blog for updates on the successful Cassini flyby through the water ice/vapour plumes of Saturn's moon Enceladus last Wednesday!

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
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Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

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Subject: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

Source: Bigelow Aero Space - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

http://www.bigelowaerospace.com/genesis_I/?Mystery_in_the_Sky

[Video]

Mystery In The Sky

Ready to join Genesis I for a bit of detective work?

In this small video clip taken from one of Genesis I's exterior cameras on March 3, a bright spot of some kind can be seen in the lower-middle portion of the images. The bright spot doesn't stay in the same position, neither does it correlate with the same locations above the Earth based on the cloud formations below. Each picture is separated by 20 to 30 seconds.

Care to make an educated guess on what the bright spot might be? Submit your answers in the area below.

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Lanarkshire Is Scotland's UFO Capital

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Subject: Lanarkshire Is Scotland's UFO Capital

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Lanarkshire Is Scotland's UFO Capital

By Chris Murphy

Lanarkshire is Scotland's hottest spot for UFO sightings, according to a study.

The county has had 15 unexplained sightings since 1994, claims research by Virgin Media.

But Britain's spookiest site for UFOs is West Yorkshire, which reported 34 unexplained incidents over the same period.

The strange sightings include an incident last month when three orange objects were spotted in the night sky in Leeds.

Nick Pope, former head of the Government's UFO project, carried out the research.

He admitted there was no explanation why certain areas were more prone to UFO sightings than others.

He added: "It's fantastic to see local folk taking an interest in UFO activity and keeping an eye on the sky. While we have no explanation why certain places are alien hotspots, there are areas where mysterious objects are repeatedly witnessed."

Virgin Media organised the research to mark sci-fi month on their TV On Demand service this March. Spokesman James Kydd said: "Brits are fascinated with UFOs and all things sci-fi."

The study sees Lanarkshire rival Bonnybridge, near Falkirk, which has long claimed the title of Scotland's UFO capital.

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What Are UFOs From The Esoteric Point Of View?

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Subject: What Are UFOs From The Esoteric Point Of View?

Source: Buzzle.Com - Costa Mesa, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/327jgw>

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What Are UFOs From The Esoteric Point Of View?
By Carlo Dorofatti

UFO phenomenon interacts with the collective psyche and if the collective psyche gives a certain shape and form, the phenomenon will take this attributed shape.

First of all, we must understand how we interact with alternative realities and this is where "Magic" comes up along with a variety of ancient traditions that have a lot to teach us. The classic contactee is usually not aware of this, on the other hand some people started off with contactism but then related the events to the Magical realm (and we shall clarify the term Magic later on). They connected the events with a series of other factors instead of isolating it. Isolating the experience will never lead to any interesting results or information.

The only concern is that a vampirical, dark and gloomy image of the phenomenon is being fed through. This trend is created by the so called topic authorities like Bob Lazar. People that go around with a briefcase full of evidence, alien implants extracted from abductees (abductees have often stated to have been implanted devices to keep them under control). There are also X-rays and physical evidence. But these characters that make a living out of the conferences they give on this topic have turned Ufological research into a Business. Of course, each one is free to do as he or she likes but the real concern is that turning Ufology into something that is preached could lead to fideism or even worse: let's not forget that this phenomenon interacts with the collective psyche and if the collective psyche gives a certain shape and form, the phenomenon will take this attributed shape. It is a bit like what some of the after death theories say: the departed will find themselves in the paradises or hells they have created for themselves.

We should start modifying ourselves the paradigm in order to see how it interacts with a suddenly different mode of interpretation or point of view. As is stated in Quantum Physics, some phenomena give different results according to the condition and changing factors of the observer.

UFOs exist as long as they find a psychic content that gives them a solid form, shape and nature. From my point of view, it would be too simplistic to just state that they are in our minds. They are a result of our conscience just like everything else but then we enter in the realm of mysticism and spiritual

physics. For now let's just say that they are a shape and form given to a form of energy that doesn't originate from us but that is part of certain aspects of reality that we still know nothing about (whether it is interior or exterior doesn't matter at this point because we would enter into a different type of discussion where a different type of logic needs to be applied)

In any case, we are talking about an exogenous alien phenomenon that opens up like a window towards another reality and that should lead us to enquire how much of that "alienness" is really within us or at least to question how much of what we perceive as real comes from what we have told to be our world and reality.

The most appropriate behaviour should be scientific-Gnostic approach: there is one discipline that has always attempted to teach the balance between reason and perception and that is "Magic", starting always with the harmonisation of science and conscience. In my opinion, this is the behaviour that should be applied on the UFO phenomenon, which inserts it in a larger topic as merely a component of the whole.

We can say that the first form of esotericism that investigated reality as holistic and multidimensional, thus unifying Esotericism, Magic, Esoteric Physics and Ufology was the Thelemic current, founded by Crowley. He has the merit of understanding the connection and being the precursor of the great archetypal changes of the Age of Aquarius. Later on Grant, Bertieaux and various other research movements of Thelemic-Maatian influence investigated the theories of Chaos, Stellar Magick, etc.

It is important to point out that even notable researchers like Castaneda have fallen into the dualistic trap. Towards the end of his career, Carlos Castaneda started talking about malignant entities that surrounded mankind and feed upon us like simple food, etc. Wherever there is a line of thought along these lines, it actually creates a dualistic scheme of reality which will take on the same expression: these forces exist, I am not saying they don't they are mentioned even in my studies and writings but they are entities created by us humans as a result of thousands of years of ways, behaviours and attitudes. They are not the historical cause of humanity's sleep and spiritual involution. The awakening must therefore begin from within us.

It is us who are allowing this predation and we have locked ourselves into a variety of political, social, religious and cultural schemes that make sure this continues in this manner. There is now of course an energetic mechanism that ensures the continuity of this entrapment but it was created by mankind in the first place. And if we continue to think in this manner, things will be as we want them to! The entrapment will continue.

This is a rather historical moment where all that was once an established fact is thrown back onto the discussion board. The planes are shifting and mixing in order to reformulate what we are defining as reality: perhaps we are at the edge of a great mutation, a big change (someone might have called it apocalypse) and great affluence of energy. In some of my studies and writings I have gone into more detail on the topic of parallel worlds and the detachment of planes of existence. Surely at a global level, we are in the midst of a mixture of paradigms that need to reformulate in a new manner, according to potential futures and schematics that could go in very different directions from one another.

The whole concept is to develop the capacity to access the phenomenon within the timeframe and modalities established through a form of harmonic and balanced concurrence of forces. This must be achieved without any abuse of power or losses of lucidity even during the time when one remains open and fully available towards something greater. This is accomplished through the ever more precise use of will power and the ever widening use of our own senses, as well as mental and spiritual faculties.

At that precise moment, we can have a glimpse on what could be reality, with less and less filtration, but also a glimpse on the means and the purpose of it all. This is what Magic (Magick) is: a communion with the supernatural without having to submit to an authority that doesn't exist, because the only true

authority is our own conscience, as long as we have been able sharpen it and make it evolve according to our true nature.

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SDI #455 Twenty Questions

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Subject: SDI #455 Twenty Questions

SDI #455 Twenty Questions

20 Questions heartily, intelligently, and courageously addressed by soaring cleavers of direct incisiveness Dave Furlotte, British publisher Stuart Miller, and as special guest, esteemed Physical Trace Researcher Ted Phillips. Preparing, priming and sealing these ufological mosaics, as always, is the almost alluringly salacious Errol Bruce-Knapp:

1. Are secret meetings being held at the international level regarding UFOs?
2. What is the purpose behind a supposed hoax regarding recent secret UFO meetings at the UN?
3. Could Dr. Salla's "Exopolitical" interests in this UN affair be a smoke screen of discredit for same or an honest effort to generate interest in what many persons are convinced exists, extant?
4. Given a political approach to ET is a rational approach based on the idea of finding common ground with "other sovereign peoples" (how ever these NPs would manifest themselves), it remains that "politics" is an approach with which we have had some experience. Should we be in any way surprised when, in as much as it is politics after all, we seem to have such enmity for the persons involved?
5. Is there a UFO "question"?
6. Did some kind of UN event actually happen recently of which UFOs were a part?
7. What was the reaction of the UN to Gordon Cooper's 1985 address to that body regarding UFOs?
8. Why does the Air Force continue to investigate what they report does not exist?
9. Have signatory sovereign nations admitted, as a result of an agreement to relax secrecy in the UFOs regard, that UFO secrecy existed at all?
10. Does an "official statement" with regard to UFOs loom?
11. How can one have an impact on society if that impact does not exist? Oh, how can you be two places at once when you're not anywhere, at all?
12. Who is who in the ufological panoply and who of these detracts more than they add?
13. Why does the Canada Exopolitical contingent align themselves with the likes of Sean David Morton?
14. Is the new AlienWorlds Magazine all things to all persons, eminently readable, and an absolute delight as a magazine?
15. Is the so called "exopolitical crowd" naught but ufological

spoilers and ufologically toxic meme skills, and worthy only of dismissal?

16. Are the exo-politicos making stuff up as they go along?

17. Are the exo-politicos dismissive of ufological history and only interested in their own effect upon a present ufological paradigm?

18. Are the exo-politicos too reflexively derisive of a ufological old guard; ie Hall and Clark and Friedman et al?

19. How can news blackout and nondisclosure be the fault of these aforementioned old timers -who have in no way discredited themselves- that there has not been more interest in their years of quality research and detailed reportage?

20. Is there no conspiracy in the cosmic sense? Given scientific acceptance that there is a definite similarity across scale (that its not a coincidence that tiny atoms resemble solar systems in turn resembling whole galaxies...) that if there had been a "Watergate" at all a "cosmic" Watergate seems reasonable, and this is apart from all the knowledgeable worthies indicating same for decades?

Bejeweled Zot, but that a full hour of fascinating program remains! Ahead is Stuart Miller's continuing sagacity and some startling new introductions. We're updated on community news as it pertains to UFO edge-runners Tonnies and Bishop et al. Then, J. Allen Hynek prot=E9g=E9 Ted Phillips brings us up to date as regards that thing most say would convince them as to the reality of UFOs - Physical Evidence of same. Phillips has documentation on 3800, plus, such cases. One would think that would be enough, eh?

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 11:19:43 -0400
Subject: New Mexico And Wisconsin UFO Hotbeds

Source: OnMilwaukee.com - Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA

<http://onmilwaukee.com/visitors/articles/ufowinm.html?14429>

March 16, 2008

New Mexico And Wisconsin UFO Hotbeds

By Gregg Hoffmann
Special to OnMilwaukee.com

The next time you're out at night, and there is clear weather, you might want to spend some extra time looking up at the skies - and understand that folks in New Mexico are doing the same thing.

Wisconsin ranks second to New Mexico in number of UFO sightings. The two states are considered hotbeds of interest for those fascinated by such phenomena, and who or what might be visiting.

BUFO Radio, and Burlington News, based in Burlington, are two of the leading media outlets for information on UFOs, paranormal events and other mysteries. Run by Brad and Mary Sutherland, the organization tracks and compiles information from all over the world.

Mary Sutherland also has authored books and many articles on UFOs and has earned a reputation among UFO chasers and those interested in sightings.

Wisconsin interest in UFOs does not stop there. John Hoppe maintains www.ufowisconsin.com, which lists nine UFO sightings in the state in the last 15 months. One of the most recent reportedly came this January in Beloit. The site lists more than 1,000 sightings in the state overall.

While Wisconsin has its share of interest in UFOs, New Mexico is the front-runner. A conference on the topic will be hosted in Aztec, N.M., on March 28-30. Experts from around the world are on the agenda.

Many areas of New Mexico are remote, much more than most areas in Wisconsin, making it obvious why somebody or something wanting to visit earth, and remain as inconspicuous as they can, would pick the state. The skies often are crystal clear at night. New Mexico just doesn't get as many cloudy nights as we do in the Midwest.

Perhaps the most famous incident in New Mexico was a 1947 crash near Roswell. Reports are that the military cleaned up the site as quickly as possible and has been hush-hush about it ever since.

Wikipedia says this about the incident: "The Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF) issued a press release stating that personnel from the field's 509th Bomb Group had recovered a crashed 'flying

disc' from a ranch near Roswell, sparking intense media interest. Later the same day, the Commanding General of the Eighth Air Force stated that, in fact, a weather balloon had been recovered by RAAF personnel, rather than a "flying saucer." A subsequent press conference was called, featuring debris said to be from the crashed object that seemed to confirm the weather balloon description.

"The case was quickly forgotten and almost completely ignored, even by UFO researchers, for more than 30 years. Then, in 1978, ufologist Stanton T. Friedman interviewed Major Jesse Marcel, who was involved with the original recovery of the debris in 1947. Marcel expressed his belief that the military had covered up the recovery of an alien spacecraft.

His story circulated through UFO circles, being featured in some UFO documentaries at the time. In February 1980, The National Enquirer ran its own interview with Marcel, garnering national and worldwide attention for the Roswell incident.

"Additional witnesses and reports emerged over the following years. They added significant new details, including claims of a large military operation dedicated to recovering alien craft and aliens themselves, at as many as 11 crash sites, and alleged witness intimidation. In 1989, former mortician Glenn Dennis put forth a detailed personal account, wherein he claimed that alien autopsies were carried out at the Roswell base."

Congressional hearings were held on the Roswell incident, and interest remains large in it today. The UFO International Museum and Research Center and an annual UFO festival are in Roswell.

Incidents actually pre-date the Roswell crash. Sightings have been reported as far back as the 1920s and '30s. Another one that gets a lot of publicity came on July 16, 1945, near San Antonio, New Mexico.

Dulce has become infamous for its cattle mutilations and an alleged underground alien base. On April 12, 1964, a Socorro police officer reported seeing a UFO south of that town. Mexican TV actually showed video of what were reported to be UFOs in the New Mexico skies a few years ago.

At least three movies -- "The Man Who Fell To Earth," starring David Bowie, in 1976, "2010" which was released in 1984, and "Contact" in 1997 -- have been shot in New Mexico because of the sightings and stories surrounding them.

New Mexico does not have a complete monopoly on sightings in the Southwest. The "Phoenix Lights" in 1997 have become perhaps the incident reportedly seen by the largest number of people. Reports of those sightings included people in Arizona, Sonora, Mexico and Nevada.

The Southwest, from Texas through Arizona, seems to have done more to promote UFO sightings as tourist attractions. Several communities publicize the fact sightings have occurred in their areas.

While BUFO and UFO Wisconsin have national reputations among those who are interested in UFOs, they have not received a lot of media attention in the state. Sightings in the state seldom make mainstream media.

Perhaps that's because of the natural skepticism among many Midwesterners. Many consider reports of sightings hoaxes.

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From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 11:08:09 -0400
Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 11:19:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

>Source: Bigelow Aero Space - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

>http://www.bigelowaerospace.com/genesis_I/?Mystery_in_the_Sky

>[Video]

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Hi Everyone!

Below is my explanation for the bright 'UFO' that was captured
by Genesis I's exterior camera.

The bright triangular shaped hexagonal spot or 'UFO' below the
center to the frames (and its identical fainter shorter-lived
companion spot) is an internal lens reflection of the camera's
aperture opening or diaphragm.

A very much larger spot with identical shape - another
reflection of this same aperture opening (with its own fainter
shorter-lived companion spot) - can be seen moving along the top
edge of the frames in the opposite direction to the 'UFO'.

Since the rate and direction of motions for both the 'UFO' and
the much larger spot are the same and clock-wise - the same rate
as the shadows on Genesis I and the spinning of the Earth, this
confirms that the 'UFO' is a reflection of sunlight within the
camera lens.

The semi-circular arc in the frames that's opposite to the
direction of the Sun and the large ghostly circular patch that
covers most of the frame is further evidence that the 'UFO' is
the result of reflections of sunlight within the camera lens.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: 666 + 2

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 16:52:11 +0100
Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 12:58:20 -0400
Subject: Re: 666 + 2

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Saturday, March 15, 2008 11:03 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: 666 + 2

>Source: The Hokum-Balderdash Blog

><http://hokum-balderdash.blogspot.com/2008/03/666-2.html>

>Thursday, March 13, 2008

>666 + 2

>Mark your calendars folks. June 6, 2008 will be a red letter
>day. That is, if we are to believe a Frenchman who goes by the
>name of Antoll Ma. On that auspicious date extraterrestrials
>will be arriving and will be seen in Dromon, a region somewhere
>in southeast France.

On September 1st , 2007, I was invited by a small group at a
conference in Marseille, to talk about Roswell. After the talk,
this man "Antoll Ma", whom I did not know anything about, asked
me to do an interview, with the apparent approval of the
organizer, Bernard Hugues.

So I complied and he interviewed me for about fifteen minutes,
recording me on video. The subject of our talk was contactees,
but he hid completely from me that he claimed to be one.

Later, he put the interview on his web site and gave me the link
to view it. I had a quick look and it seemed do be OK, so I did
not bother to view the rest of the site. It's only later that
friends warned me of who he was, and that I had, inadvertantly,
helped him in his promotion, when he put a link to view that
video on Daily Motion.

When I realized that, I asked him to suppress that video because
he had been dishonest with me, hiding his claims as a contactee.
But he refused, arguing that I had accepted it. I have insisted
several times, without success.

What I can say today is that the man is a very dishonest person
who used me and betrayed me.

One good lesson to learn from such a trick is to beware of
people you don't know, who want to take pictures of you with
them. But it's difficult to avoid that.

I am sorry to say that it is just another bad French comedy, of
which we have plenty.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Gilles Lorant Did Not Meet UN Staffers

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 12:31:24 -0500
Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 16:51:26 -0400
Subject: Re: Gilles Lorant Did Not Meet UN Staffers

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2008 11:28:39 +0100
>Subject: Gilles Lorant Did Not Meet UN Staffers

>To all,

>Michel Ribardiere, of the French group FEA (Federation
>Europeenne Airplane) has authorized me to reveal publicly that
>Gilles Lorant told him that he had not met with the two UN
>diplomats in charge of the UFO question! This new revelation
>comes after his admission that he had never been an auditor at
>IHEDN, nor a member of CNRS.

>Consequently, it seems to me, all the testimony of Gilles Lorant
>about alleged UN meetings is now in deep doubt .

>As for his alleged career as an Air Force pilot, that's another
>question which remains to be clarified. BTW, I don't recall
>having said to anyone that Lorant had participated in any high
>level military meeting. If someone believes that I said that, it
>must be a misunderstanding.

>All that does not mean, in my opinion, that the UN meetings did
>not take place. But it is true that the demise of Lorant as a
>witness does not help to try to know more about them.
>It does not mean that Lorant has been an actor in a dark
>plot of disinformation, as some people are suggesting now. For
>me, this is unfounded speculation. Having met myself with
>Lorant several times, I really doubt that.

With all due respect to everyone concerned with this:

Doesn't Gilles Lorant have email? And, after all of this time,
why can't he or doesn't he speak for himself?

All of these third-party 'conversations' are becoming very
tiresome.

Katharina

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Re: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 12:49:53 -0500
Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 16:52:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

>Source: Bigelow Aero Space - Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

>http://www.bigelowaerospace.com/genesis_I/?Mystery_in_the_Sky

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It's hard to believe that Bigelow Aerospace is soliciting the
public for free analyses of videos of lights taken in space.

Looks like a reflection or lens flare to me...

Here's a question:

If Bigelow Aerospace ever photographs a real ET craft in space
orbiting Earth, do you think we (as in 'UFO community') will be
the first or the last to know about it?

Katharina

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Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 15:28:14 -0400
Archived: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 16:55:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 15 Mar 2008 11:52:26 -0700
>Subject: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

>The Hubble Space Telescope has reportedly found evidence of
>methane in the atmosphere of an exoplanet orbiting a distant
>star, the first ever such detection. While methane can be
>produced both biologically and geologically, the brief media
>advisory mentions that the planet is "too hot" for life (as we
>know it):

><http://tinyurl.com/27t7jf>

>NASA will hold a media teleconference at 2:00 pm ET on
>Wednesday, March 19. When it starts, more information will be
>posted here:

><http://hubblesite.org/news/2008/11>

>See also the TMJ blog for updates on the successful Cassini
>flyby through the water ice/vapour plumes of Saturn's moon
>Enceladus last Wednesday!

Hi Paul, Everyone!

What do ufology, SETI (or SETT) and exobiology have in common?
They are all belief based sciences that have no proof that we
are "not alone in this universe" and thus nothing to study. This
may change with NASA's announcement on Wednesday about the
Hubble Space Telescope finding of methane in the atmosphere of a
planet orbiting a nearby star.

Since methane (a much more efficient greenhouse gas than carbon
dioxide) in Earth's atmosphere quickly breaks down in direct
sunlight, if methane can be confirmed in the atmosphere of
another planet that is closer to its "Sun" then there would have
be a source that replenishes it. That source could very well be
biological.

What we should not overlook is another smaller world in our own
solar system, Enceladus. Although this small satellite of Saturn
is far from the Sun and not located in the "habitable zone"
where liquid water can exist and where life could be expected to
found, it is its own habitable zone since it generates the
energy (and has the necessary organic ingredients) to maintain
the water that exists beneath its surface in a liquid state. In
fact it has so much water that it continuously sprays it into
space.

We may not find life on Mars, once thought to be the most likely
candidate for ingenious life in our solar system outside of our
own planet, but thanks to latest findings by NASA's Cassini
spacecraft, Enceladus is the number one candidate for ET life in
our solar system.

Nick Balaskas

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Radio As A Weapon

From: **Ray Dickenson** <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 18:31:59 -0000
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:19:58 -0400
Subject: Radio As A Weapon

Hello List

Just watched a good 'UFO exposure' video - posted in a set of 10 shorts.

The Greatest Story Ever Denied

- 1 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=ebAHLZe12bQ (9:31)
- 2 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=inO1UCNqXTA (9:38)
- 3 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=xka0zOHDzNY (9:36)
- 4 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwD2mXuEQ6U (9:36)
- 5 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=b15RqEsIgm0 (9:36)
- 6 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=9DTTVxsYcX0 (9:36)
- 7 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=3xrOl0cf2pA (9:36)
- 8 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=eXntMDxHFFA (9:36)
- 9 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=-bxer98wiCM (8:27)
- 10 - www.youtube.com/watch?v=nzvKFJG6K_M (7:35)

and, interestingly, in pt 5 it's stated that most early UFO crashes were caused by human high-powered radio and radar signals messing-up the UFOs' controls.

Apparently the visitors didn't anticipate that, because, as also comes out later, the crashed craft use modulated light (fiber-optic type) instead of electrics.

Which got me thinking about a possibly more credible reason for the HAARP project.

Cheers

Ray D

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:32:16 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:32:16 -0400
Subject: Discussion On UFOs

Source: The Seattle Post Intelligencer - Washington. USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2a2emt>

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Mystic Musings: A Blog on the Paranormal

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Posted by Larry Thacker

Discussion On UFOs

I am totally open to the idea that some of the mysterious craft in our skies are of extra-terrestrial origin. The last post (Goodbye F-117=85) strictly dealt with the black triangle / V issue and in no way implied blanket statements regarding the other 99% of the UFO mystery. I myself have had a number of unexplained experiences (and with more than just UFOs). We are surely NOT the only beings in this vast limitless expanse. How could we be the only ones?

In fact, a large part of me wants this to be the case! It's virtually impossible to have a passionate interest in UFOlogy without having some opinion as to where the truth - the actual truth - exists. In general, if someone is bent on pursuing such a frustrating subject they fall into one of three categories. They may be digging for proof of alien life, they may be trying to uncover dark world governmental activities relating to unidentified objects, or their drive may be a combination of both, the search for proof of alien visitation and contact and the government's hidden knowledge of that fact along with its pursuits of harnessing alien technology. Some of us may say we're none of these and are just interested in finding the truth, yet I feel most - not all - have strong beliefs driving their curiosity logic. I would have to say I fall into the "both" category. Alien visitation? Yes. Government knowledge? Yes. Does anyone have the complete answer? No. Therefore we search - in various ways - hoping to land on something we can be confident is the truth. I would hope that what we're dealing with is of such an advanced nature that even world governments with all their assumed capabilities would never understand what's really happening.

As for me, I want there to be a species of intelligent beings out there capable of such travel and willing to visit us without the intention of solving our problems by ridding us of ourselves. Sometimes I feel that if they only scanned a few days

of newspapers they'd either turn around and never come back or simply vaporize us and let it all start over again. They can be humanoid greys, reptilians, holographic representations by beings who themselves haven't solved space travel, versions of the spiritual angel theme, devilish demons, or any other ultimate answer, I just wish we'd get to the point of being judged worthy of them showing themselves on a massive scale in my lifetime. There are simply too many unsolved reports defying the soundest logic we can use to explain them away. All it takes is one to make the whole effort worth it, and surely the universe is big enough to support many such worlds.

However, I find some of our reported unidentified flying objects - particularly the flying triangle / Vs - to possess traits that fly in the face of the logic we might associate with alien-originating craft. Again, I'm only speculating on the triangle/V phenomenon.

First of all, let's at least agree that if aliens are visiting earth they, by virtue of having gotten here, have a vastly higher intelligence and the sort of technology that boggles the mind. In essence, they would simply require much less of the technology we use. That is, of course, unless you subscribe to the belief that these beings are either from the moon or Mars and are making their way around with technology little better than ours. (That will be the topic of another post, "What if they're pretty much like us?")

One of the very us-type technologies they would no longer require are lights on the outside of their crafts. Yes, lights. They're version of radar must be so fine tuned, combined with their reported maneuverable speeds, that the possibility of being struck by another object would be unlikely. Why do we have lights on our sky craft? So others can see us and so we can see what's around us. What would the use of lights on an alien craft be, especially if stealth is the intention? I offer this argument concerning the frequent reporting of lights on the flying triangles and Vs. That seems awfully human to me.

As for the incredible speeds UFOs reportedly travel we should not assume this is a strict indication of an alien presence. Who is to say these craft are "manned" in the first place? Granted, some of the internet TR3B monographs out there speak of gravity disruption rendering it easier on those that would fly such a craft, but it's very possible that if we can have unmanned aerial vehicles of all sorts already in use that large, extremely fast craft can also not have any humans in there, therefore eliminating the danger to the frail human condition. If truly alien craft travel at such speeds - and aliens are flying them - they would have to have the same sort of physics-bending technology or they would be just as easily squashed and torn apart from the unimaginable Gs.

Moreover, the fact that these craft are so large does not necessarily make them alien. In fact, I would think that if they are alien in nature they would have the technology to travel without the size of the craft determining its power. Sometimes the larger a thing is indicates its phase of technological development. Computers used to fill warehouses. Now they fit in your pocket. I would think that unless these are large "mothership" type craft, aliens would manage their travel more space efficiently.

Regarding their silence, something disrupting gravity may be very quiet. A system propelling a craft that is easily moved due to its lack of weight with less gravity would be much quieter compared to jet propulsion. Whatever is propelling these things, even if they are large, may be surprisingly quiet. Even human made.

Regarding the endless controversy of what the government does or does not know, Haines's publication on the CIA's Role In The Study Of UFOs. 1947-90, can be taken in a few ways for sure.

First, that its admission is accurate and explains some, but not all of the UFOs; that the agency knew what was happening from the start and simply encouraged, or didn't discourage, anything different. On the other hand, we can reject the "admission" as just that much more disinformation; that, in fact, such admission is another way of distracting us from the fact that alien technology has been reverse-engineered and in use or that

things remain in the sky that even the CIA, NSA, FBI, military intelligence agencies, NRO, DIA, Homeland Security, the Joint Chiefs, MUFON, or the Illuminati don't yet understand.

The larger question we might ask is why such breakthrough technology can't be used for the greater good. Imagine how fast we might begin transporting much needed medical supplies to disaster areas, evacuating victims of natural disasters, economically getting massive amounts of food to starving areas of the world, pinpointing with scary accuracy where people intending us and others harm might be hiding. Think of the ease at which we might be traveling to the moon or Mars. The implications of such technology are endless and surely being held tightly by a very few elitists judging us as "not ready" for the truth.

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:32:16 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:32:16 -0400
Subject: Sighting Never Fully Explained

Source: The La Crosse Tribune - Wisconsin, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2gez2r>

Monday, March 17, 2008

Hometown History: UFO Sighting Never Fully Explained
By Tribune staff

Was it a bird? Was it a plane? No, wait, planes had not been invented yet. So what was it that La Crosse residents saw in the evening skies of April 10-11, 1897?

Most of the country, from California to Michigan, was asking the same question after a mysterious bright light, which reportedly could move in several different directions, became visible at various times in the western two-thirds of the country.

The most popular explanation of the time was that the mysterious light was an "airship" equipped with electric lights and some kind of searchlight. One person in La Crosse who observed the light through opera glasses reported seeing an oblong object suspended from the light. This had been reported in other parts of the country as well, with the yet-to-be-famous UFO parlance of "cigar-shaped" being the most-often-used description.

The sightings elicited much speculation and wonder, as well as a number of hoaxes and exaggerations, but no fear or panic. The event was even put to commercial use as a number of La Crosse drinking establishments began offering various concoctions known as The Airship.

It's interesting to note that the vast majority of people considered the mysterious light to be man-made in origin. In a letter to the La Crosse Daily Press, one person thought the object was from Mars, or some other planet, stating that the "occupants may be studying the life of our planet, as we would like to study the life and inhabitants of others, if we were wise enough or well enough versed in science to reach them." This person's theory was deemed to be extremely odd by the newspaper, although 50 years later it would prove to be popular during the UFO craze of the 1940s and 1950s.

This "light" that was observed across most of the country was never fully explained. Reliable airship flights were only three to five years away, but the fact this light was observed at the same time in places hundreds of miles apart would seem to indicate the mysterious object was more celestial in nature.

Source: La Crosse Public Library Archives. For additional information, contact the archives at 608-789-7136.

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Mars-eagle attacks a Mars-bird:

<http://tinyurl.com/ysrzfm>

Drawing of a Mars-bird:

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.com/mars/westvalley/marsvogel002enhanced.jpg>

Mars-people:

I believe that the plates on which those paintings/engravings
are roofplates of buildings.

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.com/mars/possiblegraveyard/index.html>

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.com/mars/marsmannotjes001.jpg>

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.com/mars/marsmannotjes002.jpg>

Mars:

<http://www.rjrsnvbrn.com/mars/index.html>

In this photo:

<http://photojournal.jpl.nasa.gov/catalog/PIA10214>

there are hundreds of artifacts!

See this point (1037,3009) on that photo! There is a plate on which there are faces engraved on that rock, but there are persons climbing that rock and that is evidence that mars-people made those pictures on rocks etc on Mars.

I'm working on it to create some webpages with photos on which those artifacts are marked.

On other Mars-photos there are artefakts too! I'm working on it.

Bert (A W RvB)

bert.nul

www.rjrsnybrn.nl

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Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:15:48 -0400
Subject: Another UK County Hotspot For UFOs

Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3d8wup>

March 17, 2008

County Hotspot For UFO Sightings

Shropshire is one of the country's UFO hotspots with more than 20 sightings in the county over the last 40-odd years, it was revealed today.

The research, conducted by Virgin Media, saw the county achieve fourth place for the most UFO sightings behind West Yorkshire with 34 sightings, Nottinghamshire with 29, and Lancashire with 23.

The Virgin Media Files were compiled from data going back to 1961 and highlights 22 unexplained sightings in Shropshire alone

[Map of sighting locations at site]

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:20:27 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:20:27 -0400
Subject: International Interest For Lightning Story

Source: The Louth Leader - Louth, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3823vw>

17 March 2008

International Interest For Leader Lightning Story

By Sean Topham

A Louth Leader story about mysterious lightning seen during February's earthquake has sparked national and international interest.

The Times newspaper quoted the story on Saturday in its Weather Eye section.

It reports how people told the Leader they saw flashes of light at the time of the earthquake at 12.56am on February 27.

There is also a mention of the sighting of ball lightning in the Westgate home of Elvira Witney.

A Dutch UFO research group is using the story in its newsletter.

Frits Westra, of the UFO Working Group Netherlands, said it would use the story alongside a piece by earthquake light expert Paul Devereux.

Mr Westra said: "Your report is a nice illustration of the phenomena investigated by Paul Devereux."

Paul Simons, writing in the Times, said one explanation for the phenomenon is that the electrical properties of rocks might change under severe stress before or during an earthquake.

He said this could generate changes in the electrical behaviour of the atmosphere, ionising the air and producing glowing lights.

Reports of earthquake light liken it to the aurora borealis or Northern Lights seen around the Arctic Circle.

So far the Leader has had four reports from people who saw flashes of light during the earthquake. Did you see anything that night?

Sightings of ball lightning are very rare and scientists are largely still baffled by it.

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Persinger's Earthquake Lights In UK

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Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:23:18 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:23:18 -0400
Subject: Persinger's Earthquake Lights In UK

Source: The Times - London, UK

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/weather/article3556127.ece>

March 15, 2008

Glowing Lights Around An Earthquake's Epicentre
Paul Simons: Weather Eye

The earthquake on February 27 did more than shake people up in the middle of the night. Reports have come in that mysterious lights also appeared around the quake's epicentre near Market Rasen, Lincolnshire.

One witness described how a grapefruit-sized glowing sphere appeared in her bedroom and then went out like a light. "This thing seemed to be coming across the room straight at me. I was very frightened," she told the Louth Leader. Another person described flashes like car headlights at her window, and others spoke of lightning flashes after the quake. However, there was no lightning activity at the time of the quake.

In fact, there have been many reports of "earthquake lights" throughout history. Residents of Tangshan in China, for example, were awakened one night in July 1976 by bright flashes in the sky. Two days later an earthquake registering 7.8 on the Richter scale killed 240,000 people and destroyed the city. And a Japanese scientist took photographs of balls of light and red streaks in the sky during a swarm of earthquakes in Matsushiro between 1965 and 1967.

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Mars Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 11:25:21 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 13:09:01 -0400
Subject: Mars Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

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Greetings Bert and thank you for your interesting reply.

Although I have to admit I cannot visualise the evidence that you present in support of your claim that advanced forms of life once existed on Mars, including the buried bodies in open graves that you refer to, I do see further evidence of NASA's ongoing conspiracy to distract public attention to this very Earth-like planet.

For example, what does one immediately notice in the first colour picture you presented as evidence for life on Mars? The Martian sky is blue(!) and there are greenish(!) patches on the rocks. Although NASA claims this picture is presented in "false-color" to bring out subtle color differences, check out Spirit's sundial with the corner color tiles in the lower centre of this picture. This sundial serves as a calibration target so NASA can adjust the brightness and tint of the pictures taken by the cameras on its Mars rovers. Looks like the colour balance of this picture is okay to me!

If the sky at the Martian horizon in this picture is indeed blue and not reddish as one would expect from wind blown dust, then the sky overhead would be a deeper blue as is here on Earth - just like the view outside my office window on this sunny Toronto morning.

As for my opinion that Saturn's moon Enceladus is now the leading candidate for indigenous life in our solar system, I do not rule out the possibility that Mars and even the Moon once had or still has life. This view is further supported by a DVD with five UFO documentaries that a Russian scientist/ufologist recorded off Russian TV and sent to me. Although these documentaries are in Russian (no English subtitles), they do present much new evidence, including thousands of sightings of Transient Lunar Phenomena (or TLPs) and geometric structures on both Mars and the Moon, they present a very compelling case that there may be active ET bases on these worlds!

As for liquid water underneath the surface of Mars and other conditions necessary for life such as that found on Earth to exist there, we may get our answer when the Phoenix spacecraft lands on Mars in a few months and Canada's MET weather station (the Principle Investigator for MET was my colleague Diane V. Michelangeli, a space scientist at York University) becomes operational.

Nick Balaskas

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Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 13:19:19 -0400
Subject: Identifying Manipulated Images

Source: Technology Review - Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA

<http://www.technologyreview.com/Infotech/20423/?a=f>

Monday, March 17, 2008

[Images & links at site]

Identifying Manipulated Images

New tools that analyze the lighting in images help spot tampering.
By Erica Naone

Photo-editing software gets more sophisticated all the time, allowing users to alter pictures in ways both fun and fraudulent. Last month, for example, a photo of Tibetan antelope roaming alongside a high-speed train was revealed to be a fake, according to the Wall Street Journal, after having been published by China's state-run news agency. Researchers are working on a variety of digital forensics tools, including those that analyze the lighting in an image, in hopes of making it easier to catch such manipulations.

Tools that analyze lighting are particularly useful because "lighting is hard to fake" without leaving a trace, says Micah Kimo Johnston, a researcher in the brain - and cognitive-sciences department at MIT, whose work includes designing tools for digital forensics. As a result, even frauds that look good to the naked eye are likely to contain inconsistencies that can be picked up by software.

Many fraudulent images are created by combining parts of two or more photographs into a single image. When the parts are combined, the combination can sometimes be spotted by variations in the lighting conditions within the image. An observant person might notice such variations, Johnston says; however, "people are pretty insensitive to lighting." Software tools are useful, he says, because they can help quantify lighting irregularities - they can give solid information during evaluations of images submitted as evidence in court, for example - and because they can analyze more complicated lighting conditions than the human eye can. Johnston notes that in many indoor environments, there are dozens of light sources, including lightbulbs and windows. Each light source contributes to the complexity of the overall lighting in the image.

Johnston's tool, which requires an expert user, works by modeling the lighting in the image based on clues garnered from various surfaces within the image. It works best for images that contain surfaces of a fairly uniform color. The user indicates the surface he wants to consider, and the program returns a set of coefficients to a complex equation that represents the surrounding lighting environment as a whole. That set of numbers can then be compared with results from other surfaces in the image. If the results fall outside a certain variance, the user can flag the image as possibly manipulated.

Hany Farid, a professor of computer science at Dartmouth College, who collaborated with Johnston in designing the tool and is a leader in the field of digital forensics, says that "for tampering, there's no silver button." Different manipulations will be spotted by different tools, he points out. As a result, Farid says, there's a need for a variety of tools that can help experts detect manipulated images and can give a solid rationale for why those images have been flagged.

Neal Krawetz, who owns a computer consulting firm called Hacker Factor, presented his own image-analysis tools last month at the Black Hat 2008 conference in Washington, DC. Among his tools was one that looks for the light direction in an image. The tool focuses on an individual pixel and finds the lightest of the surrounding pixels. It assumes that light is coming from that direction, and it processes the image according to that assumption, color-coding it based on light sources. While the results are noisy, Krawetz says, they can be used to spot disparities in lighting. He says that his tool, which has not been peer-reviewed, is meant as an aid for average people who want to consider whether an image has been manipulated - for example, people curious about content that they find online.

Cynthia Baron, associate director of digital media programs at Northeastern University and author of a book on digital forensics, is familiar with both Krawetz's and Farid's work. She says that digital forensics is a new enough field of research that even the best tools are still some distance away from being helpful to a general user. In the meantime, she says, "it helps to be on the alert." Baron notes that, while sophisticated users could make fraudulent images that would evade detection by the available tools, many manipulations aren't very sophisticated. "It's amazing to me, some of the things that make their way onto the Web and that people believe are real," she says. "Many of the things that software can point out, you can see with the naked eye, but you don't notice it."

Johnston says that he sees a need for tools that a news agency, for example, could use to quickly perform a dozen basic checks on an image to look for fraud. While it might not catch all tampering, he says, such a tool would be an important step, and it could work "like an initial spam filter." As part of developing that type of tool, he says, work needs to be done on creating better interfaces for existing tools that would make them accessible to a general audience.

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More Sightings By Mexican Aviation Personnel

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 13:32:30 -0400
Archived: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 20:12:39 -0400
Subject: More Sightings By Mexican Aviation Personnel

Date: 03.17.08

Source: www.analuisacid.com

Mexico: More Sightings by Aviation Personnel

Ana Luisa Cid writes:

The following information can be drawn from a report received from researcher Alfonso Salazar:

March 7, 2008. Several persons reported a spherical UFO with a sort of spotlight on its lower section. This was in [Mexico City's] Iztacalco district at 6:35 a.m.. Subsequently, at 6:55, another group of witnesses claimed having seen a black object with a spotlight over the the vicinity of the Pantitl=Eln metro station. They estimated that the UFO was traveling at low altitude (40 meters).

March 10, 2008. Flight mechanic Julio Cesar Camarena witnessed very luminous unknown traffic during Flight 734's final approach to Mexico City International Airport, above the World Trade Center in the southern section of the city. The sighting occurred at 4:30 p.m. The airliner was flying the Huatulco-Mexico City route and its registration was XA-MAE.

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:42:09 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 07:11:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 12:49:53 -0500
>Subject: Re: Bigelow's Genesis I Sees 'Object'

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>Here's a question:

>If Bigelow Aerospace ever photographs a real ET craft in space
>orbiting Earth, do you think we (as in 'UFO community') will be
>the first or the last to know about it?

If the images are crystal clear and not debateable, we probably
won't know about it at all. The powers that be would not allow
that.

Remotely possible some vague fuzzy images will be made
available.

Eleanor White

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Re: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

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Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 00:49:49 -0400
Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 07:15:21 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 13:21:55 -0400
>Subject: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>March 12, 2008

>Source: www.ceufo.blogspot.com

>Date: 03.12.08

>Argentina: UFOs Over La Pampa
>By Quique Mario, CEUFO

>Apparitions of strange flying objects in the skies over La Pampa
>are no longer a novelty. What is startling is that for some time
>now, their maneuvers are taking place in broad daylight, with
>the possibility to photograph them and film them with the
>quantity of technical elements available to us today.

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>Another important detail about this photo is that its author did
>not notice it until he downloaded his pictures to the PC a few
>days after taking it during a lightning storm over Santa Rosa in
>early February. What is surprising about apparitions of this
>sort is that they have become common amid storms, which speaks
>to the ability of these UFOs to traverse an environment that may
>be considered, a priori, to be hostile. There is no doubt that
>they are in possession of an alternative technology.

Another 'blurfo'?

IOU UFO? - Image Of Unseen UFO

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 04:26:07 -0700 (PDT)
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>won't know about it at all. The powers that be would not allow
>that.

>Remotely possible some vague fuzzy images will be made
>available.

>Eleanor White

No, Ms. White, sometimes they screw up big time. Try looking
over Fred Steckling's little book, We Discovered Alien Bases on
the Moon. The pictures alone will show you.

JCH

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Re: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 11:23:18 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 18:50:45 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 00:49:49 -0400
>Subject: Re: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

>>From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 12 Mar 2008 13:21:55 -0400
>>Subject: UFO Photo From La Pampa Argentina

>>The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
>>March 12, 2008

>>Source: www.ceufo.blogspot.com

>>Date: 03.12.08

>>Argentina: UFOs Over La Pampa
>>By Quique Mario, CEUFO

<snip>

>>Another important detail about this photo is that its author did
>>not notice it until he downloaded his pictures to the PC a few
>>days after taking it during a lightning storm over Santa Rosa in
>>early February.

>Another 'blurfo'?

>IOUUFO? - Image Of Unseen UFO

Hi Bruce, Everyone!

One more thing that distinguishes the relatively new science of ufology is the lack of commonly used descriptive terminology. Maybe this is one reason that has hindered our progress in effectively studying and understanding the phenomenon of UFOs and related subjects and sharing our findings with others.

Since we do not have an expression for anomalous images captured on film or video that seem to be "UFOs" but which were not noticed at the time the pictures were taken, I propose that ufologists adopt Bruce Maccabee's acronym IOUUFO (Image Of Unseen UFO).

I like this acronym better than BLURFO or NOUFO (Not Observed UFO) since IOU is already a commonly used acronym. In our usage, IOU would imply that the person(s) presenting the picture as evidence of an anomalous object or UFO "owes" us an explanation.

With the inexpensive and thus growing popularity of digital photography largely due to cell phones that come with built-in cameras, we can now distinguish between images of UFOs that were seen in the sky and UFO-like images that were later noticed in pictures while going through old pictures such as those found in family photo albums or digital archives.

Nick Balaskas

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Another UK UFO 'Hot Spot'

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Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 19:02:13 -0400
Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 19:02:13 -0400
Subject: Another UK UFO 'Hot Spot'

Source: Bury Free Press - Bury St. Edmunds, England, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/32wzow>

18 March 2008

Bury Named UFO 'Hot Spot'
By Bury Free Press reporter

Strange spheres hovering above Bury St Edmunds have helped to make Suffolk a 'hot spot' for UFOs, according to an expert on the unexplained.

With 19 sightings since 1961, the county has come sixth in a list of top 10 places to spot a UFO compiled by Nick Pope, the former head of a Government project looking at UFOs.

Among the most recent sightings, which are logged on website www.ufoinfo.com, is a report from an anonymous user of a bright sphere above Bury in November.

The UFO-spotter, who saw the object at 3am on November 6, wrote on the site: "My camcorder was in reach and I filmed the object. It made strange movements in the sky. No sound. The object seemed to be pulsating."

And, in April last year, police received reports of four black spheres flying in formation over Bury's Howard estate and Fornham St Martin.

Mr Pope, who compiled the list to mark a science fiction season on Virgin Media's TV On Demand service, said: "It's fantastic to see local folk taking an interest in UFO activity and keeping an eye on the sky.

"While we currently have no explanation why certain places in the UK are alien hot spots, as the research reveals, there are areas where mysterious objects are repeatedly witnessed."

A dedicated website has been set up by the firm for viewers to share their own unexplained experiences at www.virginmedia.com/ufo

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Coalition Abduction Monitoring Needs Funding

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 13:19:25 -0500
Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 19:04:41 -0400
Subject: Coalition Abduction Monitoring Needs Funding

Dear List:

I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone to donate to the UFO Coalition Abduction Monitoring Project.

Some of us already donated, but they still need more funds. The last I heard, they had raised \$1,500.

Can we get the mailing address posted again as well? (so people will know where to send their donations).

I went to the Web sites of CUFOS, MUFON and FUFOR and didn't see anything on any of their landing pages about this study and the need for more funding for it. It would seem that if any or all of these organizations were really interested in finishing this project, they would have something on their Web sites' landing page about it by now.

Doesn't anyone think this is important anymore?

I'm in the process of updating my site and plan to put something about this on my Resource page requesting people to donate. I wanted to do it a long time ago, but it's taking me a while to 're-learn' how to build a Web site. It would be great if all of us who have Web sites could add a note about this study and a request for funding.

Thanks,

Katharina

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Mars Minerals & Stitches

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 20:10:01 -0400
Subject: Mars Minerals & Stitches

In the light of the recent thread about Mars, List members may be interested in knowing that a research paper by Arizona University will be published tomorrow (20th) which broadens the spectrum in the search for life on the red planet. It is about the discovery of wide areas of deposits of chloride minerals which is indicative of past water deposits.

On the lighter side, if you are up for a dose of controlled eccentricity, then you may find the antics of this gentleman amusing;

Who says the Romans never went to Mars?

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

He's kept me in stitches for the last couple of weeks.

Stuart Miller
Alien Worlds magazine
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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Subject: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

Source: The Times - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/23luj4>

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Science fiction author Arthur C. Clarke Dies Aged 90

Lech Mintowt-Czyz and Steve Bird

Sir Arthur C. Clarke, the science fiction writer, has died aged 90 in his adopted home of Sri Lanka, it was confirmed tonight.

Clarke, who had battled debilitating post-polio syndrome since the 1960s and sometimes used a wheelchair, died at 1:30am after suffering breathing problems, his personal secretary Rohan De Silva said.

"Sir Arthur passed away a short while ago at the Apollo Hospital [in Colombo]. He had a cardio-respiratory attack," he said.

His valet, W. K. M. Dharmawardena, said that funeral arrangements would be finalised when his close family returned to the island from Australia.

Mr Dharmawardena said that Clarke's condition had begun to deteriorate in recent weeks and he had been in hospital for four days.

The visionary author of more than 70 books, who was nominated for a Nobel Prize after predicting the existence of satellites, was most famous for his short story "The Sentinel", which was expanded into the novel that was later adapted for Stanley Kubrick's film "2001: A Space Odyssey".

He was also credited with inventing the concept of communications satellites in 1945, decades before they became a reality.

Clarke was the last surviving member of what was sometimes known as the "Big Three" of science fiction, alongside Robert A. Heinlein and Isaac Asimov.

The astronomer Sir Patrick Moore said that his friend was a "great visionary, brilliant science-fiction writer and great forecaster".

"He said there would be a man on the Moon by 1970, while I said 1980 - and he was right," he said.

"He was ahead of his time in so many ways. I'm very, very sad that he's gone."

The pair met at the British Interplanetary Society in the 1930s and became friends. Sir Patrick said he spoke to the author a few weeks ago and was concerned about his health.

The son of an English farming family, Clarke was born in the seaside town of Minehead, Somerset, England on December 16, 1917.

His father died when he was 13. After attending schools in his home county, Arthur Clarke moved to London in 1936. There he pursued his early interest in space sciences by joining the British Interplanetary Society. He started to contribute to the BIS Bulletin and began to write science fiction.

With the onset of World War II he joined the RAF, eventually becoming an officer in charge of the first radar talk-down equipment, the Ground Controlled Approach, during its experimental trials. Later, his only non-science-fiction novel, *Glide Path*, was based on this work.

In 1945, the UK periodical magazine "Wireless World" published his landmark technical paper "Extra-terrestrial Relays" in which he first set out the principles of satellite communication with satellites in geostationary orbits, a speculation that was realised 25 years later. He was paid £315 for the article.

During the evolution of his discovery, he worked with scientists and engineers in the USA in the development of spacecraft and launch systems, and addressed the United Nations during their deliberations on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

Today, the geostationary orbit at 36,000 kilometres above the Equator is named The Clarke Orbit by the International Astronomical Union.

Clarke is best known as a visionary science fiction writer.

The first story he sold professionally was "Rescue Party", written in March 1945 and appearing in "Astounding Science" in May 1946. He went on to become a prolific writer of science fiction, renowned worldwide with his break coming when "The Sentinel", was noticed by Kubrick .

In 1964 he started to work with the noted film producer on a science fiction movie script. Four years later, he shared an Oscar nomination with Kubrick at the Hollywood Academy Awards for the film version of "2001: A Space Odyssey".

In television, Clarke worked alongside Walter Cronkite and Wally Schirra for the CBS coverage of the Apollo 12 and 15 space missions. His thirteen-part TV series "Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World" in 1981 and "Arthur C. Clarke's World of Strange Powers" in 1984 have been screened in many countries and he has contributed to other TV series about space, such as Walter Cronkite's "Universe" series in 1981.

Clarke first visited Colombo, Sri Lanka (then called Ceylon) in December 1954. He moved there in 1956 and lived there ever since, pursuing an enthusiasm for underwater exploration along that coast and on the Great Barrier Reef.

His fascination with diving led to him meeting his wife Marilyn Mayfield, whom he divorced ten years later.

In 1998, his lifetime work was recognised when he was honoured with a knighthood £96 formally conferred by Prince Charles in Sri Lanka two years later.

In recent years, he has been largely confined to a wheelchair due to post-polio syndrome, but his output as a writer continued undiminished.

Marking his "90th orbit of the Sun" in December, the author said that he did not feel "a day over 89" and made three birthday wishes: for ET to call, for man to kick his oil habit and for peace in Sri Lanka.

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Alien Implant Detection Kits?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 23:28:21 EDT
Archived: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 10:10:26 -0400
Subject: Alien Implant Detection Kits?

I was wondering if some genius out there ever came up with a simple procedure that can detect these implants people claim to have acquired during alien abductions.

Reason being is because while I was at a check up getting an X-Ray I joked with the technician by asking him if there were any UFO alien implants in me. He just lurched forward to look at the X-Ray images and said something like,

"Umm I don't see any here I..."

Then he bolted up turned around and asked me,

"What did you say? "

I repeated myself and he said only the doctor would evaluate anything in the X-Rays and we both giggled.

Anyhow, just wondering if we still use MRIs and X-Rays to detect these things.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Good work, Katharina. This should convince people that we tried
very hard to do a good, thorough, meaningful scientific study.
Powell's presentation appears to be an accurate power-point
summary of the protocols.

As for Powell's number, that appeal no doubt was local for his
address. And the lack of interest by the statistical association
demonstrates just how deep the scientific prejudices run against
UFOs. I agree that all of the Coalition web sites should have a
notice up. Listers should start sending all of them e-mails to
that effect.

You also need to keep in mind that almost all of the Coalition
members have full-time real-world jobs in order to support
themselves and families, while maintaining the Coalition on a
slender budget.. Get the money to them, and they will find
someone to do the analysis.

Dick

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Subject: Strange Night Sightings In 'Pan!

Source: The Amandala - Belize City, Belize

<http://www.amandala.com.bz/index.php?id=6755>

18/03/2008

Strange Night Sightings In 'Pan!

Could UFOs (Unidentified Flying Objects) be visiting Belize? That's what some residents of Belmopan and the surrounding areas are wondering after a strange sighting of a mass of bright, circular lights south of the capital city and over the uninhabited mountains, exactly a week ago.

The lights, we were told, repeatedly appeared and disappeared between 8:15 p.m. and 10:50 p.m., and there was no strange noise, as an aircraft would make, accompanying the event.

The objects were approximately 150 feet off the ground, and about 14 feet in diameter, appearing to be consistent in shape and size, said Cadet Henderson, chief executive officer in the Ministry of Works. Henderson, who first reported the sightings to us today, told us that the lights were either stationary or moving eastward, contrary to the prevailing nighttime winds. In one instance, he said, he saw a trail of smoke associated with one of the lights.

Henderson told us that shortly after 8:00 last Tuesday night, he saw as many as 12 of those lights south of Belmopan City. His father-in-law, Lindsey Wade, told us the same, and so did Cedric Borland, Commander of the Belize Coast Guard.

"It is very likely that they are UFOs, especially since they were repeatedly seen in the same area and also seen about a mile away, west of Belmopan, and four miles away, near the Springfield community," Henderson documents. "Similarly lit objects were also seen about two years ago in the same area of Belmopan."

Henderson described the lights as "circular discs" that appeared in groups ranging from four to twelve for a period of over two hours that night. He said that he called General Borland, who said at first that he did not see anything, but later confirmed the observations. At first, he said, Borland thought the lights were flares. He said that he had called Belize Defence Force Commander, Colonel Dario Tapia, to research whether there was any military activity in that area that night, and Tapia said that there wasn't.

Based on his computations, Henderson estimates that the discs of light were about 14 feet in diameter.

Wade, Henderson's father-in-law, described what he observed to us: He said that the lights appeared to be due south of University Heights, a new community development in Belmopan, and over the hills, the same place where, he said, he observed the

same thing happen about two years ago, and the lights showed the same pattern of movement.

Wade likened the lights to extremely bright headlights, or a big ball of light as bright as the moon, which, he said, came on at 10-minute intervals.

He went on to say that when he viewed some of the magnified images Henderson took, it appeared to him that there was someone sitting inside at least two of the lights. At the time of the sightings, he said, two Jehovah's Witnesses were studying with him at his home, and they were "very alarmed" at what they saw.

"I know they are not fire rocket displays or flares from guns," said Wade.

Henderson told us that he held on to some snapshots he took that night, using his tripod and magnifying lens, because he wanted to be sure whether it was something out of the ordinary. He told us that when he visited the Mennonite community of Springfield, about six miles from Belmopan, on Sunday, residents in that settlement corroborated what he and his relatives had seen, indicating that they, too, saw the lights the prior Tuesday.

Then on Monday, he checked with the Belize Defence Force to see if maybe the military was shooting flares in the area. Henderson said that when he found out that they were not, he decided to come public with the information.

Commander Borland said that indeed, there were some lights observed southwest of Belmopan. He told us that he saw four bright lights glowing in the distance, equally spaced from each other, about 40 to 50 meters apart, and they all lit up and extinguished at the same time. He said that he noticed the lights fall a little before they disappeared. According to Borland, the same phenomenon was observed in the same area, showing the same pattern about a year and a half ago.

Not so believing that the lights were UFOs, however, Commander Borland told us that the area where the lights were seen is often used for military operations, and he advised us to check with the BDF for their views.

But when we checked today with BDF Commander, Colonel Dario Tapia, he told us that they know of no military operations in the area last Tuesday, either by officers of the Belize Defence Force or of BATSUB - British Army Training Support Unit Belize. Col. Tapia said that the BDF intends to do a fly-over inspection of the area with Henderson.

Henderson told us that he wants to fly over the area where the sightings were made to see if there are any telltale signs of what the strange lights could have been.

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Alien _means_ 'alien', you showed. To wit: likely _not_ understandable, predictable, or acceptable. Further, you iterated that it was going to take all our craft, all our intelligence, and all of our imaginal philosophy to rise and meet that alien, however it is configured and motivated, to evoke a new commonality synergistically, between us, or resist, effectively, them wanting to eat our heads.

To know the difference between the two, eh?

Again... thank you Sir; I was improved for your being here.

Finally Sir, yours is that rare passing _not_ providing for an aggregate improvement in the human condition. You're missed already .

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>interested enough to work on this project... I don't get it.

>I had statistical analyses done for one of my research projects
>that considered several variables from my Researcher's
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>Why not ask a university statistics department (students and
>professor) to work on this? They could use it as a
>learning/publishing experience. The data could be presented to
>them in a way so they don't know what the subject matter is.
>That would make it almost 'double-blind.'

Katharina,

The presentation that you are referring to is one that I made to a group of about 25 statisticians at the local American Statistical Association to try and get the interest of a degreed statistician to analyze the data.

There are two issues to overcome. One is that there is a certain stigma for a statistician to associate his/her name with UFO abductions. (And you can't just hire any statistician because if there is something there, you want someone with credible credentials to have analyzed it.)

The statistician needs to know what is being analyzed and needs to consult with an individual with a science background to be able to properly analyze the data; so you can't hide the purpose of the test.

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If one just wanted to know if there was some "wow signal", then yes, it could be analyzed more readily. But my understanding is

that there is no "wow signal", and the statistical analysis will need to parse the data into segments and try to decide if something is or isn't noise.

I've just given you a simple overview. It's actually much more complicated. Most statisticians work at around \$150/hr, so you are looking at a big chunk of change. I wish it was easier, but it's not.

Robert

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 13:49:42 -0500
Archived: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 15:57:37 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Monitoring Project PDF File

Rob Swiatek gives me permission to post this on the List.

- Dick

From: Swiatek, Robert <Robert.Swiatek.nul>
To: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 09:56:57 -0400
Subject: Abduction Monitoring Project PDF File]

Dick

There is news on the Abduction Monitoring Project front. The good news is thanks to MUFON's help, the Coalition located a statistician who has agreed to work with the data. A statement of work has been signed, the individual has been given an initial payment, and analysis is commencing even as I write.

The amount of money raised to date is sufficient for a limited number of hours (even with the statistician reducing his hourly rate), which might or might not be adequate to allow scrutiny of the vast amount of collected data. In the event funds are insufficient, the Coalition will have to somehow raise more.

MUFON and four other donors - including two from the UFO UpDates List - provided the funds without which this analysis wouldn't have gotten off the ground.

Needless to say, Coalition members long ago considered and approached university statisticians but with no success at the time. The reasons for this are too lengthy to go into here, but you can assume that association with the UFO (or abduction) subject didn't help our dilemma.

As you correctly noted, Dick, the problem with finding a researcher consumed much time by folks who have fulltime jobs outside the UFO field and many blind alleys were explored. Moreover, although \$65.00 might have gone a long way for Katharina back in the 90s, at the discounted rate we're getting today, it purchases barely an hour of work. It cannot be overstated how much data and information both written and digital were acquired during the collection phase of the project, and every bit and byte have to be considered.

--Rob

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Re: Coalition Abduction Monitoring Needs Funding

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 15:41:06 -0500
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:09:41 -0400
Subject: Re: Coalition Abduction Monitoring Needs Funding

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 13:19:25 -0500
>Subject: Coalition Abduction Monitoring Needs Funding

<snip>

>I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone to donate
>to the UFO Coalition Abduction Monitoring Project.

>Some of us already donated, but they still need more funds. The
>last I heard, they had raised \$1,500.

>Can we get the mailing address posted again as well? (so people
>will know where to send their donations).

Katharina -

There are quite a few Indy-media sites around the world where
you can post an article along with your contact information,
outlining the work and the need for funds.

Eleanor White

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UFO Buff Explores Chandler 'Crop Circles'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:15:44 -0400
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:15:44 -0400
Subject: UFO Buff Explores Chandler 'Crop Circles'

Source: The Arizona Republic - Phoenix, Airzona, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/2va88k>

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UFO Buff Explores Chandler 'Crop Circles'
Edythe Jensen
The Arizona Republic

A year after he stumbled on what he said were mysterious "crop circles" in a south Chandler field, resident Michael Polani said he's still trying to call attention to them.

Eleven people showed up at the Basha Library Tuesday night to hear what Polani had to say about the damaged sorghum stalks and odd patterns he photographed at Gilbert and Ocotillo roads last March 25.

"We're seen by our family and friends as 'a little bit different,' " he told the audience, many who nodded their heads affirmatively. "But I've seen enough to say, yeah, we need to listen to this."

Polani said he regrets not being able to photograph the Chandler phenomenon from the air; the crop was harvested hours after he spotted it.

He was able to walk into the field and capture patterns of downed stalks pointing in different directions among clusters of stiff, erect plants. And he picked up a few of the damaged stalks which appeared to be burned and bent in different places.

"Someone simply stomping on it couldn't do this," he said.

Known as geometric shapes that mysteriously appear in farm fields, crop circles have been a topic of interest by those who tie them to paranormal forces and unidentified flying objects. Polani, who moved to Chandler from San Francisco five years ago, said he has participated in California UFO expositions.

He described most crop circles as having intricate geometric, language or musical significance and speculated that whoever or whatever is creating them is trying to send a message to humans on earth to take care of the environment. Worldwide, the majority occur in Great Britain and most are near sacred ancient sites. The Chandler field's "sacred site" is an irrigation canal once used by prehistoric Hohokam people, Polani said.

If the Chandler patterns appear a little crude, he had an explanation. The forces that created them, "are hoping to make it to the UK (United Kingdom) one day, but until then, they're practicing in Chandler," Polani said.

Ed Hermes, spokesman for the Arizona Department of Agriculture, said no Arizona farmers have ever reported mysterious crop

circles in their fields, including the one in Chandler.

A likely explanation for what Polani saw is a common occurrence in heavily fertilized grain crops, Hermes said. When they're exposed to wind, the top-heavy engorged stalks bend and fall. The standing stalks simply hadn't reached the same growth stage, Hermes said.

Property records show the Chandler field is owned by a California partnership. Polani said he unsuccessfully tried to contact the farmer.

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Re: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

From: David G <mendiaplاد.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 18:57:50 -0400
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:18:58 -0400
Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

For those who have an interest or admiration of him may I suggest visiting the BBC News webpages:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7304852.stm

click the link to the tributes also.

Having been born and bred a mere fifty six miles from Sir Artur's birthplace at Minehead in Somerset, it holds many memories of my early days in engineering reading his books and articles. True excitement.

Note that throughout his long life he still kept his Somerset accent. One time of awe and amazement was seeing the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey on the first huge IMAX screen at the then new Ontario Place in Toronto.

Truly a man to admire.

David G
Toronto

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From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 16:42:59 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 09:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Implant Detection Kits?

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 18 Mar 2008 23:28:21 EDT
>Subject: Alien Implant Detection Kits?

>I was wondering if some genius out there ever came up with a
>simple procedure that can detect these implants people claim to
>have acquired during alien abductions.

>Reason being is because while I was at a check up getting an X-
>Ray I joked with the technician by asking him if there were any
>UFO alien implants in me. He just lurched forward to look at the
>X-Ray images and said something like,

>"Umm I don't see any here I..."

>Then he bolted up turned around and asked me,

>"What did you say? "

>I repeated myself and he said only the doctor would evaluate
>anything in the X-Rays and we both giggled.

>Anyhow, just wondering if we still use MRIs and X-Rays to detect
>these things.

Greg/List:

Granted the best of intentions, do we really need a simple
method to detect implants in people? Shall we continue the
intrusion?

Shouldn't our efforts focus on compassionate counsel and
support?

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Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:53:04 -0000
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 09:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

Listers may be interested in the below, suggesting Clarke's initial 'feeble minded aliens' theory of crop circles before deciding they were human made.

Peter Sorensen is a well known circle researcher and film-maker who was once an evangelical 'croppie' believing in the alien nature of the formations, later to re-evaluate and even join the ranks of the human circlemakers.

Dave Haith

From: Peter Sorensen <croppie2.nul>
To: Peter Sorensen <croppie2.nul>
Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 1:30 PM
Subject: My Conversation With Arthur C. Clarke

Many of you already know the sad news of Clarke's passing today.

See: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7304004.stm>

And as many of you also know I spoke with him on the phone a couple of times back in 1993. Some of you don't know about that - so hearing you begging me, I'll give in and tell you.

After my first summer videoing the crop circles I sent Clarke a copy of my tape showing the formations and the magic I experienced. He was of course one of my favorite authors since childhood, and I held a small hope that he might write back - expecting not how he would actually reply!

In those day I had an answerphone with a very short message, like, "You have reached Peter Sorensen's answering machine" - BEEP. I never picked up unless it was someone I wanted to talk to.

So one morning when the phone rang and I was still in bed I listened to see who was calling so early. After the beep there was silence for a second, and then someone loudly cleared his throat a couple of times, then hung up. I thought, "who was that jerk?!"

A minute later the phone rang again, and this time after the beep the man cleared his throat again and announced, "This is Arthur C. Clarke calling from Sri Lanka..." I'll tell you, I was up, across the room and saying Hello before he could finish the sentence!

We talked about the crop circles for at least half an hour, during which he told me that he thought they were being made by aliens, but "feeble minded aliens" because they were communicating so poorly!

He called me again a month or so later to tell me he was planning to do a episode of his TV program dedicated to the circles. I hoped he would have me help with that project, but

the production was handed over to someone who never contacted me. (However they hired Chris Bird, the circlemaker who is now one of my best friends, to make a demonstration circle for them.)

Clarke also backed away from his feeble minded aliens theory to the notion that the circles were being made by people, perhaps the Masons (because of the prevalence of sacred geometry in the designs).

Since I was then still very much a believer of a non-human origin, I was very disappointed by that.

Well, now that he's left the Earth, I can only say, THANK YOU for all the many, many hours of fascinating reading and fabulous movies which I have enjoyed. And for the treasured conversation!

- Peter

"There is a theory which states that if ever anybody discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened."

-Douglas Adams

My website: <http://www.PeterSorensen.com>

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Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:53:37 +0100
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 09:24:00 -0400
Subject: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

To all,

I am pleased to announce that, at last, we have now a good show on UFOs, at the French TV network Canal Plus.

It is called UFOs: When The Army Investigates, ("Ovnis: quand l'armee enquete"), it lasts more than one hour, and is being programmed ten times during about two weeks, starting on Monday March 17. It is a truly international investigation, with interviews mainly of military people, but not only, in France and other countries, including the United States, Peru and Chile.

In France they have have inquired, of course, at GEIPAN, especially Yves Sillard, former director of CNES, now president of the steering committee of GEIPAN. French official UFO studies have been reactivated in 2005. For the record, I have told the story, which you can read at:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0108/ufostudies.html>

I have noted, among the many inquiries and interviews, those of British pilot Ray Bower and his observation in flight near Jersey in April 2007. Then, a visit at the UFO archives of the Gendarmerie nationale, with many files during the last three years. The former French Air Force pilot Jack Krine and his observation in flight in 1975. Photographic analyst Fran=E7ois Louange, who vouches for the authenticity of the photo of a triangular UFO in Belgium (at Petit Rechain) in April 1990. Jacques Patenet, in charge of GEIPAN, giving a course to students in Toulouse. General Denis Letty, confirming all the positions of the Cometa Report of 1999, especially the opinion that UFOs are crafts piloted by an "intelligence". He confirms also that, in the French Air Force, there is now a questionnaire to be filled by pilots who have seen a UFO.

Then there is an interesting investigation at Hesdalen in Norvegia, with a light recorded by the TV team, and photo analysis suggesting the presence of a material object, and also peculiar radar recordings analysed by an Italian team. GEIPAN intends to join that research.

Then, there is a long sequence with several interviews of military officials in Peru and Chile, exposing strong cases with military pilots. Then come the United States, with a recall of the historical attitude of denial, which contrasts more and more with other countries. It begins with a visit to Peter Gersten who tells the story of difficulties to obtain official documents under FOIA.

Then comes the Rendlesham case with Col Halt, Penniston and Nick Pope, who properly ridicule the opinion of astronomer Ridpath about a light house. Next, Dr Richard Haines confirms the reality of many pilot's testimonies (but mainly civilian because the military are still afraid to testify publicly). Then come the the Phoenix lights with interviews of several witnesses, putting in doubt the flares, of Emma Barwood who recalls that she received more than 700 testimonies at the city's office which were brushed aside by the Air Force, and Fyfe Symington who confirms that he ridiculed the observations at the time in

order to calm down the population.

In all, it makes a very strong case in favor of the reality of UFOs, in sharp contrast with a previous TV show, at the national network France 3 in June 2007 which was entirely on the side of the skeptics. The only regret that I have is that they quickly discard ufologists and their fantasies at the beginning and at the end, an attitude which is almost compulsory in France to be taken seriously.

Gildas Bourdais

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I believe that as noted by Rob, the task of finding someone to
analyze the data has been somewhat daunting. Finding someone
independent of the UFO field was one of the primary goals, so
that this data could be better accepted by scientists who are
not part of that community. Pure analysis is irrelevant of the
subject matter, so I'm not sure why someone needs to "educate"
the person doing that analysis.

Steve

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JCH

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Prof Michio Kaku On The Science Behind UFOs And Time Travel

In 1600, the former Dominican monk and philosopher Giordano Bruno was burnt alive in the streets of Rome. To humiliate him, the Church first hung him upside down and stripped him naked. What made the teachings of Bruno so dangerous? He had asked a simple question: is there life in outer space? Rather than entertain the possibility of billions of saints, popes, churches, and Jesus Christs in outer space, it was more convenient for the Church simply to burn him.
Read Nigel Farndale's interview with Michio Kaku

For 400 years the memory of Bruno has haunted the historians of science. But Bruno has his revenge every few weeks: about twice a month a new extrasolar planet is discovered orbiting a star: more than 250 such planets have now been documented. Bruno's prediction of extrasolar planets has been vindicated. But one question lingers. Although the Milky Way may be teaming with extrasolar planets, how many of them can support life? And if intelligent life does exist, what can science say about it?

Some people claim that extraterrestrials have already visited Earth in the form of UFOs. Scientists usually dismiss the possibility of UFOs because the distances between stars are so vast. But last year the French government released a report by the French National Centre for Space Studies, which included 1,600 UFO sightings spanning 50 years, including 100,000 pages of eyewitness accounts, films and audiotapes. The French government stated that nine per cent of these sightings could be fully explained, that 33 per cent had likely explanations, but that it was unable to follow up on the rest.

The most credible cases of UFOs involve a) multiple sightings by independent, credible eyewitnesses and b) evidence from multiple sources, such as eyesight and radar. For example, in 1986 there was a sighting of a UFO by JAL flight 1628 over Alaska, which was investigated by the Federal Aviation Administration. The UFO was seen by the passengers of the JAL flight and was also tracked by ground radar. Similarly, there were mass radar sightings of black triangles over Belgium in 1989-90 that were tracked by Nato radar and jet interceptors. In 1976, there was a sighting over Tehran, that resulted in multiple systems failures in an F-4 jet interceptor. But what is frustrating to scientists is that, of the thousands of recorded sightings, none has produced hard physical evidence that can lead to reproducible results in the laboratory. No alien DNA, alien computer chip or physical evidence of a landing has ever been retrieved.

We might ask ourselves what kind of spacecraft they would be. Here are some of the characteristics that have been recorded by observers.

- a) They are known to zig-zag in midair;
- b) They have been known to stop car ignitions and disrupt electrical power;
- c) They hover silently.

None of these characteristics fits the description of the rockets we have developed on Earth. For example, all known rockets depend on Newton's third law of motion (for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction); yet the UFOs cited do not seem to have any exhaust. And the g-forces created by zig-zagging flying saucers would exceed 100 times the gravitational force on Earth - the g-forces would be enough to flatten any creature on Earth.

Can such UFO characteristics be explained using modern science? In movies it is always assumed that alien beings pilot these craft. More likely, however, if such craft exist, they are unmanned (or are manned by a being that is part organic and part mechanical). This would explain how the craft could execute patterns generating g-forces that would normally crush a living being.

Any alien civilisation advanced enough to send starships throughout the universe has certainly mastered nanotechnology. This would mean that their starships do not have to be very large; they could be sent by the millions to explore inhabited planets. Desolate moons would perhaps be the best bases for such nanoships. If so, then perhaps our own moon has been visited in the past by a civilisation similar to the scenario depicted in the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey, which is perhaps the most realistic depiction of an encounter with an extraterrestrial civilisation.

Some scientists have scoffed at UFOs because they don't fit any of the gigantic propulsion designs being considered by engineers today, such as ramjet fusion engines, huge laser-powered sails and nuclear pulsed engines, which might be miles across. But UFOs can be as small as a jet aeroplane, and can refuel from a nearby moon base. So sightings may correspond to unmanned reconnaissance ships.

Time is one of the great mysteries of the universe. We are all swept up in the river of time against our will. Around AD400, Saint Augustine wrote extensively about the paradoxical nature of time: 'How can the past and future be, when the past no longer is, and the future is not yet? As for the present, if it were always present and never moved on to become the past, it would not be time, but eternity.' If we take Saint Augustine's logic further, we see that time is not possible, since the past is gone, the future does not exist, and the present exists only for an instant.

In 1990, Stephen Hawking read papers of his colleagues proposing their version of a time machine, and he was sceptical. His intuition told him that time travel was not possible because there were no tourists from the future. If time travel were as common as taking a Sunday picnic in the park, then time travellers from the future should be pestering us with their cameras. There ought to be a law, he proclaimed, making time travel impossible. He proposed a 'Chronology Protection Conjecture' to ban time travel from the laws of physics in order to 'make history safe for historians'.

The embarrassing thing, however, was that no matter how hard physicists tried, they could not find a law to prevent time travel. Apparently, time travel seems to be consistent with the known laws of physics. Unable to find any physical law that makes time travel impossible, Hawking recently changed his mind. He made headlines when he said, 'Time travel may be possible, but it is not practical.'

Time travel to the future is possible and has been experimentally verified millions of times. If an astronaut were to travel near the speed of light, it might take him, say, one minute to reach the nearest stars. Four years would have elapsed

on Earth, but for him only one minute would have passed, because time would have slowed down inside the rocket ship. Hence he would have travelled four years into the future, as experienced here on Earth. (Our astronauts actually take a short trip into the future every time they go into outer space. As they travel at 18,000 miles per hour above the Earth, their clocks beat a tiny bit slower than clocks on Earth. The world record for travelling into the future is held by the Russian cosmonaut Sergei Avdeyev, who orbited for 748 days and was hence hurled .02 seconds into the future.) So a time machine that can take us into the future is consistent with Einstein's special theory of relativity. But what about going backwards in time?

If we could journey back into the past, history would be impossible to write. As soon as a historian recorded the history of the past, someone could go back into the past and rewrite it. Not only would time machines put historians out of business, but they would enable us to alter the course of time at will. If, for example, we were to go back to the era of the dinosaurs and accidentally step on a mammal that happened to be our ancestor, perhaps we would accidentally wipe out the entire human race. History would become an unending, madcap Monty Python episode, as tourists from the future trampled over historic events while trying to get the best camera angle.

But perhaps the thorniest problems are the logical paradoxes raised by time travel. For example, what happens if we kill our parents before we are born? This is a logical impossibility. It is sometimes called the 'grandfather paradox'.

There are three ways to resolve these paradoxes. First, perhaps you simply repeat past history when you go back in time, therefore fulfilling the past. In this case, you have no free will. You are forced to complete the past as it was written. Thus, if you go back into the past to give the secret of time travel to your younger self, then it was meant to happen that way. The secret of time travel came from the future. It was destiny. (But this does not tell us where the original idea came from.)

Second, you have free will, so you can change the past, but within limits. Your free will is not allowed to create a time paradox. Whenever you try to kill your parents before you are born, a mysterious force prevents you from pulling the trigger. This position has been advocated by the Russian physicist Igor Novikov. He argues that there is a law preventing us from walking on the ceiling, although we might want to. Hence, there might be a law preventing us from killing our parents before we are born.

Third, the universe splits into two. On one timeline the people whom you killed look just like your parents, but they are different, because you are now in a parallel universe. This latter possibility seems to be the one consistent with the quantum theory.

The film *Back to the Future* explored the third possibility. Doc Emmett Brown (Christopher Lloyd) invents a plutonium-fired DeLorean car, which is actually a time-machine for travelling to the past. Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) enters the machine and goes back and meets his teenage mother, who then falls in love with him. This poses a sticky problem. If Marty's teenage mother spurns his future father, then they never would have married, and he would never have been born.

The problem is clarified a bit by Doc Brown. He goes to the blackboard and draws a horizontal line, representing the timeline of our universe. Then he draws a second line, which branches off the first line, representing a parallel universe that opens up when you change the past. Thus, whenever we go back into the river of time, the river forks into two, and one timeline becomes two timelines, or what is called the 'many worlds' approach.

This means that all time-travel paradoxes can be solved. If you have killed your parents before you were born, it simply means you have killed some people who are genetically identical to your parents, with the same memories and personalities, but they are not your true parents.

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Our universe is doomed, says Professor Michio Kaku. Fortunately, he's working on several escape routes: time travel, wormholes, and another universe entirely. The physicist on a mission to 'read the mind of God' shares his (very) deep thoughts with Nigel Farndale. Photograph by Rick Giles

There is a contradiction in Professor Michio Kaku's appearance, as if he had been drawn by a composite artist, based on the memories of an unreliable witness. It is to do with the smoothness of his skin being at odds with the silver hair that flows down to his shoulders. The latter reflects his age, 61; the former suggests he is a teenager.

Perhaps he has the face he deserves. There is kindness in his eyes and a smile tugs gently at the corners of his mouth as he talks.

His optimism about the future of the human race knows no bounds. And as he leads the way to the planetarium in the basement of the physics department of New York's City University, he hums to himself and rattles a large set of keys. He likes to give lectures down here. He also likes to come here on his own, to gaze at the cosmos and think. He is a deep, deep thinker. You could say he casts miles below the surface of normal thought. He has to. His ambition is to crack the elusive 'theory of everything', the one that defeated even Einstein, his mentor of sorts.

Today the planetarium does not lend itself to deep thinking because there is construction work going on directly above it: a raspy drilling sound, metal on metal, that vibrates the walls for minute-long bursts. We try to ignore it as we talk about his work. Although he is known as a populariser of science - he writes bestselling books with titles such as *Hyperspace* and *Parallel Worlds*, and presents programmes for BBC4 with equally imposing titles: *Time and Visions of the Future* - he is very much a practising theoretical physicist. He co-founded field string theory, after all. advertisement

We'll come to that in a minute. For now it is enough to say that Stephen Hawking believes string theory may hold the key to the theory of everything: that is, to the single equation that unifies the very big (the theories of general relativity and gravity) with the very small (quantum mechanics). This is what

the CERN experiment in Switzerland is all about, where physicists are recreating the conditions of the Big Bang in a Super Collider, or atom-smasher, that is 27 kilometres in circumference.

Although Prof Kaku is awaiting the results with eagerness, he does wish the experiment had taken place in America, as had originally been the plan. 'In the world of theoretical physics there is a certain amount of snobbery aimed at those of us who try to engage the public,' he says in a soft Californian accent. 'In 1994, we were going to build one near Dallas that would have been several times bigger than the one in Switzerland, and therefore several times more useful. But we needed to win Congress over to get 20 billion dollars' worth of funding for it. On the last day of the hearings, a Congressman asked one of the physicists if we would find God with our machine. The physicist answered that we would discover the Higgs Boson [the sub-atomic particle]. Our machine was duly cancelled.'

How would Michio Kaku have answered the question? 'I would have said this machine will take us as close as is humanly possible to the creation of the universe. This is a genesis machine. And yes, it may even let us read the mind of God... I think they would have opened their cheque books.'

That answer would have been true to form. Prof Kaku has a gift for communicating complex scientific ideas in a way that lay people can understand. He argues, moreover, that good physics should be simple, so simple that it can be understood as an image. I'll let him explain. 'A good physicist is driven by a childlike fascination and imagination. If we find ourselves getting jaded or bored we have to try to recapture that childishness. Einstein used to do that. He could be quite childish. He wanted to get access to that feeling of wonderment.

'He also believed that if a theory couldn't be broadly explained to a child it wasn't working. He believed that there should be a picture behind the theory. So his special relativity, for example, can be understood as a 16-year-old boy out-racing a light beam. Out of this arose the image of space and time being curved like the surface of an egg, warped by the presence of stars and planets, and finally Einstein's general theory of relativity, a mathematical description of the structure of the universe only one inch long on the page.' He smiles gently and looks up at the ceiling of the planetarium. 'But for the last 30 years of his life Einstein lost his picture. There was no picture guiding him; he said as much in his memoirs. That is why he wandered into various mathematical fields and got lost.'

So what is the picture guiding Kaku's string theory? 'Just that. String. Sub-atomic particles composed of tiny vibrating strings.' Sub-atomic particles, moreover, that can be in more than one place at a time, if you believe, as he does, in the possibility of there being parallel universes and (at the latest count) 11 dimensions. A further complication is that these strings are small - inconceivably small. This means we have no chance of observing strings with current technology, thus rendering string theory untestable and, its critics argue, pretty meaningless. 'But string theory has no rival,' Kaku counters. 'It's the only game in town. It is a strange theory that goes way beyond what Einstein was doing. It is so fantastic that some physicists can't get their heads around it and prefer not to work on it. I think Einstein would have got there eventually.'

The drilling and grinding above us builds in volume, the laws of physics in action. The drilling is then joined by electric sawing. 'I'm sorry about the reconstruction,' he shouts. 'I did ask them to work somewhere else this morning.'

Oh, that's what it is, I shout back. I thought it was his brain heating up. He smiles again. 'Yeah, that as well.'

The noise has now become intolerable, so we give up and walk along corridors and up the stairs to his office. Endearingly, he is embarrassed to show it to me because it is so untidy. But actually it is all you could hope for: very mad professorish. There are teetering stacks of books on the floor, powerful computers humming away, framed citations on the wall, a blackboard covered in equations, piles of files and the odd coffee cup. It is like a three-dimensional representation of

chaos theory.

The importance Prof Kaku places on childishness in theoretical physics extends to science fiction, and this, in part, is the subject of his new book, *Physics of the Impossible*. It argues that because there is no law of physics preventing the existence of concepts such as time travel, teleportation and invisibility, physics has to take their possibility seriously. He thinks that those technologies that are considered impossible today might become commonplace centuries, or even decades, in the future. 'A lot of this stuff sounds like science fiction,' he says, 'and that is no coincidence because a lot of physicists became interested in their subject through a love of science fiction. I used to watch a lot of it on TV. Flash Gordon was my favourite. I realised it was the scientist who really made the series work. With the force of his mind he could build rocket ships and ray guns. Flash got all the credit, and the girls. But it made me realise that physics was behind the architecture of the 20th century, with its X-rays and television and moon landings.'

Does he ever worry that he is devoting too much of his energy to his television work and books and neglecting his serious theoretical calling? He smiles the gentle smile. 'Einstein played the violin. Most physicists I know, for some strange reason, like mountain climbing. But two of my acquaintances have died mountain climbing, so I prefer to popularise science.'

So it's his hobby? 'I also like to figure-skate.'

All those patterns. 'Exactly. It's Newtonian physics. Objects spin faster as they shrink, in much the same way that skaters spin faster when bringing in their arms. That's how black holes spin, too.'

Michio Kaku was born near San Francisco, but his parents were originally from Japan. His father was a trucker and a gardener. His mother was a maid. Both were interned at the start of the war. 'My parents were poor and hadn't had the benefit of a university education. I realised early on in life that I would have to make it on my own without help from them.'

It was the death of Einstein that prompted his interest in physics. 'It came at the right age for me because I was eight and so I hadn't yet become distracted by girls. I wanted to know why everyone was talking about this man with the crazy hair in such reverential tones. In the news reports they flashed up a picture of Einstein's desk and on it was a manuscript, which was described as his "unfinished work". That was the moment I became hooked. I wanted to finish that work.'

By the time he was 16, Kaku had bought 400lb of steel and 22 miles of copper wire and had built his own atom smasher in the family garage. It was powerful enough to pull fillings out of teeth, but the only thing it smashed was the house. 'It broke every fuse and ruined every circuit-breaker,' he says, shaking his head at the memory. His experiment attracted the attention of the physicist Edward Teller, 'the father of the hydrogen bomb'. He took Kaku under his wing and secured a place for him to read physics at Harvard. Kaku graduated summa cum laude in 1968, studied for a doctorate at Berkeley and then took up a lectureship at Princeton. He later discovered that all Teller's scholarship students were earmarked for the 'Star Wars' programme at Los Alamos. Kaku was offered a chance to work there, but turned it down. 'I've always thought science was about creation, not destruction,' he says.

He gives examples in his new book of scientists who were so ahead of their time that no one would listen to them; they would become depressed and even, in two cases, suicidal. Is that how he feels sometimes? 'I have felt frustrated sometimes but never depressed. Cassandra was the priestess who was blessed with seeing the future but cursed because no one would believe her. People laughed at us when we discovered in the early Seventies that our strings could only vibrate coherently in [as was thought then] 10-dimensional hyperspace. You couldn't get a job if you were involved in string theory. It was considered too outrageous. So a lot of my friends ended up driving cabs. For 20 years it was like that.'

With the taunts of fellow physicists, including the Nobel laureate Richard Feynman, ringing in his ears, Kaku started work

on another theory, only to realise he was looking at the same phenomenon, except at a higher vibration on the string. This amounted to proof. The academic world soon stopped laughing.

Prof Kaku may well one day achieve immortality through his work, as Einstein did, but he would rather achieve it in the way Woody Allen recommended: by not dying. He does have two children (the oldest at medical school), and, he reflects, our descendants are a form of genetic immortality. But such is his faith in science that he thinks that, if he could stay alive for another 20 years, medical advances by then might mean it were possible to live until 150. Perhaps with this in mind, he took a DNA test not long ago to determine whether he might suffer from Alzheimer's, as his grandparents did. It transpired that he didn't have that gene. advertisement

Nevertheless, losing his mental faculties is, he says, his greatest fear. 'We scientists play in the world of equations. They dance in our heads constantly. If you can't do that, if you no longer have the abstract ability to manipulate equations, you are like a painter who is blind or a musician who is deaf.'

If I asked his wife if he was easy to live with what would she say? 'I think she would say yes, but add that I can be distracted at times, staring out the window, glassy eyed, playing with equations. I think she can empathise. We are hardwired to seek beauty. I seek it in equations. My wife is a former kimono teacher: she used to dress young women in beautiful kimono outfits, so even if she doesn't understand my equations she can relate to my search for beauty.'

Prof Kaku seems completely lacking in cynicism. There really is a childish wonder to his expressive face. And take this line he has on the future of the planet: it has no future. In five billion years' time the sun will swell into a raging inferno, the oceans will boil and the mountains will melt. According to the laws of physics, he says, this scenario is inevitable. It is the law of physics that one day we must leave the Earth or die. 'Yet it need not be a death warrant for all human life. We could escape through a wormhole. Perhaps civilisations billions of years ahead of ours will harness enough energy to punch a hole in space and escape, in a hyper-dimensional space ark, to a new universe.'

'Calculations show that these gigantic machines must be the size of star systems. Unfortunately, other calculations show that the wormhole might only be microscopic in size. If so, an advanced civilisation might resort to shooting molecular-sized robots, called "nanobots", through the wormhole. These could carry the entire genetic database of the human race. Once on the other side, these nanobots would then create huge DNA factories to grow clones of their creators. Although the physical bodies of these individuals will have died, their genetic twins will live on.'

I ask if that isn't just as outlandish an idea as life after death. 'The difference is we have no mathematics to calculate life after death. No mathematics of God. But we do have a testable mathematics, in principle, about wormholes, even though it is all speculation billions of years into the future. You ask me about God. Well, I would ask you how do you define God? If he is the personal God of intervention in people's lives, how do you write the mathematics for it? You can't. But if you define God as harmony then you are on to something. That becomes a testable theory. Is there harmony and symmetry in the universe? If that is your idea of God then that is testable.'

Bill Bryson once said that Michio Kaku's theories were 'worryingly like the sort of thoughts that would make you edge away if conveyed to you by a stranger on a park bench'. In fact, he's infectiously enthusiastic, and convincing, as he bubbles to find ways of expressing his concepts in lively images. As I listen, I recall where I have read ideas as fanciful as his before: in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. He is a fan, it turns out. Met the author once.

Douglas Adams, of course, imagined a giant computer that was able to calculate the answer to the question of life, the universe and everything. The answer was 42. 'I love that,' Kaku says. 'It turned out that the answer on its own was meaningless. What was needed was a proper question. Maybe one day physics

will come up with a simple answer like that. An equation. $E=mc^2$ is the secret of the stars, the reason why they shine and why we have energy here in this room, but what does it actually mean to people? It means everything and nothing, like 42.

'I think we create our own meaning, and if we do it well that brings us happiness. It is too easy to have a guru on a mountaintop saying the answer is this and this. That's a cop out. The meaning of life is to struggle and find your own meaning of life.'

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>I believe that as noted by Rob, the task of finding someone to
>analyze the data has been somewhat daunting. Finding someone
>independent of the UFO field was one of the primary goals, so
>that this data could be better accepted by scientists who are
>not part of that community. Pure analysis is irrelevant of the
>subject matter, so I'm not sure why someone needs to "educate"
>the person doing that analysis.

>Steve

Well, Steve, had you not noticed all these 50 or so years and an
inconceivable number of denials later, we are (whether we like
it or not) working for ourselves. No one from the outside is
not tainted by blinding incredulity _or_, I imagine, they
would already have their shirtsleeves rolled up and be with us
in this adventure, the greatest pursuit of truth and revelation
of this and _any_ time. And that goes as much for statisticians as
anyone.

Ufologists either acquire the tools needed or they don't. Were
the dead-weight scientific community ever going to be of
benefit, that would have already happened.

You see, Steve, they have to depend on the status quo for a meal
ticket and the status quo does not want us to advance any
further than our own stalmates with those among us who continue
circular arguments like this.

Besides, in the final analysis, when you obtain enough clarity
with the truth most of us already share in the presence of a UFO
reality, it's a damn sight easier to convince others.

JCH

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>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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>>I just came across this pdf. file about the monitoring project's
>>research design and protocols:

>><http://www.amstat.org/chapters/austin/Meetings/Powell.pdf>

>>Unfortunately, Robert Powell did not provide an area code with
>>his phone number.

>>Also interesting is this link:

>><http://www.amstat.org/chapters/austin/meetings.htm>

>>In all of this time, no one in this organization has been
>>interested enough to work on this project... I don't get it.

>>I had statistical analyses done for one of my research projects
>>that considered several variables from my Researcher's
>>Supplement and it only cost \$65.00 back in the early 1990s.

>>Why not ask a university statistics department (students and
>>professor) to work on this? They could use it as a
>>learning/publishing experience. The data could be presented to
>>them in a way so they don't know what the subject matter is.
>>That would make it almost 'double-blind.'

>Katharina,

>The presentation that you are referring to is one that I made to
>a group of about 25 statisticians at the local American
>Statistical Association to try and get the interest of a degreed
>statistician to analyze the data.

>There are two issues to overcome. One is that there is a certain
>stigma for a statistician to associate his/her name with UFO
>abductions. (And you can't just hire any statistician because if
>there is something there, you want someone with credible
>credentials to have analyzed it.)

>The statistician needs to know what is being analyzed and needs
>to consult with an individual with a science background to be
>able to properly analyze the data; so you can't hide the purpose
>of the test.

>The second issue is the amount of work and cost involved.
>Although I am not a statistician by training, I am very familiar
>with statistical tools and analysis. There is easily over 100
>hours of work involved in analyzing that data. There are 11
>different variables that may or may not interact, different time

>segmentation points, and there are many different ways as to how
>to handle the background noise of each of these 11 parameters.

>If one just wanted to know if there was some "wow signal", then
>yes, it could be analyzed more readily. But my understanding is
>that there is no "wow signal", and the statistical analysis will
>need to parse the data into segments and try to decide if
>something is or isn't noise.

>I've just given you a simple overview. It's actually much more
>complicated. Most statisticians work at around \$150/hr, so you
>are looking at a big chunk of change. I wish it was easier, but
>it's not.

Dear Robert Powell:

I want to thank you for your prompt response to my post and thorough explanation surrounding the complexities of this study and the length of time it has taken to find a statistician to analyze the data. I very much appreciate all of the information you shared.

Thank you also for making the PDF file of the research design and protocols available on-line for everyone to read.

<snip>

Robert Swiatek via Dick Hall wrote:

>There is news on the Abduction Monitoring Project front. The
>good news is thanks to MUFON's help, the Coalition located a
>statistician who has agreed to work with the data. A statement
>of work has been signed, the individual has been given an
>initial payment, and analysis is commencing even as I write.

This is wonderful news. Thank you MUFON & James Carrion.

I think we can all breathe a sigh of relief that the work has finally begun. Understanding how important it is to keep raising funds for this project, I'm asking those of you who have emailed me saying you would donate, to please send your donations in as soon as possible.

I will be posting a page on my Web site with the general details concerning this study with a request for funding from the public. As soon as I receive confirmation of the Treasurer's name and mailing address, the page will be uploaded.

Thanks again,

Katharina

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Re: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:09:34 -0400
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 15:21:10 -0400
Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

>From: David G <mendiaplاد.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 19 Mar 2008 18:57:50 -0400
>Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark 1918 - 2008

>For those who have an interest or admiration of him may I
>suggest visiting the BBC News webpages:

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7304852.stm

>click the link to the tributes also.

In 1956(?) Clarke published a review of Capt. Edward Ruppelt's then new book, There Report Oon Unidentified Flying Objects. It was a positive review. In later years he became more skeptical of UFOs.

As part of his Mysterious Universe show - or whatever it was called - his camera crew visited me in 1979 or 1980, don't recall which, to discuss the December 1978 New Zealand sightings that had been widely publicized in early 1979. I think he was stumped by that one - no easy explanation.

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UFO Invasion In Espirito Santo State Brazil

From: **Milton Frank** <mfrank.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 13:07:42 -0300 (BRT)
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 15:24:54 -0400
Subject: UFO Invasion In Espirito Santo State Brazil

Dear All,

In March 19th, 2008 several people in Espirito Santo State in Brazil wrote to the Brazilian Ufology Center website affirming they have sighted a group of lights that stood back and later they approached each other.

This phenomenon had reports starting at 6:45pm and the last report at 8:17pm.

Names of those who told CUB of the same incident:

Glory Tereza of Silva - from Guarapari City
Diego - from Vitoria City
Afonso Alberto de Souza - from Colatina City
Jos=E9 Carlos Mendes - from Linhares
Paulo Pimenta - from Vitoria City
Sebastian Ramos - from Montanha City

All the best,

Milton Dino Frank Junior
Brazilian Ufology Center
<http://www.cubbrasil.net>

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Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

From: Joachim Koch <lists.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 18:08:29 +0100
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 15:27:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

>From: Peter Sorensen <croppie2.nul>
>To: Peter Sorensen <croppie2.nul>
>Sent: Wednesday, March 19, 2008 1:30 PM
>Subject: My Conversation With Arthur C. Clarke

<snip>

>Since I was then still very much a believer of a non-human
>origin, I was very disappointed by that.

>Well, now that he's left the Earth, I can only say, thank you
>for all the many, many hours of fascinating reading and fabulous
>movies which I have enjoyed. And for the treasured conversation!

Well, here is another contribution to what Peter - a good friend
of mine - wrote.

Me and my colleague Hans were present that afternoon in Alton
Barnes, Wiltshire, when there was much excitement because we
were all invited to a tour and to interviews of the filming crew
of Arthur C. Clarke. The late Una Dawood and Busty were the
guides on a trip with a bus which drove along the lovely small
lanes with the magic fields at each sides.

The film crew did a good job, sometimes they hair-raisingly were
on top the driving bus to do the best shots. We ended up with
the tour at the famous Barge Inn where several individual
interviews were taken. They interviewed Hans and me as well and
what we had to tell -with all respect and humbleness which
always have been our basic behaviour with regards to this
benevolent unknown phenomenon/intelligence- was so fascinating
for the team that they did not stop the interview until the reel
was empty.

So we all waited with excitement for the day that special
episode of his TV-series about the crop circle phenomenon should
be broadcasted - only to learn nothing of the surely fascinating
footage was used. Simply nothing. We wrote a letter to that
lovely and very attractive Lady who led the whole team and
coordinated the afternoon - but the short answer was: "Sorry but
Sir Clarke decided not to use it."

As Peter wrote, we all were very disappointed. Very.

Nevertheless, I also cannot imagine my life without "2001 - A
Space Odyssey" and "2010" and many other books I have read from
this famous human being.

Thank you. Hope for you that the echoes of the Kaiser Waltz
are accompanying the next step of your eternal journey.

Joachim Koch

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Abduction Monitoring Donations To...

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:14:54 -0500
Archived: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 16:30:00 -0400
Subject: Abduction Monitoring Donations To...

Dear List:

I just received this information from Sue Swiatek.

The Abduction Monitoring Project donation checks should be made out to:

The UFO Research Coalition
(Memo line should read: AMP)

And mailed to:

10621 John Ayres Dr.
Fairfax, VA 22032

She said this is the official address for the Coalition, so I assume you can put 'Research Coalition' on the 'TO' line.

-- Katharina

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Re: Abduction Monitoring Donations To...

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 22:12:01 +0100
Archived: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 08:46:23 -0400
Subject: Re: Abduction Monitoring Donations To...

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:14:54 -0500
>Subject: Abduction Monitoring Donations To...

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Hi Katherina,

As I can see from the analysing program of my website, many hits go to the Abductions section where you are present with one article. In general, it seems that my website is visited a bit more frequently than in the past.

So... How can I help with donation advertising? Is there a bank account? For most of us here in Europe, we do not trust an envelope with a check inside across the ocean. Nowadays, we have the possibility to send money, even to the U.S., via bank accounts. Can you help with the data?

Well, it depends to how long is bank alive in our days, of course... :-)

I would like to update your article either with something you have written or with an update regarding the Coalition done by myself in German and English or I would translate your update article into German, no problem.

Because of the increasing visitors to my website, I think this some dollars should reach you.

Best wishes,

Joachim

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Pay Pal Account For UFO Coalition?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 13:40:38 -0500
Archived: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 15:33:27 -0400
Subject: Pay Pal Account For UFO Coalition?

Dear List:

I have a suggestion for the UFO Coalition:

Why not add a request for funding for the AMP on your Web sites and create a Pay Pal account?

It's pretty simple to do.

Click here for instructions:

<https://www.paypal.com/>

It only takes three days for verification of the bank accounts to be processed.

This will open up the donation requests to other countries, Re: Joachim Koch's/Kopp Verlag recent post.

Thanks!

Katharina

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New Look Articles & Experiences At The Alien Jigsaw

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 13:49:28 -0500
Archived: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 15:35:13 -0400
Subject: New Look Articles & Experiences At The Alien Jigsaw

Dear List:

I've updated my Alien Jigsaw Web site, and as promised, added the new page about funding for the AMP.

The embedded URLs are:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Resources/Monitoring_Study.html

We're still working on some 'bugs,' such as the illustrations not loading properly, but these two pages seem to be working fine. - Will be working on it over the next couple of days, so please check back.

Thanks,

Katharina
www.alienjigsaw.com

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'We Mean Business'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 08:48:35 -0400
Archived: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 08:48:35 -0400
Subject: 'We Mean Business'

Source: The Herald Tribune - Sarasota, Florida, USA

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

March 21, 2008

'We Mean Business'
Billy Cox

Baby boomers - the generation claiming Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama - are deliberately killing themselves at rates that have startled the Centers for Disease Control. From 1999 to 2004, suicides among 45-to 54-year-olds spiked by 20 percent.

CDC's prime suspect is the epidemic use/abuse of prescription drugs. But barring "psychological autopsies," nobody can say for sure, exactly.

One thing we can count on: As the sheer volume of boomers crashes the Medicare and Social Security systems and insane federal drug policies bar them from legally accessing all options to relieve pain and suffering, we ain't seen nothin' yet.

Never mind that, in February, the American College of Physicians became the latest medical group to advocate removing cannabis from Schedule 1 drugs that include heroin and cocaine. With the world still awaiting documentation of the first fatal marijuana overdose, Big Pharma continues to buy off legislators to advance its own expensive psychoactive agendas. And those legislators continue to finance a \$2.3 billion, 10,000-employee Potemkin Village called the Drug Enforcement Administration.

According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reports, more Americans were arrested for marijuana possession in 2006 (738,916) than for violent crimes (611,523). Which is one of the driving engines of our latest national disgrace - last month's announcement by the Pew Center on the States that more than one in every 100 adult Americans is in prison or jail.

Aging baby boomers are only beginning to reap the harvests of America's failure to have an adult conversation. But this imminent reckoning over the inevitable is only one of many policy issues that's nowhere to be found in the Campaign '08 debates.

And still. Reliable as green spring shoots. Yet another indication in the belief of persistence, not matter how exotic or seemingly remote the issue:

This week came another e-mail blast from ufocasebook.com, encouraging voters to demand UFO positions from Obama, Clinton, and John McCain... "Apathy will get us nothing", stated the missive, "but if we all do something they will at least know we mean business plus they'll get the hint that this is an important issue for many American voters!"

They will at least know we mean business. Cripes, it sounds so Pollyanna. The children of The Greatest Generation are cracking up in an intentional swath of early funerals and the experts are mystified. De Void has a theory and it's not so complicated. UFOs, drug laws, a culture of debt and fraud - it's all the same:

Nobody's listening.

To anything.

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8 Sightings Of Same Object In Eight Cities

From: **Milton Dino Frank** <mfrank.nul>
Date: Fri, 21 Mar 2008 18:26:25 -0300 (BRT)
Archived: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 09:09:43 -0400
Subject: 8 Sightings Of Same Object In Eight Cities

March, 19th 2008.

Eight people in eight different cities in a Brazilian state saw the same object at different times.

The first one to see the object it was a teacher. She was leaving a pub and when she was walking to her car she saw two strong lights. They were moving north and one light moved far away from the other. This was at 6:45 pm. Her name is Gloria. Gloria was in Guarapari City.

The second sighting was by Diego a student. He was at home and saw the object through a window. Diego lives in Victoria City, and saw it at 7:35 pm.

The third witness was Afonso, a lawyer, in Colatina City. He gave us the same description of the object. He saw it at 7:43 pm.

The fourth to see was Doctor Jose Carlos in Linhares City at 7:50 pm. He was leaving a hospital and while driving his car saw two strong lights. They were moving to north and one light moved far away from the other. Doctor Jose Carlos was . He saw it .

The fifth to see was Paulo Pimenta who works with computers. He was having an ice cream walking on Cambury Beach, 8:12 pm, when he saw some people pointing to the sky. He saw two strong lights. They were moving to north and one light use to be closer and after far away from the other.

The sixth to see it was Mr. Sebastian, a salesman. He was in Montanha City. He saw two strong lights at 8:17 pm. They were moving to north and one light moved far away from the other.

The seventh to report was Carlos. He has a store in Nova Venecia City. He was at home when he saw two strong lights. They were moving to north and one light moved far away from the other. He doesn't know the exact time but he guessed around 8:00 pm.

The eighth to report it was a politician who doesn't want to have his name published. He was in Apiaca City when he too saw two strong lights. They were moving to north and one light moved far away from the other. He saw it at 6:55 pm.

Milton Dino Frank Junior

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Tinley Park Symposium

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 09:17:13 -0400
Archived: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 09:17:13 -0400
Subject: Tinley Park Symposium

Source: The Herald News - Chicago, Illinois, USA

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

March 21, 2008

Believers To Gather For UFO Convention

UFO case studies be the topic of a symposium March 29 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center, 18501 S. Harlem Ave. in Tinley Park.

The daylong starts at 8 a.m. and wraps up around 5 p.m.

An array of experts will cover everything from the most recent sightings to an overview of the Roswell, N.M., crash.

Sam Maranto, state director for Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), said Tinley Park is the perfect spot for the symposium.

Back in October 2005, numerous people witnessed unidentified lights in the sky.

A trio of steady red lights seemed to swim across the western night sky starting about 11 p.m. and reappearing after midnight.

The three dots at times formed a triangular shape, but they then seemed to straighten into a line, much like sightings in the same area in August 2004 after the Chicago Air and Water Show and on Halloween 2004.

On Nov. 7, 2006, more UFO sightings were reported at O'Hare International Airport.

Maranto, who was the lead investigator on the Tinley Park lights, will detail what these investigations have uncovered to date.

In addition to Maranto, the group of speakers at the symposium will include:

- Dr. Mark Rodeghier, director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS);
- Don Schmitt, co-author of two best-selling books, "UFO Crash at Roswell" and "The Truth About the UFO Crash at Roswell;"
- Darryl Barker, film producer of "Edge of Reality: Illinois UFO January 5th, 2000;"
- Vic Connor, author and assistant director of MUFON.

Admission to the daylong symposium is \$20 and must be prepaid to assure a seat.

People can reserve a seat via credit or debit card or by check

at www.illinoismufon.com. Payment will be secured by PayPal.

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Two Articles On Rendlesham & Alien Autopsy

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 15:14:20 -0000
Archived: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 11:35:37 -0400
Subject: Two Articles On Rendlesham & Alien Autopsy

Strangeness in Suffolk: Ongoing Phenomena in Rendlesham Forest.
by Peter McCue:

Peter has a longstanding and active interest in psychical research and UFO phenomena. He worked for many years as a clinical psychologist and his qualifications include a Ph.D from the University of Glasgow, awarded for research on hypnosis. He has written numerous articles on anomalous phenomena and he remains open-minded about their nature.

Peter's article is based on his research of seemingly paranormal events which have taken place in Rendlesham Forest, the location of the U.K.'s most controversial UFO incident.

See:

<http://thewhyfiles.net/rendlesham2.htm>

Alien Autopsy - Game Over
The devil Is In The Detail =96 The Spyros Melaris Story
by Philip Mantle:

Philip Mantle, one the U.K.'s most long standing and industrious UFO researchers, is the acknowledged expert on the controversial "Alien Autopsy Footage". In this article Philip presents the truth behind the myth, who was involved, why and when.

See:

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/autopsy2.htm>

Geoff Richardson
www.thewhyfiles.net

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Re: Two Articles On Rendlesham & Alien Autopsy

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 15:12:29 -0500
Archived: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 08:55:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Two Articles On Rendlesham & Alien Autopsy

>From: Geoff Richardson <geoff.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 15:14:20 -0000
>Subject: Two Articles On Rendlesham & Alien Autopsy

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>events which have taken place in Rendlesham Forest, the location
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>See:

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Danged article keeps paranormally crashing my browser!

Eleanor White

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Re: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 16:13:21 -0400
Archived: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 08:59:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:53:37 +0100
>Subject: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

>To all,

>I am pleased to announce that, at last, we have now a good show
>on UFOs, at the French TV network Canal Plus.

>It is called UFOs: When The Army Investigates, ("Ovnis: quand
>l'armee enquete"), it lasts more than one hour, and is being
>programmed ten times during about two weeks, starting on Monday
>March 17. It is a truly international investigation, with
>interviews mainly of military people, but not only, in France and
>other countries, including the United States, Peru and Chile.

<snip>

>Then comes the Rendlesham case with Col Halt, Penniston and Nick
>Pope, who properly ridicule the opinion of astronomer Ridpath
>about a light house. Next, Dr Richard Haines confirms the
>reality of many pilot's testimonies (but mainly civilian because
>the military are still afraid to testify publicly).

>Then come
>the the Phoenix lights with interviews of several witnesses,
>putting in doubt the flares,

flares are not an explanation for the sightings of the "V" at
about 8:30 PM. Symington saw the V at 8:30.

"Flares" is a reasonable explanation for only the videos at
about 10 PM.

Emma Barwood knows this and so does Symington.

However, the two separable events are repeatedly mixed up in the
press.

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Man Wonders If He Caught UFO On Tape

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 11:03:41 -0400
Archived: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 11:03:41 -0400
Subject: Man Wonders If He Caught UFO On Tape

Source: WLTX-TV - Columbia, South Carolina, USA

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Re: Man Wonders If He Caught UFO On Tape

From: Milton Frank <mfrank.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 14:45:55 -0300 (BRT)
Archived: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 04:57:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Wonders If He Caught UFO On Tape

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Dear all,

The same light was seen in Brazil for eleven different people in
eleven different cities.

There is also a video in Peru talking about those lights.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-527rkD5GMc>

All the best,

Milton Frank

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Giuliano's Multimedia Report #8

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 05:27:17 -0400
Subject: Giuliano's Multimedia Report #8

Giuliano's Multimedia Report #8: UFOs Continue To Invade CNN's Air Time

Dear Colleagues,

From July of last year, mainstream talk show Larry King Live that airs every day on CNN has devoted air time 4 times to the subject of UFOs.

We were able to watch debate about 60th Anniversary of Roswell and announcement of the exclusive press conference at the National Press Club about UFOs that happened last November. In the later shows, Larry presented different views about the Stephenville UFO sightings.

It seems that UFOs are continuing to occupy CNN's air space. I often watch CNN and many other cable channels. On March 19 around 15:00 hours (GMT) something caught my attention. I immediately recognised the music theme from UK TV show Jane Goldman Investigates. But the pictures that were rolling on my TV were nothing from that show. I could see the landing of a UFO and the beaming down of 2 aliens. The clip ended with big letters WHAT'S COMING NEXT? And I immediately said: "What?" What is the deal with this thing? I have checked the channel. It was definitely CNN. But I know the style of CNN commercials. They are always conventional and straight forward in the mainstream sense. CNN often advertises international and famous business firms, Universities and Tourist Agencies. But this clip was so weird.

Everything has happened so fast so I have decided to try to capture the thing once again to see what was all about. And then it ran again today. This time I was able to capture it. The commercial starts with the group of people who are watching the sky. As I said, after that we can see the UFO which is flying near the ground. 2 grey-looking aliens are beamed from UFO and join with the group of people. Both groups (aliens and humans) are now watching the sky. The imperative is that the UFO is not the reason for watching. After that the narrator is says that marketing experts across the Universe are asking what is coming next? So the premise is that they are waiting for the 41st IAA WORLD CONGRESS that will be held in Washington DC from April 7-9 2008. As the end of commercial big title on the screen says the web site of the event is available at:

<http://www.whatscomingnext.org/>

IAA stands for International Advertising Association. Every two years the IAA organises an International Congress where the most famous and VIP marketing experts are speaking. During the 3-day program some of the speakers will be Kevin Johnson, President of Platforms and Services Division at Microsoft, Jeff Zucker, President and CEO of NBC Universal and this years Nobel Prize Winner Dr. Rajendra K. Pachauri from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Marketing experts from many companies and organisations like Universal McCann, the Federal Trade Commission, DDB, Euro RSCG Worldwide, Dentsu, Media Link LLC, the Association of National Advertisers, Hewlett-Packard, Interpublic Group, MediaCom, the American Advertising

Federation, The Wall Street Journal, Agency Assessments International, Motorola, etc. will attend the event.

What is most interesting is that President George W. Bush may open the 41st IAA World Congress. Although he is already included in the official program for the conference, organisers state that the final confirmation by the White House about the President's participation is expected in early 2008.

So as you can see the whole galaxy is waiting. The anticipation is so big that even the aliens will attend and CNN is promoting their attendance.

After all the President is coming. And they are still many marketing strategies and products that should be accomodated for different cultures and civilizations across the galaxy. The maladjusted taxation is a major problem for today's interplanetary capital market. Just kidding.

Anyway I have uploaded the clip so if you haven't caught it on CNN this is your chance for direct download:

What's Coming Next CNN Commercial:

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/larry_king/41.IAA_Congress_UFOCNN.avi

If you want to learn about the source of the soundtrack in the commercial I have also uploaded the main titles of Jane Goldman Investigates for direct download so you can compare from:

http://www.ufo.com.br/public/larry_king/jane_goldman_aliens.avi

More background info about Jane Goldman Investigates:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jane_Goldman#Jane_Goldman_Investigates

So keep your eyes and ears towards CNN. As marketing experts across the Universe are asking: Who knows what's coming next?

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 18:55:39 -0700
Archived: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 05:27:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

>From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 08:53:04 -0000
>Subject: Arthur C. Clark & Crop Circles

>Listeners may be interested in the below, suggesting Clarke's
>initial 'feeble minded aliens' theory of crop circles before
>deciding they were human made.

>Peter Sorensen is a well known circle researcher and film-maker
>who was once an evangelical 'croppie' believing in the alien
>nature of the formations, later to re-evaluate and even join the
>ranks of the human circlemakers.

I would agree now that most current formations are now man-made, but as I've explained before, there is still evidence that not all are or have been. It is unfortunate that Peter became so involved with the hoaxers in the UK, only helping to perpetuate their vandalistic activities...

Paul

Canadian Crop Circle Research Network
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Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 23 Mar 2008 19:16:40 -0700
Archived: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 08:06:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 16 Mar 2008 15:28:14 -0400
>Subject: Re: Methane Detected In Exoplanet's Atmosphere

>Hi Paul, Everyone!

>Since methane (a much more efficient greenhouse gas than carbon
>dioxide) in Earth's atmosphere quickly breaks down in direct
>sunlight, if methane can be confirmed in the atmosphere of
>another planet that is closer to its "Sun" then there would have
>be a source that replenishes it. That source could very well be
>biological.

Unfortunately, since the planet is known to be so scorching hot,
it is thought less likely the methane is biological in this
case. The planet is a "hot Jupiter," hotter versions of our own
gas giants in this solar system, and methane in those
atmospheres tends to be of the kind left over from the planet's
formation. On smaller rocky planets like Earth and Mars though,
it must be either biological or geological, especially if it is
being replenished. I have links to some of the findings on the
TMJ blog.

>What we should not overlook is another smaller world in our own
>solar system, Enceladus. Although this small satellite of Saturn
>is far from the Sun and not located in the "habitable zone"
>where liquid water can exist and where life could be expected to
>found, it is its own habitable zone since it generates the
>energy (and has the necessary organic ingredients) to maintain
>the water that exists beneath its surface in a liquid state. In
>fact it has so much water that it continuously sprays it into
>space.

>We may not find life on Mars, once thought to be the most likely
>candidate for ingenious life in our solar system outside of our
>own planet, but thanks to latest findings by NASA's Cassini
>spacecraft, Enceladus is the number one candidate for ET life in
>our solar system.

Enceladus is one of the most fascinating places in our solar
system. As I noted on the TMJ blog, there will be a NASA press
conference this Wednesday to present the initial findings of the
Cassini flyby through the water vapour plumes. As noted on the
official flyby blog, there have apparently been some exciting
results:

<http://tinyurl.com/yrtpef>

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
web.mac.com/meridianijournal

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Tale Of A Close Encounter

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Subject: Tale Of A Close Encounter

Source: The Winnipeg Sun - Manitoba, Canada

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Mon, March 24, 2008

Tale Of A Close Encounter
Man recalls UFO sighting

By Shannon Vanraes, Sun Media

It wasn't a bird or a plane, and now an elderly Winnipeg man wants to tell people about his close encounter.

Ernest Buisse, 82, was on his parents' farm near Redvers, Sask., in the summer of 1950 when he believes he witnessed an unidentified flying object.

"It just flew by me," he said. "I was standing outside the house at 2 a.m. It was as high above me as a hydro pole."

Buisse described the flying object as round with lights on its underside.

"If they would have stopped and given me a ride, I would have taken it," he joked.

Buisse remembers the flying object approaching over fields where no roadways existed. After watching it fly overhead, he ran inside and woke his family up, then exited the house just in time to see the UFO disappearing to the west of the farm while travelling very low to the ground.

Although Buisse said he didn't tell anyone the following day about what he saw, it soon became apparent he wasn't the only person who witnessed something strange.

Crop Circles

"The next day there were radio reports," he said, adding he noticed the UFO had left distinctive "crop circles" in one of his family's oat fields.

According to UFO watch groups like FarShores, the Redvers area is considered a hotbed for crop circles.

As recently as August 2002, crop circles were reported just north of the rural community, with local media receiving accounts of the oddities.

When Buisse discovered the mysterious marks more than half a century ago, he had never hear of the term "crop circle."

Today, the story is one he shares with his nine children and 24 grandchildren.

"My father never officially spoke to anyone in authority about this UFO sighting and because of the year it was seen ... with no commercial airlines flying and no air force in the area of Redvers ... what can one assume but that this was a real UFO sighting?" said Buisse's daughter, Rachel Spilkin.

She hopes it's a tale that lives on for others, as it has for her father.

"When I'm outside and it's dark, I always look up to see what I can see," Buisse said.

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Glasgow's UFO Fan Club

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24/03/08

Glasgow's UFO Fan Club
by Gordon Thomson

ET phone home... and you can use the public call boxes at the bottom of Buchanan Street.

Believe it or not, Glasgow has been named the UFO capital of Scotland.

The city has stolen the title from Bonnybridge, which for decades has been abuzz with reported sightings of alien spacecraft.

Glasgow is the only location in Scotland to make the Virgin Media Files, a specially compiled list of Britain's top 10 places for spotting UFOs.

The hotspots were identified by using recorded data from a UFO research website.

Glasgow's tourism and civic leaders welcomed the news that inter-galactic tourists are seemingly flocking to the city.

A city council spokesman said: "This is no great surprise. Glasgow already has an international reputation and we've always said that what the city has to offer is out of this world.

"It's also known as the friendly city, so ET can be assured of a warm welcome whenever he or she decides to pay us a formal visit.

"It's great that Glasgow's name appears to be spreading so far."

Whether it's the shops, the clubs or the city's galleries drawing the attention, it isn't clear.

Sightings have been recorded since 1961 and Nick Pope, who once headed a Ministry of Defence project which monitored reports of alleged alien activity, helped compile the list.

He said: "While we have no explanation why certain places in the UK are alien hotspots, there are areas where mysterious objects are repeatedly witnessed, so people who want to alien-spot should definitely head to Glasgow."

One alien-spotter in Glasgow, which comes ninth in the UK top 10, told of a mysterious ball of light in the city centre in the run-up to Christmas.

The spotter said: "As I was walking down Sauchiehall Street to

Buchanan Street I heard and saw a small ball of green light whizz from behind me, round in front of me at knee level, then go up across me gaining in height and then up over the roofs."

Scott Taylor, chief executive of Glasgow City Marketing Bureau, said: "Glasgow's reputation as a must-see visitor destination is spreading even further than we thought.

"The city's style credentials obviously have a strong galactic appeal and we can perhaps look forward to welcoming inter-planetary conventions in the near future."

Stranger than fiction

One Glasgow resident is convinced he saw a spaceship while sunbathing.

He said: "I was lying in the back garden getting some sun - a very rare phenomenon here - and a craft was flying, west to east, slightly to the south of where I was. It was oval-shaped and I saw it from its underside. It reminded me of a walnut split in half."

Five revellers at a city barbecue saw a bright light move "purposefully" across the clear night sky.

And a Paisley resident claimed to have seen a white disc-shaped craft five times the size of a jumbo jet, which vanished "in the blink of an eye" while, in Linwood, a skywatcher using a telescope saw a white object "glide by the stars".

The last two sightings were, of course, near Glasgow Airport.

UFO TOP 10

BRITAIN'S Top 10 UFO hotspots:

- 1 West Yorkshire
- 2 Nottinghamshire
- 3 Lancashire
- 4 Shropshire
- 5 North Somerset and Avon
- 6 Suffolk
- 7 South Wales
- 8 Co Durham
- 9 Glasgow
- 10 Devon

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24 Mar 2008

Tulsa Conference To Highlight Changing World & Bible Predictions

TULSA, Oklahoma, March 24 /Christian Newswire/ -- Terry James, author of 18 books and frequently interviewed speaker on Bible prophecy, will serve as one of two moderators for the Question and Answer sessions during the 14th annual Tulsa International Prophecy Conference, April 2 - 4.

This year's event, held at Radisson Tulsa Hotel (918-627-5000) will feature well known speakers offering presentations and insights on contemporary world conditions in light of Bible prophecy. The conference is sponsored by Thy Kingdom Come Ministries, headed by Phillip Goodman, who hosts the mid-America conference each year.

The world's leading prophecy speakers have been featured at what is known as Mid-America's largest and longest running conference on Bible Prophecy. Speakers this year include David Reagan, Walid Shoebat, Mike Gendron, Ergun Caner, Gary Fisher, Phillip Goodman, Jeremy Hall, Joe Lowendowski and Q&A moderators Terry James and Mike Hile. For a complete list of sessions and speakers visit: www.prophecywatch.com/Confer07.htm

The Q&A sessions are held each evening at 6:15 and are a dynamic part of the conference. Those in attendance ask questions and interact with speakers to gather the clearest perspective on events taking shape in America, the regions surrounding the nation of Israel, and the increasingly troubled geopolitical and socioeconomic world scene.

In the last year, Terry James, also considered a leading prophecy expert, has experienced a dramatic increase in invitations for interviews by media who are curious about the possibility of unfolding prophecy. He and his internet partner Todd Strandberg host the largest Bible Prophecy website on the web. Each month raptureready.com receives in excess of 10 million hits, with visitors researching through more than 16 thousand in-depth articles on topics revolving around prophecy and Biblical studies. The website has been featured on NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News, the New York Times, L.A. times, Chicago Tribune, Time Magazine, and other media venues.

James' latest book The Nephilim Imperatives, released January of this year, has been called "a well-researched, intensely intriguing novel on the subject of UFOs and how they fit within Bible prophecy." Most who study the UFO phenomenon agree that we are in the midst of what could be the largest UFO flap in history. Many will find The Nephilim Imperatives to be a handy tool for understanding this strange phenomenon within the Biblical context.

James's next book is a non-fiction take on the subject of America in prophecy. It is scheduled for release by Harvest House Publishers in December, 2008.

Interviews with Terry James to discuss the Tulsa Prophecy Conference or other issues related to Bible prophecy (or to receive a press kit including a review copy of Terry's new book) can be arranged through Donna Howell, the publisher's media contact at (417) 723-0610 or donnahowell.nul

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Date: Mon, 24 Mar 2008 17:40:11 +0100
Archived: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 07:26:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 22 Mar 2008 16:13:21 -0400
>Subject: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:53:37 +0100
>>Subject: Good UFO Documentary On TV Canal Plus France

<snip>

>>Then come
>>the the Phoenix lights with interviews of several witnesses,
>>putting in doubt the flares,

>flares are not an explanation for the sightings of the "V" at
>about 8:30 PM. Symington saw the V at 8:30.

>"Flares" is a reasonable explanation for only the videos at
>about 10 PM.

>Emma Barwood knows this and so does Symington.

>However, the two separable events are repeatedly mixed up in
>the press.

Bruce,

Thank you for this comment.

I trust you to give the right answer, and I will pass it to
colleagues in France.

Gildas Bourdais

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Early MUFON Journals Online

From: Terry Groff <terrygroff.nul>
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Subject: Early MUFON Journals Online

The MUFON UFO Journals beginning with Skylook 1967 can now be read online at The Black Vault Archives.

Skylook was published from September 1967 to May 1976. The MUFON Journals began the following month.

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

Follow this link then click on MUFON Journals.

Missing Issues are October - December 1968 and November 1975.

Don't ask me. I don't know.

Enjoy,

Terry Groff

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The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

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Subject: The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

Source: The Daily Galazy.Com - New York, New York, USA

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

March 20, 2008

The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?
Posted by Rebecca Sato and Casey Kazan

Is the world's fascination with the possibility of UFOs and more a religion or a natural intuitive sense that life is 'out there' based on current scientific research and recent planet- search discoveries?

One of the world's preeminent astrophysicists, Carl Sagan, believed that "the interest in unidentified flying objects derives, perhaps, not so much from scientific curiosity as from unfulfilled religious needs."

No one could have foreseen the extent to which the idea of would pervade popular culture prior to the publication in 1897 of H.G. Wells War of the Worlds (see video below) and Kurd Lasswitz's On Two Planets =96both the vanguard of an enormous number of treatments of the alien theme in science fiction.

The modern UFO era and the birth of the extraterrestrial hypothesis began on June 24,1947, when Kenneth Arnold, flying his private plane near Mount Rainier in Washington, reported nine disk-shaped objects flying in formation at speeds he estimated to be over 1,000 miles per hour.

Arnold, a respected businessman and deputy U.S. marshal, was taken seriously and his description of the objects as flying "like a saucer if you skipped it across the water" led to newspapers to coin the term "flying saucer."

The alien hypothesis first officially emerged in 1948 with the Air Force's Project Sign, which concluded that UFOs were of extraterrestrial origin. The report was later declassified and burned by General Hoyt Vandenburg.

If UFOs exist, how do they traverse the universe? According to conventional wisdom, one can only travel through time in a linear fashion at no faster than the speed of light. At that rate, it would take millions of years to traverse the universe, and who has time for that? If there's a way to manipulate space and time curvatures, then we have all the time we need.

In sync with India's love-affair with UFOs, a recent editorial in a popular Indian news site, UFOs, singularity, time folding (and just about every other theory ever proposed) are a complete given. After all, one aspect of quantum physics is that in an alternate universe, anything could happen.

While several advanced theories do have some solid ideas to back them up, others seem a bit far-fetched=97even for those willing to

accept that there may be upwards of twenty-six dimensions, rather than the standard four. So what current theory is the most likely to someday satisfactorily explain the science of UFOs?

Though it may seem like pure fiction, it is commonly accepted that wormholes are possible within the framework of general relativity. Although folding space has yet to be documented, there continues to be a healthy debate in the scientific community about their possible existence. If they do exist, it would explain how something or someone could traverse huge distances very quickly. Stephen Hawking gave a lecture, which discussed the possibility of wormholes in folding space. The implications of human travel through these wormholes could result in 'short-cutting' through vast distances and even time itself.

According to this idea, one could even move faster than the speed of light. Professor Hawking puts it this way, "If you can travel from one side of the galaxy, to the other, in a week or two, you could go back through another wormhole, and arrive back before you set out."

While a bit unfathomable, a similar type of "time travel" has already been demonstrated. Scientists who studied passengers on space shuttles have found that, because of the shuttle's high speed, time moved more slowly for those on board.

So, what is a wormhole? Simply put, "masses that place pressure on different parts of the universe could eventually come together to form a tunnel." Wormholes are also referred to as "Einstein-Rosen bridges", and are related to Einstein's theory of special relativity, and the space-time continuum.

While scientists currently have no realistic method of finding a wormhole (nor proof that they even exist), there is no reason why they couldn't. In fact, their existence would certainly help make sense of some current paradoxes in the world of physics. While the answers aren't quite here yet, the questions are being asked. If wormholes are proven to exist, the possibilities will be literally endless.

[Lead from Stuart Miller @ <http://www.alienworldsmag.com>]

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Alien Images Appear On Wall In Western Canada

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Subject: Alien Images Appear On Wall In Western Canada

Source: NBC 10 - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA

<http://www.nbc10.com/slideshows/15663013/detail.html>

March 21, 2008

[Image & Video at site]

Alien Images Appear On Wall In Western Canada
Some believe images are just reflection from window

CALGARY, Alberta -- Some believe aliens have landed in western Canada after seeing strange reflections appear almost nightly on the wall of a Calgary home.

"I looked out and I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I've lost my mind,'" resident Karen Henuset said of the first time she saw the specters. "So I asked our nanny to come and take a look at this, and the hair on her arms just stood straight up."

It's as "clear as day. You see two eyes on each of them, they both have this little thing over their head. It's a little weird," said resident Reid Henuset.

A neighbor said he believes the image is a reflection off of a window. And it only happens every afternoon between 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The only sure way the image goes away -- clouds.

Although some adults may be skeptics, ask the neighborhood kids what they think and the answer is unanimous.

"There's aliens, real-life aliens on a wall," one unidentified girl said. "No one believes us."

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Hawking Speaks At CalTech

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www.events.caltech.edu/hawking

24 March 2008

Stephen Hawking

Out Of A Black Hole

Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 8:00 PM
Beckman Auditorium

Dr. Hawking will explain that black holes aren't as black as they are painted. Things can get out of a black hole to the outside and, possibly, on to another universe.

This talk by Professor Hawking is intended for a general audience.

Stephen Hawking holds the Lucasian Professorship at Cambridge University (the professorship once held by Sir Isaac Newton) and is the Sherman Fairchild Distinguished Scholar at Caltech. For the past 45 years he has been a world leader in research on black holes, the birth of the universe, and the nature of space, time, and gravity.

PLEASE NOTE: Admission is free, and no tickets are required. There will be at least 500 seats available to guests without tickets in Beckman Auditorium, and 370 overflow seats in Ramo Auditorium, on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the audio portion of Dr. Hawking's presentation will be broadcast outside Beckman Auditorium.

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Was It A UFO Above Corpus Christi Skies?

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Source: KIII-TV - Corpus Christi, Texas, USA

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/local/16972316.html>

March 25, 2008

Was It A UFO Above Corpus Christi Skies?

He doesn't want to be identified because he says he doesn't want to draw attention to himself.

What this man does want is to share what he saw.

"It got to the point to where it got a little closer and that's when I got a little bit more nervous," says the man who brought us this video, what he calls a UFO.

The active duty military man captured it on his cell phone.

The video may not seem intimidating but it certainly is different. The image looks like a white, glowing spot moving around. At first we were definitely skeptical.

Is it a UFO? It could have been anything.

But then, we went back and looked at the video captured by residents in Stephenville and look for yourself. There are some similarities.

Both objects move back and forth and from side to side in the same way

"It got to the point that it was close enough that one of my Chihuahuas saw it and he was trying to take care of me and just started to bark and when he started to bark that's when the light started to do that weird movement."

The man spotted this object Saturday night just outside his home on the corner of Holly and Everhart. He says it lingered in the skies for about 15 minutes.

"Were you scared?"

"Yes because I was by myself. I may be a dude but I ain't dumb. I don't know if it was instinct and not trying to be seen, maybe I've watched too many movies, i don't know."

Too many movies or not, this man wanted to share the video with us to see if anyone else also spotted this object in the sky.

He says he's shared it with family and some friends and they all say that's definitely not a plane, satellite or shooting star.

"Yeah it made me feel like I'm not nuts or maybe I wasn't the only one that saw it."

Was It A UFO Above Corpus Christi Skies?

So if you saw it shoot us an email to news.nul

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Re: Conference On Changing World Bible Predictions

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 25 Mar 2008 11:59:23 -0400
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Subject: Re: Conference On Changing World Bible Predictions

>Source: Christian News Wire - Washington, DC, USA

><http://christiannewswire.com/news/278706055.html>

>24 Mar 2008

>Tulsa Conference To Highlight Changing World & Bible Predictions

>TULSA, Oklahoma, March 24 /Christian Newswire/ -- Terry James,
>author of 18 books and frequently interviewed speaker on Bible
>prophecy, will serve as one of two moderators for the Question
>and Answer sessions during the 14th annual Tulsa International
>Prophecy Conference, April 2 - 4.

<snip>

>In the last year, Terry James, also considered a leading
>prophecy expert, has experienced a dramatic increase in
>invitations for interviews by media who are curious about the
>possibility of unfolding prophecy. He and his internet partner
>Todd Strandberg host the largest Bible Prophecy website on the
>web. Each month raptureready.com receives in excess of 10
>million hits, with visitors researching through more than 16
>thousand in-depth articles on topics revolving around prophecy
>and Biblical studies. The website has been featured on NBC, ABC,
>CBS, CNN, Fox News, the New York Times, L.A. times, Chicago
>Tribune, Time Magazine, and other media venues.

>James' latest book The Nephilim Imperatives, released January of
>this year, has been called "a well-researched, intensely
>intriguing novel on the subject of UFOs and how they fit within
>Bible prophecy." Most who study the UFO phenomenon agree that we
>are in the midst of what could be the largest UFO flap in
>history. Many will find The Nephilim Imperatives to be a handy
>tool for understanding this strange phenomenon within the
>Biblical context.

UFO novels seem to sell better than UFO fact books. Anyone read
this book to find out the level of accuracy regarding UFOs?

Perhaps the most popular internet topics are sex, religion and
UFOs.... not necessarily in that order. And, why not? They're
all tied together, one way or another.

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Co-Incidentally Or Not

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Subject: Co-Incidentally Or Not

Hello List,

In the intro to 'Best UFO documentary'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qns2W6CVpPw>

I noticed a quote saying (paraphrased) "The pressure for international secrecy on ET/UFOs is being applied mainly by the US & UK" and I think that'll ring a bell with most long-term observers, bearing in mind intermittent openings-up by France, Russia, China etc.

Co-incidentally or not, accidentally saw FBI boss Ted Gundersons opening speech "It's time you knew the Truth"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w6HcEbfIh00>

and some connected revealings of corruption - at

<http://tinyurl.com/yqf4r6> (two UK, others USA).

Those articles indicate that the two major centers of official corruption - of oppression, people trafficking, drug running, gun running & vice slavery (inc pedophile) networks - are the USA and the UK.

So, the two most corrupt seekers after power are also the most intent on putting off ET/UFO acknowledgment. This should give us cause for concern.

Final acknowledgment is only a matter of time - so what are they aiming to inflict or grab before that deadline?

Cheers
Ray D

BTW - as a UK citizen (and ex-Army) I stress we're not talking about the people of those countries - just the 'rulers'.

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Subject: Re: The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

>From: ufoupdates.nul
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:41 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

>Source: The Daily Galazy.Com - New York, New York, USA

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How silly to talk about traversing the universe.

Isn't the local neighborhood big enough with about 46 sun like stars within 55 light years? Better to talk about wormholes than local neighborhood travel and local visitors for which there is far more evi- dence that for wormholes.13 billion light years certainly sounds more impressive, though. Sign says saucers were real and it was declassified?? Fiction out rules fact all the time.

Stan Friedman

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Aztec's 60th Anniversary Symposium

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http://www.daily-times.com/ci_8686949?source=most_emailed

03/25/2008

Aztec Prepares For 60th Anniversary Of UFO Symposium Friday
By Debra Mayeux The Daily Times

AZTEC -- The tall tale has it that 60 years ago this month, a UFO crashed in Hart Canyon, north of Aztec. Supposedly there were charred alien bodies aboard the craft, which was knocked out of the sky by a radar beam.

The Aztec Library began telling this story 11 years ago to raise money for a new building. With the story came national attention and the start of an annual UFO symposium.

The Aztec UFO Symposium opens Friday with a speakers meet-and-greet dinner. It will continue Saturday with internationally known speakers and vendors at the Aztec Masonic Lodge, 1020 N. Aztec Blvd.

The symposium began humbly with the work of Leanne Hathcock, librarian, and Scott Ramsey, a UFO investigator from North Carolina. Ramsey became a patron and assisted in finding reputable speakers.

"We've always been blessed with really good speakers, but this year is really exceptional," Ramsey said.

Since first reading about the March 1948 crash in a book, Ramsey has requested sealed documents, interviewed witnesses and worked on his own manuscript with the help of his wife, Suzanne Ninos, formerly of Farmington. The couple will present recent findings on the crash at the symposium.

"I always come to give new updates on Aztec," he said.

One of those updates includes interviews with friends and relatives of the late Rev. Autrey Brown, of the Mancos Baptist Church. Ramsey recently was contacted by a couple who knew Brown and his story of contact with military personnel after the reported crash of a saucer in Aztec.

"He called his closest friends together and talked about the commotion on Hart Canyon Road. He said he saw the craft, the bodies, and he was there when the military swore them to secrecy," Ramsey said.

Ramsey receives e-mails each week and follows up on the leads.

He recently received 268 documents from the FBI. Those were papers he previously was told did not exist. "They withheld 123 documents in the interest of national security," Ramsey said.

Other speakers include internationally known ufologist Stanton Friedman; Jesse Marcel Jr., whose father was one of the military officers at the purported Roswell crash; Timothy Good, of England, speaking on military intelligence and UFOs; Ted Phillips, a top investigator of physical trace evidence around UFOs; James Carrion, director of the International Mutual UFO Network; Duane Tudahl, producer of the History Channel's "UFO Files"; and Ken Storch, a law enforcement officer.

"The reason (the symposium remains successful) is we stick to our guns and bring in qualified scientific speakers," Ramsey said.

Friedman is a member of the scientific community, a nuclear physicist by profession. He believes interstellar travel is possible at the speed of light and that it doesn't take as long as some scientists say. He argues that the scientific community allows the government to hide the truth about space flight, flying saucers and extraterrestrials.

This will be the topic of his lecture and new book, "Flying Saucers and Science," published by New Page Books.

"The book is sort of my magnum opus," Friedman said. "I take off on the SETI movement. I call it Silly Effort to Investigate."

He will talk about press coverage of UFO sightings and opinion polls surrounding UFOs and life on other planets, which Friedman insists exists. In classrooms and at lectures, Friedman said "typically 10 percent of people think they saw a UFO, but very few report them."

Friedman said he is not a "closet ufologist," and most people do take him seriously.

"I've had 11 hecklers in 700 lectures," he said.

The meet-and-greet dinner Friday is \$15 a person. Entrance to the two-day symposium is \$30 per person or \$20 for students and seniors. The police, military, firefighters and EMTs receive free admission.

Information: Aztec Public Library, (505) 334-7657 or on the Web at www.AztecUFO.com

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This is definitely the most frightening aspect of the UFO field.

I'm covering this in my new book and very early on in my UFO studies a word came up that explained it all. It was odd because my dictionary flew off a table and fell opened to this word. I took a hint and kept on keeping on.

We humans are natural saps. We'll fall for anything or anyone with enough glitz and glamour. It's our most fatal flaw. We see it in politics, religion, and most of all advertising. Show me pretty, make it sound pretty, and you've got yourself a sucker hook line and sinker.

Over the past few months I've had to stop listening to so many of my favorite paranormal shows because I realized I was being besieged by the unsubstantiated. Ninety percent of what I was listening to had no physical proof or a willful lack of initiative to go get some. It was the same stuff I'd been reading and listening to since I was a kid. There's just so long you can continue to write books about something you can't catch and we readers get bored. Believe me, my life has drastically improved. Nowadays if a fella shows up on a show with no additional solid data I shut the show off. It's bad enough having listened to the Republican Regime and it's lies the past 8 years and we can find most of them easily. Usually at some bath house looking for boys.

It's sort of like eating Air Soup. It may sound good, the ads look good, that jingle is a bouncy one but in the end there's nothing to sop because even the bread is invisible.

Some things remain hard to swallow the first time, but after a lifetime it's become a religion of the ridiculous.

Best,

Greg

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History's UFO Hunters

From: Kevin Randle <KRandle993.nul>
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Subject: History's UFO Hunters

Hello List, All -

So I've seen some of this History Channel (or as it is now known History) UFO Hunters and I have to ask, "Where did they get these guys?"

First, I saw a segment on the Maury Island Hoax (and no, I don't want to launch a discussion into the merits of the case) but rather comment on one of the UFO Hunters going to the library to look at microfilms of the June 1947 newspapers. He seemed to be surprised that there were so many articles about UFOs in those newspapers. Is there anyone on this List who would have been surprised to find lots of UFO, or rather flying disk and flying saucer stories in the newspapers of late June or early July 1947?

This strikes me as meaning that the UFO hunters know nothing of the UFO situation or that they are playing to the camera and creating drama. Either way, this is not an image that I think we need to show.

Worse, I watched them pontificating on another segment about the standard UFO message that science has been wrong often and that pioneers in their fields are often ridiculed by those who are less enlightened and not nearly as bright. One of the UFO hunters tells us how science ignored and scoffed at Louis Goddard...

Louis Goddard? I have no idea who that is. I know that Robert Goddard is considered the father of modern rocketry and that those credited with moving us toward the moon have often given credit to the work of Robert Goddard. I know that he conducted some of his experiments in Roswell, and I don't think he was belittled during those experiments. I think that there were few who understood the importance of what he was doing but that's really not the same thing.

Sure, I know that these aren't major points, and there are probably few out there who will notice (excluding the company here, of course) but couldn't they find some one who would present a more professional image... I mean it's just like the news media coming to Iowa and then only wanting to interview people wearing bib overalls and then are upset when all they can find are people who don't fit the stereotype.

Anyway, just thought I'd mention this.

KRandle

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Greg,

I presume you are referring to the nonsense from Noisy
Negativists, naysaying newsmen, and SETI cultists who have for
years been brainwashing us thinking people with their bowls of
air soup?

Stan Friedman

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>>>Is the world's fascination with the possibility of UFOs and more
>>>a religion or a natural intuitive sense that life is 'out there'
>>>based on current scientific research and recent planet- search
>>>discoveries?

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>>>believed that "the interest in unidentified flying objects
>>>derives, perhaps, not so much from scientific curiosity as from
>>>unfulfilled religious needs."

>>This is definitely the most frightening aspect of the UFO field.

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>>It's sort of like eating Air Soup. It may sound good, the ads
>>look good, that jingle is a bouncy one but in the end there's
>>nothing to sop because even the bread is invisible.

>>Some things remain hard to swallow the first time, but after a
>>lifetime it's become a religion of the ridiculous.

>Greg,

>I presume you are referring to the nonsense from Noisy
>Negativists, naysaying newsmen, and SETI cultists who have for
>years been brainwashing us thinking people with their bowls of
>air soup?

>Stan Friedman

Mr. Friedman, all those guys you mentioned remind me of the old
comic book villains "The Legion Of Doom". It's like they have a
secret headquarters where they plan evil deeds like world
domination and sending out Nigerian money making email spam.

I'm primarily talking about the endless paranormal stories that
just don't lead to anywhere. It's the same hash all over again
on a different colored plate. Even worse is the religious
message attachments like those from contactees who claim the

"Space Brothers" have given them a message.

One would think an advanced alien race would know how to use a phone or visit a television station or newspaper office. Actually I should talk as I've had three close encounters at a newspaper office but I don't have a message from the "Space Brothers".

Since the UFO phenom arose, we now have cults and religions that just know for a fact what our alien visitors want. Usually for a hefty price at a book store and now CDs and DVDs. Can't help but market that special message from beyond. Makes me think of that this sector of the galaxy is full of marketing and advertising experts selling space snake oil like on those old episodes of "Lost In Space".

As I've grown older the number of bona fide eye witnesses who could disclose this issue has grown to such a number that I have to stop and start counting. Like many of the noted researchers on this list there are things you can't say or you'd end up in court or worse. It's very frustrating that one could end this debate with one name but can't in order to protect the life of that name. It almost came to pass with the Stephenville UFO story! A new contact came forward and he was a skeptic, a career military man, but when I showed him the story he went to his resources, came back and apologized and did some confirming on his own what was seen and more. He's now a new UFOlogist and man can he work!

Sometimes things go in our favor and I'd say the bulk of evidence is so overwhelming it's not even debatable but until we put something solid on the table we'll have these servings of air soup with side orders of snake oil salad.

Best,

Greg

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Re: The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 09:15:38 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 27 Mar 2008 07:02:37 -0400
Subject: Re: The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?

>Source: The Daily Galazy.Com - New York, New York, USA

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

>March 20, 2008

>The UFO Phenomena - Religion or Science?
>Posted by Rebecca Sato and Casey Kazan

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>One of the world's preeminent astrophysicists, Carl Sagan,
>believed that "the interest in unidentified flying objects
>derives, perhaps, not so much from scientific curiosity as from
>unfulfilled religious needs."

"Preeminent astrophysicist" my behind. Sagan was a dullard who prostituted himself to uttering nothing hardly more than his "billions and billions of stars" crap, standing back for effect and following up with rubbish. Like Teller he was promoted because he was dependable as a front for the establishment in its denials and that he had nothing more to say of import anyway.

Both of you should stand back and see how he's taking a slam at everything both of you have demonstrated a tenable degree of belief yourself in, i.e., UFO reality. Not religion, reality.

To let a liar like Sagan typify these concerns into a deceitful reduction like this is absurd and does you no service.

JCH

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D/L Links For French Documentary

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 26 Mar 2008 18:48:09 +0100
Archived: Thu, 27 Mar 2008 07:12:47 -0400
Subject: D/L Links For French Documentary

Dear Colleagues,

I have uploaded, for research purposes, the recent French UFO documentary *When The Army Investigates*, (Ovnis: quand l'armee enquete) that was broadcast on France's Canal Plus.

A few days ago, French researcher Gildas Bourdais sent a description of the show. He stated that documentary "lasts more than one hour, and has been broadcast ten times during about two weeks, starting on Monday March 17."

Gildas adds that documentary is based on "international investigation, with interviews mainly of military people" from "France USA, Peru, Chile" and other countries.

The direct download links for the documentary are below. I have converted documentary to AVI format. It is split in 5 parts.

When The Army Investigates

Part 1

<http://tinyurl.com/347vku>

Part 2

<http://tinyurl.com/2nsl2j>

Part 3

<http://tinyurl.com/2sgr6g>

Part 4

<http://tinyurl.com/2sm9oa>

Part 5

<http://tinyurl.com/2mnb9s>

Also the official introduction of Canal Plus is available here:

<http://www.canalplus.fr/index.php?pid=3D2405>

Translated with Google translate:

UFOs: When The Army Investigates

Presented by Emilie Raffoul and Stephane Haumont.
UFO: When The Army Investigates, a film by Patrice de Mazery and Michel Despratx. Production: TV Press.

The subject is smiling? It is the most serious. The interest of

the army for these phenomena aerospace non indentifi=E9s is evidence of this. Therefore CANAL + brought together two investigative journalists scope, Patrice de Mazery and Michel Despratx, who have done a lot of work doubly harsh given the stakes.

Thanks to Bernard Thouanel for initial lead and to A. J. Gevaerd for the FTP space...

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Experimental (UK) Hansard Site

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 27 Mar 2008 03:05:43 +0000
Archived: Thu, 27 Mar 2008 07:18:03 -0400
Subject: Experimental (UK) Hansard Site

Some of you will be aware how frustrating it is that only relatively recent Hansard records are available at the main sites,

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmhansrd.htm>

and:

http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld/lords_hansard_by_date.htm

There is now an experimental site which allows access to at least some of the older issues of Hansard. A search for 'Unidentified Flying Objects' yields some interesting hits at:

<http://hansard.millbanksystems.com/search?query=Unidentified+Flying+Object>

Note that there are disclaimers on the completeness and accuracy of the output.

Joe

[Hansard - the official record of the proceedings of the British Houses of Parliament --ebk]

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Japanese Ufologist?

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 10:50:26 +0100 (CET)
Archived: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 07:32:09 -0400
Subject: Japanese Ufologist?

Hello,

I need to contact any ufologist from Japan with knowledge about or contacts with some members of the old CBA organization and his leader Yusuke Matsumura.

Please write directly to my email address, not to this List.

Thank you and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
ballesterolmos.nul

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South Texas UFO Stories

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 07:40:37 -0400
Archived: Fri, 28 Mar 2008 07:40:37 -0400
Subject: South Texas UFO Stories

Source: KIII-TV - Corpus Christi, Texas, USA

<http://www.kiiitv.com/news/local/17050766.html>

March 27, 2008

[Cellphone UFO picture]

South Texas UFO Stories

Emails from viewers who saw our story on the UFO above Holly and Everhart on Saturday night, March 22.

These are emails from our viewers regarding their own recent experience with UFO sightings:

March 25, 2008

I feel silly for telling this, but I don't feel like I am justifying what happened till it is told. My name is Sxxxx I reside in Beeville Texas. This Morning at about 5:20 in the morning I heard a sound of a huge body being thrown at my back glass door.

Now I live in a small neighborhood of eight residents and have a fenced in back yard. I also heard my 9 month old chocolate lab whimper like it had been hit by a car (she is an outside dog). My husband woke up and thought the dog was going crazy. I quickly told him to go to sleep and that it was probably just the dog trying to catch bugs at night.

Then, a few minutes later, I heard this sound again, and quickly ran to the back door to see what had happened, and again the dog was crying like someone was beating her up.

So, lights off inside and out, I peered outside to see what was happening, and saw her get up, shake it off, and run out into the middle of the yard and full force turn and run and take a flying leap at the door and throw her whole body into the door. It was almost like she was trying to knowingly break the glass.

Outraged, I quickly turned on the outside light, and saw her "shaking it off and crying again." When she noticed the light had been turned on, she quickly got up and was shaking from head to toe. As I was looking at the most frightened dog I had ever seen she just started peeing all over herself. Telling her to go lay down and alarmed, I ran to get the mag light from my bedroom because my neighbors dog who normally runs free started a curdling howling alarm sound of a bark.

My husband, as freaked out as I, quickly told me not to go outside because we didn't know if someone was out there or not. So, agreeing out of lack of bravery, I rushed to the window that overlooks my front yard hoping to see a stray dog or something. As I was looking, I noticed my dog and the neighbors dog were

not the only ones howling and acting crazy.

I heard at least 10 dogs howling and yipping like someone was walking down the street or something. As I am looking out I catch a white light out of the corner of my eye fall from the tree and land in the road.

Quickly diverting my attention to the ball of light, I noticed what looked like a bit of an asteroid laying in the road. It was small like the size of a little saucer but lit up and flashing. It had a light lavender and light green glow to it, and after 10 minutes of staring at this in wonder, I realized this looked just like a star had fallen from the sky.

After about 10 minutes an oncoming SUV's headlights overwhelmed the glow, and after the SUV had passed, I could see it no longer. Spooked out of my wits I started to look for a stranger or stray dog (yes dogs are still going nuts) and much to my surprise, there was another strange ball of light on my neighbors car. It also flashed like light bulb burning out. It looked more white than the other one, and after about 10 minutes also disappeared.

I stepped away to take in what had happened, and come up with excused for all this weirdness. I don't know, maybe some sort of meteorite, or my father even said it could have been a beer can catching reflection off of the moon.

The dogs seemed to continue to act weird and bark till about seven O'clock when the neighbors started to stir. I know this sounds weird, and cannot explain any bit. But maybe someone else might report the same thing, and it will be credible.

I also had told my story to some friends today and my dad, and the friends said the coyotes were going nuts at 5 am and my dad said his dog was also barking tremendously at the same time.

This could all be just coincidence or bad timing, or what ever it was, we will be looking for something similar tonight. The only thing that kept playing in my head the entire time I was creeping around the house trying to figure out who was here was the movie signs. Well, I feel better.

And, maybe this story will be something others have said. I did not see your UFO news story until 20 minutes ago, when I was explaining what happened to my mother on the phone, and thought you all might like to hear this story.

Thank you for listening. Sxxxxx, Beeville TX

My friend took these pictures on the way back to C.C. from his work in Kingsville. He was traveling on Hwy 55 when he noticed these lights in front of him. He took 4 pictures with his I phone as he was driving. He tried to get closer to the objects but he could never come close. The crazy thing is that these photos were taken on Valentines day. He showed them to a couple of co-workes but they all laughed at him. He was hesitant to even have me e-mail them.

March 25, 2008

I believe I might of saw what everyone believes is a UFO.

What I saw was around dusk and it was heading on a south to north heading. At first I thought it was an aircraft, but it downed on me that the heading and distance it was on could not be because you can not see the landing lights at that heading nor did I see at any time position lights or anti-collision lights giving a sign that it was an aircraft. (I am an aircraft maint. engineer for an aircraft company.)

So I finally realized that it is one of the many satellites that fly over head every evening and night. And if you are lucky you might even get to see the space shuttle, which some people have. (the suns reflection off of it).Believe it or not, sometimes the sun light,humidity, heat from the earth and the air temp. is just right and you can see them during the daylight hrs.

For many years I have watched them fly over head & and they are very punctual,you can even set your watch to them. At times you will see them on a south to north or west to east heading do to their flight path around the earth. Also some of the satellites are stationary and they will fade in and out do to the sun light reflecting and giving a allusion.

They can fool just about anyone. Sometimes they have fooled even me.I have tried to take pictures of them to and you can not get a steady picture. It gives an allusion that it is changing shape and moving in all directions.

March 26, 2008

Dear whom it may concern,

I would like to stay anonymous if possible. Back in December of 2007 I took some pics outdoors at night where I live here in Robstown.

I thought that I was taking pictures of Mars near the moon. When I cropped and zoomed in the pictures on my Picasa II program on my pc I noticed something strange. The pics that I took of "Mars" looked very triangular, an amber, diamond-shaped object almost.

I have attached the photos to this e-mail. You are welcome to e-mail me back about this if you would like. Photos 5,6,& 7 are the best photos of all.

Also, I notice strange lights near the airport off of 44 sometimes. My first instinct is to dismiss them as planes or helicopters. One time I saw a triangular, black, spinning object at dusk look like it was landing but then shot up into the air again over by the airport landing strip. It then shot off over the highway and towards the refineries to the north.

Finally, I have seen strange objects during the day near the naval air station and also over here in Robstown. They are usually silver, cigar-shaped objects that move a lot like the UFOs on your video moved. The ones that I saw near NAS were hovering over Oso Bay opposite the base. They each dropped something half-of their size into the water below. I sometimes think that only certain people are aloud to see these things happen. I guess if everyone saw them at once there would be mass hysteria.

Thanks for taking the time to read my e-mail.

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NUFORC & Atlas Missile Site No. 6

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Subject: NUFORC & Atlas Missile Site No. 6

Source: The Los Angeles Times - California

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

March 28, 2008

Photo gallery: <http://tinyurl.com/2mqfzc>

Peter Davenport runs the National UFO Reporting Center from an abandoned missile complex in Washington state. He is passionate that there is something out there.

Seeking UFOs Deep Underground
By Tomas Alex Tizon, Los Angeles Times Staff Writer
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Harrington, Wash. -- "That door", he says with dramatic pause. "That door weighs 4,000 pounds. It's been reinforced to withstand a nuclear blast".

Peter Davenport has a radio voice, the kind of exaggerated baritone that cuts through walls and most doors, but not this one. This is solid steel and a foot thick.

It is Davenport's door, which opens into a tunnel leading below ground to what was once a nuclear missile complex here in the desert of eastern Washington.

The Air Force decommissioned the site in the mid-1960s and it sat empty for most of the time since.

Davenport, longtime director of the National UFO Reporting Center, a non-profit clearinghouse and 24-hour hotline for UFO sightings, bought it for \$100,000 two years ago to turn into his new headquarters.

Why does a man buy an old windowless missile complex deep underground, only to spend his days tracking unidentified objects flying through the sky?

Davenport doesn't have an answer. Furthermore, he doesn't need one. As a full-time UFO investigator and possessor of one of the world's most comprehensive, though unofficial, UFO databases, his life already runs counter to convention.

The center, in continuous operation since 1970, is known worldwide among those interested in UFOs: scientists as well as people surfing the Web. The hotline is posted on various UFO websites, and calls - as many as 20,000 in a year - come from people who believe they've seen or experienced something beyond the ordinary, potentially involving extraterrestrials.

If the case seems compelling and is a short flight away, Davenport will investigate in person. He takes written reports, records testimony and consults experts in specialty areas.

Davenport, 60, is a passionate, cerebral man with a haughty disdain for the media.

"I do not countenance fools", he had said earlier that day, almost as a warning. "The work of studying UFOs is of immense consequence to every living thing on this planet. If I sense you are wasting my time, I will be blunt".

His life revolves around a question, namely: "Are we alone in the universe or are we not?" He believes there are clues behind the monstrous door that he now faces.

He picks up a shovel. He has not been to his missile site in weeks, and 3 feet of snow blocks the doorway. He breaks up chunks and shovels them to the side.

It is 34 degrees on a late March afternoon, the sun just beginning to set over this patch of land 50 miles west of Spokane. Not a single house can be seen - only snow and mounds of barren terrain and the occasional frozen tumbleweed like rolled-up cobwebs in the distance.

A wrenching sound breaks the silence. Davenport has pried open the door. He tilts his head, then squeezes through sideways before disappearing into darkness.

"He's not the normal guy on the street, but crazy? No. He's not crazy", Robert B. Frost says of Davenport, whom he's known for most of the last two decades. The former chief engineer for Boeing's portion of the B-2 bomber project, Frost met Davenport, a fellow techie, in Seattle.

"The guy's brilliant", Frost says. "Personally, I think he's going to prevail on this thing".

By that, Frost means time will prove Davenport correct on his hunch that UFOs represent a real phenomenon.

Although mainstream science tends to dismiss the subject, along with Bigfoot and the Loch Ness monster, a number of prominent scientists and much of the public - as many as 60%, according to polls - believe UFOs exist and should be studied. As a corollary, a large number of astronomers believe life in other parts of the universe is not only possible but likely.

Among the famous, former President Carter, anthropologist Margaret Mead, psychiatrist Carl Jung and astronaut Gordon Cooper reported seeing a UFO or proclaimed a belief in UFOs as representing visitations from extraterrestrials.

Last fall, Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich, at the time running for the Democratic presidential nomination, made headlines by admitting he had seen, in the 1980s, a strange "triangular craft" hovering above a rural area of Washington state.

In a way, Davenport's destiny was sealed, by his own reckoning, at age 6. In 1954, while sitting in a car with his mother and brother at a drive-in theater in St. Louis, he looked out the window and, there in the sky, a bright red disc hovered then - whoosh - disappeared into the horizon.

"If there was a seminal moment", Davenport had said earlier. "That would be it".

He read and eventually wrote widely on the subject as a sideline to his education, which included earning degrees in biology and Russian at Stanford University and graduate degrees in genetics and the biochemistry of fish at the University of Washington. He became founding president of a Seattle-area biotechnology company, BioSyn Inc., and nine years later, in 1994, sold his stock and made a small fortune.

That same year, he got a phone call from Robert Gribble, a retired firefighter in Seattle, who for two decades had acted as a one-man clearinghouse for UFO information and operator of a 24/7 national UFO hotline (206-722-3000).

Gribble wanted to pass the torch. Davenport accepted and has been director of the National UFO Reporting Center since, keeping the same hotline and funding the operation out of his

own pocket. Costs can range from \$500 to \$5,000 a month, depending on travel.

Davenport has few other expenses. He never married, never had kids. He drove old cars. For a dozen years he ran the center out of a rented home near Seattle's University District. Then he got the notion that he wanted his own missile site.

"There was an allure to the idea", he says he told friends. Davenport, who had long been interested in aircraft and rocketry, had heard of missile silos for sale in eastern Washington.

One in particular was going for a bargain price: Atlas Missile Site No. 6, in which the previous owner had killed and dismembered a visitor. Long-haul truck driver Ralph Benson was convicted of murder in 2004 and was suspected in at least one other murder when he died in prison two years later. Davenport bought the site from Benson's sons.

"I don't know about the kind of people who buy these things", Davenport says, his voice trailing off in the darkness. He leaves the steel door propped open, and fumbles for lights.

A series of clicks, and the room turns pale yellow. He stands in an entryway, all concrete and steel, and dank like a cave. On each side is a tunnel.

He takes the tunnel to the right, clomps down a metal tube about 50 yards long. It is large enough for him to walk through without bending. The tube leads to a cave about the size of a basketball court. Piles of debris can be seen in the semi-darkness.

"Launch control room", he says with his radio voice.

Davenport offers up specs (corroborated by military documents): The ceilings are 16 feet high, the walls 18 inches thick. The complex, made of 3 million tons of concrete, can withstand a blast 50 times the power of the Hiroshima bomb at a distance of 1.6 miles.

He returns to the vestibule and enters the other tunnel, similarly constructed, which opens into another cavernous space: the missile room.

The complex was known as a "coffin launcher". This is where the Atlas missile rested flat. Above, the ceiling was a sliding metal door, which opened as hydraulics raised the rocket for launching.

Toward the back of the missile room, shrouded in darkness, sits Davenport's life work: a collection of tens of thousands of reports on UFO sightings from all over the world. He has files from long before the television show The X-Files brought the paranormal to prime time.

The information is meticulously labeled and filed in a long row of mismatched metal file cabinets. They form the shape of a miniature city skyline.

The plan was to live and work in here. But the site needed more work than expected. The place leaks. The ventilation isn't good, and there's a little bat problem.

For now, the center's phone and answering machine will stay at Davenport's Harrington apartment, a few miles away, until Missile Site No. 6 is fixed up. Davenport is doing most of the fixing up himself.

Shadows flicker as he shines his flashlight around. He walks to the nearest cabinet, opens a drawer and randomly pulls out a thick sheaf of files. Call logs. A file for every month. A sampling of entries:

Jan 6, 1995. 0:15. Warm Beach, WA. Two women observe a strange "rope of light", with a bright sphere attached.

Jan 6, 1995. 17:30. Glendo, WY. Mother and son witness large glowing craft maneuver into cloud. Pursued by mil. aircraft.

Jan. 7, 1995. 5:00. Makapuu Point, HI. Man and wife observe bizarre hump-backed triangular object over sea. Opaque windows.

Davenport says that of the vast majority of UFO sightings, up to 90% are explainable: weather balloons, military aircraft, satellites and the like. Many more prove to be hoaxes.

But then there's the tiny percentage, maybe only a handful each year, where something was definitely seen - often by multiple reliable sources - and that defy explanation.

He believes that clues lie buried in these hill-sized mounds of paper that he has meticulously cataloged, if only the government or a university would do the research.

"I'm willing to share data", he says. "I'm willing to throw all of it to anyone who wants to know".

There have been few takers.

Someday, he says, a UFO event could take place that would prove irrefutable, and then people would be forced to make a leap in consciousness as big as stone-agers into cyberspace. If that happens, the files in this underground castle could take on new significance. Or not.

Either scenario comes with a burden. Arthur C. Clarke, author of the classic novel "2001: A Space Odyssey", who died this month in Sri Lanka, once said: "Either we are alone in the universe or we are not. Both are equally terrifying".

Davenport slams the drawer shut. He sighs.

Outside, the sun has set and the evening sky has darkened enough for celestial bodies to become visible. The constellation Orion appears in the southern sky, and Mars twinkles too.

"Not many people would waste their lives pursuing such an elusive subject", Davenport says on the drive home. His car is an 18-year-old gray Crown Victoria with a quarter-million miles. The windshield is cracked. "Sometimes I don't know why I do it".

Then he remembers Elger Berg of Seattle.

Berg was a carpenter and mechanic. He had waited 64 years to tell the story of something he had seen outside a small village in Alaska when he was a young man: a cigar-shaped craft with blue-green lights that flew over his head and disappeared into the mountains.

After hearing Davenport on the radio, Berg sought him out to tell him about the UFO. Four months later, in early 2001, Berg died at age 84.

His story, which Davenport captured on cassette, is the only record of the incident. If someone, anyone, ever wants to look into it for whatever reason, the tape and accompanying notes await in a safe place, in a city of file cabinets, under the desert.

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According to Hollywood, Earth is surely one of the galaxy's "top places to visit before you die." Cinema aliens come here often enough that the State Department should probably set up passport control.

Of course, that's fiction. But in the last hundred years, Homo sapiens has been flamboyantly belching clues into space that could alert technically savvy extraterrestrials of our presence. Radar and television, odd chemical compounds in the atmosphere, and even the occasional spacecraft sent beyond the heliopause are all messages in bottles that could conceivably wash up on the shores of ET's planet.

When I point this out in talks, a frequent reaction is "Won't they come here and kill us?" I offer this response as proof of the general optimism of 21st century humankind.

Nonetheless, maybe this dystopian view is worth considering. Would the extraterrestrials come here =97 if not to kill us =97 then to take our resources or compromise our virtue?

The answer, of course, falls within the discipline of alien sociology =97 a field in which the data are, shall we say, sparse. Indeed, since we have no idea what the mores or motivations of extraterrestrials might be, you might conclude that, really, there's nothing we can say about whether the aliens would come here or not.

But there's an alternative to this "know-nothing" approach. Let's consider what might conceivably encourage visits by those who've learned that humans are strutting and fretting upon Earth's stage. After all, we've unraveled a few things about astronomy and physics, if not much about alien comportment.

Taking our cue from Tinseltown, I note that most cineplex sentiments come to Earth either to solve some sort of ugly reproductive crisis or simply to take over the planet. The former doesn't make any sense whatsoever. You can't breed with creatures at the zoo, despite the fact that most of the base pairs in the inmates' DNA are identical to yours (note that this is a biological incompatibility, and not just zoo regulations). The aliens, needless to say, will have a different biochemistry,

and probably no DNA at all. Forget, if you can, the breeding experiments.

Taking over the planet would only make sense if there were something really special about our world. The best guess of the exoplanet specialists is that the number of Earth-size planets in our galaxy exceeds tens of billions. That doesn't sound like our hunk of real estate is terribly privileged.

They won't come here to mine our minerals, either. The entire universe is built of the same stuff, and while the solar system has a higher percentage of heavy elements than found in many stellar realms, it turns out that this is precisely the condition that seems to foster planet formation. In other words, ET's own solar system will be similarly blessed with these useful materials. So why would they come here and incur multi-light-year transport charges?

Colonization? A hunt for additional living space? If the former is something aliens do, then they won't wait to hear from us before doing it. The British, after all, didn't begin their colonization of Australia because they had intercepted some aboriginal communications.

As for getting a bit of lebensraum, well, planets are not great new habitat, because they're spheres. They're cursed with the minimum surface area for their mass. As pointed out three decades ago by Gerry O'Neill, it's both more efficient and enormously cheaper to build artificial habitats in your home star system.

OK, you argue, but Earth is more than just a handy source of gold or molybdenum, more than merely random cosmic acreage aching to be invaded and subdued. It's an exceptional habitat for life. Water, oceans ... it's so gosh-darn good, it's positively rare. The aliens will find our world lovable because it's livable.

Well, that doesn't pass the smell test, either. If the type of world that can support life is rare, then you don't have to worry about nearby extraterrestrials. There won't be any.

Other suggestions about why they might visit include forestalling competition in the Milky Way marketplace, proselytizing, or just learning more about us. It's not clear that any of these goals requires "killing us," of course, but the logic is wobbly anyway. Any beings that actually could come here will be far beyond us in technological accomplishment. Imagine if you could visit the Neanderthals. Would you worry about commercial competition? Would you give them bibles? Remember: these are (nearly) the same species as you are. The aliens won't be. I dare say you wouldn't try convincing porpoises to join your church.

Then again, there's that last point: they just want to learn more about us. Well, perhaps so. Maybe that's really what's interesting about Homo sapiens. Not grabbing our habitat, saving our souls (or our environment), or subverting our industrial output =97 but assaying our culture. I'm willing to consider that even very advanced beings might find our culture mildly worthy of study.

Keep in mind that if they're near enough to find us, that implies that there are many, many galactic societies (otherwise the distances between any two of them will be enormous). If there are lots of them, then we're just another entry in a big book. Once again, not all that special. Kind of like another weird fish found in the Atlantic. I don't expect mammoth expeditions to be sent our way.

But in any case, if they do pick up our TV signals =97 or even bother to get in touch =97 then they can study our society from home. It's a lot cheaper and a lot faster than bridging the light-years.

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By Sean Plambeck

A farmer in the Australian outback is on a mission to identify a strange ball of twisted metal - purported to be fallen space junk - which mysteriously turned up on his remote property.

James Stirton of Cheepie, 80 miles from the town of Charleville in southwestern Queensland, was heading out to feed cattle on his 100,000-acre ranch when he came upon the bizarre-looking blackened ball.

"It was just off the road and I had been going up there every couple of days to feed cattle, so I would be surprised if it had been there more than a week," Stirton said. "We got a shock when we first saw it. I had no idea what it was."

Suspecting it was a piece of space junk, Stirton contacted the Aerospace Corporation - a research arm of the U.S. government - to get some sort of confirmation.

"I know about sheep and cattle, but I don't know much about satellites," he said.

While a spokesman for Aerospace Corp. told NEWS.com.au it was still working to identify the object, aerospace-industry sources who contacted Stirton believe it to be part of a rocket launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in 1998.

Investigation

Although he made the discovery in November of last year, Stirton waited until Easter to launch his own proper investigation into the object's origin.

"I talked to some people in Charleville and got on the Internet and kind of figured it out for myself," Stirton said.

He now believes the object is a helium tank wrapped in carbon fiber from a booster rocket used to launch communications satellites.

Stirton said the ball appears to have landed partially on a tree stump, making a crater a few inches deep before rolling about 15 feet to its resting spot.

"If it hit you, you wouldn't have gotten up," he said. "We don't get many visitors here, but anyone who has seen it has either wanted to touch it or has stood back afraid that someone was going to jump out of it."

About 200 pieces of space junk - parts of satellites and jettisoned rockets - re-enter the atmosphere each year.

Most of them disintegrate, but some pieces survive the enormous heat generated on re-entry and make it to the ground.

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The chances of being struck by space junk are one in a trillion, and the only person ever reportedly struck described it as feeling like a gentle tap on her shoulder.

Yet Kerrie Dougherty, the space-technology curator at Sydney's Powerhouse Museum, said the objects could slam into the Earth at hundreds of miles an hour.

"It's not that uncommon to find something like this, particularly in that part of southwest Queensland, because there is a very large area of ground for these objects to fall on," she said. "They're not falling out there every day, but there are a few reports of people finding stuff each year."

Dougherty said most rockets were launched over desolate areas or oceans to avoid parts falling on people, and modern satellites were equipped with the ability to maneuver and fall back to earth over unpopulated areas.

As for Stirton, he doesn't seem sure what to do with his piece.

"Everybody keeps telling me that it's probably worth a lot of money," he said, "but no one's offered me anything for it yet."

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Errol,

I hope you will indulge me.

Anyone familiar with air search and rescue including me [I was involved in both searches and training for about 10 years] can tell you that it doesn't matter what country a plane crashes in; if there are large tracts of forest, jungle, mountains, rivers and lakes or even grassy savanahs in which they can crash- and if there is no ELT signal activated it is damned hard to find them from the air or on the ground. Much is made about emergency locator transmitters [ELTs] but the sad fact of the matter is that in about 55 percent of the cases they do not trigger. Airliners are easier to spot because they are big and leave lots of ground and tree trauma and are being tracked by air traffic control/radar, usually up until they crash.

Nigeria is forested in its southern regions [about 1/4 of the land mass] and mountainous with carpeting trees to some altitudes in the remainder. That is tough terrain to search.

Spotting a King Air 1900 [it's not that big -45 foot wingspan and 44.5 foot length... i.e. a Cessna 172 has a 36 foot wingspan] from the air is difficult if it crashes in among the trees or into a draw, ravine or canyon. It is amazing how they can hide themselves particularly if they impact tall trees and then dive into the ground nose first. That leaves a very small cross section to see from the air from a plane flying low and travelling at between 85 miles per hour and 225 mph [Herc].

Height and speeds are critical for air searches.

Planes don't always catch fire when they hit. Often when they do it is a fireball that quickly dies away leaving little evidence over anything but an immediate and localized area of its presence. Treetop trauma, glinting metal, out of place colors in among trees or the other nooks and crannies are what might give it away.

It is better to use helicopters and light aircraft at low levels to look for crash sites than larger aircraft from high altitudes and even then it needs to be a disciplined search in a small area using tracklines in a designated square. And this location should have been determined by information about the aircraft's initial flight path.

Anyway the whole premise for the this reporter's story is nonsense. There is no need for the searchers in Nigeria to make excuses because they can't find the plane. It might be found tomorrow or 50 years from now. Happens all of the time. See just one example below my name but the history of flight is peppered with thousands of reports of missing aircraft.

This one occurred in near Lebanon, New Hampshire in 1994. The Lear Jet was only 6 miles from the airport and inbound when it vanished. It still hasn't been located as of March 2008.

Lear Jet And Pilots Are Still Missing

U.S. Air Force, Army National Guard and over 200 volunteer searchers have been unable to locate the Lear jet which vanished over the upper Connecticut River valley at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, December 24.

Missing are Johan Schwartz, 31, of Westport, Connecticut and Pat Hayes, 30, of Clinton, Conn. The men took off in a Lear jet from Sikorsky Airport in Bridgeport, Conn. to pick up four passengers in Lebanon, New Hampshire.

Because of persistent rain and fog, Schwartz and Hayes aborted their first approach into Lebanon and circled the field for a second try. As they began to circle, the Lebanon tower first lost voice contact and then radar contact with the Lear jet.

Ground searchers climbed nearby Moose Mountain but found no trace of the missing plane.

Aerial search has been hampered by persistent fog and rain in the Upper Valley.

On Friday, December 27, two low-flying U.S. Air Force jets retraced the flight's route from Bridgeport, Conn. to Lebanon, N.H. but found nothing.

On Saturday, December 28, divers checked a lake near Salisbury, N.H. but found no traces of the missing jet.

On Sunday, December 29, Major James Finkle grounded the New York Air National Guard search helicopter when falling temperatures threatened to ice over the aircraft's rotor blades.

Dr. Paul Schwartz, father of one of the pilots, has asked Governor Howard Dean of Vermont to conduct a comprehensive search of the area north of White River Junction.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1997, about 150 volunteer searchers, including two dozen friends and family members of the missing men, took to the woods. Governor Steve Merrill of New Hampshire pledged that the search would continue through the weekend.

Three helicopters are now engaged in the air search. Vermont State Police and emergency management officials plan to coordinate their efforts with New Hampshire's.

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<snip>

Dear All,

A mysterious ball like was also found in Brazil this week,
in Goias State.

Probably this ball is Space Junk.

Brazilian Air Force people are still analysing the ball here in
Brazil.

You can see the Brazil ball pictures here:

<http://tinyurl.com/2uuwr6>

and here:

<http://tinyurl.com/363tf7>

All the best,

Milton Frank

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More Sightings Of Grantham UFO

Friday, 3.30pm - A UFO seen repeatedly in the Great Gonerby area may also have been spotted in Ontario, Canada.

Dave P got in touch to say he saw a flying object on Tuesday night, and felt inspired to get in touch after reading about sightings in the Grantham area.

He said: "Last night my mom and I were about to drive out of the parking lot when I looked up and saw a white light just floating across the sky.

"It went across for a bit then just dimmed out. It was strange but cool.

"Also near it was an airplane, which often fly over my apartment, so I highly doubt it was a plane or helicopter.

"Not sure if it was a UFO but it sure was different!"

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Viral Marketing

Mysterious New UFO Pics Probably From X-Files

A set of photographs depicting a beautiful, steampunk-looking UFO hovering over a small Northern California town are most likely from an X-Files viral marketing campaign.

These images have zoomed across the web at lightspeed.

Some of the first shots that made it onto the net last year showed this ship, pictured, which looks like something out of The Golden Compass.

Just recently an anonymous person claiming to be with a "secret project" related to extraterrestrials released schematics of the ship online. Sounds like an X-Files stealth campaign or ARG (alternate reality game). Still, the schematics (below) look really freaking cool.

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UFO Followers Flock To Aztec
By Alysa Landry The Daily Times
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AZTEC =97 Legends sometimes are born from facts; other times they come from hope or fear.

Either way, legends prevail when people listen with open minds.

An open mind is all organizers of the 11th Aztec UFO Symposium asked Saturday from the dozens of participants who flooded into the Masonic Lodge.

The symposium, near the alleged UFO crash in Hart Canyon north of Aztec, attracts believers and skeptics from across the country, each looking for evidence of alien life.

The legend states that an unidentified craft crashed in the desert outside Aztec in 1948, killing as many as 16 occupants. But very little evidence remains. The flying disc reportedly fell from the sky after being hit by a beam of light from a nearby radar station.

"All we have at the crash site is circumstantial evidence," said Randy Barnes, one of three independent researchers to discover the site.

The hard evidence includes a block of concrete near the site, which researchers believe was part of the military's operation to remove the spacecraft, a collection of military paraphernalia left behind and a paper trail that leads researchers into the dark recesses of the FBI, CIA and military intelligence.

It is that paper trail that most interests researcher Scott Ramsey. Ramsey has a stack of more than 7,500 documents obtained from the government, but most of the information was blacked out before the documents were released.

"According to the FBI, the government had no interest in the crash," Ramsey said. "If that's true, why did they spend more than five years investigating it? And why were the FBI, CIA and the Air Force all looking at it and trying to keep it hidden?"

Ramsey has spent the last 18 years filtering the facts from the rumors, traveling to 29 states and interviewing 60 first- and second-hand witnesses to the crash.

"I've seen enough evidence and talked to enough people to believe something happened here," he said. "It's an important part of New Mexico history, and we have a lot more work to do."

Organizers of the event do not ask people to believe in alien life or that a UFO crashed near Aztec, Ramsey said. They simply ask people to allow for the possibility.

"It's easy to be a skeptic," he said, "but when you look at this scientifically, there's a lot more to it. There's not a whole lot of evidence supporting the skeptics."

Evidence can be as subtle as a feeling, said Debbie Gitar, a visitor from Minneapolis, Minn. Gitar said she was skeptical about the identified crash site, but not about the crash itself. While standing on the indentation on the desert landscape where researchers claim the craft went down, Gitar said she felt cosmic energy.

"It's all about being open," she said. "Anyone can feel it, because everything that happens leaves energy."

Saturday's encounter was not Gitar's first claim to such with alien life. She said she first was abducted more than 20 years ago while lying in bed. The incidents have occurred several times since.

"They don't take me to put implants in me or to have babies with me," she said. "They come and get me when they need to tell me something; it's instructional. The guys' out there are trying to help us."

Other visitors to the symposium were more skeptical. Jean Fren dreis, of Bayfield, Colo., said she attends every year because she likes the idea of UFOs.

Fren dreis said she hasn't decided whether she believes in alien life, but she's keeping an open mind.

"I don't feel any different," she said while standing at the crash site. "I don't feel any waves or anything, but it's a fun thing to consider, a unique way of thinking about things, so I'm open to it."

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'A Real Phenomenon'

By Jason Freeman Correspondent

It's out of focus at first, and the cameraman is so overcome with excitement that the picture's constantly bouncing motion momentarily detracts from the three eerily silent red objects sauntering across the night sky.

If you didn't experience the alleged mass UFO sightings above Tinley Park on Aug. 21 and Oct. 31, 2004, the video captured by Crestwood resident T.J. Japcon is the next best thing, said Sam Maranto, State Director for the Illinois Mutual UFO Network.

"When you analyze (the footage) at 1/30th of a second, what you'll notice is there are actual patterns of intensity ... and (the lights) are rotating counterclockwise," he said. "You'll also notice that (you can hear) crickets in the background, yet you can't hear the object (generating the lights), although it was relatively close (to the camera)."

Maranto joined fellow UFO researchers and authors to talk about the "Tinley Lights" sightings and others like it during a UFO symposium held Saturday at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

The event, which was organized by MUFON and the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, featured lectures on the history of UFO research as well as in-depth case reports from the legendary 1947 Roswell, New Mexico, incident to the more recent mass sightings in Tinley and Rockford.

"What I like to work on most is mass sightings," said Maranto, who showed portions of Japcon's UFO footage during his lecture. "When you have a mass sighting, you have a cross section of the community at large ... you'll get people of a higher status in the community coming forward because they know they cannot be discounted as being crazy because other people have reported seeing (what they have)."

In many of the cases where video footage of alleged UFOs are captured by multiple people, Maranto says he is bombarded with explanations from skeptics that range from road flares tied to balloons to digital fakery to mass hallucination.

"Mass hallucinations cannot be photographed, and the videos aren't computer-generated fakes," he said. "Everybody who tapes this stuff isn't going to have time to make computer-generated images that all look exactly the same. It's moronic. There's a point where skepticism goes and falls off the face of logic and becomes idiotic."

Symposium attendee Guy Richards, of Rockford, said he would love to someday use his bachelor's degrees in engineering and physics to study UFOs.

"UFOs are a real phenomenon," he said. "Whether or not they're alien spacecraft is an open question. I classify myself as a skeptic who comes from a scientific background, and I'm interested in doing some serious scientific study of the phenomena.

"I think it's a shame that it's not being studied by people with technical training who have an open mind who will do it in a methodical and scientific manner," he added.

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I'm pretty sure you could - in Zero Mostel's old size: 52
Toddler. But if beauty is skin deep, James and Lizzie already
tie.

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We Are Not Alone: UFOs, Aliens No Strangers To Grand Valley
By Gary Harmon
The Daily Sentinel
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Far from being vast, vacant spaces between us bipeds and the stars, the skies are full of wonders, some closer than you might think.

By some accounts the skies above Earth are busy with activity.

That there are unidentified flying objects is not exactly a revelation in the 21st century. They're part of the cultural lexicon: UFOs.

But the skies above western Colorado and the Grand Valley might be a little different, unusual, even.

It was somewhere above western Colorado, maybe eastern Utah, that a Kansas man said he found "hard evidence" that UFOs are, as the phrase frequently goes, "not of this Earth."

And in Paonia lives a woman who says she can explain why it is that strange lights seem to pulsate with some regularity over the Grand Valley's skies.

Hint: It's not necessarily because of what's above, but what lies beneath.

"Grand Mesa is a huge facility," said Marcellina Beckwith. "There are portals and vortexes that open up all over the Grand Mesa."

Humans can't see them because they exist in different dimensions than humans occupy, she said.

Beckwith said she's in a position to know. She is the reincarnated soul of the commander of the craft from Zeta Reticuli that crashed in 1947 in Roswell, N.M., Beckwith said.

The author of two books, *Stranded on Earth: The Story of a Roswell Crash Survivor* and *Zeti Child: Lost Upon a One Star World*, Beckwith is a regular columnist for the monthly UFO newsletter "Star Beacon," writing as Commander Sanni Ceto, her identity at the time of the crash.

The sky above the Grand Valley is a busy place, Beckwith said, because its inner recesses are filled with creatures who are working with the American military. The creatures, called reptoids, are not to be trusted.

She is here, Beckwith said, because "someday, your earth might need our help, to save you from a disaster that might be man-made."

Under Quarantine

The fact is, said Beckwith and Max Harris, a Grand Junction man who tracks all things UFO, Earth is something other than a paradise.

Actually, humans and Earth are under quarantine.

Humans, it turns out, aren't to be trusted and that is why the race is stuck on a tiny rock swirling in a far corner of the universe. One of many universes, actually.

There is more. A lot more. But for the moment, it's enough to know that the reason humans occasionally see UFOs is because more advanced beings are checking up on their progeny.

It's also important to know, Harris said, that it's no accident that the Mayan calendar marks the end of days on Dec. 21, 2012.

It's at that point that Earth's universe begins a new revolution of 25,625 years, launching us all into a new, better dimension.

In the meantime, though, Earth remains a cosmic Hells' Kitchen.

Like a restaurant with a reputation for poisoning the clientele, "We're on everybody's maps" as a place to avoid, Harris said. "We're angry. We're hostile."

But, like any other malignancy, humans also have to be observed, presumably from safe vantage points.

Lights Over Redlands

Perhaps that explains the experience of KJCT-TV news director Karla Shotts, who got a call Jan. 25 from the newsroom about 7 p.m., telling her the station was getting calls about lights in the sky.

Sure enough, Shotts said, the lights were visible from her Redlands-area home.

There were three sets of lights, Shotts said, hovering in the night sky. She thought of them as a clock, with the moon at midnight, one set of lights at 11, another a 3 and the third in the center, where the hands would attach.

The light arrays were identical, she said. A larger light that flashed blue, red and then gold was surrounded by tiny lights that behaved like strobe lights.

"All three stayed exactly in the same place for at least two hours," she said.

About 9 p.m., it was over.

"The one at 11 disappeared first, then the second to disappear was the one in the middle and the one at 3 was the last to go," she said. "There was no motion, no nothing. They were just gone."

Shotts checked with military bases in Colorado and was told no one was doing anything in the skies over Grand Junction.

There's no video of the event because "power bumps" that night near the station left it with irregular electrical service, she said.

No, nothing cosmic. More like road work, she said. "We lost a lot of stuff that week."

And about the UFO? "It was just really neat," she said.

But she and other Redlands residents saw something. In that, they are =97 yes, but wait for it =97 not alone.

'Smoking Gun'

Robert White, a Kansas man who was passing through the Grand Valley in 1985, was driving west on Interstate 70 out of Grand Junction when he, too, spotted lights hovering in the darkness.

His view was of two parallel, elongated tubes, glowing blue, in the sky.

"Then I saw a huge ball of light and the thing took off straight in the air," he said. He saw something strike a nearby hillside and ran to see more.

He found a groove in the ground leading to a glowing, hot object, White said.

He retrieved something from the car to help him hold the object, which had cooled by the time he returned.

The object, shaped like an elongated teardrop with "chads that stick out," has been determined to be pure aluminum, he said.

"It does strange things," such as interfere with electrical devices, pick up radio signals and mystify viewers, White said.

"Everybody that sees it agrees, they've never seen anything like it, ever," he said.

White has taken polygraph tests, submitted the object to various labs and been generally frustrated that the object hasn't generated the interest it deserves, he said.

"The mainstream media doesn't want to touch it," he said.

His Web site calls it "the bullet from the smoking gun" that shows there is more science than fiction to UFOs.

On his Web site, ufohardevidence.com, White speculates that the artifact might have a Martian origin.

White wasn't alone when he had his encounter. There was another witness, he said, but declined to elaborate.

"She'll never be found," he said.

'I Don't Doubt'

Robert St. John, a fixture in Grand Junction radio for decades, said White is "the real deal."

He's hefted White's artifact and talked to White, St. John said.

More to the point, he saw what White saw, 10 years later.

He was running on Colorado National Monument one August morning in 1995 when he saw the same kind of thing described by White hovering over Fruita.

"Then it drops two pods that shoot into the Bookcliffs," St. John said. "There was no sound. They gave out a white light like a welder's light. Poof, poof and they were gone."

The object itself floated in the air, he said. "It shimmered into existence and it shimmered out of existence."

That very same day, minutes later, a man in Salida saw exactly the same thing, St. John said. He got the Salida event on tape and it was shown on Denver television, St. John said.

Given all that, "I don't doubt anything anyone says anymore" about UFOs, he said.

Which brings us back to Beckwith, who said that White's story about his artifact "makes sense, as Earth people haven't perfected the process to create pure, flawless aluminum."

White's theory, though, that his object came from Mars is flawed, she said, because Mars is mostly iron.

'I'm A Star Person'

It's now Beckwith's job to help humanity find its way through

the maze of growth in the cosmos, she said.

Humans didn't just happen upon this planet, Beckwith said. The planet itself is no coincidence.

Earth is the result of "terraforming" and mountains make for great bases as they can be hollowed out, "like Cheyenne Mountain."

Earth's denizens are the result of sophisticated genetic work by the Pleiadians, a race of human-like people who hail from the stars of the constellation Pleiades, she said.

"I'm a star person," she said.

She has sewn together representations of her father, Khinyeo, as well as other grays, and she sells them on the Web.

But her real work is the preparation for the events of 2012, when the fate of humanity will be decided, she said.

It is then that humans will decide whether they are to be creatures of love and peace, or of hatred and war, she said.

"I'm here as a teacher and educator" intended to reveal the truth of humanity's origins and its potential, Beckwith said.

"I want to see the cover-up ended."

She is particularly suited for her job because she had a reckless streak, herself, as Sanni Ceto.

"We were not supposed to be there," she wrote in "Stranded on Earth." "As a matter of fact, we were violating the orders of the Council by coming to Earth in the first place. Earth was strictly off-limits to all spacecraft, but my desire to lead a specimen-collecting scientific expedition there had been just too tempting to let a little thing such as Federation rules and regulations stop me."

Her craft crashed because she was momentarily distracted during an electrical storm, and in her book, Beckwith recounts her treatment by her human captors and her eventual torture and death as Sanni Ceto.

Beckwith grew up in Ohio and made her way with the help of the Star Beacon to Paonia, where she said she finally feels at home on Earth.

Helping Humanity

There are ways, said Harris, to help humanity along its course.

"When somebody does something unselfish," he said, "they potentialize themselves." And in doing so, "You accelerate our own evolution. Every human being is the beneficiary."

He hasn't seen a UFO, Harris said, but he doesn't need to, either.

And those who have seen them aren't necessarily ready to concede that aliens walk among us.

But among many who say they have seen a UFO, there is a bond.

"Once you see, you know," St. John said. "Once you see, you understand."

Understanding, though, has its price. Ask Agent K of "Men in Black," who dealt daily with the scum, and the cream, of the universes.

"They're beautiful, aren't they?" K said, scanning heavenward. "The stars. I never really look at them anymore, but they actually are quite... beautiful."

And now, if you'd be good enough to look right here ...

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Washington, DC -- Paradigm Research Group announced today the program and speaker lineup has been set for the fourth X-Conference at the Hilton Hotel in Gaithersburg, MD outside of Washington, DC on April 18-20. Complete information and registration forms can be found at www.x-conference.com.

The X-Conference focuses on the political, governmental and social aspects relating to extraterrestrial-related phenomena -- exopolitics. It is produced by PRG as part of an ongoing advocacy effort seeking to end the government imposed truth embargo on formal acknowledgement of an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. The ending of this truth embargo would be the Disclosure event.

The list of speakers and keynoters includes: Dr. Edgar Mitchell (Apollo Astronaut and founder of the Institute of Noetic Sciences); Paul Hellyer (former Defence and Deputy Prime Minister of Canada); George Noory (host of Coast to Coast AM); Drs. John Alexander, Bruce Maccabee and C. B. Scott Jones (members of the legendary Aviary), Dr. Thomas Valone (founder of Integrity Research Institute); Dr. Jesse Marcel, Jr. (the most important living Roswell witness); Angelia Joiner (lead reporter of the Stephenville, Texas sightings); researcher Grant Cameron; political activists Stephen Bassett, Victor Viggiani and Mike Bird; historian Richard Dolan; and authors Robert Emenegger, Rob Simone and Terry Hansen. Stephen Bassett and former CNN News anchor Cheryll Jones will co-host the event.

George Noory, host of the #1 late night talk show in America, Coast to Coast AM, will make a rare appearance in the Washington, DC area and spend two hours talking and signing autographs with his many fans. This is a special fund raising event for Paradigm Research Group.

Featured documentaries include: Touched (Laurel Chiten), Odyssey (Joyce Libutti), The Phoenix Lights (Lynne Kitei, MD) and Staya Erusa (Harry Beckers, Ronald Jan Heijn and Uri Geller). Chiten, Libutti and Kitei will present their films.

The Saturday banquet will include keynotes by Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Paul Hellyer and George Noory followed by the PRG Awards for: Disclosure, Political Courage, Courage in Journalism, Intellectual Courage (new) and Lifetime Achievement.

All of this year=92s principal presidential candidates and members of Congress have been sent invitations to attend or send a representative to speak to the issues.

Media passes are available for reporters and documentarists. Two media rooms have been reserved.

There will be a post-event press conference on Monday, April 21

at 10 am in the Lisagor Room at the National Press Club, 13th Floor, 14th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Stephen Bassett along with other conference speakers will make a number of announcements. It is open to the public.

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Journalists Who Wear Ignorance As A Badge Of Honor

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Journalists Who Wear Ignorance As A Badge Of Honor

End snickering begin reporting your badge will turn to ashes

I have just read the Nicholas D. Kristof column in the New York Times Opinion section for Sunday March 30, 2008 titled With A Few More Brains... An inset sub title is 'Who needs science when you have flying saucers?'

Mixed in with a serious discussion of scientific illiteracy, anti-rationalism, anti-intellectualism is a prime example of this very sin, the utter failure to do what is first required to begin to follow a scientific process - go look at the evidence.

Practice Empirics, go examine the virtual mountains of evidence. The multiple multiple ground and air simultaneous observations of structured hard metallic objects recorded on radar, film and video, leaving physical traces - and lied about by a lying government. . Mr Kristof evidently doesn't know that a hundred witnesses watched a metallic disc in broad daylight as it hung over gate C-7 at Chicago's O'hare airport and then shot vertically blasting a hole through a cloudy overcast sky. That airline employees were threatened to remain silent - and the FAA resembled the three infamous reportorially disabled monkeys.

I flatly predict some future day, it will be asked by reporters for this august newspaper of record, "Why didn't we print this story another competitor did.? This is something to ask now.

Not too distant, will be a harvest of journalist shame and tragic reportorial failure. Also an abject failure of the Research Community for this subject. It is a sad dreary example that for all the prattle and rattle by researchers congratulating themselves on the progress on persuading serious folk to take UFOs seriously, that the journalistic world evidences a near total ignorance of this most highly classified subject in the the US government. They know almost nothing as a badge of honor.

And to the reporters reading this, doubting this, I say, shame on you, you have snickered and laughed your way past this long enough. It's time you, got busy got to work, paid your investigative dues, starting asking questions. One of you will finally do this. Break this biggest story ever. It could be you.

You'll have to demonstrate true investigative spirit, unlike Mr.Kristof who hasn't evidently done any serious reading or research on this subject. Roll up your sleeves, challenge the editorial barriers, get to work.

Do I hear Mr. Kristof saying there are no serious books? Well, there are a hundred. I challenge Mr. Kristof to read just one of the two books* referenced below. Read them and weep, for the isolated world you think you exist in, hasn't existed since the forties, and it is time for the NY Times to deal with this. Long overdue.

Vince White

*UFOs And The National Security State - Richard M. Dolan

Need To Know UFOs tHe Military And Intelligence - Timothy Good

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The Black Vault Update

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The Black Vault Newsletter

March 30, 2008

In this issue:

Black Vault Encyclopedia:

The MUFON Archive - Four Decades of Journals now available

<http://tinyurl.com/2nyw6v>

The MUFON Archive is a joint effort between the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) and The Black Vault. In March of 2008, the two parties agreed to enter a powerful relationship on the internet, and offer unprecedented access to MUFON's archives. This started with four decades worth of MUFON Journals, stretching back to 1967.

To view the archive, visit the URL above.

New Documents on The Black Vault

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

The following documents have been added to The Black Vault:

All documents from NASA on the case. Odd they only printed out a news article (?) NASA Headquarters [131 Pages] Sherry on the Skylab? An interesting look at documents relating to wine on the Skylab. [22 Pages]

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The NY Times has a long history of UFO debunking dating clear back to 1947. One of my favorite examples concerns an ironic juxtaposition of a straight 1952 UFO story with an editorial only a few pages away debunking UFOs. The straight story concerned two unexplained sightings by Skyhook balloon personnel from 6 months before. The editorial ridiculed the existence of flying saucers and claimed that nearly all could be explained by balloons! Note that the editorial followed on the heels of a LIFE magazine article which had just come out that was very "pro-UFO", noting that there were many baffling sightings by highly credible people, including scientists and engineers.

NY Times articles:

http://roswellproof.com/NYTimes_4_12_52.html

LIFE magazine article:

http://roswellproof.com/LIFE_1952.html

Other UFO sightings by Mogul/Skyhook balloon personnel:

http://roswellproof.com/mogul_ufos.html

http://roswellproof.com/Balloon_UFO_Sightings.html

I would estimate that the ratio of NYT UFO debunkery articles to their straight reporting probably runs about 10 to 1 (if they report anything at all). Another good example occurred in late 1954 when Pres. Eisenhower was asked the UFO question at a press conference. (This may have been triggered by a recent European nation's study that rocket scientist Hermann Oberth was a part of. Oberth's stated public conclusion, at least, was that they were extraterrestrial.) Eisenhower dodged the question, saying he didn't know anything. This was the last time that a President has ever been asked a question about UFOs at a press conference.

Anyway, Eisenhower's very short, unrevealing "answer" was buried in a full page transcript of the press conference. Very few readers of the Times would have even noticed it. But that wasn't enough for the mighty NY Times. They also ran a very long, front page UFO debunkery article, followed a few days later by their "science" editor writing another scathingly negative column on their editorial page. The tone was that only gullible, stupid people believe that there is anything to UFOs. What's remarkable is that this heavy-handed response was to a nothing comment by Eisenhower that I doubt even one person in a hundred was even aware of.

There are other examples of where the Times pulled out all the stops to ridicule the subject way out of proportion to how the subject matter was being reported. I've got to wonder about this. First of all, such one-sided reporting and breast-beating is bad journalism by any measure. They could just be bigoted and ignorant, but I sense something more sinister at play.

The NY Times is the nation's "newspaper of record", one of the few big-city American papers whose articles are published by

smaller newspapers nationwide and also abroad. The other major source of national and international news stories used by all the newspapers are the wire services, particularly AP.

What this amounts to is that a relatively small group of editors in the written press control the vast majority of national and international news articles. As a result, it wouldn't take that many people in the pockets of the government to manipulate the public's perception of the news, whatever the topic may be.

When Senator Frank Church and his committee investigated the involvement of the CIA in the national media back in the 1970s, they got the CIA to eventually admit to having around 500 media people on their payroll. The CIA promised to clean up its act. It is patently illegal for the CIA to publish their propaganda in the American press - such operations are only legal abroad.

Supposedly the Church committee put a stop to a direct, paid connection between the CIA and the nation's press, but I rather doubt it. There are all sorts of ways reporters and editors can be paid off indirectly, or on a quid pro quo basis. For example, in exchange for publishing a particular slant favored by an Administration or agency, reporters/editors can be given preferential access to inside information. Or maybe reporters are given book deals or cushy public relations jobs in corporations. There are many ways to grease the palm that are perfectly legal.

I suspect the same has been happening also in academia and industry. Paranoia? Conspiracy theory? Check page 175 of Dr. Roy Craig's mostly UFO debunkery book concerning his work with the Condon commission. In his chapter on "Cloak and Dagger Work," he sniggers at the idea that there is a grand UFO conspiracy to cover up everything. Yet he also writes:

"The CIA, established by the National Security Act of 1947 with the stipulation that it would have no internal security functions, was, by 1951, secretly recruiting scientists to 'take any job you want, with any university, corporation, or department - just report to us and collect a decent income.' Their recruiter said those words to me, in sworn secrecy, when I was about to receive a graduate degree from Iowa State University. The thought that some member of our project could be reportly secretly to the CIA was, therefore, in itself not irrational."

No indeed. The CIA, or other agencies, could conceivably have agents all over the place, spying on their colleagues and also shaping perceptions in their fields.

Craig's statement is one of the most remarkable I've ever seen. He was flat-out stating that from personal experience he knew that the CIA was cutting Faustian bargains with promising young scientists, guaranteeing them success in their fields and careers in exchange for secretly working for them.

It is hard to estimate just how extensive this infiltration of the scientific community might be or how much effect it has had on UFO perceptions in the scientific community. We do know that certain prestigious scientists have played public UFO debunker. Menzel and Sagan certainly leap to mind, and both had known roots in the spook community. (Sagan in his graduate days worked on a Top Secret project to nuke the Moon, believe it or not).

Again, I have to wonder every time some scientist pops up to debunk sightings that have been gaining traction in the media. Are they honestly expressing their personal opinion, or were they promised the keys to the kingdom when they were grad students if they would just play along, as Craig mentions happened to him?

David Rudiak

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Mexican Easter Week UFOs

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
March 31, 2008

Source: <http://www.analuisacid.com/malinaltepec.htm>

El Matutino de Guerrero

La Cronica de Chilpancingo

Date: 30.03.08

Mexico: Easter Week UFOs

Ana Luisa Cid writes: According to a report furnished by journalist Francisco Rangel, UFO activity was reported over the Mexican state of Guerrero.

These cases involve images of "chance" UFOs that appeared in the "El Matutino de Guerrero" weekly and the "La Cronica de Chilpancingo" daily papers.

Photograph 1 was taken by young Irving Francisco Guerrero on a journey to the town of San Miguel el Progress, Municipality of Malinaltepec, dated March 19, 2008, approximately 14:00 hrs. He used a 5 mpix Kodak EasyShare.

Photograph 2 was taken by the same author. It is interesting to note what appears to be a disk that leaves a wake as it moves.

Photograph 3 was taken on March 21st by Lic. Javier Francisco Reyes, editor of the abovementioned publications, when taking photos of the premises where a Chedraui supermarket is to be built in Tlapa. An object that the journalist was unable to identify can be seen in the background, against the mountains. Lic. Reyes employed a Samsung S630 camera.

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Strange Phenomenon Over Madryn Argentina

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The Journey of Hispanic Ufology
March 31, 2008

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http://bolsonweb.com.ar/diariobolson/detalle.php?id_noticia=13296
Date: March 28 2008

Argentina: Strange Phenomenon Over Madryn, Chubut

From about 23:30 hours Friday until 02:00 on Saturday, residents of Barrio Sur, Villa del Parque, Barrio Oeste and the districts adjacent to the Naval Station west reported seeing a light in the sky that could be clearly seen west of the city.

It remained in view for several hours. It was a pendular light that changed colors and position. The causes for this light, and its provenance, remain unknown. One thing is for sure - it wasn't an airplane. A star? Hardly, as it moved too much. And the Air Force did not report any type of aircraft activity, therefore imagination was the limit, as well the eternal fantasy linked to UFOs and Patagonia.

The phenomenon, which was also reported for some hours by reporters from this newspaper, was very similar to another that occurred on November 21, 2005 and which was never explained. Both cases involve the same: A pendular light that changed colors from red to yellow, then blue to white, while varying intensity. Residents of Barrio Sur told El Chubut newspaper that "it was impressive to watch it move and shift colors, it seemed to grow nearer." The position of the light -- no one ventured to describe it as an object -- varied from the onlooker's standpoint, although the eyewitness accounts collected all coincide in placing it to the west of the city, or else the southwest.

According to the consultations made, no movements of meteorological equipment had been scheduled, nor any Air Force craft. "I watched it move. I had gone on a trip to the Naval Station and it could be seen clearly from there," a cab driver told El Chubut.

Friday night was very clear and starry, and there weren't enough clouds to hinder visibility.

The fact is that for several hours between Friday night and Saturday morning, more than a few locals wondered what the object hanging in the sky was, as a wide array of conjectures were vented. And this is how it should be, taking into account the widely available UFO information available for the Patagonian region, especially near the sea. Even Puerto Madryn is famous for a photo taken in 1975, which went on to be used in a famous TV series.

Punta Cuevas: The Famous UFO shot

On February 18, 1975 around 15:20 hours, a strange object hovered quietly over Punta Cuevas for 45 minutes. "After that period of time, and in perfect silence, it began moving away westward until it vanished," state the records of the case.

The photo taken of the object went around the world along with many other famous Argentinean UFO shots. However, this one enjoyed the privilege of being used in the U.S. TV series "The X Files".

In fact, during one of the scenes of the second chapter of the series, agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully find themselves in a bar called "The Flying Saucer" in southwestern Idaho, near an enigmatic air force base. Several UFO photos can be seen to hang on the walls of this establishment -- among them the Punta Cuevas shot.

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>forties, and it is time for the NY Times to deal with this. Long
>overdue.

This isn't a question of stupidity on anyone's part. Kristof may be corrupt, but he isn't stupid. He used the same argument against those military leaders, statesmen and concerned citizens who argued about the wisdom of entering the Iraq war: they had no brains (and at different points in time, were also unAmerican, traitors, cowards, and would-be surrenders to terrorists). And as we all know, it's not an argument as much as it is the reinforcement of a template or formula for how any news item will be discussed in traditional media.

It's not ignorance we're fighting, it's the formula. It doesn't matter how good your suggested reading list, it isn't about facts. If it falls outside of the proper cadence of the news media formula, it doesn't exist - or it exists only to reinforce the formula - even when it doesn't make any sense. Decreased violence means we're winning the war. Increased violence means we're winning the war. More and better researched books about UFOs become evidence of even fewer brain cells. "A hundred serious books" become "no serious books" very easily. It doesn't fit the formula.

I was reading a wonderful blog this morning where a writer compared this problem to a short story by Ray Bradbury. I'd read it years ago, and I can't remember the title, but the story is about an automated house set in post apocalypse America. The outlines of the home's occupants were etched into the side of the exterior like the figures burned into the walls of buildings in Hiroshima. The house went on its way, however, keeping birds off the roof and cooking breakfasts that went uneaten. The only living character was the family dog, who died of radiation poisoning and was then 'disposed of' by the house.

Kristof is simply doing his job as the automated house - reinforcing the way in which the media will discuss UFOs while ignoring the overwhelming reality. Is there a tipping point? It sure doesn't seem like it. Ask him to read something? Show him two serious books? Why?

Best ,

Bill

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<http://www.thespacereview.com/article/1091/1>

Monday, March 31, 2008

Review: Beyond UFOs
by Jeff Foust
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Beyond UFOs: The Search for Extraterrestrial Life and Its
Astonishing Implications for Our Future
by Jeffrey Bennett

Princeton Univ. Press, 2008
hardcover, 238 pp., illus.
ISBN 978-0-691-13549-6
US\$26.95

Few terms in the space vocabulary are as polarizing as this three-letter acronym: UFO. For some, it represents not just Unidentified Flying Objects, but a virtual universe of extraterrestrial visitations, alien abductions, and - of course - a vast web of government and multinational conspiracies to deny their presence. To others, it's a symbol of hoaxes and fantasies or, at best, wishful thinking. For those in the latter camp, there might be some trepidation to pick up a book titled Beyond UFOs. Rest assured, though: despite the presence of that three-letter acronym, this book is actually a solid, factually-based look at the science of astrobiology and the prospects for life - intelligent or otherwise - elsewhere in the universe.

Bennett, a scientist and educator, does spend some time early in the book dealing with the UFO mystique. While unwilling to absolutely rule out the chance that some of the many sightings made over the decades might be extraterrestrial visitors, he is unconvinced by the evidence. "The bottom line is that virtually any claim of 'hard' evidence of alien visitation quickly collapses under its own weight of implausibility," he writes, adding, "even if UFOs are real, we probably won't be able to find the hard evidence that science demands to prove it."

Having dispatched that issue, he lives up to the title of the book and moves on to the general issue of whether life could exist beyond Earth, and if so, where. Bennett approaches the topic straightforwardly, first addressing what "life" is, how it can get started and what planetary conditions are required to support it. He then examines potential abodes for life elsewhere in the solar system (including Mars as well as Europa, Titan, and Enceladus) and in extrasolar planets around other suns. He is skeptical of the "rare Earth" hypothesis that argues that Earth-like planets are uncommon, but notes we lack enough data to be able to determine if it is correct or not.

The book closes out with a discussion of the search for extraterrestrial intelligence as well as what's known as the

Fermi Paradox: if intelligence life exists and it widespread in the universe - that is, that humans aren't so special - where are they? There is no good answer to that question, but Bennett is optimistic about the prospects, if not for alien life then for our own. "I've found scientific reasons to think that there's a good chance, perhaps a very good chance, that we stand today on the verge of making contact with a civilization that predates are by millions or billions of years," he writes in the book's conclusion. "And even if this turns out not to be the case=85 we ourselves are positions to become the galactic colonists, if only we can solve our current problems and mature as a species." While that belief may not be as on the same solid scientific ground as the rest of Beyond UFOs, it's also one that doesn't require believing in flying saucers and little green men.

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Top 100 Articles - Introduction

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Top 100 UFO Cases
By Isaac Koi
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PART 1: Introduction and Contents

Ufologists regularly complain that skeptics fail to address the best UFO cases.

On the other hand, skeptics frequently complain that "believers" refuse to nominate the best cases.

This article considers some of those complaints.

Due its length, this article has been split into several parts:

- (1) PART 1: Top 100 UFO Cases: Introduction
- (2) PART 2: Challenges to produce lists of top cases
- (3) PART 3: Existing lists by various individuals
- (4) PART 4: Consensus lists: Introduction
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- (6) PART 6: Consensus lists: Ronald Story's poll (1979)
- (7) PART 7: Consensus lists: Paul Kimball's Vox Populi poll (2006)
- (8) PART 8: Consensus lists: Paul Kimball's expert poll (2005/6)
- (9) PART 9: Consensus lists: Fortean Times expert poll (2007)
- (10) PART 10: Consensus lists: National Enquirer Panel
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- (24) PART 24: Quantitative criteria: Olsen/Ludwiger
- (25) PART 25: Quantitative criteria: Figuet/FRANCAT
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This article demonstrates that it is possible to find numerous lists of "the best cases" by individual UFO groups or researchers. However, if no consensus in relation to the contents of those lists exists, why should any skeptic pay any attention to those lists?

There are also several lists which represent (or at least have been said to represent) a consensus of leading ufologists on this issue. I'll consider several of those lists in this article (several of which are not very well known even to experienced ufologists), and highlight several issues in relation to each of them.

One feature that of virtually all the relevant lists is a lack of indication of why the relevant cases were nominated. I will therefore also be covering various suggestions as to qualitative and quantitative criteria for selecting the best cases.

As an alternative approach, I thought that it might be interesting to find out which UFO cases are most frequently discussed in books about ufos and SETI. About four years later, I have prepared a Top 100 list of UFO cases. That list appears as Part 13 of this article, but I hope the other elements of the article are also found useful.

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PART 2: Challenges To Produce Lists Of Top Cases

If UFO proponents wish to persuade scientists to examine the evidence for the alleged objective reality of UFOs, then it is not unreasonable to expect those UFO proponents to make serious efforts to identify the material which the scientists should focus upon.

Unparticularised suggestions to read the "UFO literature" or "witness reports" are simply poor advocacy, given the relevant mass of material and the variability of its quality.

Scientists and skeptics are only human. They will keep going as long as the initial material gains their interest. If (as many UFO-proponents claim) they wish to encourage serious study of UFO reports by scientists, why not refer them to the best material to get their attention?

One online debate about UFOs and aliens began with one individual asserting that it is "obviously true they are out there". When challenged to state the facts in support of his statement he responded in the following way: "try googling UFO reports and sightings etc....and any decent site that comes up on google or any other search engine for that matter will be my facts" (see Footnote 2.01).

Unsurprisingly, the skeptics involved in that discussion did not find this suggestion very helpful or persuasive.

It is not merely those new to ufology that make such statements to skeptics. When asked to provide evidence for UFOs, the astronomer and famous ufologist J Allen Hynek would respond sarcastically "Where do you want the truck to stop" (see Footnote 2.02). During an online debate, skeptic Andy Roberts asked ufologist Jerry Clark (author of the leading encyclopedia on UFOs) what evidence there was of "non-mundane UFO origin". Jerry Clark responded: "Read the UFO literature, guy, if it's not too much trouble. The answer's there" (see Footnote 2.03).

Any scientist that bothers to respond to a vague suggestion to read the UFO literature by visiting his local bookstore in search of UFO books could be discouraged from pursuing the matter further. Looking for UFO books in a bookstore, a scientist may become embarrassed by the fact that he is lurking in a section entitled "Esoteric" or "Occult", in which the UFO books are mixed with books on spell-casting, ghosts and prophecies. If he randomly purchases a few UFO books, then he is unlikely to be impressed. There is probably a consensus among most serious UFO researchers that many of the mass of books on UFOs are an embarrassment to ufology. For example, J Allen Hynek has written that books about UFOs "regale the reader with one UFO story after another, each more spectacular than the other, but little space is devoted to documentation and evaluation. What were the full circumstances surrounding the reported event? How reliable and how consistent were the reporters (all too

often it is the lone reporter) of the event? And how were the UFO accounts selected? Most often one finds random accounts, disjointed and told in journalese" (see Footnote 2.04).

Comments on the UFO literature and recommendations for reading are worth a separate article (and I am presently drafting such an article). For present purposes it suffices to say that that body of literature is considerable and there is only a limited consensus regarding recommended reading.

Sometimes skeptics are lucky enough to be referred to a specific well-researched book with references to further reading. Typical examples for such recommendations are Jerry Clark's "UFO Encyclopedia" and Richard Hall's "The UFO Evidence". However, if a well-intentioned skeptic did actually follow a recommendation to read, say, Jerry Clark's "UFO Encyclopedia", then he may not bother going beyond the entries beginning with "A". Those entries include (but are, of course, not limited to):

- (a) Adamski, George
- (b) Aetherius Society
- (c) Allende Letters
- (d) Angelucci, Orfeo Matthew
- (e) Ashtar

Jerry Clark's "UFO Encyclopedia", as with virtually all other UFO books, was not written to present the best evidence for the objective reality of UFOs. The cases and individuals discussed include many the author considers to have been significant in the history of ufology for various reasons, even if those cases have been explained and relevant individuals have been discredited. Indeed, Jerry Clark has himself commented that his Encyclopedia "features many solved cases" (see Footnote 2.05).

This is not a criticism of the content of such books. Ufology has much to gain from a consideration of UFO reports arising from stimuli which were subsequently identified. There are many lessons to be learnt from such reports. Indeed, such material is probably under-utilised by most UFO researchers. However, the fact that most UFO books are not limited to the best evidence means that scientists referred to such books will be spending some, if not most, of their time on material which is not the most persuasive evidence of the objective reality of UFOs.

It is not only UFO sceptics that have complained about the tendency of ufologists to refer to large books about UFOs. Ufologist Brad Sparks has commented as follows: "Typically the UFO proponent in desperation will cite some big 500-page or 1,000-page tome and say "All the UFO proof is in there! Go read it!" Whereas in fact the huge tomes are hopeless hodge-podges of bad cases, good cases, mediocre cases, erroneous cases, all intermixed according to some order (maybe alphabetical or chronological) that has nothing whatsoever to do with selecting best cases according to any scientific or quasi-scientific criteria ("criteria" is plural by the way, and "criterion" is singular). Indeed those few books were not really written for the purpose of presenting the best scientific case for the UFO to scientists. They were written for other worthy purposes, but let's not kid ourselves, though, they were not specially designed to state the case to scientists" (see Footnote 2.06).

Similarly, Brad Sparks has also commented that, "Busy scientists .. [are] not going to read through huge books, multiple books, looking for something they don't even think is there, with not a clue as to what to look for" (see Footnote 2.07).

Thus, even when scientists are occasionally provided with a recommendation as to a specific book, it is not uncommon (or unfair) for a skeptic to respond by asking "But what am I to look for in that book? Which specific cases should I focus upon?". As UFO researcher Richard Hall has commented, ".anyone who is serious about this subject knows full well that it all comes down to individual cases." (see Footnote 2.08).

If the sheer mass of UFO books (and their uneven quality) may discourage some scientists from starting to consider the evidence regarding UFOs, then the massive number of UFO reports is even more daunting. Jacques Vallee has commented ". heaven knows we have more data than we can process. So much that a complete catalogue of close encounter cases would encompass between 5,000 and 10,000 reports, depending on the criteria one

used. The total number of unexplained UFO cases on record worldwide is well in excess of 100,000, yet we are fairly certain on the basis of opinion polls that only one witness in ten comes forward with a report" (see Footnote 2.09).

Few serious ufologists would regard UFO reports as being equally important. Indeed, most serious ufologist accept that most UFO reports could be the result of a failure to identify a wide range of ordinary objects - e.g. aircraft, balloons, stars etc. The precise percentage of reports attributed to such a failure vary from ufologist to ufologist, but figures of between 70% and 99% are commonly accepted by serious ufologists. A small sample of relevant comments includes the following:

(a) J Allen Hynek has said "it is quite true that the great majority of UFO reports turn out to be ordinary things like balloons and aircraft that people misidentify, very often honestly" (see Footnote 2.10).

(b) Allan Hendry (author of "The UFO Handbook", unusual for being respected by many sceptics in addition to many ufologists) has written: "Reasonable UFO proponents admit that 'genuine' UFO sightings are in the minority, around 10-20 per cent" (see Footnote 2.11).

(c) Jerry Clark has written : "I think we know that most ostensible UFO cases are resolvable, but the precise percentage is up for discussion" (see Footnote 2.12).

If, as most ufologists accept, some UFO reports are more interesting and valuable than other UFO reports, then why not seek to identify the best cases so that these can be presented to scientists?

Several sceptics have expressed frustration with the alleged refusal of that UFO-proponents to nominate the best cases. They have suggested that this means that, although they claim could explain any case put to them, whatever cases they manage to explain will merely be dismissed as insignificant. This view was expressed with particular force by one leading skeptic, Philip J Klass:

(1) In his first book about UFOs, Philip J Klass made the following comments:

"The UFO mystery resembles the mythical nine-headed serpent Hydra. When one of the Hydra's nine heads was cut off, two more grew in its place. In the same way if after weeks of investigation it becomes possible to explain one important UFO sighting as a natural phenomenon or a hoax, this makes no converts, for during the same period there have been two or three new UFO sightings which must now be explained. And by the time these are explained, there are half a dozen new UFO sightings in hand." He continued: "The extraterrestrial hypothesis is based entirely on sheer numbers of seemingly mysterious reports rather than on, say, ten sightings - or even one sighting - which can stand up under rigorous investigation and provide convincing proof of spaceships from another world. I have yet to meet a UFOrian who is willing to stake his case on one, two, or even ten sightings." (see Footnote 2.13).

(2) In a later book, Philip J Klass made similar comments:

"For some years [prior to 1972] I had attempted - without success - to get leading proponents of the extraterrestrial viewpoint to designate a single 'best case' which they had rigorously investigated and were certain could not be explained other than as an extraterrestrial visitation. It had been frustrating for me through the years to investigate and explain a case such as Socorro, which Hynek had once categorized as the most crucial one in eighteen years of UFO reports, only to be told by some that I had spent my time on an 'unimpressive case'. Or to spend months investigating the RB-47 case, which had so impressed the AIAA and the late Dr McDonald, only to be informed that I had 'picked an easy one'. After more than a quarter-century of UFO incidents . it seemed to me that it was time for them to designate a 'make-or-break' UFO case" (see Footnote 2.14).

Such complaints have been echoed in similar remarks by numerous other skeptics, including:

(a) James Oberg (UFO skeptic and author of "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries") has commented:
"How can the 'UFO question' ever be solved? The claim that there must be some extraordinary stimulus behind at least some UFO reports is, in the final analysis, immune from disproof. No matter how many cases are found to have prosaic explanations, there are always more to be researched" (see Footnote 2.15).

(b) John Rimmer (editor of Magonia magazine) has said, during a discussion on the Internet, that:
"The ETHers are unable to come up with any cases that they are prepared to list as evidence for extraterrestrial intervention. Instead we get airy-fairy armwaving about the 'weight of evidence'. Unfortunately the weight of an awful lot of nothing is nothing. How can we possibly have any rational discussion of the UFO phenomenon if we do not discuss specific cases and weigh them individually?" (see Footnote 2.16).

(c) Peter Brookesmith (author of several popular UFO books) has said, during a discussion on the Internet, that: "[it is] a truth universally acknowledged, that those fallen into a sympathy with the extra-terrestrial hypothesis (ETH) have been reluctant to produce . specific UFO cases that are especially suggestive of an ET 'solution'." (see Footnote 2.17).

(d) Peter Brookesmith has also commented: ". it remains a mystery as to why . [ufologist Jerry Clark] cannot bring himself to cite a few cases in which he considers the ETH or even the U-ness of the UFO to have been advanced. Possibly this is because he is not confident of being able to defend either his selection of cases or the nature of the "science" involved; which may in turn explain why he prefers citing others' opinions to stating his own" (see Footnote 2.18).

It is extremely rare for the contents of any book on UFOs to attempt to address such complaints. However, in debates on the Internet the complaints have been made repeatedly and occasionally responses have been given by ufologists.

The responses on the Internet tend to fall into two categories:

(1) Reasons for not providing lists of the best cases. Some of these reasons for not providing lists of the best cases are explored below.

(2) Less frequently, by referring to existing lists of the best cases. The relevant referral is usual simply to one list. I will address various existing lists of the best cases in Part 3 to Part 11 of this article. Several of the more interesting lists have not been mentioned at all, or at least extremely infrequently, in relevant debates on the Internet.

The most common reason for not providing a list of the "best cases" is usually the argument that the evidence must be considered as a whole. This is sometimes (but not often) coupled with an express admission that no single case (or short list of cases) provides proof in support of the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis. For example:

(a) J Allen Hynek has asserted that US Air Force investigators "did their best to come up with 'commonsense' explanations for each new UFO report. I stress the word 'each', for there was no attempt to look for patterns in the reports; each report was regarded as though it were the only UFO report in the world. This made it easier to find some individual explanation, even though it was sometimes far-fetched. It might even be stated as a sort of theorem: 'For any UFO report, when regarded by itself and without reference to similar or related reports, there can always be found a possible commonsense explanation, even though its probability may be small' " (see Footnote 2.19).

(b) Jenny Randles, a prolific British ufologist, has stated that has "often been asked to produce a top ten list and these days decline for good reasons", the first of those reasons being that "no case is ever immune to resolution. More than a few cases that have looked promising - sometimes for years - crumble when the

facts finally fall into place" (see Footnote 2.20).

(c) Gildas Bourdais has commented:

"We don't have a "smoking gun", but we have a mountain of testimonies, thousands of reliable witnesses, plus hundreds of landing traces well recorded (several in France), and last but not least, official documents" (see Footnote 2.21).

Several ufologists have responded to requests for lists of the "best cases" by stressing the importance of "patterns" in the totality of the available reports. For example, in one fairly typical response during a debate on the Internet, Mark Cashman has said: "What all of these important scientific processes have in common is discovery of pattern. A pattern which can only be revealed by studying the body of observations _as a whole_" (see Footnote 2.22). However, the relevant alleged patterns, and the evidence supporting them, are virtually left unspecified (or expressed in extremely vague terms) in such responses.

Quantity is no substitute for quality. The responses put forward above relating to the alleged inappropriateness of considering UFO reports on a case by case basis has been forcefully attacked by James Oberg, in his book "UFOs and Outer Space Mysteries": "UFO experts do not appear to like being put on the spot to be specific, to designate actual individual reports as 'unsolvable'. This viewpoint would give skeptics the opportunity to narrow their fire and concentrate on cases certified by top UFOlogists as unsolvable. As a leading UFO specialist said in 1975: the UFO evidence is most convincing when, like a bundle of sticks, considered en masse. Of course, his analogy tacitly implies that individual UFO cases, like individual sticks, can be easy to 'break'; and suggests that the evidence for UFOs will stand up only if it is not investigated too closely. While not a very flattering portrait and clearly not what the speaker intended, it may have been right on the money." (see Footnote 2.23).

Oberg's comments reflect a view expressed by various skeptics for several decades. For example, during the late 1960s Hynek emphasized to Menzel the desirability of studying all the cases collectively, with the hope of finding relevant patterns of similarity between them. In particular, Hynek objected to the method of treating each case separately and individually. Hynek stated 'It is clear that each case, taken by itself, like a lone duck in a shooting gallery, can nearly always be shot down by an ad hoc, frequently Menzelian approach' " (see Footnote 2.24). Menzel commented that he was "honoured to become an adjective. But I simply cannot understand how Hynek feels that the cases can be 'shot down' individually but not collectively. Each case is a separate item. It seems highly dangerous to suppose that one can add data from another case, unless one is absolutely sure they concern the same phenomenon" (see Footnote 2.25).

Again, it is not merely sceptics that have expressed concern about statements by ufologists which rely upon vague assertions of "patterns in the data" or the alleged strength of UFO cases taken collectively. For example, Allan Hendry (in his book "The UFO Handbook" (1979)) commented on the arguments that "All of these witnesses can't be crazy" and "The cases taken individually may be weak evidence but are strong collectively". Hendry commented that "Both of these rhetorical arguments make use of the 'weight of numbers' technique, which obscures the distinction of individual reports. Both statements would be valid if, and only if, the multitude of witnesses were describing the same stimulus, or at most, a small number of similar stimuli. However, every indication seems to be that the sightings taken individually and in detail portray a huge variety of mutually independent events. . Furthermore, the 'weight of numbers' argument can't support the existence of UFOs when the IFO reports outnumber them nine to one" (see Footnote 2.26).

In any event, whether or not such attacks are justified, an unwillingness to identify specific cases which scientists should focus upon can be (and, indeed, has been) taken as a sign of weakness and a reason for avoiding spending any time or resources examining UFO reports.

Jerry Clark has provided probably the most thought provoking

response to such challenges to produce lists of the best cases. He put forward the challenge for skeptics to "Show me an exchange between skeptics and proponents of ball lightning in which the latter were challenged to produce their 10 best cases, on which presumably their case rises or falls" (see Footnote 2.27). However, this somewhat misses the point. If UFO proponents want sceptics to spend time and effort considering UFO reports, then the sceptics need to be persuaded.

Failing to meet challenges made by sceptics (even if those challenges are considered unfair) is likely to result in a failure to persuade them. Ufologists may need to swallow their pride and attempt to meet the challenges put to them by sceptics.

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PART 3: Existing Lists Of Top Cases By Individuals

If the majority of ufologists accepted that, for various reasons (see Part 2), it is extremely desirable to formulate lists of the best UFO cases then one might expect lists of the top UFO cases to be relatively common and discussed frequently within the UFO literature. Unfortunately, this is not the case:

(1) It is relatively rare for UFO books or articles to list the cases which the author considers to be the best. A very limited number of UFO researchers and groups have nominated an individual case, or short list of cases, which they consider to represent the best evidence in support of their position. I refer to a number of such lists below. While the collection below may appear to be fairly extensive, it should be noted that these lists are collated as a result of reading approximately 960 UFO/SETI books and tens of thousands of webpages.

(2) Very few of the lists mentioned below were accompanied by even the most general of explanation as to why these cases were considered to be the "best". Item by item justifications for including each case were even rarer, accompanying virtually none of these lists.

(3) The lists that have been produced are remarkable in their diversity. There is very little, if any, consensus among the relatively few ufologists prepared to nominate a list of the "best" cases.

(4) As far as I have been able to determine, no-one in the history of ufology has attempted to publish a collection of the various lists that have been produced and to provide references to such lists.

Rather than nominate a short list of the "best" cases, it is considerably more common for UFO books and articles to either suggest that it is impossible (or would be pointless) to list the best cases, or (far more frequently) to simply fail to expressly address the issue of which cases (if any) are worth focusing upon.

While the number of lists of cases produced below may appear to contradict the above points, it should be noted that the lists below are compiled as the result of reading approximately 960 UFO books and far, far more webpages and articles.

In preparing the contents of this article, I have generally resisted the temptation to simply ask ufologists to nominate

their lists of the "best" cases. There are several reasons for this. Firstly, I wished to see what could be found within the UFO literature. This is what most skeptics would have to do, particularly as few of them would have the contact with ufologists that I have had over the years. Second, I wished to demonstrate the extent of my interest in this issue by circulating this article prior to troubling fellow researchers. Thirdly, I am aware that similar requests have been made in the past, and was aware of a relatively recent survey of ufologists by a Canadian film-maker, Paul Kimball (see Part 8). I had no desire to tread on Paul Kimball's toes or reinvent the wheel.

However, this article may be regarded as an open invitation to researchers to let me know their nominations for the best UFO cases, preferably after they have reflected upon the contents of this article (particularly the Conclusion section, i.e. Part 29).

When reading UFO books and articles, it is sometimes difficult to tell which cases are being advanced as the most significant overall. For example, in Richard Dolan's book "UFOs and the National Security State: Volume 1" numerous cases are described in terms which imply they are something special, but only within a certain category of sighting (e.g. during the relevant year or involving a particular characteristic). To take just a few examples from the descriptions in that book, relevant cases include Roswell ("the Holy Grail of UFO research", see Footnote 3.01), McMinnville (a "first rate" photographic case", see Footnote 3.02), 1952 Washington sightings ("among the most compelling and dramatic UFO sightings in modern American history", see Footnote 3.03), Senator Richard Russell's sighting ("one of the key UFO sightings of the year", see Footnote 3.04), Lakenheath ("one of the best-documented encounters between the military and UFOs", see Footnote 3.05), Zamora's sighting at Socorro ("generally considered among the most compelling and interesting UFO encounters ever", see Footnote 3.06), Shag Harbour ("a most extraordinary UFO incident", see Footnote 3.07), and the Schirmer abduction case ("an extraordinary close encounter with alien entities", see Footnote 3.08).

Other than in the answers to a Fortean Times poll published in 2007 (see Part 9), it is extremely rare to find researchers prepared to nominate a single "best" case within the UFO literature. Some of the rare exceptions include:

- (a) Stanton Friedman: He has said that the Betty and Barney Hill incident "is my favorite" (see Footnote 3.09);
- (b) Ed Ruppelt: In his book "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" (1956) he commented in relation to a radar-visual jet chase incident on 5-6 August 1953 near Rapid City, South Dakota that "this was an unknown - the best" (see Footnote 3.10)
- (a) Allen H Greenfield has commented that the Travis Walton incident, "may be the most iron-clad UFO case in history" (see Footnote 3.11).

Instead of nominating a single "best" cases, it is relatively more common (but still rare) for ufologists or UFO groups to be prepared to nominate 5 or 10 cases which are said to be "among" the best cases, or "representative" of the best cases. Details of various lists are reproduced below.

Groups that have been prepared to nominate lists of the "best" cases include NICAP and APRO.

NICAP: Jacques Vallee's book "Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma" (1966) included a list of 5 cases nominated by NICAP as being the best (see Footnote 3.12). Those cases were:

- (1) Nash and Fortenberry,
- (2) Red Bluff,
- (3) Captain Sperry,
- (4) Southwest, 1957,
- (5) Socorro.

APRO: Jacques Vallee's book "Challenge to Science: The UFO Enigma" (1966) refers to a list of 5 cases nominated by APRO as being the best cases. Unfortunately, Vallee only names 3 of those cases, although some of the context I presume Socorro was

one of the remaining cases. The 3 cases listed by Vallee (see Footnote 3.13) were:

- (1) Trindade,
- (2) Father Gill,
- (3) the BOAC incident.

FUFOR, MUFON and CUFOS have all endorsed a document as containing "the best available evidence for the existence of UFOs". That document and the list of cases that it contains are discussed in a later section of this article (see Part 11).

Various lists by individual researchers are referred to below, including lists by the following researchers:

- (1) Dennis Balthaser
- (2) Don Berliner
- (3) Greg Bishop
- (4) Thomas E Bullard
- (5) James Carrion
- (6) Mark Cashman
- (7) Bill Chalker
- (8) David Clarke
- (9) Jerry Clark
- (10) Jerry Cohen
- (11) Dwight Connelly
- (12) Richard Dolan
- (13) Hilary Evans
- (14) Stanton Friedman
- (15) Richard Hall
- (16) Robert L Hall
- (17) Gary Heseltine
- (18) J Allen Hynek
- (19) Paul Kimball
- (20) Alfred Lehmberg
- (21) Bruce Maccabee
- (22) James McDonald
- (23) Nick Pope
- (24) Kevin Randle
- (25) Jenny Randles
- (26) Rich Reynolds
- (27) Andy Roberts
- (28) Robert Rosamund
- (29) Brad Sparks
- (30) Ronald Story
- (31) Jacques Vallee

After referring to those lists of cases, I will also briefly mention lists of the best cases from the United Kingdom produced by several British reseachers (namely Jenny Randles, Dave Clarke and Andy Roberts).

In addition, I note that numerous members of ATS, a popular discussion forum have nominated a diverse range of cases at the link below:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread143130/pg1>

- (1) Dennis Balthaser

Dennis Balthaser wrote an article for the MUFON Journal in 2003 about his "ten favourite cases" (see Footnote 3.13A). He indicated that the list include "my ten favourite UFO cases" that he "personally feel are worth further investigation or research", but stated (for reasons which are not entirely clear) that he did preferred "not to call them 'my top 10 UFO cases' ". That article discussed the following 10 cases, "not in any order as far as importance to me":

1. Roswell incident;
2. Zamora, Socorro;
3. Area 51;
4. Travis Walton abduction;
5. Great Pyramids of Giza;
6. Betty and Barney Hill abduction;
7. 1952, Washington D.C. incident;
8. Phoenix Lights;

9. Kenneth Arnold's first sighting;
10. Aztec New Mexico crash, March 1948.

Dennis Balthaser indicated that if he prepared a longer list of his "personal favourites" then the cases that would qualify would include "many other cases such as the Dulce underground base, the Maury Island Incident, Shag Harbour, the White Sands landing in the 50s, and my own 1997 Interception experience".

(2) Don Berliner

In an interview by Milton Frank, Brazilian Ufology Center President, circulated on the UFO UpDates discussion List on 14 January 2007 (see Footnote 3.14), Don Berliner listed in chronological order "the top 10 cases of World Ufology" in his opinion:

- 1947 - Kenneth Arnold, Cascade Mountains, Washington;
- 1947 - Roswell, New Mexico, crash;
- 1952 - Washington, D.C., radar/visual sightings over city;
- 1952 - Glowing formation buzzes airliner near Norfolk, Virginia;
- 1952 - radar/visual sightings from RB-47 over southern USA;
- 1956 - radar/visual sightings around RAF Lakenheath, England;
- 1957 - Electromagnetic interference cases around Levelland, Texas;
- 1961 - Abduction of Betty and Barney Hill in New England;
- 1964 - Landing with occupants outside Socorro, New Mexico;
- 1966 - "Swamp Gas" sightings in southeastern Michigan.

(3) Greg Bishop

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Greg Bishop refers to the following 10 cases in chronological order, prefaced with the statement that "I do not choose these from an evidentiary standpoint, they are simply personal favourites" (see Footnote 3.59).

1. Flatwoods Monster - West Virginia, USA, 1952.
2. Kelly-Hopkinsville - Kentucky, USA, 1955.
3. Antonio Villas-Boas case - Brazil, 1957.
4. Along Pan-American highway, Chile, 1950s.
5. Rex Heflin sighting and photos - Santa Ana, CA, USA, 1965.
6. Mothman Sightings - West Virginia, USA, 1966.
7. Herbert Schirmer - Ashland, NB, USA, 1967.
8. Pascagoula Abduction - Mississippi, USA, 1973.
9. Scary Night - Thousand Oaks, CA, USA, 1975.
10. Cash-Landrum Incident - Texas, USA, 1980.

(4) Thomas E Bullard

Thomas E Bullard nominated the radar-visual case near Minot, South Dakota on 24 October 1968 in response to the question about "the most evidential" UFO case in a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 and indicated that he would add the following five cases that he has "studied at some length" that "seem worthy to me - the strange, well-supported, tried-and-tested survivors" (Footnote 3.60):

- 1) The Father Gill case from 1959
- 2) Barney and Betty Hill, 1961
- 3) Exeter, New Hampshire, 1965.
- 4) The January, 2000, southern Illinois police chase case.
- 5) Robozero Marvel (1663 AD)

(5) James Carrion In an interview in 2006, James Carrion, the International Director of the Mutual UFO Network, gave the following list of the "top 10 cases" (see Footnote 3.15):

1. Roswell
2. Cash Landrum
3. Betty and Barney Hill Abduction
4. Delphos, Kansas landing
5. McMinnville Oregon photos
6. JAL Flight 1628
7. 1952 UFOs over Washington DC
8. 1976 Iran Incident
9. America West Airlines Flight 564
10. Shag Harbour

(6) Mark Cashman

In 1998, Mark Cashman (webmaster of "The Temporal Doorway" website) presented a list (see Footnote 3.16) which he subsequently clarified was a list of "10 cases I chose as representative of those cases suggestive of the ETH, not the 10 best cases of all time regardless of whether they are suggestive of ETH" (see Footnote 3.17).

1. Performance- Hill, 7/16/1952, Virginia, 120 g turns
2. Performance- Marignane, 1952, 18G acceleration,
3. Structure- Moreland, 7/13/1959, New Zealand,
4. Interest in and interference with vehicles- Levelland, 1957
5. Unconventional physics- Beaver Falls, PA photo, 1965 (luminosity, non-visible EM emissions)
6. Escape velocity (25k mph)- 4/24/1949, White Sands,
7. Departure to high altitude- Loch Raven Dam, 1958,
8. Beings in association with UFO- 1/1/70, Vancouver Isl., Canada
9. Sample gathering- Valensole, 1965
10. Interest in humans- Kelly-Hopkinsville, Aug. 21, 1955

(7) Bill Chalker As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Bill Chalker referred to the following 10 cases, with an indication that the list represents his "personal 'top ten' regional Australasian case list" (Footnote 3.61).

1. 31 August 1954: Sea Fury case, near Goulbourn, NSW, Australia
2. 23 July 1992: Peter Khoury "Hair of Alien" DNA case, Sydney, Australia
3. 27 June 1959: Father Gill sighting
4. 30 September 1980: George Blackwell, Rosedale, Victoria, Australia
5. 8 August 1993: Kelly Cahill's abduction experience
6. 19 January 1966: George Pedley's UFO nest encounter
7. 14 April 1966: Ron Sullivan's "bent headlight beam" experience
8. 6 April 1966: Westall school daylight UFO landing encounter.
9. 1977-78: Gisborne UFO abduction milieu
10. May - August 1973: Tyringham Dundurrabin intense UFO flap

Since the top cases in this list are not in chronological order, and since the list begins with Bill Chalker favourite case, the order of the cases may reflect Bill Chalker's views as to their respective evidential merit.

(8) David Clarke

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, British UFO skeptics David Clarke and Andy Roberts provided comments jointly which refer to the following 10 cases, with an indication that the list represents their "Top Ten list of 'classic' unresolved UFO cases, incorporating our two 'best' cases, and reflecting our bias towards UK incidents that we have personally investigated or researched" (Footnote 3.62):

1. RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters (see FT213:28-32).
2. RAF Farnborough, Hampshire (see FT164:43).
3. Livingston incident, Scotland, 1979
4. Exercise Mainbrace sightings, September and October 1952.
5. Rendlesham Forest (see FT204:32-39).
6. PC Alan Godfrey's encounter, Todmorden, 28 November 1980.
7. Cynthia Appleton "contactee" story, Birmingham, 1957-58.
(see FT191:32-38)
8. Ilkley alien photo, West Yorkshire, 1 December 1987.
9. Stephen Darbishire photo, Coniston, Cumbria, February 1954.
10. Alitalia UFO, 21 April 1991. (See FT194:23).

(9) Jerry Clark

In 1998, Jerry Clark stated that the following entries from the second edition of his UFO Encyclopedia "address many of the best cases on which rests the argument that UFOs may be extraordinary anomalies" (see Footnote 3.18):

1. Arnold Sighting
2. BOAC Sighting
3. Cash-Landrum CE2
4. Chiles-Whitted Sighting
5. CE1s
6. CE2s
7. CE3s
8. Coyne CE2
9. Cressy Sighting
10. Damon CE2
11. Daylight Discs
12. Delphos CE2
13. Dr. X Case
14. Everglades CE2
15. Exeter CE1
16. Falcon Lake CE2
17. Fishersville CE2
18. Fort Monmouth Radar/Visual Case
19. Gill CE3
20. Green Fireballs and Other Southwestern Lights
21. Hessdalen Lights
22. Hill Abduction Case
23. Iran CE2
24. Itaipu Fortress Incident
25. JAL Sighting
26. Kelly-Hopkinsville CE3
27. Kinross Case
28. Kuwait Sightings
29. Lakenheath-Bentwaters Radar/Visual Case
30. Langenburg CE2
31. Lavonia CE2
32. Laxson CE3
33. Levelland Sightings
34. Lubbock Lights
35. McMinnville Photos
36. Marshall County CE2
37. Montana Film
38. Moore Case
39. Morocco Sightings
40. Muroc Air Base Sightings
41. Nash-Fortenberry Sighting
42. New Zealand Film
43. Ocala Radar/Visual Case
44. Portage County Sightings
45. Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14
46. RB-47 Radar/Visual Case
47. Red Bluff Sightings
48. Ririe CE3
49. Salt Lake City Sighting
50. Senator Russell Sighting
51. Socorro CE2/CE3
52. Stonehenge CE3
53. Tombaugh Sighting
54. Trans-en-Provence CE2
55. Trindade Island Photographs
56. Utah Film
57. Valensole Disappearance (sic)
58. Washington National Radar/Visual Case
59. Westchester Sightings

The following year (in 1999), Jerry Clark posted a much shorter list of cases (see Footnote 3.19) which was subsequently taken by John Rimmer as being a list of Jerry Clark's "best cases" (see Footnote 3.20). Jerry Clark stated: "For some convincingly documented cases which have stubbornly withstood the assaults of pelicanists, see The UFO Encyclopedia, 2nd Ed., on ." and then listed the following cases:

- (a) the Coyne CE2,
- (b) Portland County Sightings,
- (c) RB-47 case,
- (d) the Socorro CE2/CE3.

(10) Jerry Cohen

Jerry Cohen's website includes the following list of cases entitled "Author's Select Cases" (see Footnote 3.21):

- (1) Edwards AFB Case (1957.0502)
- (2) Kirtland AFB (1957.1104)
- (3) "The Sebago" (1957.1105)
- (4) Hynek Blue Book Case (1965.0505)
- (5) Exeter, New Hampshire (1965.0903)
- (6) Portage County, Ravenna Ohio (1966.0417)
- (7) Malmstrom Air Force Base (1967.0316)
- (8) Redlands, California (1968.0204)
- (9) Malmstrom Air Force Base (1975.1107)
- (10) F-4 Incident, Iran (1976.0900)
- (11) Belgium UFO (1989/90)
- (12) Police UFO, Illinois (2000.0105)

(11) Dwight Connelly

Dwight Connelly's book "The World's Best UFO Cases" includes chapters on the following incidents (see Footnote 3.22):

- (1) Betty & Barney Hill (1961)
- (2) Buff Ledge abductions (1968)
- (3) Hickson/Parker, Pascagoula (1971)
- (4) Travis Walton abduction case (1975)
- (5) Kentucky abductions (1976)
- (6) Allagash abductions (1976)
- (7) Kelly Cahill encounter (1993)
- (8) Apparent abduction on video tape (1996)
- (9) DNA analysis of possible alien hair (1992-1998)
- (10) McMinnville photos (1950)
- (11) Delphos case (1971)
- (12) Father Gill's New Guinea sighting (1959)
- (13) Various animal mutilation cases
- (14) Roswell
- (15) Various crop circles
- (16) New Berlin UFO repair case (1964)
- (17) Various implant cases
- (18) Cash-Landrum encounter
- (19) Stanley Romanek case

(12) Richard Dolan

Richard Dolan's book "UFOs and the National Security State: Volume 1" does not contain a list expressly identified as being a list of the cases that he considers to be the "best".

However, in a concluding chapter he does list several sightings and asks how they can be explained (see Footnote 3.22). By implication, this appears to be a list of the UFO cases which Richard Dolan considers to be the best. The relevant cases are:

1. Lakenheath (1956)
2. McMinnville photos
3. Zamora's sighting at Socorro
4. Senator Richard Russell's sighting
5. The 1954 humanoid sightings

(13) Hilary Evans

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Hilary Evans responded "As for the ten 'best cases', this is, of course, an impossible request. . really, there's hardly a case in the files that doesn't have its own dimension of speculation and wonder!" (Footnote 3.63). Despite that response, he did go on to discuss a limited number of specific cases. Those cases were:

1. Hessdalen lights
2. 1980 Piedmont, Missouri, observations by Harley Rutledge.
3. 1974 report 'The Utah UFO display'.
4. 1959 Boinai Father Gill sightings
5. Crop Circles enigma,
6. Betty and Barney Hill

(14) Stanton Friedman

As noted above, Stanton Friedman has said that the Betty and Barney Hill incident "is my favorite" (see Footnote 3.09).

In response to a suggestion that he refuses to "produce a single case", Stanton Friedman has referred to the following cases (see Footnote 3.58):

- (1) RB 47,
- (2) Hills,
- (3) Salt Lake City.

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Stanton Friedman began by stating that he doesn't "like top-10 lists". However, he went on to state that "here is a fast pass..." and listed the following ten cases (Footnote 3.64):

1. The Betty and Barney Hill case
2. Roswell
3. The Yukon mother ship case
4. The RB 47 case.
5. Rendlesham, 1980.
6. Iran, 1976.
7. McMinnville, Oregon, 1950.
8. The Travis Walton case, Arizona.
9. Malmstrom Air Force Base.
10. Delphos, Kansas.

Stanton Friedman has also referred (see Footnote 3.23) with apparent approval to the list of 41 cases in the testimony Dr James E. McDonald's to a congressional hearing on 29 July 1968, i.e. the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Astronautics' "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects", chaired by Congressman J Edward Roush (see Footnote 3.58 and also Footnote 3.24, and see entry below in relation to James McDonald).

(15) Richard Hall

Richard Hall's article "The Science of UFOs: Fact vs. Skepticism" referred to 20 cases, summarised in a list prepared by Bob Young(see Footnote 3.25). Those 20 cases are briefly listed below:

- 1) Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona (1952.0501)
- 2) Red Bluff, California; Carson/Scott (1960.0813)
- 3) Socorro, New Mexico; Lonnie Zamora (1964.0424)
- 4) Minot AFB, North Dakota (1967.0305)
- 5) Mansfield, Ohio; Coyne (1973.1018)
- 6) Langenburg, Saskatchewan, Canada; Fuhr (1974.0901)
- 7) Santa Monica, California; Hallstrom (1978.0101)
- 8) Kuwait; (1978.1109)
- 9) Eastlake, Ohio; (1988.0304)
- 10) Bovina, Texas; Tollefson (1995.0525)
- 11) Damon, Texas; McCoy/Goode. (1965.0903)
- 12) Ravenna, Ohio; Spaur/Neff (1966.0417)
- 13) Everglades; James Flynn (1965.0315)
- 14) Tehran, Iran (1976.0919)

- 15) Split Rock Pond, New Jersey; Simons (1966.1015)
- 16) Atlanta, Missouri; Overstreet (1969.0404)
- 17) Huffman, Texas; Cash/Landrum (1980.1229)
- 18) Colby, Kansas; Carter (1972.0819)
- 19) LaPoint, Utah (1967.1110)
- 20) Algodonales, Cadiz, Spain (1972.0609)

Richard Hall subsequently clarified that whilst for the purposes of debate "willing to base [his] argument on [the first] 18 [of the above] cases", his position "is and always has been that it is the cumulative evidence of many hundreds of cases of the type illustrated in this article (see UFOE-II), and associated physical evidence of various types, and recurring patterns closely similar or identical to the cases illustrated in this article, are what make the ETH the most likely interpretation" (see Footnote 3.26).

(16) Robert L Hall

Robert L Hall (behavioural scientist) has presented a list of cases as "examples of hard core cases" in which he finds "familiar explanations, including systematic misperception, implausible" (see Footnote 3.27). He listed:

- (1) Lakenheath
- (2) RB-47 case
- (3) Hollywood on 5-6 February 1960
- (4) Arrey, New Mexico on 24 April 1949
- (5) Red Bluff, California on 13 August 1960
- (6) Admiralty Bay on 16 May 1961
- (7) Redlands, California on 2 February 1968

(17) Gary Heseltine

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Gary Heseltine listed the following cases, with an indication that they are his "top ten, in chronological order" (Footnote 3.65):

1. On 11 August 1944, whilst over France, a Lancaster bomber crew.
2. The Great Falls, Montana, cine footage from August 1950.
3. The RAF Lakenheath radar-visual sighting of August 13-14, 1956.
4. Colonel Gordon Cooper, UFO landing at Edwards Air Force Base in 1957.
5. Tehran, Iran, Jet Chase, early hours of 19 September 1976.
6. Rendlesham Forest, 26-28 December 1980
7. Japan Airlines, 17 November 1986.
8. Belgium, night of 30-31 March 1990.
9. The Tether Incident, STS 75, 1997.
10. Campeche region of Mexico, March 2004.

(18) J Allen Hynek

Following an interview with Associated Press, J Allen Hynek was quoted as saying in relation to Socorro that it was "one of the soundest, best substantiated reports as far as it goes" (see Footnote 3.28).

Hynek also appears to have selected his top 20 cases.

On 5 April 1996, there a one day House Armed Services Committee hearing on Unidentified Flying Objects was chaired by H Mendel Rivers. Witnesses at the hearing were Harold Brown (Secretary of the Air Force), Major Hector Quintanilla Jr (Chief of Project Blue Book) and Dr J Allen Hynek. Hynek said "I have set aside for further study some 20 particularly well-reported UFO cases which, despite the character, technical competence and number of the witnesses, I have not been able to explain. I have done this to illustrate that neither I nor the Air Force hide the fact that there are unexplained reports." (see Footnote 3.29). Menzel has written that "When Condon asked Hynek for these cases in February 1968, Hynek refused on the basis that, by then, the Colorado investigation would shortly come to an end, and he did not want to run the risk of having potentially valuable data

rendered useless or jeopardized for future work, through careless processing of the material" (see Footnote 3.30).

I note in passing that of the dozens of critical reviews that I have read of the Condon Report, most complain that the Condon study failed to address the "best" cases but I do not recall a single one of those critical reviews mentioning that Hynek had refused to provide to Condon a list of the top 20 cases that he had mentioned in public.

However, Hynek did send Menzel a list of 11 cases (see Footnote 3.31). Unfortunately, neither Menzel nor Hynek appear to have published the relevant list of cases, nor have I seen any other researcher publish (or even mention) the relevant list. It is possible that the relevant list can be found within copies of relevant correspondence between Menzel and Hynek.

(19) Paul Kimball

During Paul Kimball's nominations of the top 10 cases (see Footnote 3.32), in no particular order, are:

- (1) RB47 (1957) - USA
see: <http://ufologie.net/htm/rb47.htm>
- (2) McMinnville (1950) - USA
- (3) Kelly Johnson / Lockheed case (1953) - USA
<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/lockufoinc.htm>
- (4) The 1952 Washington flap, when combined with the Nash-Fortenberry sighting and the Paul Hill sighting - USA
see:
<http://www.ufoevidence.org/cases/case92.htm> (Nash Fortenberry)
<http://www.project1947.com/fig/1952d.htm> (Washington 1952)
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_R._Hill (Hill)
- (5) Vins-sur-Caramy (1957) - France
see:
<http://www.temporaldoorway.com/ufo/report/570414.htm>
- (6) Minot AFB (1968) - USA
see:
<http://www.project1947.com/shg/minot/>
- (7) Yukon multiple witness case (1996) - Canada
see:
<http://www.ufobc.ca/yukon/22index.htm>
- (8) Shag Harbour (1967) - Canada
see:
<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/ufo/002029-1500-e.html>
- (9) Killeen / Fort Hood case (1949) - USA
see:
<http://www.nicap.org/texas/texassightings.htm>
- (10) JAL Flight 1628 (1986) - Japan / USA
see:
<http://www.nicap.dabsol.co.uk/jal1628-2.htm>

(20) Alfred Lehmborg

In emails sent to the UFO UpDates email discussion List on 28 May 2004 (see Footnote 3.33) and approximately 2 years later, on 8 April 2006 (see Footnote 3.34), Alfred Lehmborg has included the following list of cases (and referred to the discussion of these cases on Jerry Cohen's website):

1. Kirtland AFB (1957.1104)
2. Hynek Blue Book Case (1965.0505)
3. Malmstrom Air Force Base (1967.0316)
4. Redlands, California (1968.0204)
5. Exeter, New Hampshire (1965.0903)
6. Malmstrom Air Force Base (1975.1107)
7. F-4 Incident, Iran (1976.0900)
8. Belgium UFO (1989/90)
9. Police UFO, Illinois (2000.0105)

(21) Bruce Maccabee

Bruce Maccabee responded to a challenge on the Internet in 1999 to produce "a list of the ten UFO cases giving the best evidence for an extraterrestrial origin for the UFO phenomenon" by providing the following list, which he acknowledged was "definitely biased toward those cases which [he had] worked on"

(see Footnote 3.35):

- (1) Feb. 28, 1904 USS Supply sighting, off coast of California
- (2) June 24, 1947 Kenneth Arnold sighting
- (3) June 24, 1947 Fred Johnson sighting
- (4) April 24, 1949 Charles B Moore and navy personnel sighting
- (5) May 24, 1949 Rogue River, Oregon sighting
- (6) April 27, 1950 White Sands movie film
- (7) May 11, 1950 McMinnville, Oregon sighting
- (8) July 2, 1952 Trindade Island photographs
- (9) April 24, 1964 Socorro, New Mexico (Zamorra sighting)
- (10) Sept. 13, 1966 Gemini 11 in orbit (photos unidentified)
- (11) Sept. 19, 1976 Tehran, Iran (Iranian jet case)
- (12) December 31, 1978 New Zealand Sightings
- (13) August 9, 1980 Kirtland AFB
- (14) December 2, 1981 Columbia, CT
- (15) November 14, 1986 Japan Air Lines over Alaska (Terauchi)
- (16) November 1987 - July 1988 First Phase of Gulf Breeze Sightings
- (17) January 8, 1990 Gulf Breeze Multiple Witness Sighting
- (18) September 16, 1992 Gulf Breeze Sighting of a Ring of Lights
- (19) March 8, 1995 Grenoble, France radar incident
- (20) July 2, 1998 Ticonderoga, NY video

(22) McDonald, James

One of the members of the Condon team, Roy Craig, has referred to Dr James McDonald having a list of his selection of the "best" cases. Roy Craig's book includes the following two references to such a list:

(a) Roy Craig stated that "[Dr James E McDonald] kept a list of the ten or twenty 'best cases' which indicated to him that something strange was observed. He discussed those cases in detail at numerous talks to groups of fellow scientists and to political leaders" (see Footnote 3.37). (b) Roy Craig referred to the endless sparring that would occur if investigators pursued Dr James McDonald's "twenty best UFO cases", commenting that "As soon as the investigator showed several of the twenty to have no merit, those were simply dropped from the list and replaced with different cases" (see Footnote 3.38).

I have read quite a bit of McDonald's material on UFOs, some of which is not easily obtainable and not referred to very often in other UFO literature. However, I have not seen any list within that material which is expressly labelled as referring to the "best cases".

On the positive side, I have found a numerous different lists within McDonald's material on UFOs which refer to various different cases. Those lists include:

(a) a list of 41 cases within McDonald's written testimony submitted to a congressional hearing on 29 July 1968, i.e. the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science and Astronautics' "Symposium on Unidentified Flying Objects", chaired by Congressman J Edward Roush (available free online at Footnote 3.24). However, those lists do not appear to represent an attempt to identify the 41 "best" cases. Instead, those 41 cases comprise several shorter lists addressing, for example, claims that astronomers do not report UFOs and claims that pilots do not report UFOs (see Footnote 3.24). In a letter dated 2 April 1971, McDonald himself referred to the relevant discussion as relating to "over 30 selected UFO cases of scientific significance" (see Footnote 3.39).

(b) A relatively long chronological list of "some UFO cases of interest", containing approximately 125 cases, dated 13 March 1967 (see Footnote 3.40).

(c) A of "Some Illustrative UFO Reports", containing a numbered list of 10 reports, to "bring out" the allegedly "essential similiarity" of UFO reports from around the world (see Footnote 3.41).

(d) A numbered list of 18 cases "selected for a variety of reasons" (see Footnote 3.42).

After fairly intense efforts, the closest I have come to short lists of the cases which McDonald viewed as the "best" were, ironically, found in the most easily obtainable of the numerous sources I examined, i.e. in "UFO's: A Scientific Debate" (1972), edited by Carl Sagan and Thornton Page.

That source contains two relatively short lists by McDonald which appear to reflect his views of the best cases, firstly, considered by the Condon report to be explained, and, secondly, those considered by the Condon report to be unexplained:

(a) Firstly, McDonald has listed several cases considered explained in the Condon Report which McDonald regarded as "both unexplained and of strong scientific interest" (see Footnote 3.43):

- (1) Flagstaff, Arizona, 20 May 1950
- (2) Washington, D.C., 19 June 1952
- (3) Bellefontaine, O., 1 August 1952
- (4) Haneda AFB, Japan, 5 August 1952
- (5) Gulf of Mexico, 6 December 1952
- (6) Odessa, Washington, 10 December 1952
- (7) Continental Divide, N. M., 26 January 1953
- (8) Seven Isles, Quebec, 29 June 1954
- (9) Niagara Falls, N. Y., 25 July 1957
- (10) Kirtland AFB, N. M., 4 November 1957
- (11) Gulf of Mexico, 5 November 1957
- (12) Peru, 30 December 1966
- (13) Holloman AFB, 2 March 1967
- (14) Kincheloe AFB, 11 September 1967
- (15) Vandenberg AFB, 6 October 1967
- (16) Milledgeville, Ga., 20 October 1967

(b) Secondly, McDonald has listed several cases "conceded to to be unexplainable in the Condon Report and containing features of particularly strong scientific interest" (see Footnote 3.44):

- (1) Utica, N. Y., 23 June 1955
- (2) Lakenheath, England, 13 August 1956
- (3) Jackson, Ala. 14 November 1956
- (4) Norfolk, Va., 30 August 1957
- (5) RB-47 case 19 September 1957
- (6) Beverly, Mass., 22 April 1966
- (7) Joplin, Mo., 13 January 1967
- (8) Donnybrook, N. D., 19 June 1966
- (9) Haynesville, La., 30 December 1966
- (10) Colorado Springs, Colo., 13 May 1967

(23) Nick Pope

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Nick Pope listed the following cases as being his top ten. Since the list is not in chronological order, and begins with the case that he viewed as most valuable, it is possible that the order reflect Nick Pope's respective ranking of these cases (Footnote 3.66):

1. Rendlesham Forest Incident, December 1980.
2. The Belgian Wave, March 1990.
3. The Cosford Incident, March 1993.
4. RAF Lakenheath/RAF Bentwaters, August 1956.
5. Manchester Airport, 1995.
6. Captain Zaghetti's Sighting, 1991.
7. Pitlochry Photograph, 1990.
8. Iranian Intercept, 1976.
9. North Sea Overtake, 1990.
10. Captain Graham Sheppard, 1967.

(24) Kevin Randle

In an interview in 1998, Kevin Randle said that his "favourite" case was Roswell, and stated that "other good cases include" the following (see Footnote 3.45):

- (1) Roswell,
- (2) the photographic part of the Lubbock Lights,
- (3) Levelland, TX in 1957,
- (4) the Montanta Movie,
- (5) Lonnie Zamora in 1964
- (6) Bentwaters,
- (7) The Belgium sightings.

(25) Jenny Randles

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, Jenny Randles stated that she generally declines requests to provide a "top ten" list "as no case is immune from resolution". Instead, her list is subject to the caveat that "this is a list of cases (in date order) that interest me right now. All may, or may not, become explained". She also indicates that her list is limited to cases "with which I have either had direct involvement or have had the opportunity to meet witnesses / or investigators and discuss the evidence" (Footnote 3.67).

1. Sept/Oct 1947, Himalayan Foothills, Tibet
2. 24 May 1964, Burgh Marsh, Cumbria.
3. 1 July 1965, Valensole, France
4. 2 Nov 1968, SE France
5. 19 September 1976, Tehran, Iran
6. 9 March 1977, Nelson, Lancashire
7. 6 June 1977, Barnard Castle, Durham
8. 17 September 1977, Newmill, Cornwall
9. 13 March 1980, Haselor, Warwickshire.
10. 26 December 1980, Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk

(26) Rich Reynolds

Rich Reynolds's blog, "The UFO Iconoclast(s)", includes an entry entitled "The Really Best Top Ten UFO Incidents" (see Footnote 3.60) which lists the following incidents:

1. Ezekiel encounter
2. 1608 Nice, France visuals
3. 1917 Fatima incidents
4. 1948 Chiles-Whitted episode
5. 1952 Washington National Airport sightings
6. 1953 Penderecki event at Fairy Lake in Ontario, Canada
7. 1956 Lakenheath-Bentwaters radar/visual contacts
8. Exeter, New Hampshire sighting(s) of 1965
9. 1966 Ann Arbor/Dexter-Hillsdale, Michigan sightings
10. Coyne Helicopter confrontation over Mansfield, Ohio, October 1973

(27) Andy Roberts

As part of a survey by the Fortean Times in 2007 of various researchers of the ten cases from 1947 onwards that interested them the most, British UFO skeptics David Clarke and Andy Roberts provided comments jointly which refer to the following 10 cases, with an indication that the list represents their "Top Ten list of 'classic' unresolved UFO cases, incorporating our two 'best' cases, and reflecting our bias towards UK incidents that we have personally investigated or researched" (Footnote 3.62):

1. RAF Lakenheath-Bentwaters (see FT213:28-32).
2. RAF Farnborough, Hampshire (see FT164:43).
3. Livingston incident, Scotland, 1979
4. Exercise Mainbrace sightings, September and October 1952.
5. Rendlesham Forest (see FT204:32-39).
6. PC Alan Godfrey's encounter, Todmorden, 28 November 1980.
7. Cynthia Appleton "contactee" story, Birmingham, 1957-58. (see FT191:32-38)
8. Ilkley alien photo, West Yorkshire, 1 December 1987.
9. Stephen Darbishire photo, Coniston, Cumbria, February 1954.
10. Alitalia UFO, 21 April 1991. (See FT194:23).

(28) Robert Rosamund

In the transcript of an interview circulated on 14 January

2007 (see Footnote 3.46), Robert Rosamund (BUFORA Chairperson) was asked by Milton Frank (Brazilian Ufology Center President) for his opinions on the "most important" cases.

In response to a question about the "the top 10 cases of World Ufology", he referred to several cases which "remain unexplained and otherwise unanswered" and specifically mentioned:

- (1)The Travis Walton case,
- (2) Socorro,
- (3) Roswell.

It should be noted that Robert Rosamund's response was subject to the following caveat: "The problem is that like many previous 'cornerstone' UFO cases, the possibility of evidence emerging to explain them away hangs in the air awaiting the moment to materialize whether we like it, agree with it or otherwise acknowledge it or not. As we have learned in the past (and often to our cost) nothing in this subject is cast in stone and little remains sacrosanct".

(29) Brad Sparks

In 1999, Brad Sparks stated that he was "not ready to present a full Best Case list for OEH [the Objective Existence Hypothesis, which is that an unexplained physical phenomenon does exist], though I would certainly put on such a list" the following cases (see Footnote 3.47):

- (1) the RB-47 case,
- (2) the Trent/McMinnville stereo photos,
- (3) the Rogue River, Oregon, sighting,
- (4) the 6 June 1949, Killeen Base observation network sighting, the "world's first UFO triangulation",
- (5) Gemini 11 astronaut sighting and photos,
- (6) Skylab-3 astronaut sighting and photos, and
- (7) the Cash-Landrum case.

(30) Ronald Story

Ronald Story has written an interesting book entitled "UFOs and the Limits of Science" (discussed in some detail in Part 6 of this article) which focuses around a list "of ten 'best' cases". He selected these 10 cases since they "to me represent the strongest UFO evidence on record".

The relevant cases selected by Ronald Story as the 10 "best" cases were (see Footnote 3.48):

1. Newport News, Virginia, 14 July 1952 (Nash-Fortenberry case)
2. Lakenheath AFB, England, 13-14 August 1956 (multiple radar-visual)
3. Levelland, Texas, 2-3 November 1957 (Car stop cases)
4. Boianai, New Guinea, 26, 28 June 1959 (Father Gill case)
5. Whitefield, New Hampshire, 19 September 1961 (Betty & Barney Hill case)
6. Exeter, New Hampshire, 3 September 1965 (Incident at Exeter)
7. Ravenna, Ohio, 17 April 1966 (Spaur chase case)
8. Mansfield, Ohio, 18 October 1973 (Coyne helicopter case)
9. Tehran, Iran, 18 September 1976 (Iranian jet case)
10. Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand, 31 December 1978 (New Zealand film multiple radar-visual)

In addition to chapters devoted to each of the above 10 cases, Ronald Story's book contains further chapters devoted to discussing various issues. A chapter entitled "UFO photographs" (see Footnote 3.49) identifies 4 photographic cases which Story states "I have chosen as the 'best', in terms of their combined strangeness and reliability". Those cases are:

1. Wellington/Kaikoura, New Zealand, 31 December 1978 ("the most puzzling picture sequence of all");
2. McMinnville, Oregon, 11 May 1950 (Trent case photos);
3. Great Falls, Mont, 5 or 15 August 1950 (Mariana film);

4. Trindade Island, Brazil, 16 January 1958 (IGY photos).

(31) Jacques Vallee

Jacques Vallee has referred to the data of "our circumspect 'Invisible College' (a network of scientists who are privately investigating the mystery)" as being "probably the most detailed and best-investigated set of UFO cases ever selected".

Unfortunately, he failed to indicate the relevant selection of cases (see Footnote 3.50).

In another of his books, Jacques Vallee did indicated that he considered that "The Valensole case is the best-authenticated close encounter incident in continental Europe" (see Footnote 3.51).

It may be possible to draw inferences as to Jacques Vallee's views on the "best" cases from some comments he made in a yet further book. He has complained that many ufologists confuse "the most publicized cases" with "the most convincing". In particular, he has complained that the following cases "seem to be totally unknown" (see Footnote 3.52, and see also the discussion in Part 5 of this article), possibly indicating that he considered that these cases are among the most convincing:

- (1) the Kelly landing,
- (2) the Bismarck case,
- (3) the Walesville incident,
- (4) the Loch Raven Dam.

UK Top 10s

Finally, I shall briefly refer to several lists produced of the top UK cases. Such lists have been produced by:

- (a) Dave Clarke,
- (b) Jenny Randles,
- (c) Andy Roberts,
- (d) Robert Rosamund.

(a) Dave Clarke

Dave Clarke has listed the following 10 cases as being "top in terms of their intrinsic interest, i.e. involving some form of corroboration, ie. radar/visual, after-effects on witnesses, etc" (see Footnote 3.53):

1. Lakenheath-Bentwaters 13/14 Aug 1956
2. RAE Farnborough sightings by RAF Test Pilots, 1950
3. RAF Little Rissington & RAF Topcliffe sightings Sept/Oct 1952
4. Rendlesham - BUT only the events of the 'first night' (Penniston/Burroughs etc)
5. Livingston, Scotland 1979 [Bob Taylor case]
6. RAF West Freugh April 1957
7. Solway Firth 'spaceman' photo
8. Cynthia Appleton 'space baby' contactee case, 1950s Birmingham
9. Altitalia incident 1991
10. East Anglia incident 1957 involving USAF F-84D Sabre jets

(b) Jenny Randles In 2004, I started a discussion on the Ufologyinuk forum regarding my progress in relation to the writing of this article and raising various related issue. Jenny Randles helpfully responded by referring to her book a list at the end of her book "UFO Study" (1981). The list within that book is entitled "Ten significant Cases" and stated that the list "should not be regarded as my 'Top Ten'" (see Footnote 3.54). However, in her email in 2004 (see Footnote 3.55) Jenny Randles commented that the list "was in fact a British top ten" (although her views have since changed in relation to some of the sightings discussed in that list).

The relevant list included the following:

- 1: LITS 2 April 1976 Bury, Greater Manchester
- 2: Low Definition 11 September 1962
- 3: Medium Definition 24 Feb 1979
- 4: The Peter Day Movie Film 11 January 1973
- 5: CE 1 9 March 1977 Nelson, Lancashire
- 6: CE 2 6 June 1977 Barnard Castle, Durham
- 7: CE 2 17 September 1977 Newmill, Cornwall
- 8: Landing 22 February 1979 Meanwood, Yorks
- 9: CE 3 1 September 1978 Anglesey
- 10: CE 4 16 October 1973 Wellington, Somerset

In 2004, Jenny Randles indicated that she would probably now substitute the final case in the above list with the November 1980 Alan Godfrey CE 4 (see Footnote 3.55).

More recently, Jenny Randles has responded to the list of 10 British cases proposed by Dave Clarke by suggesting adding the following cases (see Footnote 3.56):

- 1: 11 September 1962 Alexandria, Egypt (see FSR Vol 26 No 1)
- 2: 9 March 1977 Nelson, Lancashire (FSR Vol 23 No 2)
- 3: 6 June 1977 Barnard Castle, Co Durham (FSR Vol 23 No 5)
- 4: 17 September 1977 Newmill, Cornwall (FSR Vol 24 No 1)
- 5: 24 February 1975 Leiston, Suffolk (FSR Vol 21 No 5)

(c) Andy Roberts

In 2006, Andy Roberts present a list of his "top few mystery cases" from Britain (see Footnote 3.57):

- (1) Alan Godfrey: November 1980
- (2) Jessie Roestenberg: October 1954
- (3) Lakenheath-Bentwaters 13/14 Aug 1956
- (4) Ilkley Alien: December 1987
- (5) RAF Little Rissington sightings Sept/Oct 1952
- (6) Rendlesham
- (7) Bob Taylor encounter: Livingston, Scotland 1979
- (8) Solway Firth 'spaceman' photo: May 1964
- (9) Stephen Derbishire photo: Feb 1954
- (10) Cynthia Appleton 'space baby' contactee case, 1950s/early 60s Birmingham

(d) Robert Rosamund

In the transcript of an interview circulated on 14 January 2007 (see Footnote 3.46), Robert Rosamund (BUFORA Chairperson) was asked by Milton Frank (Brazilian Ufology Center President) Robert Rosamund was asked about the "most important UFO CASE in UK". He referred to "fascinating cases on record" and specifically mentioned:

- (1) the Livingston case in Scotland,
- (2) Rendlesham forest.

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Three Erath County Lawmen Observe 'One Big Craft'
By Angelia Joiner - Stephenville Lights Reporter

Note: Recently, a computer composite by a law enforcement officer in Erath County was posted on this site. The sighting was on January 8, 2008, between 7:30 and 8 p.m. The officer does not wish to be identified for reasons you will find further down in the story. For writing purposes the officer will be identified as Officer X.

Officer X is one more witness in an intriguing story now known around the world as 'The Stephenville Lights.' Some are saying the Stephenville event is the most significant UFO sighting since 'The Phoenix Lights' more than a decade ago.

The difference?

These officers didn't see just lights =96 they saw a craft. A craft they cannot explain or identify=97something that looked like it was under intelligent control =96 something that maneuvered in a way that they had never seen.

"I want people to know that the citizens are telling the truth," Officer X said. "They're not lying. They are telling the truth. There was something there. I think it=92s stealthy. It has a stealth capability. I think it can change colors with the sky. It was as dark as the sky until it lit up."

None of these officers were together at the time of the sighting and collectively they believe the object was visible for about thirty minutes. Officer X was on duty in a patrol car, while another officer had just finished his shift and was on his way home, and still another was off duty at his residence.

Officer X was traveling on the Stephenville South Loop, at the intersection of Lillian Street, when something in the sky caught his attention as he was looking north in the direction of the Erath County Courthouse. He said the night was clear and there was hardly any wind.

"My estimate is the object was about a half mile away at the most," Officer X said. "At first, I thought it was a big aircraft, but then I realized it was hovering. I then thought, 'An aircraft that size doesn't hover.' It was so big it would have fallen from the sky just hovering like that. It stretched from the courthouse almost to Jake and Dorothy's Caf=E9, or about two blocks. The diagram I did shows 400 feet, but looking back, I think it was larger, maybe between 500 and 600 feet."

Officer X said the craft turned.

"It started out horizontal, went up to the left at 30 to 40 degrees, and stopped for about five seconds," he said. "Then it went slowly vertical. It took about another five seconds to do this; then it slowly moved away to the northwest. It was one big craft."

He said the only reason he could make out the shape was because of its lights.

"The lights would strobe on the top and bottom towers and light up the object for less than a second," he said. "The top strobe lights were red, while the bottom lights were white. The wingtip lights, or outer lights, were red and constant. The large headlights were whitish to light blue and constant."

Officer X said the larger lights reminded him of two headlights on a vehicle, but they were very bright like the blue xenon headlights seen on newer automobiles. He estimated that with his arm outstretched, the lights would have been slightly larger than a nickel held between his thumb and forefinger.

Stranger yet, when the craft moved into a vertical position, a third light appeared between the other two.

He said he was unable to position his dash cam in a way that video footage could be taken, but he did manage to lock it in on radar.

"I had to swivel my radar head up into the sky," Officer X said. "And I knew I got a good hit on it. It showed 27 miles per hour and was accelerating slowly."

Then he said when the object turned at 90 degrees, he lost sight of it because of the treetops.

"It looked like it was moving northwest," he said. "It must have stayed down low because I wasn't able to see it after that. I couldn't follow it. I wish I could've, but I had to go on a call."

The only person he mentioned the experience to that night was another officer employed by a different entity, and the episode was only mentioned in passing.

"I asked him if he saw the huge aircraft downtown earlier," Officer X said. "He said he hadn't seen anything and I didn't mention it to anyone else."

This officer said when the stories became public in the local paper (the first story was printed in the January 10, 2008, edition of the Stephenville Empire-Tribune), he decided to discuss what he had seen after he heard other officers talking about the sighting of an unusual object.

"I didn't say a word and then it hit the newspapers and I thought, 'Okay—Lee Roy (Gaitan) is talking, and he's a good friend of mine. I've known him for years and he's a credible, good person,'" he said. "The other two officers had already talked about it, so I went straight to them. The first night I talked to them was January 12. They described what they saw and I did a drawing on Notepad and took it back to them, and they said it was how they saw it."

Officer X said at first he and one officer felt the craft must be something military, but the third officer "was pretty adamant that it was not," for reasons that cannot be disclosed for the sake of anonymity.

"The more I thought about it— I thought, 'They just don't fly secret projects in free air space,' " he said. "If it's military, they made a big boo-boo by flying it into Stephenville, Texas. The Air Force knows better than that. It leads me away from the Air Force."

The officer said because he was in his patrol car with the windows up and the scanner on, he didn't know if the object was making a noise. He said one of the officers told him upon arriving home after his duty he did not hear anything, but none of them could say for sure if the craft had any noise or was absolutely silent.

From speaking with the other officers who observed the bizarre craft, it was concluded the object hovered 100 to 500 feet above the ground, depending on which way the object was turned at the time, he said.

Officer X said he knows of others who witnessed the incident, but are not coming forward with their accounts.

When asked if he thought the craft was extraterrestrial, he said he didn't know.

"How does a person know?" he said. "How do you know without something landing and somebody walking out of it?"

Earlier that day around 3:30 or 4 p.m., Officer X said he noticed contrails in the sky in a grid pattern, "kind of like tic-tac-toe."

"It was a checkered pattern," he said. "I'm wondering if it was a search pattern."

(Photos taken nearby on January 8 by a private citizen and sent to this reporter weeks ago provide a visual confirmation of what the witness is describing. The location and photos are included below this report.)

Officer X said he and the other two officers could not allow their names to be publicized. He said none of them has been warned not to talk, but using their names could cause problems in their line of work.

"We have to go to court to testify all the time," Officer X said. "Lawyers could question us and make us appear to be less credible to a jury. Also, it can be a big issue when we go to a call and show up on a scene. If we were recognized, it could take away from us doing our jobs."

When asked why he waited an extended period of time to come forward with the account, he said there were a lot of things to consider. He wasn't sure what his supervisor would say about it, plus working long hours doesn't leave a great deal of time for a matter such as this. Also, he said he had trouble with computer compatibility issues involving printing the diagrams.

"I think what we saw wanted to be seen," Officer X said. "I believe it was under intelligent control. It was unusual because of the way it turned up and on its side. I even thought, 'Could it be remotely controlled?' "

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These photos were taken by a private citizen traveling home to Stephenville from Fort Worth on January 8, 2008. They are amazingly similar to Officer X's account of a "tic-tac-toe pattern" in the sky.

The citizen's email to Angelia Joiner is included with the son's name represented by Xs.

"Given all the focus on the skies on January 8, I thought you would be interested in these pictures I snapped between 4:30 and 5:30 on Tuesday, January 8 of an incredible amount of air traffic in the skies as my son, XXXX, and I drove home from seeing a great exhibit at the Kimball Art Museum. I took the first photo in Ft Worth just as we left Central Market and noticed all the vapor trails. The pictures progress down Interstate 20 (traveling west from Fort Worth), the last one being taken west of Weatherford around 5:30 or so. I have more pictures of the incredible patterns in the skies left by all the aircraft zipping through the air. XXXX and I were surprised we didn't see a mid-air collision with all those planes heading all directions. Perhaps those maneuvers have some connection to the phenomena in the skies that have caused such a stir."

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