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Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

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>>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>>Would recommend checking the evidence - i.e. scientists'
>>confirmation that the phenomena 'must be really there', before
>>rushing to conclusions of 'a confused layman'.

>>If you have time for that evidence, it's laid out at:
>>www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu
>>- the 'Smoking Gun' video and its shorter follow-up.

>I have already seen all that stuff before, believe me! When you
>have seen as much of the ice, debris and other flashing lights
>as I have, you get a bit jaded with respect to smoking guns and
>such.

>I think its funny that a number of these objects seem to appear
>at dusk or dawn or whenever there is a high contrast/high
>illumination zone.

James, one more time - and slowly - quoting from the video:
'they are seen under all lighting conditions and with many
different camera systems'.

Further (slowly again?) it's explained on that page - which you
maybe skipped - that, at the end of Part 6 and into part 7, two
astronauts preparing to EVA see several of the phenomena zip
past them, coming into the spacecraft. I.e they were seen by
the human eye and therefore can't be camera artifacts. NASA
haven't yet said if they - the three fast self-luminous `things'
- eventually left the craft or maybe hitched a ride down to
Earth.

If you have problems processing information then it's going to
get worse. Martyn says he's preparing to put hours of unedited
tapes on www.tb1n.com/ - so you can see the phenomena zooming
around, with all their different shapes and modes of travel.

Cheers

Ray D

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SETI's real objectives?

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Hello List,

"A civilization very much more advanced than we will be engaged in a busy communications traffic with its peers; but not with us, and not via technologies accessible to us." --Communication With Extraterrestrial Intelligence - Carl Sagan (ed.) 1973 p. 366

"Communication is a universal, but the use of radio is a parochial, when we go out into the Galaxy... a radio signal will be about as useful as a smoke signal. Communication evolves" Evolving The Alien - Profs. Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart, 2002. ISBN 0-09-187927-2

Speculation:

- i) it's likeliest that SETI aren't looking for advanced civilizations, not even slightly advanced, because our more efficient radio signals are indistinguishable from noise - unless you have the code-key. And, like those three say above, more advanced folk won't be using radio at all;
- ii) most sincere technical UFO/ET tracking & monitoring attempts by private citizens have been forcibly closed-down by gov't agencies, with burning of records & publications, arrests, imprisonment and even deaths of investigators;
- iii) strategically, gov't is only interested in ETs within a few light years - if much further away they won't be coming here (in a political life-time anyway), and we can't get there.

Putting those three together you get:

- a) that SETI is really looking for nearby 'primitives' - pretty much like us;
- b) that SETI is really a covert, deniable, government agency.

Cheers

Ray D

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Miners Saw UFO

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Miners 'Saw UFO'
by
Ben Langford

Five mine workers are convinced they saw a UFO fly over them on a remote Territory island.

Mine maintenance worker Arnold Murray said a bright object whizzed over the Gemco mine site on Groote Eylandt as he and his colleagues started the night shift last Friday.

Mr Murray, 32, said the bright light was slightly higher than a plane coming to land - but it was silent. He and four workmates were at the mine site at 7.15pm when he saw an object flying towards them.

"I noticed a star in the sky and it was getting closer," he said.

"As it approached I realised it was at plane level.

"Four other lads walked out of the office and we watched it for a little while. It was vertical from us, there were no flashing lights or noise.

"The plant's pretty quiet at night. (It made) no noise whatsoever.

"All of a sudden it shot off and left a long orange trail behind it. That orange trail just faded out like a shooting star."

Mr Murray said they wanted to know what flew over their heads in the night.

"It wasn't a chopper, it wasn't a plane, we knew that much, and it definitely wasn't a shooting star."

"It blew us out of the water."

Defence spokeswoman Kelly Cooper said the object was not a military plane.

"There were no military aircraft flying in that area at that time on that day," she said.

She said any navy ships letting off flares would have been at least 200 nautical miles off shore.

Groote Eylandt, in the Gulf of Carpentaria, is near one of the first and most famous UFO sightings in Australia - the "light

wheel" reported on January 23, 1964.

Sailors on a vessel off the northeast point of the island reported seeing a circle of pulsing lights rotating clockwise, and they said their compass went "haywire".

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1977 Cattle Mutes Article

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Tucson Daily Citizen, !Ole! Magazine
Saturday, February 26, 1977

Cattle Mutilations: The Mysterious Attacks Continue
by Jeff Smith and Christina Collins,
Citizen Staff Writers

In the evenings, after knocking off work at the construction site, he had several hundred head of cattle to check on, make sure they had water and feed supplement, look after any sick or injured animals.

That was on the evenings when he could get away from the job by supertime. Otherwise his son or wife saw to the cattle. Through the winter months this took them out after dark, several miles from the house, but it had to be done, just as the Cochise County rancher had to put in 40 to 60 hours a week at construction work to pay the bills. The cattle business is no way to make a living just now; men like this stay in it because they love the life and because it can only get better.

This particular night, Jan. 23, the rancher and his wife drove down to the far pasture to water the 80 head grazing there. The cattle were at the tank waiting for them, but something wasn't right.

"We noticed right off that this one cow was missing. She's easy to spot - weights 1,100 pounds and stands above the rest. And she's got a big set of horns on her, 12 to 14 inches."

It was dark so they waited, and wondered, until next morning when they went out and found her.

Resting on her stomach, legs folded under her, she appeared to be sleeping. But the cow was dead, bled dry, and mutilated, grotesquely butchered by someone or something.

This McNeal rancher, like most here in Southeastern Arizona, is familiar with the stories of cattle mutilations. Local press reports, though scanty, make it plain that this bizarre phenomenon which has mystified farmers and ranchers in Colorado, Nebraska, Montana and throughout the West, has visited the border states too. But Arizona ranchers don't need the newspapers to tell them; they hear it from neighbors whose cattle turn up missing - and then are found mutilated.

The story is nearly always the same; an animal is found dead without signs of a struggle, without evidence even of the normal death-throes of dying cattle. There are no tracks of human killers or animal predators, no blood on the ground, and little if any in the carcass. Scavengers, even flies and maggots, seem to leave the dead animals alone - and the carcasses are strangely, perhaps ritualistically, mutilated. There is a pattern to the butchery; sex organs, the anus, one or both ears, a cow's udder or teats, sometimes the lips and nostrils - all taken with surgical precision by a very sharp instrument or often what appears to be a pair of scissors that leaves a perfect serrated edge - like pinking shears.

The story is familiar and so is the fact that ranchers who talk too much or too publicly about it are likely to receive threats - perhaps merely from cranks who read the papers - but unsettling enough to prompt this ranch family to ask for anonymity.

"This contracting work sometimes keeps me out overnight, as far away as Sierra Vista, and the wife and kids are here alone," the rancher said. "I don't want some kook getting ideas." He carries a gun and his wife and high-school-age son have guns too, but he doesn't want the boy to take a gun to school with him. "I'll tell you one thing; I don't send the boy down there to water the cattle after dark any more."

The morning they found the cow mutilated in their field they knew what they had and called the Cochise County Sheriff's office. The deputy who arrived first knew what he was seeing too. Very carefully, and for nearly an hour, he checked the soft, plowed ground around the carcass for footprints or predator tracks. He found none.

But he did find something interesting. Aside from the expected signs of mutilation - right ear neatly removed, anus and sex organs gone - this cow was missing something else. It had been pregnant, ready to calve in April, but the unborn calf was gone without a trace, apparently taken out through the birth canal.

The rancher called Sheriff Jimmy Judd and asked that an autopsy be done on the animal.

"I don't think that animal died in a normal way," the rancher said. "I think they tranquilized it. There was an eighth-inch hole behind the last rib on its right side - maybe they bled it there - and its heart would pump out the blood if it was tranquilized."

Sheriff Judd sent a sergeant out to investigate further and determine if an autopsy was warranted. The sergeant took photos but advised against an autopsy, saying the animal had been dead too long.

"We have no fund for cattle autopsies," said Judd. "Maybe we'll get some money from the supervisors next year, if this keeps up."

The rancher is still angry that no tests were made on the carcass.

"We found that thing the morning after it was killed," he said. "You're never going to find a fresher one than that. And it smelled funny - not like a normal dead animal, but kind of sweet, you know? Like a dead person at a funeral." His wife nodded her agreement.

"It had an odd smell, and the flesh was light pink," she said, "like it had no blood in it."

The carcass was left in the field where it fell. Three weeks later it was still there, rotting, but untouched by predators. The afterbirth and the soft meat of the tongue - normally something coyotes and buzzards would fight for - were left to dry up. Something about the kill had left 1,100 pounds of beef unappetizing to the creatures which normally thrive on carrion.

About 25 miles west of McNeal, a few miles outside of Bisbee, is the E Lazy T Ranch of Albert Thomas. It straddles Highway 80 between Bisbee and Tombstone and the junction of 80 and Highway 90 going to Sierra Vista and Ft. Huachuca. The roads are well-traveled, and much of the Thomas ranch lies in open view to passing traffic.

The area near milepost 330 on Highway 80 is flat and grassy. The few mesquites which dot the range provide little shelter or hiding place. Yet it was here that Thomas found his 800-pound bull, about 18-months old, dead and mutilated on Jan. 18. This was the fifth animal Thomas had missed recently - the second within that week he had found mutilated. He called the sheriff's office and Deputy Philip Gray was dispatched to investigate.

The animal was about 75 yards off the highway, in easy view.

According to the officer's report, the testicles, penis and anus all were removed by a sharp cutting instrument, probably a knife. There was no blood on the dead bull nor on the ground near it.

Sgt. Bill Breen, who has been assigned the continuing investigation of the mutilations, went to investigate and photograph the dead animal.

"There wasn't a print or predator track, and no visible cause of death," Breen said, "and no signs of struggle anywhere around." Breen is not native to this part of the country. He has been in Cochise County four years and spent the previous six in Tucson. Breen isn't an old-timer to cattle country, but he seems to have faith in the cattlemen's common sense, and in his own eyes.

"This was clearly not predators," Breen said. "If coyotes had done it, they'd have known it was there and come back for a feast." Breen echoes the feelings of the ranchers and law officers who have witnessed this and other scenes of mutilation: coyotes are (1) smart and don't leave several hundred pounds of steaks and roasts lying around to rot, and (2) unskilled and don't know how to use knives, scalpels and pinking shears.

Albert Thomas is known as a salty individual. He's lived in this country most of his life and fought for his ranch. Twenty years ago, after a long boundary feud with a neighbor named Frank Crane, Thomas shot and killed the man. He was convicted of manslaughter, and served a prison term for it. Albert Thomas is familiar with guns; a poorer candidate for harassment by pranksters would be hard to find.

"Y'know who I think did it?" said Thomas. "I think it was these damned occults - for their rituals. Do they have to rape or kill some old women before they get stopped?"

Thomas mentioned the first mutilation - a 300-pound bull calf - to the sheriff's deputy when he came a week later to investigate the case of the bull at milepost 330. He did not, at that time, say anything about the helicopters he claims to have seen and heard flying in the area around the time of the mutilations.

Helicopters have figured prominently in mutilation cases throughout the eery history of this phenomenon and wherever cases have occurred. One theory as to the who and how of mutilations holds that it is military personnel - perhaps deranged Vietnam veterans - flying swift, silent helicopters, who are doing the mutilating.

Thomas and the rancher from McNeal are within easy reach of Ft. Huachuca, but officials there claim the only flight Thomas could have seen took the Post Commander to Bisbee to speak to a group of high school students on Jan. 18. Ft. Huachuca claims that all flights are carefully logged and that security on the machines themselves is extremely tight.

Nonetheless, Thomas claims to have seen a helicopter taking off from somewhere nearby on the night of the second mutilation. This, he says, could account for the fact that no one finds tracks or footprints at the scene, and that the dead cattle show no signs of struggle or death-throes.

"Any time an animal dies it'll kick and thrash around," Thomas said, "But these don't do anything but drop. I think whoever's doing it does it somewhere else, and then drops them by helicopter where they're sure to be found. Who knows what these Army guys are onto?"

Army guys, damned occults, perhaps neither. Who is doing it? Rumors are numerous and popular. Americans love to speculate on extraterrestrial beings, devil worshippers and psychotic criminals. Nonetheless, this speculation hasn't brought law officers in Cochise County, nor in any of several states where mutilators have been at work, any closer to a solution.

"Nobody's presented any new theories that haven't been hashed and rehashed," said Sgt. Breen, "but we're not just sitting back and waiting for things to happen. We're actively pursuing theories." Nevertheless, Breen admits, no other law enforcement agencies have been notified or brought in on these cases. State

livestock inspectors used to be notified in such cases, but over the years state officialdom has scoffed at mutilation theories so much that local authorities and field deputies often don't bother reporting suspected mutilations to them now.

"I handled three cases a couple years ago," said Deputy Chuck Ebner, who mans the Cochise County Sheriff's substation in Douglas, "and I got to be pretty careful about what I'd call a mutilation. But the livestock inspectors from Phoenix said every one was predators. I know better. I wouldn't call it a mutilation if there was even the slightest sign of predator attack, but one or two of them left no doubt that the job had been done with a knife, and by somebody who knew what he was up to." Ebner, too, confirmed that no footprints or normal signs of struggle could be found at the mutilation sites.

So bizarre speculation hasn't brought solution any closer; neither has logic. None of the standard crime solving theories has explained how the jobs are done so neatly, how no blood is left at the scene (or sometimes, none in the carcass), how the ground around is unmarked by prints or tracks, why predators and scavengers leave the kills alone, how the naimals are found, seemingly dropped from the sky, dead without a fight.

Or why. It defies logic, say thepeople who have seen it, that hundreds of cattle have been found similarly mutilated, in places thousands of miles aprt, over several years - and yet no firm clue has been found, no slip-up yet made by the perpetrators.

Whatever else may be deduced then, it must be conceded that whoever or whatever is mutilating cattle is very good at what he or it does.

This leads some who have studied and written on the subject to speculate that all the mutilations - here in Arizona this year, and in Colorado and Montana in Previous years - are the work of the same person or group.

Nevertheless, in every locale where this occurs, favorite suspects surface. In Bisbee, midway between the scenes of the two mutilations mentioned here, satanic cults are a popular theory. This dying mining town was revived in large part by an influx of young people, so-called "hippies" from Aspen, Durango and other trendy communities in Colorado, a center of the cattle mutilation activity. Some locals point to the immigrants' unorthodox lifestyle, their interest in astrology and mysticism, and see satanism where perhaps none exists.

But a firmer theory out of Bisbee comes from a young woman who teaches astrology and studies of folklore and unusual cult practices at Cochise College. She reports speaking with a counselor from a youth rehabilitation center in Bisbee, who told her of a 17-year-old boy from Sierra Vista. The boy claimed to have been a member of a satanic cult there - one which practiced cattle mutilation.

Other sources in Sierra Vista confirm the existence of such cults among teenagers there - even the suspicion that they may be connected to unsolved homicides. But is it plausible to suppose that a teen-age cult has the technical proficiency to carry out these acts without leaving a clue? Or was the 17-year-old boasting?

There is another theory, one best explained by these quotes from a cattleman who was watering his stock from twin 55-gallon drums in the back of his pickup, siphoning from them to the stock tanks:

"No, I don't want to talk about this business (mutilations) because I don't want nobody tying my name to any part of it." Had he heard of any? Did he know anyone whose cattle had been hit? An affirmative nod. "Everybody around here has. But we don't talk a lot about it; don't tell the sheriff 'cause there's nothin' he can do. But I tell you what: someday that guy, whoever's doing it, is going to screw up. Everybody makes a mistake sooner or later. And then maybe I'll get him - or somebody'll get him - and you won't hear nothin' about it."

Maybe so. And maybe the mystery of the mutilated cattle already has been solved - once, twice, perhaps more. Maybe the original

mutilators are dead and buried on some remote ranchland, caught, killed and even mutilated by a vengeful stockman who finally caught them in the act. Maybe subsequent mutilations have been the acts of imitators.

But what difference does it make? Original authorship may not be the most relevant issue here, because the strange mutilations still are happening across the lonely rangelands of the West.

Now, hold onto your hats, folks, 'cause we're leaving Arizona for a wild ride through the Western United States.

First, Logan County, 3,000 square miles and 22,000 people living near the northeast corner of Colorado, about half of them in the county seat, Sterling. Sheriff Harry L. Graves, a self-described "nosy booger," has been here 21 years. Graves says they're still happening; had 36 "verifications" in 1975 and the same number in 1976, he says.

Verifications of man-made cattle mutilations, sheriff?

"Right. Something made.

"It's a puzzle that you can't believe. We've worked on this since August of 1975. This was the first reported one; course, after we got this one, we had different people come in and say, "Well, we had these same things, but we didn't want to call you 'cause we thought you'd laugh at us. But it's definitely not a laughing matter."

About the first one:

"Well, I've been in this business a long time, and when somebody calls in, they've got a problem, I just go out and find out what it is. And he started telling us about it, and of course I did, I looked at him kind of weird out of the corner of my eye and I thought, 'What kind of kook do we have here?' You know.

"But I was smart enough to take a local veterinarian with me. And when we got down and seen that, it scared - pardon my French, it scared the hell out of all of us. "Cause there were no tracks, precision cuts, no blood in the animal, and the way things were removed, after he (the vet) got done with it, he told me to go square to hell - he'd never go on something like that with me again.

"It's a real scary situation. Of course, we've dug in much deeper. We've got a thing here that we've dubbed the Big Mama and we've got pictures of her at night. It's just a huge brilliant light. We've got pictures of it and it just looks like a huge doughnut.

"It just looks like a huge light, is what it looks like. Always at night, because you can't - we never see anything during the day. And when it gets ready to move, it moves from one point to another at a very great speed, supersonic speed."

Describing his first encounter with Big Mama, he said:

"Well, we really weren't paying too much attention to it. We were out, oh, probably a week or so after the first one (cut-up animal), and we got to looking around, and we got to watching this light that just didn't look quite like a star.

"So we watched her for about an hour, and all of a sudden we got to looking around closer on the ground, and there was two little ones, zippin' around on the ground and, sure enough, we had three mutilations in the same area the next morning.

"And then these three lights joined, and then just looked like they took off just hell bent for election. And then that was it - you couldn't even see them again. And then from then on, of course, we were aware of the lights, and stuff like this. We started looking for it. And we found plenty of 'em."

Does he have any idea what Big Mama is or what's happening to the ranchers' cattle?

"I don't deal in guesswork. If I state it's human, I'm going to know it's human beyond any reasonable doubt. I'm going to see it. If it's outer space, then I'm going to know it's outer

space. I don't know now."

When does he think he'll know?

"Maybe never. Then again, I may find out what it is and not live long enough to tell anybody, but at least I'd die knowing I found out what it was."

Like Big Mama, let's zip over at supersonic speed to the Colorado Bureau of Investigation in Denver and chat with Carl Whiteside, who headed the CBI team that coordinated a statewide investigation of the supposed mutilations. He says - and there's a tinge of relief in his voice - that the whole thing died down about a year ago.

"In this part of the country - no disrespect for the media - but it was something that the media just ballooned out of proportion. And it just created an hysteria that just continued and swelled out of proportion.

"Out of the ones we examined, which was something like 90-some, we only found one that was an actual mutilation. The rest of them were attributable to coyotes, foxes, different types of predators.

"We had people from the U.S. Department of Agriculture animal research division look at the photographs (of dead cattle), and they said the photographs were consistent with the type of wounds made by predators.

"What happens is, predators will attack certain parts of the body. Magpies and crows, for instance, will eat the eyes. Other predators will eat the lips or tongue and others will tack through the rectum.

"That one area (rectum) is the area that everybody said there's such a symmetrical incision that they thought it had to be man-made. Well, what happens is the coyotes and so forth will go in and get the entrails through that area and then, as it sits in the sun, it has a tendency to shrink back, and it gives you the impression that it's been cut. But, if you look at it microscopically, you can tell that it isn't."

So, except for one animal, all those tested had died of natural causes and were predator-mutilated. Is this whole thing just fantasy?

"I'm not going to say that some mutilations might not have happened, but the question is, what came first, the chicken or the egg? You stir something like that up and people just get on the bandwagon ... We have to go by scientific proof, facts. We don't go by theories, we don't go off on tangents. I think if you're going to be a responsible law enforcement agency, you have to do that."

What about the theory that there's a cult running around doing this?

"We ran undercover investigations and penetrated various satanic cults and other types of witchcraft, and we couldn't find them responsible for any of them.

"It cost us a ton of money. We put every agent we had on it at one time or another.

"For a while, a lot of people were upset with us because we were accused of whitewashing the thing. We were covering up for military experiments and all this crap. It runs the gamut; you can contact some people who still believe it happened."

The pathologists, the college veterinarians and the state investigators all wish it would just go away for good. Not because they're trying to hush up some big government plot or are in cahoots with each other for some bizarre reason, they insist, but because they believe it's all nonsense.

They say:

- The cattle died from natural causes, not from poison darts, tranquilizers or laser guns. Even if some sickie hacks at them afterward, they've committed no crime.

- They've not seen any cattle "drained of blood," as the common story goes. Blood tends to settle to the bottom side of a dead animal, so any cuts on the visible top side wouldn't bleed.

- Despite the stories, they've never seen evidence that there are no tracks around the dead animals. And, even if there weren't any visible, they could have been obliterated by shifting dirt or sand.

- Most dead animals that look as if they've been cut up actually were chewed up by predators. Microscopic examinations of the tissue show tearing and chewing marks, predator hairs and other indications that there's nothing unusual. Predators favor the soft parts usually missing from the dead cattle, they say.

And so on and so on. They have answers to most of the questions - and have never seen for themselves the odd situations for which no one has any ready answers. Such as the one, described by Sheriff Graves:

"One was mutilated with her head about 12 inches under water. Her tongue, eye and ear was taken. But there was no tracks.

"So how are the coyotes going to get under there and eat that tongue and stuff out underneath the water? So we've got one that's wearing a snorkle?"

Those never seem to make it to the lab, the state officials say. But they're used to accusations of "coverups."

"We hear this every day," one state veterinarian says. "In fact, here at the vet school the other day one of my students asked me where I had all of these special specimens hidden away.

"It had been reported ... that we had one room completely filled with frozen carcasses that had been mutilated and that we were not wanting to expose them because it would create such a furor among the people that we would be unable to, control it.

"I do have a couple of bottles of preserved specimens to show people what mutilated specimens look like, but those are the only specimens we have."

Don't the local law enforcement officials believe him?

"I've had (a sheriff) in here with me and showed him everything, and he'd agree that it was a scavenger, and he'd go home and then you'd hear about how this was a mutilation and we were trying to cover it up -- The people had open meetings; they just came practically into riots when anybody would ever mention this was not a supernatural sort of thing."

What possible reason would a sheriff have her ignoring such findings?

"Well, I'm sure if you get to know some of our small-town law enforcement people, that they're not a highly paid type, and they do not, therefore, get a highly educated or trained person.

"And they're isolated. And so they fall prey to many of the things that another type of person would not. In other words, they fall prey to a little bit of imagination, or they'll take a small report and make it into a big item ... plus the pressure of the people around them."

Keith Wolverton probably doesn't think of himself as a rural law-enforcement official; he's stationed in Great Falls, the largest city in Montana, although there's a lot of rural ranch land in Cascade County. But Wolverton believes *something* is going on that can't be explained away easily. Wolverton is a sheriff's captain - "an experienced lawman and the officer in charge of investigating reports of cattle mutilations, UFOs and hairy creatures." That's according to a paperback book, *Mystery Stalks the Prairie*, published last year by the T.H.A.R. Institute, Raynesford, Mont. Authors: Roberta Donovan and Keith Solverson, investigator of cattle mutilations, UFOs and hairy creatures.

Tell us, captain - have you ever witnessed anything unusual yourself?

"Yes."

Such as?

"it's in the book .. the price is \$5.95."

We'll get back to you, captain.

William Quinn, a veterinary pathologist at the Montana Department of Lifestocks diagnostic laboratory at Bozeman, about 200 miles south of Great Falls, knows Solverton. Knows him well. Matter of fact, some people from the Bozeman lab had a meeting recently with Solverton and others in the Cascade County sheriff's department, trying to get them to trust the scientists.

"I don't know if they mistrust us," said Quinn. "They certainly don't appreciate our opinion. But I don't know why they would think we would have any reason to lie to them.

"What happens is that they (sheriff's department) get called out in the field to make an investigation. They look at this (dead animal) and they find that this is extremely unusual. The farmer's standing there with them and he says, 'This is extremely unusual.' He's never seen anything like that before.

"So they write it up as 'an extremely unusual, unknown incident' and they call it cattle mutilation. And it's just left at that point.

"So we come on and we say, 'hold it.' We feel that, to make the investigation complete, you should have done a complete autopsy on the animal ... So what happens is that when we come in with an opinion that we don't agree with them, what they read that as is as hostility toward their ability to do an investigation.

"And we're only saying that we only do a part of the investigation. When it comes to the investigation as far as tracks, or mysterious circumstances in the area, anything like that, we leave it up to you ... as far as the people in the black robes and the lights and the helicopter, they could handle that."

What, then is going on?

"It is our opinion that it's caused by predators, or carrion-eating animals, small carnivores.

"We don't know exactly what animal may be involved. We're thinking along the lines of skunks, rodents, carrion-eating birds such as magpies, perhaps fox, maybe an occasional coyote.

"We get down to the point that we can't identify it - at least, we can't say that specifically we say a particular animal, a species, doing it. And so they say, 'Ah-ha! You don't know.'"

It comes down to the same thing over and over again - the men from the sheriffs' departments and the ranchers believe there's *something* unusual going on, but the state-level officials and scientists say it's the work of predators and healthy imaginations. Even those few animals actually carved on by humans were dead from disease or other natural means before they were mutilated, the scientists say.

But there are interesting discrepancies. One man who performed dozens of autopsies in one western state said there were many more man-made mutilations than a state official would admit. Here's what that man, who asked to remain anonymous, said:

"The first two or three cases we had, the cuts were symmetrical. The entire udder and the vulva and vagina and the anus had been removed in a completely symmetrical type of incision in which the hair had also been cut, so we knew it was with a sharp object. These were the first two or three we saw.

"After that, they were just bits and pieces. We'd find some with an ear cut off, or we'd find one that had been just split down the midline and the viscera emptied out ...

"So it looked like somebody may have started a pattern

somewhere, and then everybody tried to jump on the bandwagon, whether it was a farm kid or somebody was disgruntled with the sheriff and decided to give him a hard time and create a mutilation or something. I don't know. But this is kind of the pattern it seemed to follow."

Who would do something like this?

"He must have been, oh, perverted in his way of thinking and looking for something to do, to create a furor, much like a person who starts a house fire or something.

"When you look at the poor people, the meek people, they have so little to be proud of and talk about, it's just amazing to me that there aren't more things like this done. What does a bakery worker do, or a ditch digger do, to let his fate be known, you know? So I think you get one of them that's just a little bit perverted, and you can expect all kinds of things.

"I think somebody's probably still kind of laughing up their sleeve every time they see an article or read about it. I just feel somebody's saying, "Boy, we sure got them going, didn't we?"

In most area, the mutilations - or whatever they are - stopped as winter came. ("I guess those coyotes aren't hungry this time of year," one lawman said sarcastically.)

Their legacy? A lot of good stories to tell around the kitchen table or at the local bar, for one thing. For another, some enduring bad blood between mostly rural law enforcement officials and the "science-types."

Case in point: William Fitch, an investigator for the Arizona Livestock Sanitary Board, says, "There was nothing to it." Which ruffles C. Arthur Lee's feathers, and C. Arthur Lee is the sheriff of Apache County up in the northeastern corner of Arizona. He says he had about a dozen mutilations.

"Now Bill Fitch and I," Lee said, "had kind of a little battle in the (local) press over the cause of death on the animals. He attributed it to predators.

"But, now, a strange fact about some of these animals is that there was very little of the carcasses that was eaten. On a couple of them, there was no predator activity whatsoever - no crows, coyotes, that consume these parts normally.

"And I talked to a lot of the cattlemen in the area that have been, oh, like second and third generation cattle ranchers, and older folks, and they don't concur with Bill Fitch, and neither do I."

He said he finally stopped calling in the state officials when he had a suspected mutilation.

"It was because they were trying to brand us alarmists, nuts, whatever, I got quite put out with the livestock sanitary board and the lab.

"I know one investigator in one state who was getting the same thing out of his lab: these are all predator-ravaged carcasses. I'd rather not say (where), because of what I'm going to tell you next.

"He purposefully mutilated one himself that he'd found dead that was not mutilated, and sent it to the lab and they sent him the same song and dance: Predator-ravaged carcass. So he knows, you know, that they don't want to bother with them.

"It would make my job much simpler, you know, if I could tell the cattlemen, 'Predators are getting them.' But they know better.

Lee's story about the investigator who did a little mutilating of his own, it turned out, had come from his undersheriff, Robert C. Gilchrist. And Gilchrist was absolutely sure he'd heard it from none other than Keith Wolverton - the Cascade County, Mont., lawman in charge of cattle mutilations, UFOs and hairy creatures. The one who wrote the book. Trouble is, Wolverton denies the story. Vehemently.

Fact or fiction? If there really are mutilations, and if those mutilations really are just a perverted prank, then the perpetrator is one of this century's most successful pranksters.

If he's still alive.

As we said earlier, there are some who wonder if old-fashioned Western justice didn't take care of a mutilator or two; gun-toting ranchers were threatening just that in 1975, when publicity was the greatest. Here's a story one veterinarian tells about a rural sheriff who brought a dead animal to him:

"This happened to be one that was a mutilation case, so I told him, 'Boy, I'd sure like to get my hands on the guy who was so perverted as to do this, because I'm afraid for the general public. I'm afraid they might decide it's not exciting enough to do this on an animal - maybe they'll try it on a human being.'

"He ruffled up, unclipped him .45 on his hip, pulled it out and he said, 'If I ever find one, you'll never get a chance to talk to him.'"

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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'UFO' Sighting In Saltcoats Scotland

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<http://www.ardrossanherald.com/articles/1/23461>

Thursday, 1st May, 2008

'UFO' Sighting In Saltcoats
By Fiona Simpson

Two Herald readers have been stunned after seeing what they believe to be alien space crafts hovering through the skies of Saltcoats.

Alex Gibb, 34, had been sitting in his home on Saughtree Avenue when he spotted the four strange lights at around 9pm.

He doesn't believe in UFO's and so he went outside to investigate and took some shocking footage which can be seen below.

Alison Kelly was in Adams Road in Saltcoats at the same time when she saw the unusual sight and she and her family were gobsmacked at the sight.

Strange lights over Saltcoats as captured by a Saltcoats Eye Witness:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJZpJQry2sc>

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

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 1 May 2008 10:35:02 -0400
Archived: Thu, 01 May 2008 12:22:49 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 20:03:37 +0100
>Subject: SETI's Real Objectives?

>Hello List,

<snip>

>Putting those three together you get:

>a) that SETI is really looking for nearby 'primitives' - pretty
>much like us;

>b) that SETI is really a covert, deniable, government agency.

Ray,

If you feel strongly about it, write to your elected representatives and make sure they don't fund SETI in the future. I think they already are privately based at this point. But some might argue that any effort at all is better than no effort at all, and at least this keeps a focus outward.

Unfortunately, I fear that we will face far more difficult economic issues that will likely preclude a lot of exploration in the near future.

Steve

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Did Cape UFO Crash Happen?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Did Cape UFO Crash Happen?

Source: The Southeast Missourian - Cape Girardeau, Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5a9ndk>

Thursday, May 1, 2008

Cape UFO Crash - Did It Happen?

The recent strange light that appeared over Cape Girardeau reminded me of the alleged UFO crash that some claim happened right here in Cape back in 1941.

According to my research, in the spring of 1941 Red Start Baptist Church Preacher William Huffman was summoned to pray over an alien crash outside of Cape Girardeau. I wanted to get some facts so I did a quick search and discovered that Huffman's granddaughter, Charlette Mann lives in Tyler, TX. Another search uncovered her phone number, so I called her for some details. Mann says she remembers seeing a picture from the crash and that her grandmother gave her the details of the Cape UFO crash before passing away.

During our conversation Mann informed me that with the help of a few others she is writing a book about the Cape Girardeau UFO crash. Mann pointed out that the Cape Girardeau UFO crash preceded the Roswell event several years.

Here's what I found interesting, during a television interview Mann says, "=85My grandfather came home and told the story to my dad, who was there, and my grandmother and my uncle. Now my mother was expecting at the time, so she was off in the bedroom. My sister was born May 3, 1941, so we are assuming this was the middle to the last of April=85" In other words, the Cape UFO crash allegedly occurred in mid to late April of 1941 and in mid to late April of 2008 folks in Cape are seeing strange lights over the city. What do you think? I think it's just a coincidence!

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Research Request

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Thu, 01 May 2008 17:03:43 +0200
Archived: Thu, 01 May 2008 19:06:10 -0400
Subject: Research Request

Does anyone of you has direct access to this report (see case listed below), and if so, could I request for a copy or scan?

December 11, 1975 - At 11:30 p.m. Bud Le Duc was driving home from Toppenish, Washington when his headlights fell on three very tall men standing beside the road. One of them jumped - in one bound - to the middle of the roadway, a distance of about 15 feet, and the leap appeared to happen in slow motion. The man then slowly raised both his arms above his head.

Le Duc swerved his car and passed within two or three feet of him. The man was between seven and eight feet tall and very thin, with long arms and matted reddish, shoulder-length hair.

His very long face had a long pointed nose and pallid white skin. The upper lip was pulled back to show teeth, while the lower lip was very thin. He wore a black one-piece garment with white bands at the wrists and ankles and a patch of white at the neck. He also had on black boots.

The other two men were dressed in a similar manner.

The man in the road held something reddish purple in his left hand, "with a wire on it."

Le Duc kept driving, but shortly afterwards saw an elongated luminous object behind his truck, which blinked on and off several times.

Soon a bright light illuminated his truck's cab and surroundings, and stayed with the truck until Le Duc reached his home.

Another source, UFO investigator Greg Long, reported that at the same time that Le Duc had this encounter with the strange men on the road, the apparition of a very close friend who had been recently killed in a car accident appeared to be sitting in the passenger seat.

(Sources: David W. Akers and William Vogel for CUFOS, report dated December 17, 1975; David F. Webb & Ted Bloecher, HUMCAT: Catalogue of Humanoid Reports, case 1975-62 (A1439), citing David W. Akers).

Kind regards,

Theo Paijmans

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Research Request - Part II

From: Theo Paijmans <th.paijmans.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 01 May 2008 19:08:17 -0400
Subject: Research Request - Part II

Hi All,

Does the anecdote below ring a bell to anyone? I am looking for a primary source here, but Rosales leads me back to a site by martin Jeffrey (whom I have already mailed) that sums up a number of cases but only lists FATE magazine without any issue indication as source.

Any indication as to where this story has surfaced for the first time, would be greatly appreciated.

Location. Plano Texas
Date: 1979
Time: Night

At least a dozen witnesses were at a high school football field when a bizarre humanoid figure suddenly bounded into view.

They described it as 10 ft. tall and thin with long, pointed ears, and said it moved by a sort of slow-motion hopping.

The spellbound witnesses watched as the creature took about 3 minutes to traverse the open field and disappear into the woods beyond.

Regards,

Theo

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Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

Greetings Listers,

Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of March '97 into the piece.

He exemplifies the "cognitive bias" that permeates mainstream science in regards to aerial phenomenon. Below is his article, followed by my comments.

Shostak's erroneous essay precipitated a response by Mike Fortson (eye witness to the Phoenix Lights) as well.

Source: Are We A Blog?

A companion to the Are We Alone? radio show

<http://setiradio.blogspot.com/2008/04/phoenix-lights.html>

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Phoenix Lights
By Seth Shostak

<http://tinyurl.com/6nbz8e>

Some people are convinced that extraterrestrials are visiting Phoenix, presumably because they like the feel of wide-open spaces or have a penchant for Tex-Mex cuisine.

On Monday, April 21, strange lights once again lit up the night sky of this sprawling Arizona burg, and hung in the air for enough time that they were seen by hundreds (and probably thousands) of residents. Most of these Arizonans remembered that more than a decade ago, in March of 1997, there were two incidents of strange luminance in the darkened skies of Arizona, events that some people still think are mysterious -- and possibly due to alien visitation. These were the original "Phoenix Lights" (which sound like a cigarette brand, but aren't.)

Those two long-ago events actually have prosaic explanations, however. The first, a triangular pattern of lights that swept in from southern Nevada, seems to have been a small phalanx of aircraft. To me, the most convincing evidence that this is true is the report of an amateur astronomer who looked at the formation with his scope, and could see that they were planes. Amateur astronomers (unlike the general public) are experienced observers of the sky. They're also clever enough to realize that if they had seen true extraterrestrial craft, nothing could be more interesting. I don't think they'd lie. I don't think this amateur did lie.

The second 1997 event was a string of lights that was visible over the city for quite a while (tens of minutes). This can best be ascribed to flares dropped during a (later announced) military exercise miles from the city. Indeed, there's confirmation that

this explanation is correct from some work done by an Arizona State astronomer in which he matched the appearance and disappearance of these lights with their expected obscuration by the Sierra Estrella mountain range southwest of Phoenix. Call me biased (and in this regard I am), but I trust the work of astronomers.

So, putting it bluntly, I don't think there's any reason to believe that the luminous phenomena that were on display on March 13, 1997 were anything other than human activity. This is important, because the Phoenix Lights are frequently cited as one of the most compelling events supporting the contention that Earth is being visited by beings from afar.

As for the Phoenix Lights of this week... well, they seem to have been a "knock off" hoax by someone who set off some helium balloons to which some lit road flares were attached.

It's not impossible, of course, that aliens could come to Earth. It's also not impossible that they would choose to entertain the residents of central Arizona with their light shows. But if you think this is true, then the evidence has to be better than what it is. Ranting about cover-up and closed minds isn't evidence -- it's merely whining.

And one should always consider simple explanations first. If you find a dead raccoon on the side of a road, you might consider that it was killed by aliens. But you should also weigh the possibility that it was hit by a car.

Commentary By Frank Warren

Kudos to you for being one of the few SETI folk who compels me to respond when you address the UFO bailiwick.

You wrote:

"Some people are convinced that extraterrestrials are visiting Phoenix..."

This statement (pertaining to the recent balloon/flare hoax) IMHO is akin to saying that the WOW signal was a phone call from a galactic neighbor.

Sadly there are most certainly people that hold that mindset in both examples; however, methinks the number is minute.

You wrote:

"... in March of 1997, there were two incidents of strange luminance in the darkened skies of Arizona..."

I'm afraid that statement is fallacious to be polite; in March of '97 there were multiple "UFO related events" seen from coast to coast in several states; many which described a "huge V-shaped craft"; sightings were predominant in Arizona with witnesses in the tens of thousands (given the fact that eyes were to the skies in anticipation for Hale/Bopp).

You wrote:

"The first, a triangular pattern of lights that swept in from southern Nevada, seems to have been a small phalanx of aircraft. To me, the most convincing evidence that this is true is the report of an amateur astronomer who looked at the formation with his scope, and could see that they were planes."

Most researchers/investigators of the "Phoenix Lights" do not discount the declaration of "Mitch Stanley" (the amateur astronomer you cite) although some have questioned "planes flying wing tip to wing tip" at night.

In general however, his statement(s) is accepted as fact. That said, this certainly doesn't negate the daytime sightings that occurred on that date, as well as the multiple reports of a "huge low flying craft" that evening all throughout the state of Arizona.

You wrote:

"The second 1997 event was a string of lights that was visible over the city for quite a while (tens of minutes). This can best be ascribed to flares dropped during a (later announced) military exercise miles from the city."

Again you are mistaken; first this is one of many events (as stated above), and second this event only lasted minutes as evidenced by several video tapes of this particular happenstance. It is agreed by most however, that the images were of "flares."

You wrote:

"So, putting it bluntly, I don't think there's any reason to believe that the luminous phenomena that were on display on March 13, 1997 were anything other than human activity."

Since you have only cited "two events" that occurred on that date, both of which most researchers/investigators agree with your conclusion, one can only nod in the affirmative; however, to draw a conclusion based on a small portion of the data regarding the observation of multiple phenomena with respect, isn't prudent. Moreover, it certainly doesn't conform to scientific methodology, which given your position, title and academic credentials, one would anticipate.

Finally, I am reminded that you have said on more than one occasion that "you are not a Ufologist and you don't research the subject"; this is certainly "apparent" here as evidenced by your missive.

I equate this behavior to condemnation of a book one hasn't read.

Respectfully,

Frank Warren

Source: Frank Warren's Blog

<http://tinyurl.com/6pa9l9>

Saturday, April 26, 2008

Phoenix Lights
By Mike Fortson

The article written by, "Seth Shostak" on the April 24, 2008, entitled, "Phoenix Lights", appears like a ploy often times used by "debunkers" to scoff at the truth of the "Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997" otherwise known by most as, The Phoenix Lights.

Shostak states that "only two events occurred that night"; one at 8:30 PM of high altitude planes, and another 10 PM, the flare drop.

He accredits the 8:30 PM high altitude planes to an amateur astronomer who looked at the formation with his scope. My guess is that he=92s never met this amateur astronomer, but I have; he was a 19-year-old young man by the name of "Mitch Stanley." He had a 10" Dobsonian telescope and at 8:30 PM or so on March 13, he said to his mother, that he observed high-altitude, fixed-winged aircraft flying in formation, wing tip to wing tip, and it "was no big deal".

We met at Village Labs in Tempe, Arizona in August of that year (=9297), while being filmed for a special by Discovery Channel. There were dozens of witnesses along with young Mitch Stanley; as Mitch spoke before the crowd while being filmed by Discovery Channel, he told the story of his observance of the high-altitude fixed wing craft, flying wing tip to wing tip; he claimed again, "that it was no big deal" and in his own words he only observed the formation for a few seconds and moved on to other things.

But here is where young Mitch struggled (keep in mind he was not the youngest participant present). During the question and answer segment, a couple of pilots and ex-military people responded that at night no pilot would be willing to fly in such formation. Especially wing tip-to-wing tip or even in tight formation, it=92s

just too dangerous... and at night this just isn't done!

Since Shostak is using Stanley's statement to paint a picture of what occurred that night, and he commends "the work of the astronomers" stating they're "experienced observers of the sky," one would think he would give the same esteem to "pilots" as well (assuming he's even aware of the meeting that took place at Village Labs).

Furthermore, a fact conveniently omitted was almost all the witnesses in the 8:00 hour (to which I am one) recounted seeing a "massive object" at an incredibly low altitude, which did not emit any noise (i.e., engine or any type of propulsion etc)! Not to mention the slow speed of the massive object as it seemed to "glide" by the witnesses.

Some might think that I'm just one of those goofy UFO nut cases who makes wild claims, but, what if I were to say "I believe there were high altitude aircraft present that night." Why not? I believe that instead of civilian aircraft, they were military aircraft! Not in a strange formation to attract attention, but to observe the massive unidentified objects below. So Mitch could be right that there were high altitude aircraft, and also wrong, that this was "no big deal". Why wouldn't our military be watching below as these massive unknowns paraded thru our state? I mean they couldn't attack in a populated area. Why wouldn't they be watching?

Shostak mistakenly claims only "2" events occurred on March 13th, 1997, to offer a clearer picture, there were multiple events beginning at 5:30 PM and well extending thru 2:00 AM March 14, 1997. Please keep in mind that the 5:30 PM sighting was during daylight, with sixteen witnesses and "a telescope certainly wasn't necessary" as they watched in awe. Moreover, these witnesses claimed that as 2 fighter jets approached from the south, the three massive V shaped craft "pancaked" on top of each other, formed a white ball of light and vanished!

Then at 8:16 PM near Paulden, AZ., more sightings of massive objects began; not just one or two events, but multiple events were in play! Anyone who has been involved with the massive sightings of March 13, 1997, will tell you that dozens of fantastic reports were never told. Any attempt to wash it away as high altitude aircraft is negligent, and or ignorant of the facts in my view.

High altitude aircraft will not stop a little league game; high altitude aircraft will not discourage a police helicopter during search and rescue training from going up and seeing what it is; high altitude aircraft will not stop traffic along the highways and cause the drivers to get out and watch... but a massive V shaped craft that's incredibly low, nearly a mile long and totally quiet will!

I may agree with the notion that in the area southwest of Phoenix an intentional diversionary flare drop did occur. I agree with Dr. Bruce Maccabee that these flares would have to have been ignited around 16,000' in order to be seen by a few mountainside residents where five videos were shot; by the way, less than 5% of all witnesses are in the 10 PM hour.

In conclusion, anyone choosing to debunk the, "Massive UFO Flyover of Arizona, March 13, 1997" needs do their homework! "In part," a proper investigation and or analysis of the event requires actually speaking/interviewing witnesses and "listening" to what they have to say.

Cherry picking snippets from "old biased articles" on the Internet to shore-up ones viewpoint, as it seems is the case here is asinine!

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 20:03:37 +0100
>Subject: SETI's real objectives?

>Hello List,

>"A civilization very much more advanced than we will be engaged
>in a busy communications traffic with its peers; but not with
>us, and not via technologies accessible to us." --Communication
>With Extraterrestrial Intelligence - Carl Sagan (ed.) 1973 p.
>366

>"Communication is a universal, but the use of radio is a
>parochial, when we go out into the Galaxy... a radio signal will
>be about as useful as a smoke signal. Communication evolves"
>Evolving The Alien - Profs. Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart, 2002. ISBN
>0-09-187927-2

>Speculation:

>i) it's likeliest that SETI aren't looking for advanced
>civilizations, not even slightly advanced, because our more
>efficient radio signals are indistinguishable from noise -
> unless you have the code-key. And, like those three say above,
>more advanced folk won't be using radio at all;

>ii) most sincere technical UFO/ET tracking & monitoring attempts
>by private citizens have been forcibly closed-down by gov't
>agencies, with burning of records & publications, arrests,
>imprisonment and even deaths of investigators;

>iii) strategically, gov't is only interested in ETs within a few
>light years - if much further away they won't be coming here (in
>a political life-time anyway), and we can't get there.

>Putting those three together you get:

>a) that SETI is really looking for nearby 'primitives' - pretty
>much like us;

>b) that SETI is really a covert, deniable, government agency.

Hi Ray,

While I acknowledge that you labelled this "Speculation", I
think the very last conclusion is taking things a bit too far.
They are not a government agency, as you must know,

The one thing you can say for sure about them is that everybody
else tells them how they could be doing their job better than
they are doing. They get almost as much stick as we do. If Sagan
and Cohen and Stewart are correct, and they likely are, it means
that the onus on contact will be with our space bretheren and
will not happen by chance or through SETI's efforts.

From that one can conclude that SETI are irrelevant to the
contact scenario, possibly.

Stuart Miller
Alien Worlds magazine
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>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>>Subject: SETI's Real Objectives?

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<snip>

>Unfortunately, I fear that we will face far more difficult
>economic issues that will likely preclude a lot of exploration
>in the near future.

Hi Steven,

Maybe those fears are misplaced, although the public might be
allowed to think that.

From occasional news releases by government approved
science/corporates I get the impression a good deal of
investment is already going into things like future Mars
projects - and that it won't be threatened by national economic
woes. You can provide your own reasons why that should be so.

BTW - I put one of them on-line a few years ago: that Mars is a
logical base for making and assembling Sun-power capture
shields. It's too dangerous to have such big things between
Earth and the Sun, because accidents happen. Now though, I'm
also weighing a reason suggested by other folk - of Mars being
used as a 'bunker' or 'hideaway'.

As far as SETI's 'real objectives' are concerned, look around us
for motives - our Earth is depleted of resources and heavily
polluted, plus the population isn't taking kindly to being made
slaves - in all countries.

So maybe our international 'rulers' are trying to beat Lenin's
forecast (made to H G Wells in 1920), one last time.

Apparently Lenin said - "I understand this myself when I read
your novel The Time Machine. All human conceptions are on a
scale of our planet. They are based on the pretension that the
technical potential, although it will develop, will never exceed
the 'terrestrial limit'. If we succeed in establishing
interplanetary communication, all our philosophical, moral and
social views will have to be revised. In this case, the
technical potential, become limitless, would impose the end of
the role of violence as a means and method of progress."

Only for 'progress' you should always read 'acquisition'.

Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

Cheers

Ray

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UFO Sighting Or Just A Prank?
No one knows what woman saw flying over city

By Sarah Bultema
The Reporter-Herald

Mary Aldrich still is hoping to find an explanation for the bright red orbs she spotted in the sky Sunday night.

She would love to hear they were a balloon or a flare or even just a prank.

But so far, no one can tell her exactly what the strange lights were.

For Aldrich, they remain unidentified flying objects.

"I would love an explanation," the 61-year-old said. "But I don't have any hopes of getting one."

Aldrich was getting her mail at her south Loveland home about 8:45 Sunday night when she glanced into the night sky and saw something strange: two red lights floating side-by-side.

Bright as halogen lights, the orbs were diamond-shaped, although she couldn't see any shape beyond the vibrant light.

Watching the objects intently, Aldrich saw the two orbs begin to glide in unison, staying perfectly spaced.

"It looked very foreign to me," she said.

"There was no sound, no smoke, no trail - there was nothing. They didn't belong there."

She grabbed a friend who wished not to be identified and they watched as two more orbs joined the group and began gliding in unison.

Another pair followed, making a perfectly spaced cluster of six.

Aldrich had been watching them for about 13 minutes when a single light swept near the group.

The entire cluster quickly moved from the northwest to southeast.

Then they disappeared.

"Right away you think of a government explanation," Aldrich

said.

"But my mouth was dry and my heart was pounding the whole time, because you have this feeling you're witnessing something that you've never seen before.

"Since then, I've just been trying to make sense of it."

Larry Mack, operations manager of the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, said he has no idea what the lights might have been.

"I haven't heard anything from our pilots who fly around," he said.

Mack did note that there have been a lot of helicopters flying to and from Loveland's hospitals.

They travel about 500 feet above the ground and use lots of lights at night, he said.

"But what she described," he added, "I have no idea."

After witnessing the unexplained spectacle in the sky, Aldrich couldn't sleep.

Early the next morning she began researching what she'd seen, to try to find some kind of answer.

On a UFO sightings Web site, www.ufoinfo.com, she found a report that seemed eerily similar.

According to the report, an unnamed air traffic controller from Loveland spotted two orbs floating in the night sky last June.

The description almost perfectly matched what Aldrich had seen: lights brighter than stars moving in perfect unison before disappearing into the sky.

The only difference was that those orbs were white, and there were only two.

Loveland residents aren't the only witnesses to these strange floating lights, said Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center.

In fact, similar sightings have been reported from Arizona to New Jersey. Just last week, Davenport took a report of the same description from a person in California.

However, even with multiple sightings, he has no idea what the lights could be.

"What the objects were we almost certainly will never know," he said, noting that unless the government or another party comes forward with an explanation, scientists would have to find the source of the light to make any sense of it.

"All we can do is receive the information and ... scratch our heads and wonder what in God's name is going on."

Whatever it may be, Davenport thinks Aldrich's report was the real deal - a rarity when it comes to UFO sightings.

Only about 10 percent of the stories he hears are legitimate, explained Davenport, who has been taking reports for 14 years.

But because of her attention to detail and critical thinking, he said Aldrich's report was genuine.

"This woman in Loveland had, in my opinion, almost certainly had a very, very interesting sight," he said.

He recommended that anyone who saw similar objects Sunday night report it to the National UFO Reporting Center's Web site, www.nuforc.org, or call the hot line at 206-722-3000.

Aldrich, too, would love to hear if anyone else saw what she witnessed.

"When I tell people, I don't want to have to convince them. I

didn't ask to see this," she said.

Aldrich never had much of an opinion about UFOs before.

But after this, she said, "You have to believe in it."

"I like to be comfortable. I want anything like that to be far, far away," she said.

"Unless someone can give me some kind of explanation, ..." she trailed off. "There was just some feeling about it that I can't explain."

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Was Light Shining Through Cloud A UFO?

A bright light that changed shape before moving off at speed. That is what a group of friends saw in the sky above Kent recently.

And it was odd enough for them to believe it was a UFO.

Henry Smith and his friends were in Westbrook, Thanet, on Sunday when they saw the light at 8.45pm. "We stood in the garden for a while trying to come up with logical explanations of what it might have been," he said.

"We concluded it wasn't a spotlight from the ground which we initially thought it was as it was shining through the cloud, not on to it. It wasn't a plane or a helicopter.

"It was stationary for a time, blending in with the cloud, and then would move off extremely fast.

It didn't end there for Mr Smith. "What was also quite strange was that about four minutes after it disappeared, we heard two jets high up in the sky proceed towards the area where we first saw the object appear," he added.

"Half-an-hour later we heard a large prop aircraft which seemed to be circling the area a few times."

The British and Aerial Mysteries Society has reported 17 UFO sighting in Britain this year. One, on March 23, came from three people in a car who reported six to eight dull orange lights strung out over a few miles between Orpington and Bromley before suddenly disappearing. The driver, a former pilot, said: "I really am aware of what an aircraft looks like in the dark, and these lights were no aircraft."

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

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Wednesday, April 30, 2008

Reports Of Fiery Flying Objects In McCloud
By Gene Eagle

Recent reports of UFO sightings in McCloud have been making waves in cyberspace and spreading by word of mouth.

Dick Cary of McCloud said he saw a brightly lit flying object at about 11 p.m. the night of April 12 that hovered silently over his home just above tree top level for almost five minutes, then "quickly disappeared toward the east."

"I really don't believe in flying saucers, but I do know that something weird was happening", said Cary, an employee of the McCloud Community Services District and a lifelong McCloud resident.

He said he looked straight up with binoculars and saw what appeared to be a pulsating fire inside the hovering object.

"It looked like a giant jellyfish with a fire inside it", Cary said. "There were no canisters or anything... nothing. Just a fire inside it, and there was no noise at all."

Cary said he called his son in law and daughter who live on Broadway Ave. in McCloud and told them to go outside and look. Their first response, according to Cary, was, "Holy cow, there's something on fire."

"It looked to me as if there was something burning in the sky", said Jerome Walker, Cary's son in law. "My wife and I both saw it. There was no noise at all. It was the first time I ever saw something like that."

Walker also described the object's quick disappearance to the east.

A couple blocks away from the Cary residence, another lifelong McCloudite, Owen "Shorty" Long, said he also observed a bright light at about 11 p.m. on April 12 in the Squaw Valley Mobile Home Park.

Long said he was kicked back on the couch watching television when, "I noticed a bright light outside my window. That just didn't look right to me so I got up to investigate. It was moving real slow. No features were visible as I recall, just a triangular configuration of lights. I can't be sure of the size, it was up quite high. I remember red and yellow colors, but it seems there was another color. I can't say for sure."

Long said he went back into the house to call his son, and when he returned the light was gone.

"I found out later from the guys who live across from me, they saw something identical to what I had seen, coming from the western horizon", Long said. "This was after I went back in the house. They said it was really bright, blinked a few times, and it too disappeared. It was really exciting for me."

A dispatcher at the Mount Shasta Sheriff's Department office said to her knowledge there were no such reports made of any objects being sighted that evening.

As information was being gathered for this story, a rumor spread that the newspaper was reluctant to publish it. Then early this week numerous email messages were received at the newspaper offices from people in McCloud and elsewhere who wanted the story of the UFO sighting published. One of those e-mails came from Bozeman, MT.

Dick Cary said he first saw a bright light towards the east when he and his wife were driving home and made a right off Main St. onto Colombero.

"My wife and I talked about it but we couldn't explain what we were seeing", he said. "A few minutes later when we arrived home to our residence on Shasta Avenue, I ran out to the garage and got my binoculars. It was over our house and moving slowly in the direction of Haul Road."

Suddenly, he said the light "took off real fast in a big curve in a north-easterly direction, going high into the sky and just disappeared. My wife and I were in awe at what we had just seen."

Cary said after his wife went back inside the house, he noticed another light coming from the direction of Hoo Hoo Park.

He said the object, which he estimated at about 10 feet in diameter, stopped right over the top of his house.

After remaining above his house for several minutes, Cary said it moved in the direction of Haul Road, hovered a few minutes and appeared to take the same north easterly path as the other light and disappeared.

"It was unbelievable", he said. "If it had come down, it would come down right on top of our house. My wife was never a believer in anything like that... she is now. She didn't sleep at all that night."

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Tuesday, April 29 2008

Terence McKenna: Communication Via Fungi?
by Mac Tonnies

The late psychedelic philosopher Terence McKenna isn't typically associated with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence; he mostly concerned himself with the actualization of intelligence here on Earth, taking a welcome cosmic perspective that revealed our species' failings and latent potential. But he introduced at least one new idea to the SETI controversy that deserves consideration, especially in light of recent discoveries.

McKenna suggested that the surreal hallucinatory states experienced by "trippers" might constitute a form of extraterrestrial contact, vastly more intimate than the radio signals anticipated by his mainstream counterparts.

Ludicrous? Perhaps not. Hallucinogenic mushrooms are dispersed as hardy spores capable of traveling incredible distances.

McKenna wondered if such spores could have been deliberately wafted to Earth in the remote past, inviting the proposition that many planets conducive to life might have been likewise seeded.

Boldly venturing away from conventional evolutionary narratives, McKenna speculated that homo sapiens might owe its unique cognitive abilities to exposure to psilocybin, a mushroom-derived substance with pronounced neurochemical effects. In McKenna's scenario, the medium is the message: the bizarre worlds encountered by people under the influence of psilocybin are components of an "invisible landscape" with which we share a profound and unacknowledged symbiosis. (McKenna credited the advent of language, among other phenomena, to chemically altered states.)

That our brains harbor receptor sites to specific botanical chemicals indicates a relationship of some complexity, regardless whether the originating organisms are indigenous to Earth or hail from space. If our planet was indeed seeded with fungi, psychedelic experiences might comprise an authentic message, albeit one we have yet to decipher. (Alternatively, McKenna offered the fascinating possibility that hallucinogenic mushrooms themselves could be intelligent in an unrecognized sense, challenging our very definition of the word.)

Recent experiments demonstrate that spores are surprisingly well-suited to the rigors of the interstellar vacuum, vindicating at least a portion of McKenna's proposition. If he was right, then the "aliens" could have already arrived -- a revolutionary notion that pales only when one considers the role they may have played in the development of human consciousness.

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

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Hairless Monkeys And Flying Saucer Encounters

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Source: Capitol Hill Blue - Floyd, Virginia, USA

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April 30, 2008

We Hairless Monkeys And Flying Saucer Or Superior Intelligence Encounters

by Richard Kane
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When I was a child, I took a rubber band and a paper clip and gently shot it in the direction of a bully pigeon and all the pigeons scattered. The first Million-Monkey story was in Readers Digest in 1956 or 57, and had nothing about monkeys on other Islands suddenly washing sweet potatoes. It ended with one monkey discovering that by crashing trash can lids together he could scare the other male monkeys and get the girls. I suspect if another monkey happened to discover a kitchen knife would be useful for similar purposes, the anthropologists would stop him.

Flying saucers take on many shapes with could mean that a lot of superior creatures like to picnic in its primitive splendor, most being careful not to leave any beer cans lying around, but if they do more superior visitors will clean up after them.

Infants among the visitors can play with a butterfly or one of the hairless apes, until mommy or daddy comes along and puts the butterfly and/or human ape back together, even erase some or all the memory if that monkey faces post traumatic stress.

It's possibly that a slightly superior civilization a couple of light years away is hoping that they can get away with doing us in without the (or a) superior force interfering by pushing destructive comets out of our way, so we won't be alert when an extinction type asteroid heads our way.

I have a slight problem with revealing more details. They don't want bees or hairless monkeys in their primitive jets buzzing around them, and they don't want hairless monkeys messing with their equipment, or worshipping them. But somehow they don't have the power to prevent us from worshipping them, without removing all our memories which they don't want to do, then this essay they might find a little irritating.

So how much can I say without some or all of this email disappearing and me suddenly not remembering what I was doing on Apr 30, 08

But I will risk saying slightly more. We were, during the Cold War, four seconds to midnight for quite a while, and Cheney keeps trying to attack Iran but strange coincidence seems to keep getting in his way. I may or may not get away with this paragraph without getting amnesia by enclosing a link that will make World War III slightly less likely without repeated

interference from above.

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Thursday, May 1, 2008

Mike Conley's Tales Of The Weird: Lawman Has A Close Encounter

By Mike Conley
mconley.nul

Early one morning, a deputy sheriff in Minnesota found himself blinded by the light of a UFO.

In the dark early hours of Aug. 27, 1979, Deputy Sheriff Val Johnson was driving his patrol car on a rural highway in Marshall County, Minn. not far from the North Dakota border. At 1:40 a.m., Johnson spotted a bright light along a group of trees some distance from his car. At first, he thought it might be a downed plane so he turned his car in that direction to check it out.

Johnson noticed the weird light was not illuminating the surrounding area. Suddenly, the light started to move towards him and almost instantly covered an estimated mile and a half before resting above his car.

"I heard glass breaking and saw the inside of the car light up real bright with white light ... after the light hit my vehicle, I don't remember a thing," he later stated.

For some unknown reason, Johnson lost consciousness. When he awoke, his head was resting on the steering wheel. His patrol car had somehow skidded across the rural highway's southbound lane and now faced eastward. He also had vision problems, according to a Web site about the incident.

At this point, Johnson radioed the Marshall County Sheriff's Department in Warren, Minn. for help. It was 2:19 a.m. He told the dispatcher "Something just hit my car. I don't know how to explain it... I heard glass breaking and my brakes lock up. I don't know what the hell happened." A fellow deputy sheriff, Greg Winskowski, soon arrived on the scene. He noticed that Johnson had a red bump on his forehead, and concluded that he had hit his head on the steering wheel and been knocked out. He called for an ambulance to take Johnson to the hospital.

At the hospital in Warren, Minn., a doctor tried to examine Johnson's eyes, but found that shining a light onto them caused Johnson extreme pain. The doctor compared Johnson's eye injury to "mild welder's burns," and gave him some salve and bandages. Johnson then gave a statement at the Sheriff's Office and was taken home.

The next morning, Sheriff Dennis Brekke himself took Johnson's patrol car to the garage to have it checked out. Mechanics at

the garage found that the car was damaged in some strange ways. For example, the hood had a circular dent about a half-inch in diameter. There was a crack in the windshield which ran from the top to the bottom. The crack had four impact points which may have been caused by small objects. The car's dashboard clock, set correctly at 7 p.m. when Johnson reported for duty, was now 14 minutes late. In addition, Johnson's wristwatch was also 14 minutes late. Other investigators found more weird damage to the car that couldn't be easily explained, according to the Web site.

After taking Johnson's patrol car to the police garage, Sheriff Brekke drove Johnson to the nearby city of Grand Forks, N.D. for a more thorough eye exam. The physician there found that Johnson's eyes had cleared up and his vision was fine. Brekke later called the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill. He described Johnson's encounter to Allan Hendry, who agreed to immediately fly to Marshall County and check it out.

When he arrived, Hendry found that skid marks at the site of the encounter revealed his patrol car had skidded for 855 feet before the brakes locked up and it had continued to slide for another 99 feet. After interviewing numerous people in Warren, Minn. who knew Johnson, Hendry concluded he had not hoaxed the event. He also determined that an airplane could not have caused the damage to the patrol car.

The Val Johnson UFO incident received national publicity and became one of the best-publicized UFO reports of the 1970s. Johnson even appeared with Hendry on ABC's "Good Morning America" program.

Several of Johnson's friends urged him to take a lie detector test to prove he was telling the truth. They also urged him to undergo hypnosis to see if he could better remember the incident. Johnson refused both requests saying he felt that undergoing hypnosis or a lie-detector test would only satisfy people's "morbid curiosity," according to the Web site.

So we may never know just what caused him to temporarily lose his eyesight or what happened during that missing time.

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Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 04:40:43 -0300
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 10:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 01 May 2008 09:27:59 -0700
>Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>Greetings Listers,

>Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the
>recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of
>March '97 into the piece.

>He exemplifies the "cognitive bias" that permeates mainstream
>science in regards to aerial phenomenon. Below is his article,
>followed by my comments.

>Shostak's erroneous essay precipitated a response by Mike Fortson
>(eye witness to the Phoenix Lights) as well.

<snip>

What puzzles me is why Seth even cares about these events. Job security perhaps? His explanation of what happened on that evening in 1997 is truly sketchy. To maintain his bias I would think he would have to deny himself access to detailed events of that night. Plausible deniability.

The theory about plane formation over Phoenix that night has no varacity and the heck with what the amteur astronomer says. Try that little trick of watching a wide-spread plane formation through a telescope and see how ridiculous that sounds.

And it's an Air Traffic Control Zone for God's sake.

There are tower logs that can be checked even if the tapes are gone.

Symington incidentally being in the Air Force would of course been over-awed by something he had seen many times before; maybe because the formation made no sound.

His not knowing what he saw is sort of like Marcel not knowing a tinfoil reflector from a weather balloon.

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There is much to be said about full crockery re Seth's ruminations. It's 4:40am and I'm going to bed.

Don Ledger

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Alien Secrets Screening

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 11:10:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 11:10:00 -0400
Subject: Alien Secrets Screening

Source: PRWeb.Com - Lanham, Maryland, USA

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/5/prweb909114.htm>

May 2, 2008

Alien Secrets Screening At The Wilshire Screening Room In Beverly Hills

Three free screenings on May 5,6, and 7 for media members and the general public. Reservations are required at:

<http://aliensecretsmovie.com/screenings>

Hollywood, CA (PRWEB) May 2, 2008 -- The award winning film Alien Secrets will have a special screening on May 5,6, and 7 for media members and the general public at the Wilshire Screening room in Beverly Hills, Calif., home of the new Screening Services Group (SSG). Alien Secrets is a Sci-fi feature narrative documentary currently being distributed on VOD and PPV by Warner Home Entertainment.

Directed by J.J. Barmettler and starring Brandon Scott, Alien Secrets, is based on Brandon Scott's real life escapades as he explores the UFO subculture with a biting edge and wit. Follow Brandon as he cleverly navigates his way through the world of Hollywood Celebrities, UFO Abductees and Alien-Human Hybrids while dogging a shadow government agent bent on stopping his findings. This offbeat and quirky sci-fi hybrid film is sprinkled with real icons from the UFO community and actual people claiming to be abductees and alien-human hybrids. With over twenty original songs, real UFO footage and daring subject matter, this provocative film is sure to be a cult sensation.

Currently owned and operated by Michael Hall, the Wilshire Screening room is one of the choice screening facilities for the Academy of Motion Pictures, Film Festivals and top Hollywood production companies. The building once belonged to Italian producer Dino De Laurentiis and this was his personal screening room. Films that have been presented at the Wilshire Screening room include: In the Valley of Elah, No End in Sight, 3:10 To Yuma, Crash and awards screenings of Beyond the Sea, A Love Song for Bobby Long, Michael Moore's Fahrenheit 9/11, Disney's Chicken Little, Dreamworks Prize Winner Matchpoint, Miramax's Proof and Sin City, Sony's Memoirs of a Geisha, Oliver Twist and Rent.

Alien Secrets was produced by J.J. Barmettler, Richard Smith and Brandon Scott and received the EBE award for Best Feature Film at the International UFO Congress Film Festival. Featured on Coast to Coast with George Noory, ManiaTv with Dave Navarro, Alien Secrets will be shown in selective theaters around the world .

Barmettler also Produced the soon-to-be released sports thriller Green Flash which is screening at the 2008 Cannes Film Market

May 14-25.

What reviewers had to say about Alien Secrets:

- This unusual subject matter is presented with wry humor including original songs and real UFO footage and it's sure to be a cult fave. - Marci Marks Studio City Sun

- Sometimes, we get movie news that is so different we can't help but let you know about it. So it is with 'Alien Secrets'.

See more information on the Alien Secrets movie website at:

<http://www.aliensecretsmovie.com>

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 14:22:49 +0100
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 11:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2008 18:13:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 20:03:37 +0100
>>Subject: SETI's real objectives?

<snip>

>>Speculation:

<snip>

>>Putting those three together you get:

>>a) that SETI is really looking for nearby 'primitives' - pretty
>>much like us;

>>b) that SETI is really a covert, deniable, government agency.

>Hi Ray,

>While I acknowledge that you labelled this "Speculation", I
>think the very last conclusion is taking things a bit too far.
>They are not a government agency, as you must know,

<snip>

Hello Stuart,

Right, maybe should've said 'proxy/tool of government' - folk
can be literal-minded.

A method which works where there's mystery and skullduggery is
like checking a pool in the forest to find a) does it have a
source? and b) where is the alligator? With a very long pole and
a secure stand, you probe and stir up the bottom. Where the mud
swirls instead of settling - there's your source stream. And
where the end of the pole gets bitten off - there's your
alligator.

This is a similar exercise - and I'm watching for the alligator.

Even so, those two 'speculative' conclusions seem to fit the
facts and SETI behavior patterns better than most alternatives.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Terence McKenna Communication Via Fungi?

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 14:25:17 +0100
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 11:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Terence McKenna Communication Via Fungi?

>Source: The SETI Blog

><http://www.seti.com/blog/terence-mckenna-communication-via-fungi>

>Tuesday, April 29 2008

>Terence McKenna: Communication Via Fungi?
>by Mac Tonnies

>The late psychedelic philosopher Terence McKenna isn't typically
>associated with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence;

<snip>

I'm a supporter of SETI but have to admire Terence McKenna's
classic quote on this:

"To search expectantly for a radio signal from an
extraterrestrial source is probably as culture bound a
presumption as to search the galaxy for a good Italian
restaurant."

Best wishes,

Nick Pope
<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 10:46:59 -0600
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 12:50:11 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 1 May 2008 18:13:16 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>>"A civilization very much more advanced than we will be engaged
>>in a busy communications traffic with its peers; but not with
>>us, and not via technologies accessible to us." --Communication
>>With Extraterrestrial Intelligence - Carl Sagan (ed.) 1973 p.
>>366

>>"Communication is a universal, but the use of radio is a
>>parochial, when we go out into the Galaxy... a radio signal will
>>be about as useful as a smoke signal. Communication evolves"
>>Evolving The Alien - Profs. Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart, 2002. ISBN
>>0-09-187927-2

<snip>

>The one thing you can say for sure about them is that everybody
>else tells them how they could be doing their job better than
>they are doing. They get almost as much stick as we do. If Sagan
>and Cohen and Stewart are correct, and they likely are, it means
>that the onus on contact will be with our space bretheren and
>will not happen by chance or through SETI's efforts.

Hi Stuart,

When you use "contact" in the sense of a deliberate, targeted communication, I would agree that if such occurs it will not have been initiated on our end. However, SETI - at least in principle - casts a wider net than that, to include passive by-products of intelligent activity. Should you find yourself cast away on some remote island, it is sufficient that you see campfire smoke or hear the noise of machinery to be confident that you are not alone.

It may well be that SETI as currently configured is looking in the wrong places with the wrong tools, or even that phenomena associated with ETI have already been detected but are being misidentified as 'natural'. Nonetheless, I consider SETI a well-motivated, if clumsy, endeavor.

Mike

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Unidentified Flying Human Freaks Mexico

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 17:05:50 -0400
Archived: Fri, 02 May 2008 17:05:50 -0400
Subject: Unidentified Flying Human Freaks Mexico

Source: io9 - San Francisco, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/54vz9d>

02 May 2008

[Image & video at site]

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According to locals, this particular UFO occurrence was first spotted in 2006, but this was the first time it was ever caught on tape. UFO spotters said that they had often seen the figure with a cape and believe it to be a wizard or witch. The Sun spoke with "leading UFOologist" Anna Luisa Cid who concurs that this is a bona fide paranormal happening and is going to launch her own investigations, but there's no reaction yet from any real scientists.

A UFO club was the lucky group that managed to catch this moment along with a police officer that claimed, "a floating person had dropped out of the sky and landed on his bonnet," only furthering my nun suspicions.

[More at The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1118824.ece>]

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The MUFON Archive On-Line

From: **Francis Ridge** <nicap.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 09:40:29 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 06:38:51 -0400
Subject: The MUFON Archive On-Line

MUFON Forms Partnership With The Black Vault

MUFON has joined forces with John Greenewald's popular Black Vault website to provide free public access to the MUFON archive of UFO related documents. In addition to the complete collection of historical MUFON Journals, you can also download documents from MUFON's extensive historical archive. MUFON is making these freely available in the interest of UFO research.

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2008 06:53:43 -0400
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 06:53:43 -0400
Subject: UFO Buzz Puts NT Into Flap

Source: Northern Territory News - Darwin, Australia

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/05/03/4021_ntnews.html

03May08

UFO Buzz Puts NT Into Flap
by
Ben Langford

A 'UFO flap' is taking place and Territorians are needed to help scan the skies during a national spotting session tomorrow.

The Australian UFO Research Network has about 40 people across the country ready for a co-ordinated effort.

Network national director Diane Frola said there had been more than 35 sightings in the past seven weeks.

"Certain parts of the world go through what is called a UFO flap... when there's a multitude of sightings coming from all different areas at the same time," she said.

"Because it's been active the past seven weeks we decided the more pairs of eyes looking up the better."

Ms Frola there were only two or three Territorians signed up for tomorrow's 6.30pm start.

"There have been sightings of triangle-shaped craft with lights underneath, cylinder-shaped craft, there has been craft that look like a wheel of lights," she said.

"There have been 30 or 40 dancing lights off SA that took off in different directions."

A navy sailor contacted the Northern Territory News following Thursday's report of a UFO sighting on Groote Eylandt.

Aaron Clement remembered seeing a similar flying object while in the Gulf of Carpentaria as a seaman on HMAS Kanimbla in July 2006.

"I read it in the paper ... and I said 'get out' -- I saw exactly the same thing," he said. "It was high up in the sky.

It was like a ball (then) it went orange and went away. Everyone thought it's a bit strange."

Thursday's story prompted several more reports of flying objects.

One woman said she saw a straight-moving ball of light crossing Darwin Harbour last Saturday night, another woman saw "orange, green and white" flashing shapes moving around the moon.

To register for UFO spotting call 1800772288.

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From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 17:29:04 -0500
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 06:57:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Unidentified Flying Human Freaks Mexico

>Source: io9 - San Francisco, California, USA

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Maybe it has something to do with this?

http://youtube.com/watch?v=Fi1_SmOT5A&feature=related

I think these suits also account for the 'flying humanoid'
phenomenon that has been reported in Mexico so often. Yes, these
guys in the video above may have a death wish, but they are not
aliens.

Besides, the Nun video is so shaky and blurry, I couldn't see a
Nun's 'Habit' or boobs. I can say that, right? <smile>

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 07:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Hi Don,

I don't know why Shostak would bother beating the tired dead
horse. Doesn't he have better things to do with his time?

But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings
from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt
anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft
directly over the route of the UFO to try to confuse
witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights
along the way?

It seems more likely that it was a serendipitous opportunity
after the fact to claim the flares caused the UFO sightings, not
part of a planned operation.

Brad

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April 2008 Australian UFO Sightings

From: Diane Frola <auform06.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 12:26:37 +1000
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: April 2008 Australian UFO Sightings

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01.04.08 MUSTER via HENDERSON (WA) 1815hrs OR 2115hrs WA (NL)
03.04.08 GOLD COAST (QUEENSLAND) 2330hrs (NL)
05.04.08 LITHGOW (NEW SOUTH WALES) 1640hrs (DL)
06.04.08 ETHELTON (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 1930hrs (NL)
07.04.08 UFO MERMAID BEACH (QUEENSLAND) 2050hrs (CE-1)
08.04.08 MELVILLE (PERTH WA) 2200hrs (NL)
08.04.08 PERTH (WA) 2200hrs (NL)
09.04.08 FAR NORTH NSW (TWEED SHIRE) 0300hrs (CE-2)
11.04.08 LAKE BENANEE (NEW SOUTH WALES) 2030hrs (NL)
12.04.08 GYMPIE TOWN CENTER (QUEENSLAND) 1930hrs (NL)
POLICE OFFICER REPORTS UFO OVER GOLD COAST
24.04.08 GOLD COAST (QUEENSLAND) 1903hrs (CE-1)
25.04.08 GROOTE EYLANDT (NORTHERN TERRITORY) 1915hrs (NL)
26.04.08 NEWPORT (NEW SOUTH WALES) 1815hrs (CE-1)
26.04.08 HAMPTON PARK (VICTORIA) 2200hrs (NL)
26.04.08 CONDON (NORTH QLD) 1630hrs (ENTITY REPORT)
29.04.08 HEMERSLEY (PERTH) 2010hrs (NL)
30.04.08 SEYMORE (VICTORIA) 1930hrs (NL)
30.04.08 ADELAIDE (SOUTH AUSTRALIA) 0115hrs (NL)
Date unsure - 02.08 ASHFIELD (WA) 0100hrs (NL)

We have had an amazing amount of UFO sightings this past month with all being of great interest to many UFO researchers.

Robert Frola editor of the UFOlogist magazine said this past month is like the old days of UFO sightings with a variety of different and interesting objects/craft being reported.

The Police officer report from the Gold Coast confirmed AUFORNs artist impression compiled from his report and conversations with him, is spot on, that is the object he saw.

Don't forget the Australia Wide UFO Watch is on this Sunday 4th May if you're an Aussie or you're in Australia and would like to join in just drop AUFORN an email with your location so we know you have the area covered. Many eyes make great viewing.

E-mail: auform06.nul

Warmest Regards

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Rob's Fascinated By Paranormal

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[Several HQ photos in page]

Rob's Fascinated By Paranormal
Gordon Smart
c.iggulden.nul-sun.co.uk

Robbie Williams used to love angels, but instead another flying phenomenon is taking up his time.

The pop star has developed an obsession with aliens.

He is so fascinated that he recently jetted to a UFO convention in Nevada to pursue his hobby.

At the US conference 34-year-old Robbie revealed he had retreated into paranormal investigation to fill a "void" in his life and escape the pressures of fame.

He explains: "I have spent so much time looking at pictures on websites like Above Top Secret and reading conspiracy theories that I want to go and meet these people.

"I want to do something other than sit in my bed watching the news at half past ten, I want to go out and do something.

"I've been working since I was 16. I've put out ten albums in ten years and it takes its toll. I'm just having a break."

Robbie tells of his belief that UFOs are "there all the time" but only show themselves on Earth when they make mistakes and their "protective shields" come off.

He travelled to the convention in Laughlin on a private plane, accompanied by his actress girlfriend AYDA FIELD, 28, and a record producer pal. The star, who has piled on the pounds in recent months, was sporting a full beard plus a khaki outfit and hat.

At the conference he was almost moved to tears by a meeting with Ann Andrews, from Lincolnshire, who believes her son Jason is regularly abducted by aliens.

On meeting "Rob", she doesn't realise he is Robbie Williams.

Jason, 24, was mercilessly teased as a child because of his wacky claims, Ann explains.

But Robbie tells his mother: "He should be shown compassion even if he was making it up, which I don't believe, by the way.

"Tell him to drop me a line if he wants. It must have been a terrible time for you and an awful time for him. It's so sad to hear it happens."

He goes on to say: "It's happened to me. I think joining Take That was like leaving on a spaceship and coming back and all your friends going, 'He's weird now'."

Ann has written a book claiming her son is an Indigo Child, who has been put on Earth as a psychic sage. She claims he is regularly snatched by aliens for further instruction and has taken a number of hazy photos of him being "taken up in a spaceship".

She argues the pictures never come out well because she is not a very good photographer and only owns a disposable camera.

Robbie tells of his fears that his interest in the paranormal may be a sign he is "going mental".

At one point he asks Ann if she ever doubts her mental health.

He says: "Do you still question your sanity with regard to this kind of stuff, because I do =96 a lot. Do you go, 'Have I gone mental?'."

At the end of their conversation Ann suggests that "Rob" looks a lot like Robbie Williams.

He then confesses sheepishly: "I am Robbie Williams."

Robbie's mum Jan, 56, first sparked his interest in paranormal activity when he was a child.

He reveals: "Mum was a tarot card reader. On the shelf just outside her room there would be the books about the world's mysteries =97 elves, demons and witchcraft.

"She'd have people round to read the tarot cards and read their palms. She'd talk about spirits, ghosts... the other side.

"I was that scared that I never talked to her about it and just lived in fear of this stuff."

At the conference Robbie also meets a scientist who specialises in examining "evidence" of alien visits.

The singer insists on inspecting a flake of skin the investigator has been given, which is allegedly from a reptilian alien.

Robbie quips: "It could be a piece of chocolate."

Since finishing a world tour 18 months ago, Robbie has vanished from public view.

The star spends hours holed up in his LA mansion researching UFOs on the net and watching DVDs about alien conspiracies.

Earlier this week The Sun printed pictures showing how the former pin-up has ballooned.

Under his multimillion pound record deal with EMI, Robbie was expected to release a new album this autumn. That seems to be on hold as he focuses his attention skyward.

Robbie goes on to tell how he and Ayda spend hours on his balcony staring at the heavens. At the conference he meets Nick Pope, who has been dubbed the UK's answer to X-Files character Fox Mulder.

Nick once headed the Ministry of Defence unit responsible for investigating UFO sightings in UK airspace and was in Nevada to address the conference.

He says: "Robbie emailed me to let me know he was going to the conference and asked if we could meet. He started his email, 'Hi, it's Robbie Williams (the singer)'. Embarrassingly, I walked straight past Robbie because he looked so different.

"He looked like some sort of Cuban revolutionary. It was him who spotted me. He's a nice guy with a genuine interest in the subject. And he certainly isn't the first pop star to take an interest in the paranormal.

"John Lennon famously claimed to have seen a UFO and David Bowie has long been fascinated by the subject."

Robbie's visit to the Nevada conference was recorded by broadcaster Jon Ronson =97 who specialises in winning the trust of people with different beliefs =97 for a Radio 4 documentary.

In the programme, Robbie admits the psychics he has dabbled with in the past have left him bitterly disappointed.

He explains: "Every time I put my foot in the water as regards this kind of stuff, or paranormal stuff, I meet charlatans.

"You come across people that make you go, 'Oh no, you're supposed to be the expert but you're obviously mental'. And none of it is true. This might happen with UFOs, too =97 then I might be able to get on with my life."

But Robbie left the convention with 15 new UFO DVDs under his arm, so he certainly doesn't seem disillusioned quite yet.

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Robbie Williams and Jon Ronson Journey To The Other Side will be broadcast on Radio 4 at 6.30pm on Tuesday.

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Thursday, May 1, 2008

Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

by
Lisa A. Shiel

In the last 20 years, one theory about UFOs seems to have gained momentum and become the favorite among ufologists. Of which theory do I speak? The one which states that many (even most) UFOs represent secret government projects.

I have one comment on this theory=97gimme a break!

My father served in the Air Force for 20 years. Then he worked in the defense industry for about the same length of time. I spent many years on Air Force bases, and living in the vicinity of secret government projects. My father, Walt Shiel, worked on the B-2 stealth bomber during its black-project days. While he remains a skeptic about UFOs, he has told me several times that the secret project theory is ludicrous. No government entity would test super-secret aircraft over populated areas! Northrop, which built the B-2, maintained a complex at Palmdale, on the edge of the Mojave Desert near Edwards Air Force Base, a major test facility. Let me tell you, Edwards sits way out there in the desert. Few people live anywhere near it.

When my dad worked for Northrop, we lived about 12 miles from the main gate at Edwards. We could see nothing of the base. Despite the flat landscape and lack of trees or other obstructions, the base itself remained out of sight for us. The main gate lay miles from the heart of the base.

Edwards is a remote installation. That's where secret planes get tested=97not over interstate highways or the city of Phoenix, Arizona.

The military has no need to test its secret aircraft over populated areas. They have vast sections of airspace which they can essentially cordon off to nonmilitary air traffic in order to perform their tests. A continuous band of restricted airspace extends from Point Mugu (just outside Oxnard, CA) northeast across the state, through the Mojave Desert past Edwards AFB and the China Lake Naval Weapons Center. Then, the restricted zone crosses into Nevada where it encompasses Nellis AFB and Tonopah (north of Las Vegas) before cutting across the border into Utah to cover the airspace over Wendover, home to several military testing grounds. The restricted corridor covers a vast amount of territory.

So why would the military test secret aircraft over populated areas? They wouldn't. They'd use the restricted airspace they've got. The F-117 was tested near Tonopah. The project was not

acknowledged until an F-117 crashed in the mountains west of Edwards AFB. Classified projects fly out of the north base at Edwards, far from populated areas. In the entire time I lived near Edwards, I never heard of rashes of UFO sightings. Yet, if most UFOs represent secret aircraft, then I should've heard about lots of sightings during the B-2 years. I did not.

The military prints maps which show all the restricted airspace across the country, as well as the normal hours during which the military uses that airspace. Anyone can get one of these maps. If you really want to prove UFOs are secret government projects, then you ought to get a copy of that map and correlate UFO sightings to the restricted airspace. I've looked and looked but can find no evidence that anyone has made these correlations. Perhaps I'll take up the challenge=97to see if a correlation in fact exists. I would expect at least a few sightings to line up with the restricted airspace. But I'll stick my neck out here and predict that few of the thousands of sightings gathered thus far will correlate with the locations and hours of use for the restricted areas.

The military can and does use the restricted airspace at times not listed on the maps. However, you can call the FAA to find out if the restricted airspace was active during the period when a UFO sighting occurred. A little legwork can help demystify the secret project theory. The military uses the restricted airspace available to it. They only go outside that airspace when absolutely necessary; even then, however, they fly their secret aircraft at high altitude to prevent civilians from spotting them. The SR-71, when it needed to fly over populated areas, flew at 100,000 feet where no one could see it. The sound of its sonic booms didn't make it to the ground.

That's how you operate secret aircraft... in secret!

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Denver Man Wants City Prepared For Space Aliens

From: **Eustaquio Andrea Patounas** <socex.ufobras.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 07:13:26 -0300
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 08:45:00 -0400
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<http://www.9news.com/news/watercooler/article.aspx?storyid=91087>

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Denver Man Wants City Prepared For Space Aliens

DENVER (AP) - A Denver man wants the city to be prepared for possible space aliens and he's drafted a proposal that would create a commission to deal with the matter.

The city will hold a "review and comment" meeting next Thursday on Jeff Peckman's proposed ballot initiative to create an 18-member ET commission. Peckman says the Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission would form a strategy "dealing with issues related to the presence of extraterrestrial beings on Earth."

Denver assistant City Attorney David Broadwell says he doesn't know what city officials will ask Peckman during the hearing.

The 54-year-old needs 4,000 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot.

Peckman sponsored a 2003 initiative that would require the city to implement stress-reduction techniques. That idea didn't garner enough support from voters.

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Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 11:56:08 -0300
Archived: Sat, 03 May 2008 11:29:13 -0400
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>UFOs represent secret government projects.

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<snip>

What possible basis does Lisa Shiel have to claim that many if not most ufologists think UFOs are secret Government projects? References please? Survey results? I don't doubt that some do, but many or most?? Nobody I know does. We would probably all say some UFOs are secret government projects.

Most of us who claim Earth is being visited by ET spacecraft say some UFOs are ET spacecraft, rather than all or most.

She is certainly right about no fly zones. Lots of them.

Stan Friedman

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 16:38:18 +0100
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 08:01:58 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 14:22:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2008 18:13:16 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 20:03:37 +0100
>>>Subject: SETI's real objectives?

><snip>

>>>Speculation:

><snip>

>>>Putting those three together you get:

>>>a) that SETI is really looking for nearby 'primitives' - pretty
>>>much like us;

>>>b) that SETI is really a covert, deniable, government agency.

>>Hi Ray,

>>While I acknowledge that you labelled this "Speculation", I
>>think the very last conclusion is taking things a bit too far.
>>They are not a government agency, as you must know,

><snip>

>Hello Stuart,

>Right, maybe should've said 'proxy/tool of government'

Nope, not sure I even agree with that Ray.

>A method which works where there's mystery and skullduggery is
>like checking a pool in the forest to find a) does it have a
>source? and b) where is the alligator? With a very long pole and
>a secure stand, you probe and stir up the bottom. Where the mud
>swirls instead of settling - there's your source stream. And
>where the end of the pole gets bitten off - there's your
>alligator.

>This is a similar exercise - and I'm watching for the alligator.

>Even so, those two 'speculative' conclusions seem to fit the
>facts and SETI behavior patterns better than most alternatives.

You seem to be suggesting a conspiratorial element to the manner

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in which SETI works. Could you clarify that for me? I'm not trying to nail you here Rod but I would appreciate a clear explanation of your views on this, without external links to what others have said or what you've written elsewhere.

Regards,

Stuart

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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 16:43:00 +0100
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 08:07:45 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 10:46:59 -0600
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 1 May 2008 18:13:16 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 20:03:37 +0100
>>>Subject: SETI's real objectives?

>>>"A civilization very much more advanced than we will be engaged
>>>in a busy communications traffic with its peers; but not with
>>>us, and not via technologies accessible to us." --Communication
>>>With Extraterrestrial Intelligence - Carl Sagan (ed.) 1973 p.
>>>366

>>>"Communication is a universal, but the use of radio is a
>>>parochial, when we go out into the Galaxy... a radio signal will
>>>be about as useful as a smoke signal. Communication evolves"
>>>Evolving The Alien - Profs. Jack Cohen & Ian Stewart, 2002. ISBN
>>>0-09-187927-2

><snip>

>>The one thing you can say for sure about them is that everybody
>>else tells them how they could be doing their job better than
>>they are doing. They get almost as much stick as we do. If Sagan
>>and Cohen and Stewart are correct, and they likely are, it means
>>that the onus on contact will be with our space bretheren and
>>will not happen by chance or through SETI's efforts.

>Hi Stuart,

>When you use "contact" in the sense of a deliberate, targeted
>communication, I would agree that if such occurs it will not
>have been initiated on our end. However, SETI - at least in
>principle - casts a wider net than that, to include passive by-
>products of intelligent activity. Should you find yourself cast
>away on some remote island, it is sufficient that you see
>campfire smoke or hear the noise of machinery to be confident
>that you are not alone.

I presume you are referring to SETA/SETV and if so, I'm going to be pedantic. In terms of the general principle of SETI you are right, but that's not what SETI at Mountain View does. They simply point telescopes.

>It may well be that SETI as currently configured is looking in
>the wrong places with the wrong tools, or even that phenomena
>associated with ETI have already been detected but are being
>misidentified as 'natural'. Nonetheless, I consider SETI a well-
>motivated, if clumsy, endeavor.

I agree.

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Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 12:17:41 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 08:09:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 30 Apr 2008 18:27:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>James, one more time - and slowly - quoting from the video:
>'they are seen under all lighting conditions and with many
>different camera systems'.

If people want to buy tapes and the makers of them make money,
fine by me. Entertainment is a valid thing to spend money on

But if you watch 100s of hours of footage (fast forward play
mostly, thank God!) then you get a feel for what stuff is out
there. I cannot (dis)prove by examining videos whether a little
dot, wormy twisting form, streaking light, or flashing light is
an alien life form or spaceship or anything else. For my own
purposes I need something more.. like the amoeba-like object
"arising" from the Puerto Rico area that Dr. Carlotto analyzed
in his paper "Anomalous Phenomena in Space Shuttle Mission STS-
80 Video". (Where is he anymore? His web site is shut.)

>Further (slowly again?) it's explained on that page - which you
>maybe skipped - that, at the end of Part 6 and into part 7, two
>astronauts preparing to EVA see several of the phenomena zip
>past them, coming into the spacecraft. I.e they were seen by
>the human eye and therefore can't be camera artifacts. NASA
>haven't yet said if they - the three fast self-luminous `things'
>- eventually left the craft or maybe hitched a ride down to
>Earth.

This was STS-82. It is odd that the Smoking Gun video does not
match the odd dialogue audio. It would "seem" to go with it and
is more interesting to watch than the reality, but it had to be
some other time period or mission.

In the actual video, the astronauts are sitting in the airlock
with the thermal cover closed so they can't even look out. They
seem cramped in there. They do not leave it for about an hour.
They have no video in the airlock, so we are treated to a view
of the entrance to the airlock until the video signal is lost
(not the audio).

No lights are ever seen (tiny debris does fly by, during the ten
minutes prior, outside the covered airlock but not enough to be
a big deal) in any video during the audio time period. I think
they had been sitting in there for about 10 minutes before they
started the dialogue.

I agreed with Oberg in his assessment that it was either the
airlock lights or lights on the suit that were flickering.

Other slight possibilities are the odd cosmic rays that
astronauts sometimes see and reflective flares off the Hubble
solar arrays.

But we need a lot more proof (for me at least) than odd dialogue
to say it was visiting lifeforms.

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>If you have problems processing information then it's going to
>get worse. Martyn says he's preparing to put hours of unedited
>tapes on www.tb1n.com/ - so you can see the phenomena zooming
>around, with all their different shapes and modes of travel.

Oh, boy.

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Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 03 May 2008 14:28:04 -0300
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 08:23:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 04:40:43 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 01 May 2008 09:27:59 -0700
>>>Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>Greetings Listers,

>>>Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the
>>>recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of
>>>March '97 into the piece.

><snip>

>>The flares dropped at 10:00 pm are from a single aircraft, an A-
>>10 which dropped them, each preset - from the cockpit - to
>>ignite at 25,000 feet 75 miles away. Since flares are useless
>>for ground illumination above 1,500 feet AGL what was the point
>>of ignition at 25K?

>>My guess is a quick patch job for the folks in Phoenix 2 hours
>>plus past the main events. And I am not buying the foolishness
>>about getting rid of the flares at high altitude so they
>>wouldn't start brush fires in the desert and because they didn't
>>want to land the A-10 with flares on board - or put them back
>>into inventory.

>>They didn't have concerns earlier about dropping them into the
>>desert.

>>There is much to be said about full crockery re Seth's
>>ruminations. It's 4:40am and I'm going to bed.

>Hi Don,

>I don't know why Shostak would bother beating the tired dead
>horse. Doesn't he have better things to do with his time?

>But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
>dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings
>from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt
>anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
>75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
>have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft
>directly over the the route of the UFO to try to confuse
>witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights
>along the way?

Hi Brad,

Given a week or two to modify the A-10 Thunderbolts [Warthogs] to carry some type of high intensity light[s] and testing the aircraft to make sure the modifications didn't do something that would kill the pilots and/or the people on the ground below while figuring a way to make an A-10 silent; getting permission to fly through Phoenix's Sky Harbor zone without transponders and then convincing the controllers and tower operators to lie and say it didn't happen and any other aircraft in the air as well... I think this probably would have been do-able. But not with only a couple of hours to prepare. You just can't bolt stuff to, or modify an airplane and then fly it without testing.

*Example - bear with me. A USAF veteran mechanic-during the Korean war-noted that on three of the F-86 Sabers he was servicing that the two inchx 5/16ths inch bolts that attached to the pushrods to the ailerons [wing control surfaces] had been installed upside down [the bolt heads on the bottom] so he fixed them putting the head on the top so that in case the lock-nuts came off the bolt, the bolts would likely remain in place through gravity.

The three jets were flown and then when pulling high G turns, the ailerons were deflected for the turn the bit of bolt-thread protruding through the nuts jammed against the wing's lower surface due to lack of clearance. This only occurred while the wing was slightly curved during the turn, not while sitting on the ground.

All three F-86s crashed and two pilots were killed. The mechanic was doing what he had been trained to do for 25 years while the service notices on that model of F-86 warned that the bolt had to be inverted on this aircraft. The mechanic's simple modification had killed two pilots, destroyed three airplanes and gave the mechanic nightmares for the rest of his life.

So first, where do you put these lights on the A-10; run the cables, install switches, tie them into a power source on 6 or 7 or 8 Thunderbolts [to satisfy the light configuration] and then test it to make sure it doesn't interfere with something else and do this in a couple of hours? Also how do you make an A-10 fly that slow - it stalls at about 95 miles per hour-and keep it quiet at the same time?

The videos I've seen of the earlier lights look low to me or they were - once again-miles away from the viewer.

Getting an A-10 airborne with a few flares either already installed or installing them would have been a lot faster.

The SELLS 1 MOA is the closest and comes within 21 statute miles of the edge of Sky Harbor's Class C airspace which is 70 statute miles in diameter - or 35 S miles plus 21 S miles for a total of 56 S miles from the edge of the SELLS MOA to the tower at Sky Harbor.

Other than Bruce Maccabee's investigation of the flare drop at 10:00pm that evening little else has been done to document the events of earlier that evening and meshing it with air traffic control response or logs.

If we are to believe that this phenomenon began some hours before the events of 7:30pm to 8:30pm then there was ample time for the AF to have become aware. There's a chance that NORAD had already been alerted since reports have some of these objects coming in from the huge MOAs to the south and southwest of Phoenix.

If the Air Guard 'were' doing exercises earlier that night then perhaps they had reports of their own from either ground forces or the pilots. There was plenty of time for damage control. The flares could have been dropped as close as 60-65 miles south of Phoenix.

Note that Phoenix is the 8 or 9th busiest airport in the United States. Flying USAF A-10s illegally into Sky Harbor's airspace would have been especially dangerous.

I'll stick with my theory.

Hope this answers your question Brad.

Don Ledger

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Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 17:30:37 +0100
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 09:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

>Source: Lisa Shiel's BackyardPhenomena Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/5cl3ta>

Have to agree that Lisa Shiel's blog did efficiently deal with one half of the 'blame the gov't' argument about UFOs - the half claiming that UFOs are accidentally seen secret aircraft.

But the other half seems untouched - the half claiming that many UFO sightings (and abductions?) are staged by unholy alliances of one kind or another, mainly figuring CIA dirty-tricks agents.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 03:54:40 -0700
Archived: Sun, 04 May 2008 09:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 29 Apr 2008 08:56:16 -0400
>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 18 Apr 2008 04:13:18 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 20:09:47 -0400
>>>Subject: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

>>>I would like to draw your attention to two Spirit Rover images
>>>from Mars. These images show evidence of sculptures of non-human
>>>beings. One sculpture depicted a humanoid female judging from a
>>>torso remnant. The other was of a being with a somewhat canine
>>>face. Both sculptures were smashed somehow, and some of the
>>>remnants are there in the photos.

>>>The evidence is presented at the following addresses.

>>><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/torso.htm>

>>><http://www.treurniet.ca/artifacts/marshead.htm>

>>>As far as I know, no one has made these observations yet.

>>>I would be interested to know what you think.

>>Well, I've been hesitant to say this before now, but since your
>>post did generate some supportive response, I will tell you
>>what I think:

>>I see rocks. Odd looking, yes, but just rocks. And a highly
>>developed case of pareidolia on your part, Mr. Treurniet.

>Hi Steve, and everyone else who politely refrained from saying
>that I am completely off my rocker. I sense that some people
>found such restraint extremely difficult. It's hard to say how
>representative these respondents are of all readers of the list.
>Maybe those whose world views were threatened the most were also
>most likely to respond. Please allow me to comment in return.
<snip>

You know, Mr. Treurniet, I can also see the anthropomorphic shapes you characterize as being parts of a "broken sculpture." Let's take the "torso", for example. Yes, this could be seen as the upper torso of a female, due to the two protuberances which appear somewhat like breasts. There even appears to be what you refer to as a "nipple" on the right one. Others might suggest it seems more like a slight raised areola, or the ring of color around a nipple. But, it's more oval than round. And, it's more flat than protuberant.

In fact, if that's a nipple, it's a rather odd one, given its shape. Now look at the dark spot on the left "breast" - looks

like a small hole or divot. There is no matching areola or nipple shape - just what appears to be a somewhat concave dark spot.

What would account for that? Also, the "breasts" are not symmetrical. Are we to assume erosion or breakage accounts for these differences? Poor quality of "sculpting?" I guess what I'm saying is that one can often see a variety of subtle artifacts, but that even within what the various anthropomorphic shapes suggest to you, there are even more that would contradict those assumptions when examined more objectively and closely, and thus suggest a more prosaic explanation.

As a child, I used to sometimes be intrigued and marvel at the pine board ceiling in a house I once lived in, where the combination of the pine grain and knotholes in many parts of that ceiling appeared like odd, big-eyed, surreally distorted faces. But even then I knew I was looking not at faces, but a simulacrum, or something that had a superficial resemblance to a face.

You can make all the indirect allusions you want to those who don't agree with your anthropocentric interpretations as having visually "rigid templates", or that a "diagnosis of paeidolia is equivalent to saying all UFOs are swamp gas", but I would have to disagree. Nor am I a debunker, as that term is often used within the UFO community, such as it is.

I have seen a UFO, or more properly, an unidentified aerial or atmospheric phenomena over 35 years ago, on a camping trip in the company of other witnesses. It came to within 50 or 60 feet directly above us, at the forest tree line, after having zipped across the sky at incredible speed, and then back, before appearing overhead, moving relatively slowly, and making a semi-circular movement above us. So, you're not addressing a pseudo-skeptic, as Truzzi defined that term, but someone who just thinks it's very important not to become too credulous or to view things that are truly anomalous with anything less than an empirical, objective, and rational perspective. And so, in the spirit of scientific objectivity, I re-examined the stereo photo blow-ups on your site, and even blew them up a further 200 to 400%. I still see rocks. And while I also can see how they might be seen as having somewhat anthropomorphic shapes, I stand by my opinion of pareidolia in this case.

--Steve Sawyer

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Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

From: **Milton Dino Frank Junior** <mfrank.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 11:17:49 -0300
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 07:21:04 -0400
Subject: Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 11:56:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

<snip>

>What possible basis does Lisa Shiel have to claim that many if
>not most ufologists think UFOs are secret Government projects?
>References please? Survey results? I don't doubt that some do,
>but many or most?? Nobody I know does. We would probably all say
>some UFOs are secret government projects.

>Most of us who claim Earth is being visited by ET spacecraft say
>_some_ UFOs are ET spacecraft, rather than all or most.

>She is certainly right about no fly zones. Lots of them.

Dear Stan,

I would like to know your opinion about flying triangles. What
are they in your opinion?

All the best,

Milton Frank

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 17:26:21 +0100
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 07:25:44 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 16:38:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>You seem to be suggesting a conspiratorial element to the manner
>in which SETI works. Could you clarify that for me? I'm not
>trying to nail you here Rod but I would appreciate a clear
>explanation of your views on this, without external links to
>what others have said or what you've written elsewhere.

OK Stuart - it boils down to two or three points (with added bits) - first, that an efficient radio signal, like those in wider use now, is virtually indistinguishable from noise.

A long while ago I used 'spread spectrum' satellite signalling. Looking at such a signal, SETI would only see a slightly noisier band, over the whole width of their screen. If they're looking at a narrow frequency range they'd probably never notice it. If, by some remote chance, someone checked that 'noise' they might detect a fifty or eighty or 120 Meg rhythm but, as it's almost certainly a pseudo-random code (maybe several days long, or more), that's all they'd see - and probably put it down to natural causes in the background.

That was the technology a decade or two ago. There's probably more layers today, so now, or soon, those signals will be absolutely indistinguishable from noise - unless you're in-synch with that long pseudo-random code and have the various integrating or differentiating demodulators to exactly match the modulators used in the transmission.

From reports, SETI is looking for fairly simply modulated signals on or around the hydrogen frequency - in a narrow range.

That's why I think SETI is not looking for an advanced or even a contemporary human-like technology (no use thinking about non-human-like technology - we probably wouldn't recognize it).

Then, from protocols being set in place now and likely to be firmer in future, to control or ban ad hoc radio signalling to 'anyone out there' - we can expect that others slightly ahead of us will not be signalling by loose-mouth radio. Unless as bait.

So it seems logical that SETI must be looking for folk like we were until very recently - slightly backward compared to us and careless about radio security.

Also, looking at the military 'dis-info' imperatives imposed on NASA personnel, presumably by another agency, we can realize that the same has almost certainly been applied to SETI. There is a certain similarity in the knee-jerk responses from both in recent years, have you noticed?

Have to rely on the professors and Sagan for the further conclusion that more advanced folk won't be using radio at all. It looks logical though - you must anticipate progress.

Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

Fitting all that together (glad you forced me to this exercise - it needed describing for us laymen) puts the SETI operation in a different perspective. Above all, we shouldn't underestimate the intelligence of the people in charge - and they've known all this a lot longer than we've been thinking about it.

Extra last bit, just now thought - if SETI knows what NASA knows, they've probably established that the present visitors to our atmosphere are not using radio to communicate with each other - which they seem to do fairly well, and very fast.

Cheers

Ray

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Creation Of European Service For UFO Study

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2008 07:37:07 -0400
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 07:37:07 -0400
Subject: Creation Of European Service For UFO Study

Source: Speak Up Europe BlogActiv.Eu

<http://tinyurl.com/5acwc9>

17 Apr 2008

Creation Of A European Service For The Study Of UFOs
by
Jean-Charles Duboc

The UFO phenomenon is formally studied in France by the Information And Study Group On Unidentified Aerospace Phenomena - GEIPAN at the Centre National d'Etudes Spatiales CNES:

<http://www.cnes-geipan.fr/>

This service was established, in 1977, by Dr. Claude Poher who has been at the head of several European space programs and who has developed the Universons scientific theory which can explain the fantastic acceleration, between 200 g and 600 g, of some UFOs.

In April 2007, Dr. Claude Poher was able to produce, in his laboratory, artificial gravity:

[Http://www.universons.com/](http://www.universons.com/)

This discovery is now public and has been presented to the National Press Club in Washington CD, on November 12, 2007:

http://www.freedomofinfo.org/national_press.htm

The discovery of Dr. Claude Poher is the solution to the energy dead-end of Europe because it will generate FREE ENERGY, in fact unlimited and non-polluting energy.

My proposal is to create, in Toulouse, with the GEIPAN service, a European service which will bring together scientists from each country of the European Union.

This service will centralize all UFO observations reported in Europe, but also explore all technological applications of the production of artificial gravity, in the fields of energy, social programs, health care, and development of new spatial transportation technologies.

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Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 18:13:24 +0100
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 08:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 12:17:41 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

<snip>

>This was STS-82. It is odd that the Smoking Gun video does not
>match the odd dialogue audio. It would "seem" to go with it and
>is more interesting to watch than the reality, but it had to be
>some other time period or mission.

<snip>

James - if you're implying the tape was 'faked' by dubbing, then
say so - or better still, prove it.

Anyone can check now at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/ufo-uap.html#yu-tu

- end of part 6/beginning of part 7.

As they might be charging a dollar or two to cover bandwidth -
they'll be able to sue if they think you're maliciously
misleading folk about their product/service.

And Graham Birdsall's estate might not be too happy about it -
he seemed to have a good reputation.

Cheers

Ray D

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UFO Author/Researcher Marc Davenport Dies

From: office.nul
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 16:29:55 -0400
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 08:41:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Author/Researcher Marc Davenport Dies

Marc Davenport made the transition from this life to the next on Sunday, April 20. Marc was a dedicated seeker of the truth who believed that we all had a right to know. He fought for human rights, liberty, justice, and the preservation of our planet. He was the author of Dear Mr. President: 100 Earth-Saving Letters and Visitors From Time: The Secret Of The UFOs.

Marc was married to Leah Ann Haley.

Marc was deeply grateful for all of his friends and supporters. His wishes were that instead of a formal service to mourn his death those who loved him would hold private gatherings to celebrate his life.

The family requests that donations in memory of Marc Davenport be made to:

Covenant Hospice
5907 Berryhill Road
Milton, FL
32570 USA

or to the

International UFO Museum and Research Center
114 N Main Street
Roswell, NM
88203 USA

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Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sun, 04 May 2008 20:48:12 +0000
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 08:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 17:30:37 +0100
>Subject: Re: Stop Blaming The Government For UFOs!

>>Source: Lisa Shiel's BackyardPhenomena Blog

>><http://tinyurl.com/5cl3ta>

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Or, none of the above. Please see Ivan Sanderson. Or, accounts
of Reich fighting off something in the desert south of Tucson.

KK

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Earth 'Noise' Could Attract Alien Invaders

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Earth 'Noise' Could Attract Alien Invaders

Source: The New Scientist - Sutton, Surrey, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6a8btg>

03 May 2008

Earth 'Noise' Could Attract Alien Invaders

No matter how quiet we try to be now it's too late to prevent alien invaders. So says Alexander Zaitsev of the Institute of Radio Engineering and Electronics in Moscow, Russia, who points the finger at astronomers.

For 40 years, astronomers have fired microwaves off objects to chart near-Earth space and track the movement of close asteroids - and these signals are traceable back to us. By comparison, Zaitsev says, dedicated transmissions - often described as "shouting into an unknown jungle" - are a mere whisper. He calculates the astronomy signals have filled an area of the sky 2000 times greater than dedicated broadcasts have managed to date (www.arxiv.org/0804.2754).

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Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 18:24:35 EDT
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 09:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 03 May 2008 14:28:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 04:40:43 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Thu, 01 May 2008 09:27:59 -0700
>>>>Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>>Greetings Listers,

>>>>Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the
>>>>recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of
>>>>March '97 into the piece.

<snip>

>>>>The flares dropped at 10:00 pm are from a single aircraft, an A-
>>>>10 which dropped them, each preset - from the cockpit - to
>>>>ignite at 25,000 feet 75 miles away. Since flares are useless
>>>>for ground illumination above 1,500 feet AGL what was the point
>>>>of ignition at 25K?

>>>>My guess is a quick patch job for the folks in Phoenix 2 hours
>>>>plus past the main events. And I am not buying the foolishness
>>>>about getting rid of the flares at high altitude so they
>>>>wouldn't start brush fires in the desert and because they didn't
>>>>want to land the A-10 with flares on board - or put them back
>>>>into inventory.

>>>>They didn't have concerns earlier about dropping them into the
>>>>desert.

>>>>There is much to be said about full crockery re Seth's
>>>>ruminations. It's 4:40am and I'm going to bed.

>>Hi Don,

<snip>

>>But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
>>dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings
>>from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt
>>anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
>>75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
>>have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft
>>directly over the the route of the UFO to try to confuse
>>witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights

>>along the way?

<snip>

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>Harbor.

Hi Don,

Well I have a highly reliable, technically expert witness who
lives in Phoenix and saw a flare drop in Jan 1997, two months
before the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997, and they were below
the the local mountain ridge to the south, i.e., less than 20
miles away. He said that the flares looked like they were
snatched from midair before they could hit the ground.

My point is that if the AF knew it could do a flare drop within
20 miles of Phoenix, which would have been far more spectacular,
why do a flare drop from 75 miles away when you wouldn't even be
sure anyone could see them at all? Any flares dropped 75 miles
away would fall below the top of the Estrella mountain range one
the flares fell below about 14,000 ft and would then be
invisible to Phoenix residents.

Brad

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UFOs Over Piura Peru

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Date: May 3, 2008

UFOs Over Piura

Some residents of Piura believe that we are not the only ones in the universe, but sightings of unidentified flying objects are no longer strange. A Piuran attorney was terrified when he felt the phenomenon=92s murmurs.

PIURA =96 Those who delight in speaking of aliens may calmly be considered insane. It has even been observed that people have forged alleged proof in an effort to achieve notoriety, or were also part of a psychosocial phenomenon. However, this phenomenon is rampaging in our city. On April 19, a researcher from Proyecto UFO managed to pick upn an object at 11 p.m. , flashing orange and silver lights in the desert between Piura and Paita. Since 1999, the Proyecto, formed by four good friends, decided to look into these sightings. They overcame their fear of the unknown and always organize vigils for sightings. They are convinced of an alien presence during the last Aerosport Festival organized by the Peruvian Air Force (FAP). There are hundreds of videos circulating on YouTube, where we find a news report from the defunct Hechos publication, reporting a sighting at the Los Cocos urbanization on February 8, 1994. Is there any truth to all this? Now, attorney Luis Vazquez Coronel offers us an astonishing story, =93Cerro Pilan, a UFO highway=94. Terrifying... Vazquez Coronel, who also teaches English at a renowned school, was nearly indifferent to the UFO phenomenon. When he heard Anthony Choy, former head of the Oficina de Investigacion de Fenomenons Aeroanormales (OIFA), a dependency of the FAP itself, discuss sightings in Chulucanas, he was overcome by curiosity.

To date, Vazquez Coronel has made 16 trips and is terrified by each experience. He neither makes conjectures nor indulges in guesswork =96 he only tells the truth as he knows it. His close encounter of the first kind occurred in July 2007. He discusses that hapless trip in his book: in the company of two friends from Piura and two other locals, he came across a weird light in the village of Palo Blanco.

=93A star that made an abnormal movement,=94 as he describes it. Fear gripped their bodies, because this light was chasing them. Beating naysayers to the punch, Vazquez Coronel writes: =93They say that these red and turquoise lights are seen around the mines, and it can=92t be true, because [they] follow a definite trajectory.=94

He had two unusual experiences in subsequent trips. He was able to see a vessel irradiating =93luminous triangles=94 in the blink of an eye over Cerro Pilan. =93It was shaped like a hanging parachute,=94 he explains. All of this is recorded in photo and video formats. The adventurers ascended the summit of Cerro

Horquetudo in 10 minutes and also noted the presence of lights. Hearing echoes [in the darkness] froze their blood colder than the North Pole. It is for this reason, they say, the very few dare the ascent, out of a fear that the peak will bewitch them. =93People would opine that this is insane,=94 we argue, and he replies: =93People feel very comfortable with reality, with what they know.=94 Some prophets claim that the increase in sightings heralds something, but Vazquez Coronel=92s testimony concludes by saying that the only thing palpable is fear.

Further information: UFO sightings follow a route that begins in Chulucanas, passes over the treeline toward Piura, reaches the Alas Peruanas Universty, the Bolognesi Bridge, flies over Santisimo Sacramento parish and ends at Cerro Azul.

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

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Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 10:45:03 -0400
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 17:26:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

<snip>

>That's why I think SETI is not looking for an advanced or even
>a contemporary human-like technology (no use thinking about non-
>human-like technology - we probably wouldn't recognize it).

<snip>

Among those paying the least attention to UFO reports, even those of most recent extraction, lies sufficient evidence earth is being probed by those from elsewhere. To believe our communications and languages have not - (bear in mind code changes in targeting data for ICBMs would require an element of this - is a critical omission in this discussion.

We should combine one awareness with another and once-and-for-all establish the frame of reference that ET would (at least could) design radio signal/microwave components to accomplish much higher intent than to simply inform primitives of their purpose.

Nothing official addressing ufology has remained candid long. We've even seen MUFON become guarded under certain leadership.

But SETI's bill-of-goods is the most disingenuous for it employs our computers for its sifting of data while hyping a pledge to share findings.

Could it be merely policing, as an early warning system, for the status quo who might be perceiving some threat to their status from even the most preliminary of contact?

What could be awakened in the human heart and mind to know, really know, all the fodder we're fed by religion and governments (in concert) is crap?

And the signal, when it comes, could be designed to enhance that revelation in ways more mind-opening than we can imagine.

JCH

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Re: UFO Author/Researcher Marc Davenport Dies

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>From: office.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 16:29:55 -0400
>Subject: UFO Author/Researcher Marc Davenport Dies

>Marc Davenport made the transition from this life to the
>next on Sunday, April 20.

Good bye, Marc, and thank you.

Hope that he can do something for us here on this planet from
the realm where he is now.

Joachim Koch

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Mon, 5 May 2008 11:20:40 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Mon, 05 May 2008 11:40:57 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 18:13:24 +0100
>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 12:17:41 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>>Subject: Re: Fermi's 'Paradox' Cancelled?

>>This was STS-82. It is odd that the Smoking Gun video does not
>>match the odd dialogue audio. It would "seem" to go with it and
>>is more interesting to watch than the reality, but it had to be
>>some other time period or mission.

>James - if you're implying the tape was 'faked' by dubbing, then
>say so - or better still, prove it.

I am saying that as far as I know the audio tape is a true
recording, but misinterpreted - at least that is my impression.
I can have an opinion? If not, then such forums serve little
purpose.

If you order the various tapes of that mission time period from
NASA, you find that the video drops out, presumably from a TDRSS
drop or switch, so that there is no audio. Other non-NASA people
monitoring the event with their video tape machines somehow were
able to also record the boring image of the outside of the
airlock and the desultory comments of the astronauts waiting in
there (for presumably an hour based on the NASA tape). Yet,
although in the video (recorded off NASA TV?) the boring image
(not a still because flecks of debris can be seen going by)
drops out, the view switches to the mission control room and
then the odd audio conversation occurs.

I cannot explain why audio can still be broadcast but video
cannot. I cannot even prove the "non-NASA" people's recording is
valid. It seems like it is because it matches up the video
available from NASA up to the point of the camera switching to
mission control. NASA does not archive those NASA TV broadcasts.

Now, regarding the synchronizing of the video and audio in the
Smoking Gun video for this odd dialogue event. The NASA video
implies other dialogue was going on regarding proper airlock
procedures as they were entering the airlock. The "non-NASA"
person's video shows a similar event. The Smoking Gun video
does not show this, rather it shows them saying the odd dialogue
as they were entering the airlock. I am inclined to think in
order to sustain viewer interest, an appropriate video to
accompany the real audio was used. Or perhaps some simple
mistake or erroneous understanding occurred.

>As they might be charging a dollar or two to cover bandwidth -
>they'll be able to sue if they think you're maliciously
>misleading folk about their product/service.

This seems to cut off any discussion doesn't it?

>And Graham Birdsall's estate might not be too happy about it -

>he seemed to have a good reputation.

I say the audio is likely valid, but could have been misinterpreted.

And, as far as I can tell, it seems the video (which may be from that mission, I don't have the inclination to find it) was erroneously associated with the audio for an unknown reason.

Or of course, it could all be a conspiracy thus there is no hope for the truth.

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Argentine Canine Death Ascribed To Chupacabras

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Argentina: Chupacabras Changes Diet

A dog was found dead with a puncture mark in its throat and completely drained of blood in the Argentinean city of Rosario. No signs of a struggle were evident, nor were bloodstains found on the ground. The animal shared a terrace with another dog that did not suffer any violence whatsoever.

This incident likely took place in the early morning hours of Thursday. Daniel Angel R., a resident of the Echesortu district of Rosario, heard some barking from the terrace on which he kept his dogs, but paid no attention to it, since there was nothing unusual about the situation.

According to information provided by the local newspaper La Capital, the owner of the property went up to the terrace around noon, finding one of his dogs dead under a grill. Upon examining the body, Daniel R. did not find any other signs of violence beyond a deep, clean wound in the neck area which allowed him to see the animal's bones. No signs of a struggle were evident in the area, not even a drop of blood on the ground.

The frightened man took the carcass to the city's 6th Sheriff's Office, where he filed the corresponding police report. The dog's lifeless body was taken to the Instituto Medico Legal, where an autopsy shall be performed in order to establish the cause of death.

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

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>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

<snip>

>What could be awakened in the human heart and mind to know,
>really know, all the fodder we're fed by religion and
>governments (in concert) is crap?

Hello James,

Your (entire) post is more rational and impartial than most on
the subject.

I don't come to List discussions as a 'ufologist' because I'm
not one of those. The other day got a 'media request' asking for
opinions and also asking how I wanted to be billed - as an
expert of some sort?

Replied - "I'm an ex-army 'trouble-shooter' (technical and
systems 'fault-finder' in UK military terms) ... the tax people
have me down as a self-employed 'information analyst' or
'information consultant', can't remember which."

That was only necessary because in today's world we have to
address many subjects and I personally want to retain
impartiality and also to avoid being labeled (or 'smeared') as a
specialist or campaigner of _any_ sort.

Coincidentally sent this today - "questions on (say) taxation,
policing, law, judiciary and war generate a cloud of pompous but
spurious waffle and no hard facts" - and feel that applies
equally well to the establishment's treatment of Ufology's
researches.

Cheers

Ray

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May 3rd 'Amber UFO' Sighting!

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Branson, Missouri, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5zbryz>

May 5th 2008

May 3rd 'Amber UFO' Sighting!

Marley Woods 'Amber light' photograph taken in the late 90's
(new pictures and video will be updated ASAP.)

At Approximately 8:45 p.m. on Saturday May 3rd, SIU Investigator, Adam Johnson, accompanied by filmmakers/brothers Josh and Ron Johnson, and four residents of the Marley Woods, were able to witness a brilliant display of 'Amber lights'.

A total of 7-8 silent 'Amber lights' were witnessed. It began with one light appearing then suddenly blinking out after about 2-3 seconds. Next, another 'Amber light' appeared (approximately 500 feet east from the first object); it lasted a few seconds and was followed instantly by a light extremely close to the west and yet again by another light parallel to its position and within very close proximity (reminiscent of the 'Phoenix Lights'.) After that, a light came on directly southwest of the other two lights position. They all lasted a few seconds and then disappeared. Approximately 5 minutes later, two more objects appeared subsequently after each other and lasted no longer than 10 seconds each.

SIU investigator Adam Johnson recalls the event: "I had a strong feeling that something was going to appear tonight, so, I made it a point to have our equipment setup before sun down," said Johnson. "Honestly, I was thinking something more along the lines of the 'Mystery Light' was going to appear (A mysterious object that appears, ascends ever so slightly, and then blinks out.) But, that was exactly the opposite of what we saw tonight, Johnson said thrilled.

Attention: The SIU was able to record footage & photograph the event. Everything will be uploaded to the website ASAP.

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Malargue Argentina UFO Photo Controversy Continues

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The Controversial Malargue UFO (Argentina)

By Luis Burgos (FAO)

The Event

Felix Fernandez, Omar Gonzalez and Virgilio Moreno, employees of the Direcc=F3n Provincial de Vialidad, were returning from Paraje La Junta to the city of Malargue in southern Mendoza province after working on repairing some machinery. As the trip elapsed, Fernandez took pictures of the landscape with his cellphone (of which no information has been hitherto available). At 18:50 hours, a strange discoidal flying object makes an appearance, maneuvering in front of the sun and the witnesses, and flying over the zone for 15 minutes until pausing for a moment and then vanishing from sight toward the west in the El Chacal zone. This allowed for several photos to be taken of the object. Fernandez told his own story on Radio 1 Alvear and the story reached the media. The photo analyses performed by Jorge Luis Figueiras, through various filters, show the typical solid =93saucer shape=94 with interesting contours and edges, similar to photos taken with cellphones from El Chocon and Santiago del Estero, both in 2008.

The Main Witness

This, then, is the narrative of the case and of the analyses performed by our specialist, Jorge Luis Figueiras, using the only photograph that was circulated in the media. After a few days, I received an e-mail from the main protagonist of the event. Mr. Felix Fabian Fernandez, 41, expressing his total lack of commercial interest in the photo, fully placing it at the disposal of this author, and therefore, of the FAO, to perform any analyses to the required material, consisting of a series of images taken that afternoon, and making himself available for any questions or consultations that we may deem pertinent. As days passed, we exchanged several phone calls, text messages and e-mails. We can extract from them the following evaluative concepts from the eyewitness=92s account:

The camera: It was not a cellphone, as the media claimed, but a digital camera with a 1 Megapixel lens, Mp4 and video capability. The photos have a 640 x 480 resolution.

The photos: Seven photos were taken of the object, not just one (the photo that appeared in the media).

The time: According to Felix, between 2-4 minutes elapsed between each photo. The 15-minute duration of the observation took place on a poorly kept road, covered in dirt and rip-rap, and along a detour. This allows us to deduce that the distance covered by the pickup truck was NOT VERY LONG, compared with 15

minutes driving along a normal road. Hence the nearly permanent presence in the same landscape. We must add to this the time taken to get out of the vehicle to take better photos.

The UFO: The disk-shaped object remained at a constant altitude and made gyroscopic movements, balancing itself slightly throughout the observation and even as it sped away...

The geography: While this is an open area, the facilities of the Pierre Auger Observatory are nearby, well known for its capture of cosmic rays. In other words, the object flew over this location.

The photographic variables:

If the object is far away =96 it is undefined.

If the object is near =96 it is too real.

If the object is out of focus or blurry =96 it is a spot, a bird or a bug.

If it is in front of the Sun or near it =96 it is a reflection.

If there are eyewitnesses =96 then it must be a hoax, etc., etc.

Perhaps in order to counteract this, and also as a test, we would have to resort to the AIRPLANE EFFECT: in other words, begin taking photos of distant aircraft, as far as possible, and if they are near the sun, better yet. 80% of the photos would be DISQUALIFIED as such. They would be merely distant, elongated forms, poorly lit, with odd contours, etc. and no matter how hard the witness tried to prove that he saw and photographed a plane, [this would be rejected] simply because the photo presented as proof WOULD NOT SUPPORT IT!!!

The analyses: Having employed all of the filters [the object] indeed presents contours, edges and even a reflection of its own image in one of the photos, but when all of the photos are superimposed, the object=92s location is almost the same. It seems to be fixed in all photos between the Sun and the camera. Untrustworthy? Obviously. Impossible? Not at all. With regard to the low resolution of cellular or low quality cameras, which present =93dark central spots=94 when aimed at the Sun (not in all cases) and sometimes strange oval objects, this is not the case. Here we have a classic =93two plates joined at the edges=94 shape, not an oval or ovoid. It is obvious that it would be henceforth necessary for naysayers to =93prove the hoax=94, as there is no confusion here. It=92s either a UFO or a hoax, and in the case of the latter, we would be speaking in terms of RETOUCHING a dark spot produced in the photos.

Conclusions

In the light of all this new information and the analyses performed, the case shall without question remain polemical. There will be those who will rely on the eyewitness version of the events, those who will call it into question and those who will dismiss it as a hoax, where we would now face a photographic montage as well as a =93confabulation=94 by three witnesses, employees of a state company. In other words, one person hoaxing the images and two more corroborating the story. This is hard to believe, but not impossible, logically. Let us bear in mind that this isn=92t a mere photo or =93phantom=94 photo --- it is a sighting =93backed by photo evidence=94, to judge by the proof presented.

Question: And if the three witnesses hadn=92t presented photos and gone to the media with their story, would this have made the case more credible? Why bother with photos, if the press reports everything or nearly everything, especially from rural residents? We therefore present all of the analyses performed on the photos. Let everyone draw their own conclusions: coincidences, reflections, hoaxes, questions, certainty, new discoveries, etc. Everything is possible in the field of ufology =96 just ask the FOTOCAT project!

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Debunking In The Darkness

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http://robert-barrow.blogspot.com/2008_05_01_archive.html

Monday, May 5, 2008

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Debunking In The Darkness: Throwing The Energy Baby Out With The
UFO Bath Water
by
Robert Barrow

Debunkers. You know who you are and, even better, we know who you are. You're the folks who consistently gather before an anxious public every time a UFO sighting occurs because you want to flash your impressive credentials. Because you firmly believe your professional status gives you license - lacking even the bare minimum of facts about a case - to tell people they're only seeing meteorites or birds or balloons or clouds or sun dogs or conventional aircraft. Or unconventional conventional aircraft. Your status as self-proclaimed UFO explainers-away feels good, doesn't it?

The evidence never matters, but it surely must feel self-inspiring to tell sighting witnesses they're mistaken, though you have my sympathies because some of you are forced to go to the most absurd of absurd lengths to invent instantaneous explanations. The Big Guns amongst your kind unfairly pursue and destroy witness integrity in order to gain fodder for that next book condemning all things UFO.

Other debunkers, more often than not, appear in the guise of 'amateur astronomers', consulted by local media as "experts," invariably turning out to be ill-informed about UFOs and offered before the TV cameras with gloating smirks. Besides, what's an astronomer going to tell us about a UFO they didn't even see, an unlikely event anyway since both professional and amateur astronomers frequently spend hours looking at a teeny-tiny fraction of the sky at any one time? And never mind that UFO history actually shines with accounts by astronomers of their own unexplained sightings.

Yet, UFO encounters continue to be reported by solid, concerned people all over the world, despite the debunkers' efforts.

The trouble is, this debunking claptrap has had an effect - not on sighting witnesses, and not even on the general public. But a lot of folks in the professional sciences and government, busy with other matters, have bought into the UFO no-no crowd's dogma, unaware of the evidence highly suggestive of substance behind the UFO enigma.

Guess what? There are consequences when debunkers and their negativist colleagues deny science its duty to investigate matters of importance.

Those of us who considered the UFO question very seriously as far back as the sixties - as did those who preceded us, doubtless, in the fifties and even the forties - would always marvel at the incredible quantity of energy, some kind of energy, involved routinely with major UFO incidents. In the 1960s, for example, UFOs were observed on occasion to hover over power lines, as if poised to extract the electricity right out of them (with instances of power interruptions or failures reported by area residents at the same time). However, far more impressive were displays of high energy noted by sighting witnesses when multiple car engines and electrical systems would temporarily fail as UFOs approached, or when people experienced weird sensations of burning or tingling on their skin. And the intensity of the lights associated with strange objects was often described as overpowering. Electromagnetic effects of a sort only science fiction novels might conjure were commonplace beginning at least with UFOs reported in the fifties and on, all over the world.

And what constant did many of us, the UFO researchers, try desperately to convey during those frequent occasions when we wrote our members of Congress, other government institutions, universities and a wealth of likely sources about the UFO issue? We said, look, whatever else might be learned about UFOs with a proper scientific investigation, consider the immense benefits of discovering their source of such remarkable energy, the inescapable something that allows these objects to buzz, hum, assume instant speeds tracked on radar at thousands of miles an hour, light up like the sun, explode like fireworks - only to reorganize their shape within seconds - and, in essence, to perform amazing feats and maneuvers of flight or some process resembling flight of which we can only dream.

But the skeptics say it's all nonsense. Well, they aren't really skeptics because they aren't skeptical of a damned thing, they just know in their hearts that UFOs are impossible, simply bad fiction in the telling. Skeptics question with open minds, whereas debunkers are rabidly intent upon defeating the UFO issue with derision, distortions, and anything to protect legitimate scientific avenues from getting dirtied up with such improbable foolishness. Anything to keep Congress little more than amused by the subject of UFOs. Anything, by George. By hook or by crook.

So the energy crisis is upon us. It's been lurking for years, of course, but now even the previously unsuspecting, beer-guzzling, TV-hypnotized masses who anticipated absolute safety and excess from cradle to grave are beginning to understand what looms, or what might loom.

Yet, the UFOs continue to astound, whether one calls them UFOs, unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP) or sky thingies, and they continue to demonstrate rather interesting powers. What's the source? Do they rely on our own atmosphere to produce high energy levels, or has some form of energy still unknown to us been brought from somewhere else?

Today's visuals include a double-sided NICAP publicity sheet from 1965, plus significant portions of updates issued twice in 1966. And what a potential scientific energy-related gold mine we have in the sample UFO reports listed! Patrolman Lonnie Zamora's UFO ascends with a "roar," leaving imprints and scorched areas in 1964; in Georgia, a motorist encounters a UFO that inflicts a burning sensation on his skin; in New Jersey a round red object descends into the woods and leaves scorch marks and damaged vegetation; in Maryland the Navy tracks two UFOs on radar at speeds approaching 5,000 miles per hour.

In 1965, Japanese airliners chased by an object note electrical equipment interference; the famous Exeter, New Hampshire UFO furor which sired John G. Fuller's book, Incident at Exeter, involves very bright lights of a power source unknown; in Wanaque, New Jersey police and officials observe UFOs over a reservoir (UFOs seen near water sometimes appear to be having some sort of interaction with the substance).

There's overwhelmingly abundant energy involved with them-thar UFOs. We don't know their identity, but one thing's for sure: They have a power source that kicks butt, any butt on the planet. When something strange can fly in, hover and disable

billion-dollar military weaponry systems effortlessly and flawlessly, we're not talking about something patched together at your local electronics shop.

Theoretically, if the University of Colorado UFO study had been handled more scientifically, rather than politically with Dr. Edward Condon's self-interests at the forefront, and if congressional hearings had been conducted far more seriously - and if the debunkers had been excoriated publicly and widely once the media realized in so many instances that their 'explanations' were tragically in error - one wonders if an aggressive scientific UFO project that might have been initiated no later than the sixties could have reached energy milestones by now, boasting of discoveries to rival any breakthrough of centuries past. Whatever UFOs are, their propulsion, speed, sounds, radiated energy and brilliant lights originate from something, somewhere, and finding that special energy treasure might just be vital to our survival as a civilization.

To those who would suggest the governments of the world already operate highly classified projects to determine UFO essentials, we could respond that science in this instance might function so much more efficiently if conducted in the open with public support - though that requires something akin to disclosure in the first place, of course. The debunkers certainly want none of that.

As energy problems soar, let's all keep a special place in our hearts for the ignorant and the debunkers, for they are often one and the same and proud of it. In the meantime, there's something up there in that sky, flitting in and out of our lives, seemingly utilizing vast powers fit for mythological gods, and tapping into and comprehending that extraordinarily bizarre mystery might be as important to us as free and plentiful energy itself. In the meantime, let's not forget to turn off the archaic lights in the house when we make our twice or thrice-weekly runs to an outmoded gas station, where we fill up our rusting gas tanks with that old-timers' stuff called gasoline. It's no accident that it's called a "fossil" fuel.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2008 15:10:15 -0300
Archived: Tue, 06 May 2008 08:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 18:24:35 EDT
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 03 May 2008 14:28:04 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

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>>>But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
>>>dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings
>>>from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt
>>>anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
>>>75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
>>>have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft
>>>directly over the the route of the UFO to try to confuse
>>>witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights
>>>along the way?

><snip>

>>Getting an A-10 airborne with a few flares either already
>>installed or installing them would have been a lot faster.

>>The SELLS 1 MOA is the closest and comes within 21 statute miles
>>of the edge of Sky Harbor's Class C airspace which is 70 statute
>>miles in diameter - or 35 S miles plus 21 S miles for a total of
>>56 S miles from the edge of the SELLS MOA to the tower at Sky
>>Harbor.

>Well I have a highly reliable, technically expert witness who
>lives in Phoenix and saw a flare drop in Jan 1997, two months
>before the Phoenix Lights of March 13, 1997, and they were below
>the the local mountain ridge to the south, i.e., less than 20
>miles away. He said that the flares looked like they were
>snatched from midair before they could hit the ground.

>My point is that if the AF knew it could do a flare drop within
>20 miles of Phoenix, which would have been far more spectacular,
>why do a flare drop from 75 miles away when you wouldn't even be
>sure anyone could see them at all? Any flares dropped 75 miles
>away would fall below the top of the Estrella mountain range one
>the flares fell below about 14,000 ft and would then be
>invisible to Phoenix residents.

Note: Nautical miles on my SACHart have been converted to
statute miles in my remarks below.

The air guard could not do flare drops any closer than 55 miles
to the tower of Phoenix and only then to southwest because there
is the SELLS 1 MOA [R-2304 that has a boundry that close.

Elsewhere there is no MOA, at least on my chart close enough where the AG could legally drop flares during a time NOTAMed for them to do so. Just because there was no Class C airspace out past 35 miles does not mean they could then drop flares. You are still in civil airspace and it is still illegal.

Sprinkled through that strip between the MOA and the outer edge of the Class C airspace are a half dozen private airstrips plus the town of Gila Bend and its municipal airport, a few farms and several protected mountain wilderness areas.

The 10PM flares were dropped from above to ignite at 25,000 feet and they would have been dead by the time they got down to 14,000 feet.

Witness accounts of the earlier sightings and Symington's statement of seeing the lights/object overhead and being huge don't lend themselves to flares a minimum of 55 s-miles away and at a depressed angle from Phoenix.

To avoid getting off the reservation while dropping these flares in the curve pattern that is very apparent in the videos the air guard would have likely had their pilot fly well inside the perimeter, say an extra 10 miles, to avoid an accidental overflight into civil airspace and/or perhaps to allow for drift due to upper winds. There is always the possibility that he would also have to be cautious if he dropped from 30 grand; the flare canisters might have seen been carried in the jetstream to the northeast before dropping safely into more stable air and igniting at 25,000 feet.

Don

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
Date: Mon, 05 May 2008 11:58:35 -0700
Archived: Tue, 06 May 2008 08:31:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

Brad, Don,

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 02 May 2008 04:40:43 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 01 May 2008 09:27:59 -0700
>>>Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>Greetings Listers,

>>>Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the
>>>recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of
>>>March '97 into the piece.

>

><snip>

>

>>The flares dropped at 10:00 pm are from a single aircraft, an A-
>>10 which dropped them, each preset - from the cockpit - to
>>ignite at 25,000 feet 75 miles away. Since flares are useless
>>for ground illumination above 1,500 feet AGL what was the point
>>of ignition at 25K?

>>My guess is a quick patch job for the folks in Phoenix 2 hours
>>plus past the main events. And I am not buying the foolishness
>>about getting rid or the flares at high altitude so they
>>wouldn't start brush fires in the desert and because they didn't
>>want to land the A-10 with flares on board - or put them back
>>into inventory.

>>They didn't have concerns earlier about dropping them into the
>>desert.

>>There is much to be said about full crockery re Seth's
>>ruminations. It's 4:40am and I'm going to bed.

>Hi Don,

>

>I don't know why Shostak would bother beating the tired dead
>horse. Doesn't he have better things to do with his time?

>But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
>dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings
>from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt
>anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
>75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
>have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft
>directly over the the route of the UFO to try to confuse
>witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights
>along the way?

>It seems more likely that it was a serendipitous opportunity
>after the fact to claim the flares caused the UFO sightings, not
>part of a planned operation.

>Brad

Regardless of the intent, of the Air Force (or Guard) the outcome did and still does muddy the waters to this day; the media continues to air the the 10:00 flare video when addressing the so-called Phoenix Lights, erroneously marrying multiple events to those 5 infamous videos.

On the flip-side, if the flare drop was an intentional diversionary tactic, given the fact that training, or more specifically the dropping of flares was a common occurrence in the area, one would think they would have an idea about the characteristics of LUU-2 illumination flares, i.e., candlepower, distances they would be visible etc. Moreover, smoke and/or 'chutes would be visible.

Cheers,

Frank

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Cox - In Case You Missed It...

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<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080505/BLOG32/770690753>

Monday, May 5, 2008

In Case You Missed It...

by
Billy Cox

Ever Google "UFO News" just to check up on current events? Kind of amazing to read what the national/international media serve up in the space of a week.

Let's see, there's apparently a flap under way in Australia's Northern Territories:

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/05/03/4021_ntnews.html

and Kentonline in the United Kingdom reports that some people were so impressed with shapeshifting lights near Westbrook, they took it to the press:

<http://tinyurl.com/6y9kue>

Also in England, Brits hosting an outdoor barbecue grabbed some UFO footage near Grantham; it's posted at:

<http://tinyurl.com/5w8xkf>

The UK's Ardrossan Herald:

<http://www.ardrossanherald.com/articles/1/23461>

reports how a couple of neighborhood burghers were... well, De Void can't produce a better verb than this:

"Alison Kelly was in Adams Road in Saltcoats at the same time when she saw the unusual light and she and her family were gobsmacked at the sight."

Gobsmacked. I'm envious.

Also last week, retired Brazilian Air Force general Jose Carlos Pereira, who once presided over the Brazilian Airspace Defense Command, was the latest military official to go on record and call for the declassification of government UFO documents. Easy for him to say. "Regarding material evidence," Pereira asserted, "we have none."

De Void's favorite is two-year-old footage that's just making the Internet rounds. It's from a Mexican town called Nuevo Leon, and this sucker looks like something out of the Wizard Of Oz. The wording at the end of this link says it all:

<http://tinyurl.com/54vz9d>

Meanwhile, closer to home, The Reporter-Herald in Loveland, Colo., went with how local witnesses called in about shape-shifting diamond lights. In Montgomery, Ala., WSFA-TV opened an April 26 story this way: "Friday night and into today, our newsroom has been flooded with people inquiring about a strange sighting in the western sky."

Houston's KHOU-TV felt compelled to give airtime to two women who saw a "bright blue-green light" that made a hard right-angle turn over a bridge leading into Baytown, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6ecmus>

KWGN in Denver reported on how a guy named Jeff Peckman is attempting to enlist 4,000 signatures for a municipal ballot initiative establishing an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission. Peckman argued that city authorities need to be prepared to deal with public apprehension in the event of accelerating UFO activity.

In Las Vegas, Review-Journal columnist John L. Smith noted how the USAF recently decided to retire the F-117A. Smith suspected the Stealth fighters - being replaced by the F-22 - were largely responsible for UFO sightings over Nevada, and that the drawdown might be bad for business.

Most at risk: gigs like the Alien Research Center, which peddle T-shirts showing cows being beamed up into flying saucers along with the message, "Some call it mutilation. We call it barbecue." The guy who runs the joint, George Harris, is the finance chairman for the Nevada Republican Party.

Again - this is just one week's worth.

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Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 06 May 2008 08:05:44 +0100
Archived: Tue, 06 May 2008 09:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Martian Cultural Artifacts In Spirit Photos?

I have been watching this thread with a measure of disbelief that anyone could read so much into simulacra. Just to show how easy it is for nature to create complex patterns which look like something else, I have posted some images at:

<http://homepage.ntlworld.com/joe.mcgonagle/simulacra/>

These were recently sent to me by a friend who received them in a 'joke' post, so I don't know their origin or copyright status. They do demonstrate the ability of the human mind to associate shapes with unrelated objects (in this case, of a sexual nature).

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Debunking In The Darkness

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2008 13:52:08 +0100
Archived: Tue, 06 May 2008 09:36:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Debunking In The Darkness

>Source: Robert Barrow's Blog

>http://robert-barrow.blogspot.com/2008_05_01_archive.html

>Debunkers. You know who you are and, even better, we know who
>you are. You're the folks who consistently gather before an
>anxious public every time a UFO sighting occurs because you want
>to flash your impressive credentials. Because you firmly believe
>your professional status gives you license - lacking even the
>bare minimum of facts about a case - to tell people they're
>only seeing meteorites or birds or balloons or clouds or sun
>dogs or conventional aircraft. Or unconventional conventional
>aircraft. Your status as self-proclaimed UFO explainers-away
>feels good, doesn't it?

That reference to qualified or academic types recalled a science
item from last year: "Liberals More Likely Than Conservatives To
Break From Habitual Responses, Study Finds" at:

www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2007/09/070911111852.htm

Last year had immediately thought that was a false premise, that
the correlation was there but it really meant (IMHO)
"Free-thinkers are more likely to see the unexpected than
dogmatic types" - i.e that there's nothing specifically political
there.

Because earlier armchair research showed sharp differences of
perceptions in the 'new brain' (cerebrum - logic, empathy,
consciousness), compared with the 'old brain' or 'lizard brain'
(inc. cerebellum - learned routines, 'instincts', fear, hatred
etc).

So added a conclusion to a piece on 'consciousness' -
"formalizing or 'professionalizing' any of these abilities will
immediately put them under the control of the old brain's
cerebellum... [and]... might be responsible for colder, more
selfish attitudes displayed by professionals and academics".

Already had separate evidence from Professor Arthur Ellison's
experiments: of having a bowl of flowers magnetically 'floated'
sometime during his lectures and checking which of the audience
noticed. The skeptics just couldn't see it happening - right
before their eyes.

Maybe this all needs linking-up - that dogmatic types and
those trotting out formally learned responses simply aren't
capable of seeing unexpected phenomena or of thinking logically
about such things.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Tue, 6 May 2008 16:21:54 +0100
Archived: Wed, 07 May 2008 06:28:10 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 17:26:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 3 May 2008 16:38:18 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>You seem to be suggesting a conspiratorial element to the manner
>>in which SETI works. Could you clarify that for me? I'm not
>>trying to nail you here Rod but I would appreciate a clear
>>explanation of your views on this, without external links to
>>what others have said or what you've written elsewhere.

>OK Stuart - it boils down to two or three points (with added
>bits) - first, that an efficient radio signal, like those in
>wider use now, is virtually indistinguishable from noise.

I disagree. An efficient signal would consist of a repeated pattern at
timed intervals with characteristics that would stand out to a
listener who knew what he was doing.

>A long while ago I used 'spread spectrum' satellite signalling.
>Looking at such a signal, SETI would only see a slightly noisier
>band, over the whole width of their screen. If they're looking
>at a narrow frequency range they'd probably never notice it. If,
>by some remote chance, someone checked that 'noise' they might
>detect a fifty or eighty or 120 Meg rhythm but, as it's almost
>certainly a pseudo-random code (maybe several days long, or
>more), that's all they'd see - and probably put it down to
>natural causes in the background.

>That was the technology a decade or two ago. There's probably
>more layers today, so now, or soon, those signals will be
>absolutely indistinguishable from noise - unless you're in-synch
>with that long pseudo-random code and have the various
>integrating or differentiating demodulators to exactly match the
>modulators used in the transmission.

>>From reports, SETI is looking for fairly simply modulated
>signals on or around the hydrogen frequency - in a narrow range.

As you know, there are specific reasons why radio astronomy uses that
frequency, one of them being that it is a prohibited frequency and
fairly free of noise.

>That's why I think SETI is not looking for an advanced or even
>a contemporary human-like technology (no use thinking about non-
>human-like technology - we probably wouldn't recognize it).

I think it would be fair to say that what they are looking for is
either a civilisation which, in broad terms, is on a par with ours
technologically speaking, or one that is "trading down".

>Then, from protocols being set in place now and likely to be
>firmer in future, to control or ban ad hoc radio signalling to
>'anyone out there' - we can expect that others slightly ahead of

Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>us will not be signalling by loose-mouth radio. Unless as
>bait.

There isn't a cat in hell's chance of this ever happening because, besides being unenforceable, imagine how groups of people like us would milk it for all it would be worth. It would be tantamount to declaring an awareness of an alien presence.

>So it seems logical that SETI must be looking for folk like we
>were until very recently - slightly backward compared to us and
>careless about radio security.

OK, you took your time getting there:)

>Also, looking at the military 'dis-info' imperatives imposed on
>NASA personnel, presumably by another agency, we can realize
>that the same has almost certainly been applied to SETI. There
>is a certain similarity in the knee-jerk responses from both
>in recent years, have you noticed?

I'm not being deliberately awkward when I say that no, I haven't. I would apply that to NASA as well. I think SETI are untouched by disinfo imperatives (so far) and believe me, I'd be shouting if I thought otherwise.

>Have to rely on the professors and Sagan for the further
>conclusion that more advanced folk won't be using radio at all.
>It looks logical though - you must anticipate progress.

No argument there.

>Fitting all that together (glad you forced me to this exercise -
> it needed describing for us laymen) puts the SETI operation in
>a different perspective.

But what perspective? They're looking for aliens and doing the best they can with the facilities they have and the money at their disposal. The point is, I don't see a conspiracy.

>Above all, we shouldn't underestimate
>the intelligence of the people in charge - and they've known all
>this a lot longer than we've been thinking about it.

>Extra last bit, just now thought - if SETI knows what NASA
>knows, they've probably established that the present visitors to
>our atmosphere are not using radio to communicate with each
>other - which they seem to do fairly well, and very fast.

I think the American government agency that almost certainly knows more than NASA about "what's going on" will be NORAD. They tend to get overlooked but I strongly suspect they would have many an interesting tale to tell. Why do we give NASA a hard time and let that lot off scot free?

And from todays news at Alien Worlds

UFO No Longer Unidentified

http://www.nasa.gov/vision/space/travelinginspace/no_ufo.html

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>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

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>>Date: Fri, 2 May 2008 18:32:02 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>>>>Subject: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>>Greetings Listers,

>>>>Seth Shostak offered up some penscript (at his blog) on the
>>>>recent hoax in Phoenix, and to no surprise melded the events of
>>>>March '97 into the piece.

>><snip>

>>>The flares dropped at 10:00 pm are from a single aircraft, an A-
>>>10 which dropped them, each preset - from the cockpit - to
>>>ignite at 25,000 feet 75 miles away. Since flares are useless
>>>for ground illumination above 1,500 feet AGL what was the point
>>>of ignition at 25K?

>>>My guess is a quick patch job for the folks in Phoenix 2 hours
>>>plus past the main events. And I am not buying the foolishness
>>>about getting rid or the flares at high altitude so they
>>>wouldn't start brush fires in the desert and because they didn't
>>>want to land the A-10 with flares on board - or put them back
>>>into inventory.

>>>They didn't have concerns earlier about dropping them into the
>>>desert.

>>>There is much to be said about full crockery re Seth's
>>>ruminations. It's 4:40am and I'm going to bed.

>>I don't know why Shostak would bother beating the tired dead
>>horse. Doesn't he have better things to do with his time?

>>But I have a problem with the theory that the AF deliberately
>>dropped the flares within 2 hours of the genuine UFO sightings

>>from 75 miles away just to try to confuse people. I would doubt

>>anyone in the AF would think the flares could even be seen from
>>75 miles away or be prominent enough to be noticed. Wouldn't it
>>have been easier to just fly a formation of A-10 aircraft

>>directly over the the route of the UFO to try to confuse
>>witnesses, maybe have them flash some high intensity lights
>>along the way?

>>It seems more likely that it was a serendipitous opportunity
>>after the fact to claim the flares caused the UFO sightings, not
>>part of a planned operation.

>>Brad

>Regardless of the intent, of the Air Force (or Guard) the
>outcome did and still does muddy the waters to this day; the
>media continues to air the the 10:00 flare video when addressing
>the so-called Phoenix Lights, erroneously marrying multiple
>events to those 5 infamous videos.

Fife Symington for one and several others with some knowledge of
this event have fallen down on this point. On CNN Fife did not
differentiate between the two nor did some of the other
panelists. It is the first point which should be cleared up when
the topic comes up.

>On the flip-side, if the flare drop was an intentional
>diversionary tactic,

You heard it here first. I've been banging away at that for a
year or more now. When I first proposed it it made no sense to me
that one A-10 just happened to drop flares at that time and set
to ignite at 25,000 feet. Too much of a coincidence in my
estimation.

>given the fact that training, or more
>specifically the dropping of flares was a common occurrence in
>the area, one would think they would have an idea about the
>characteristics of LUU-2 illumination flares, i.e., candlepower,
>distances they would be visible etc. Moreover, smoke and/or
>'chutes would be visible.

Perhaps Bruce addressed this brilliance verses distance in his
analysis?

Don Ledger

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Wednesday, May 7, 2008

Dells, Lake Delton Residents Report UFO Sightings

By Kay James, Dells Events

[wde-news.nul](#)

Accounts of bright moving lights in the sky and even alien abduction have been reported from the Dells area, and UFO reports can be found on a Web site and in a new book.

The site, www.ufowisconsin.com/ lists reports of the sightings from across Wisconsin including in the Dells area and in other nearby towns such as Baraboo, Portage, Oxford, Lyndon Station. The Web site and the book, "UFO Wisconsin: A Progress Report" are the work of paranormal researcher Noah Voss of Sun Prairie.

Voss has been trying to collect reports, identify and explain UFOs for more than a decade. His interest in the subject started as a child. He said in a phone interview that as far back as when he was in grade school, he would write reports about UFOs and Big Foot. "I've always been enthralled with mysteries," he said and as he got older he went to space camp and then conferences on the paranormal.

These days, he's a speaker at conferences on the unusual such as a recent one in Madison. He will also be a speaker at four or five more conferences this year, plus appearing on radio shows and at book signings around the state.

Voss is also ready to check out UFO reports, although he concedes those that report a bright light in the sky are the most difficult to verify even while they are the most typical. "There's not a lot of data to cross reference," he said referring to reports of lights in the sky such as one in December 2007 from people in Oxford. In that report, the family reported seeing a "single, large, bright, golden light" that disappeared and then five such lights appeared. Another in December 2004 from a Wisconsin Dells person describes a solid red light in the sky that turned strobe light.

Voss doesn't believe all the lights in the sky reported are alien spacecraft. "It truly means unidentified objects, not aliens." The lights could be ball lightning, flare drops, a hot air balloon, military exercises or other "common or mundane explanations."

One Lake Delton family in April 2001 reported on the Web site seeing a balloon-like object floating in their home and lights outside. The report goes on to say the family was abducted and

examined by aliens. The man claims to have an implant from the aliens and having been abducted before as a child.

Most reports are just of lights in the sky. Some lights in the sky are verified. Voss said one of the 100 reports in the book is of lights seen by both a private pilot and the pilots in a major airline. The pilots described the lights in different ways and thought it might be a search light, except it seemed to bounce around the plane and moved quickly closer than further away. That light showed up on radar and it wasn't any known aircraft, Voss said. The pilots spotted it southeast of Madison and watched it for some time, before it turned north. It could have continued into the Dells area.

Sometimes lights can be verified through checks of flight data and other information, Voss said. "I'm not able to check each one."

The reports on the Web site are self-reported and anyone can make a report. Most do not include a full name, but only the location and date.

When a UFO supposedly lands than Voss said, it can be checked with scientific equipment such as radiation detectors or physical evidence may be left behind.

Voss's book lists the top five Wisconsin UFO hotspots, but the Dells did not make the list. The top five are Long Lake, Elmwood, Belleville, Madison and Milwaukee. The book, which sells for \$14.95, is available on the Web site, at Book World, Barnes & Noble and Amazon.com.

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PRG Update - May 7, 2008

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Paradigm Shift Newsletter

Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton

On April 30 PRG published an Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton regarding the Laurance Rockefeller Initiative. This letter was published to the websites for PRG, American Chronicle, OpEd News and the National Ledger. It was also sent out to approximately 5000 television, radio, internet and print media.

The two pages receiving the most initial hits were:

http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Clinton-Hillary.htm

These two pages quickly rocketed to the top of the search returns for both Google and Yahoo using the following search criteria: open letter to Senator Hillary Clinton, open letter to Senator Clinton, open letter to Hillary Clinton

At this time all Google links to pages containing a full copy of the Open Letter, including the PRG and American Chronicle pages, were stripped (or blocked) from the Google search returns. They have not returned. Fortunately, this did not happen at Yahoo where these pages are at or near the top of the listings.

Efforts by PRG to reach Google to determine why this had happened have been fruitless, and PRG is seeking pro bono legal assistance from 1st Amendment specialist attorneys in order to open a dialogue with Google to resolve this matter.

Google is known to block page links (not the same as pornography filtering), and it is possible these search returns were blocked on request by someone within the Clinton campaign in connection to the pending primaries in North Carolina and Indiana. Hopefully, Google will reveal who did request these blocks.

As of May 7, 2008 a new webpage with the

http://www.x-ppac.org/Open_letter_hillary_clinton.htm

Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton has been posted on the X-PPAC web site. PRG and X-PPAC will watch carefully the progress of this web page in search engine results.

X-Conference 2008

The conference went well and was well received. The press conference at the National Press Club went particularly well. It lasted 45 minutes and was filmed in full by several groups. One version is up on the PRG website now. The quality is poor and other versions will be added soon. This press conference will be receiving much more attention in the near future. DVDs of the PC will be mailed out soon to several hundred key media.

X-Conference 2008 Numbers

Advance booking: 216
Walk-ins: 125
Total paid attendees: 341
Comps (Speakers/spouses, VIPs, VIP guests, staff, exhibitors): 47
Media: 26
Total persons in attendance: 414

Total revenue: \$56,656
Conference cost: \$61,314
Additional operating costs: \$2,000
Loss: \$6,658

Two-Conference Financial Outcome

PRG entered the 2007 conference cycle with \$50,000 in debt, much of that owed to past X-Conference speakers. Due to an infusion of funding PRG entered the 2008 conference cycle with \$20,000 in debt, none of which was owed to X-Conference speakers.

PRG enters into the 2009 conference cycle with \$15,000 in debt, none of which is owed to speakers or vendors.

Immediate Financial Priorities

- 1) Finding new additions to the PRG funding support group.
- 2) Marketing X-Conference 2009.
- 3) Paying off the outstanding PRG loans.

To all those who attended and/or supported X-Conference 2008:
Thanks so much for helping to keep PRG's advocacy work on track.

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Man Patents Flying Saucer

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<http://tinyurl.com/55uma8>

Well here's an interesting story about a chap that has his own propulsion system that sounds very familiar.

Any scientists around in this field that care to comment on it?

Best,
Greg
ufomafia.com

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Strange Company: Military Encounters With UFOs In

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STRANGE COMPANY: Military Encounters with UFOs in WWII
K. Chester, 308+vii pp., 2007, \$17.95p

Usually we avoid the never-ending flood of UFO books, but we have always been puzzled by the so-called "foo fighters" that mystified World War II pilots in all theaters of combat. Their reality is supported in Chester's book by over 100 baffling sightings by well-trained observers.

Chester's book is thoroughly researched. There is a strong foundation of 138 sightings of strange lights and even "structures" from 1931 to 1945. Most came from aircraft crews from *both* sides during the 1939-1945 conflict. A fascinating table enhances the textual descriptions by displaying in one place the incredible variety of unexplained phenomena. No fewer than 520 notes give the book even more details, as do photocopies of official reports and correspondence. All displaying total mystification!

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Indy Walks Back Through Our Door As 'Crystal Skull' Nears
By David Germain
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES--Marion Ravenwood might have been speaking for us all when she set eyes on Indiana Jones for the first time in years.

Her caustic greeting to the archaeologist-adventurer in 1981=92s "Raiders of the Lost Ark": "Indiana Jones. I always knew someday you=92d come walking back through my door."

It=92s been 19 years since Indy literally rode off into the sunset in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade," but like Marion, could anyone doubt that the world=92s most famous tomb raider would come back into our lives one day?

For 27 years, Indy has stood as one of cinema=92s ultimate Everyman heroes, a poster boy for the idea that there are some good men you can never, ever keep down.

"He=92s a real guy. He=92s just like us," said George Lucas, who dreamed up the character and re-teams with director Steven Spielberg and Harrison Ford as Indy for "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull," due out May 22.

"He makes lots of mistakes," Lucas said. "He kind of goofs up. He has the same kind of thinking that we have. He=92s beat up all the time. It=92s like he=92s not a superhero. He=92s just an average Joe that=92s always in over his head that somehow seems to get through it."

The new movie co-stars Cate Blanchett as Irina Spalko, a Russian operative with crisp black bangs who=92s after the Crystal Skull of Akator, an ancient artifact that could help the Soviet Union dominate the world.

Ray Winstone plays a new Indy ally, and the film also co-stars John Hurt and Jim Broadbent.

"Raiders" fans are thrilled over the return of Karen Allen as Marion, while Shia LaBeouf plays Indy=92s new sidekick, Mutt Williams.

An early press kit for Crystal Skull describes Mutt as a "rebellious 20-year-old with a chip on his shoulder and some personal business to discuss with Dr. Jones." Fans have speculated that Mutt is the love child of Indy and Marion, though the filmmakers won=92t say.

Resurrecting Indy took more than a decade of debate, disagreement and compromise among the film's three principals, Spielberg and Ford disliking a way-out-there initial idea Lucas had.

"It was the three of us, Steven, George and I, coming to agreement on the central notion of it all," Ford said. "I think the original idea is still a large piece of it in the movie, but it's been developed and worked on in ways that made it a lot more palatable to Steven and I."

Though the filmmakers have been tightlipped on the plot, the era is 1957 instead of the 1930s and the trailer's image of a crate marked "Roswell, New Mexico, 1947," imply aliens are involved. Roswell is where UFO buffs claim an alien spaceship crashed in 1947.

Just as the first three Indy flicks were inspired by the supernatural B-movies of the 1930s, Lucas conceded he took his cue for the new film from the equivalent of the 1950s, when B-movies centered on extraterrestrial menace.

Just how far Crystal Skull might venture into "E.T." territory remains to be seen, though it clearly was not as far as Lucas wanted.

"The MacGuffin of it slowed down a little bit from what my original enthusiastic version was. Again, that's the way it works with Steven and Harrison and I," Lucas said. "We're not going to do anything anyone's uncomfortable with. We want to do something everybody likes, we in the group, the three of us."

"They wanted to go off on some other tangent. I said, I'm not going to do that. I'm going to stick with this no matter what, so we either do this or we don't. That's it. Finally, we got something that we could all compromise on and all be happy with. It wasn't quite as wacky as I wanted it to be, but it still is subtle and nice and works really well and has the same idea behind it."

Likewise, Crystal Skull has the same idea behind the action, presented in the Indy-making-it-up-as-he-goes-along style of the earlier films rather than the glossy computer-generated imagery that makes most of today's action spectacles look as slick as a video game.

"We did it sort of old-school-style," Ford said. "Certainly, there is a fair amount of CGI that will be used, enhancing a lot of what we did, but generally not in the action area. It will enhance some of the physical sets. In the action area, it was pretty much done for real."

The filmmakers are keeping the movie under tight wraps until its premiere at the Cannes Film Festival just four days before it opens in theaters.

But members of Indy's inner circle have seen it, among them Sean Patrick Flanery, who played the character in the 1990s TV adventures of "Young Indiana Jones."

"It's the same vibe, the same feel. They didn't miss a beat," Flanery said of "Crystal Skull." "People are going to love it. It's what everybody's been waiting for."

Fan buzz online has been intense. On IMDB.com, the Internet Movie Database, a post from a user called zac2347 chides fans for claiming Crystal Skull is the summer's most-anticipated movie, insisting it "looks like a rehash of the same stuff" and that the three trailers for "The Dark Knight" have elevated that Batman sequel above Indy.

Responds another poster, indyjones32: "Three trailers vs. 20 years of wait, disappointment and build-up. My money is on the 20 years."

Raiders, Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom and Last Crusade presented a rich warehouse of detail to define the character, from his fedora hat and whip to his snake phobia and bookish classroom demeanor.

His quips were wonderfully quotable: "Trust me" ... "It's not the

years, honey, it=92s the mileage" ... "Nazis. I hate these guys" =97 and, informing passengers after tossing a Nazi out of a zeppelin, "No ticket."

"Raiders" was nominated for eight Academy Awards, including best picture, director and score, whose fanfare is one of the world=92s best-known pieces of music.

Indy placed second on the American Film Institute=92s list of movie heroes, ahead of James Bond, Superman and Ford=92s "Star Wars" character, Han Solo. The only man to beat him was Atticus Finch of "To Kill a Mockingbird."

While all three films had wild action and memorable exchanges, "Raiders" has stood as the critical favorite.

"Like all megahits, you look back and see that every element was perfect," said director Rob Cohen, who resurrects another archaeological-adventure franchise this summer with "The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor."

"Harrison is an A actor in a B-movie setup, and Spielberg is an A-plus-plus-plus director taking on the Saturday morning serial. So you get a humanity and sophistication that you wouldn=92t get if you did the cardboard version," said Cohen, who added that he introduced Spielberg to Allen, the future Marion Ravenwood, on a double date in 1980.

Lucas went through years of grousing and second-guessing by fans who picked apart his "Star Wars" prequels. He expects the same on "Crystal Skull," saying it=92s impossible to satisfy hardcore fans.

"Whenever you do a film like this, people expect the Second Coming, and that=92s not what it is. So fans all get grumpy, the critics are already grumpy," Lucas said. "If you=92re going to say, =91I=92m going to get my Academy Award this year and finally I=92m going to be loved by all the critics, and the fans are just going to go crazy=92 =97 not going to happen."

"So you only do it because it=92s a fun experience to do, and we love the movies," Lucas said. "We=92re doing it primarily because we want to see it. I want to see it, Steven wants to see it, Harrison wants to see it."

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Could West Kilbride Be Replaced As UFO Hotspot?

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[Video link at site]

Could West Kilbride Be Replaced As UFO Hotspot?

West Kibride's mantle of being the top spot in Scotland for UK sightings may be in danger after video footage of sightings a short distance away... in Saltcoats.

Fascinating new footage which has received tens of thousands of hits all round the world displays UFO activity above the skies of Saltcoats.

Alex Gibb, 34, had been sitting in his home in Saltcoats when he spotted the four strange lights at around 9pm.

He doesn't believe in UFOs and so he went outside to investigate and took some shocking footage which can be seen below.

<link>

Alison Kelly was in Adams Road in Saltcoats at the same time when she saw the unusual sight and she and her family were gobsmacked at the sight.

West Kilbride has received nationwide coverage after it was highlighted as the Scottish town with the most sightings of unusual objects in the sky during recent years, after over-taking the original UFO capital Bonnybridge.

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Alleged Flying Humanoid Mexico 2008

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Mexico: An Alleged Flying Humanoid (2008)
By Ana Luisa Cid

Lic. Daniel Sanchez Rosales, a resident of Mexico City, recorded an unidentified flying object that he describes as having humanoid characteristics.

The video was taken on February 28 of this year in the Moctezuma district, no far from Mexico City International Airport, at 6:50 a.m.

It should be mentioned that the first one to see it was his nephew Quique (Erik) as left home toward his middle school. It was then that he woke his uncle Daniel and they observed the phenomenon through binoculars, at first. During this observation, the witnesses described it as "a flying humanoid" resembling an astronaut. They claimed that it was facing them and it seemed to survey its surroundings.

As part of this investigation, I visited the household and interviewed the witnesses. Both seemed like honest people to me, and are not looking for either fame or fortune, merely a chance to share their experience. Daniel Sanchez Rosales, 36, is a graduate of the UNAM School of Law.

Research

After reviewing the video with filters, my conclusion is that it is authentic, but it is still necessary to determine the nature of what was recorded.

Objectively, we are aware that this could have an explanation: perhaps a balloon, but there are three aspects that draw our attention:

1. The recording has a 12-minute duration, and if we add to this the observation time through binoculars, the sighting was around 15 minutes, an uncommon period of time when we deal with balloons, as these are carried away by the wind, and it is hard to see them for an extended period of time.

2. At a given point in the video, the object or alleged humanoid makes descending movements, then remains static for a while and subsequently rises again. This ascending and descending isn't quite so common with balloon.

3. At two moments during the recording, the dogs' reaction can be heard. They appear to be keening or expressing fear. This does not occur when balloons are involved, unless it is a huge coincidence (the witness has 2 Labrador Retrievers).

The object remains close to an air corridor. The background information here is that researcher Alfonso Salazar had reported the presence of UFOs near MCIA.

Fragments of the video and the interview

<http://mx.youtube.com/watch?v=oSHMLVjkT1U>

First part of the video:

<http://mx.youtube.com/watch?v=5i1YBpOk5yc>

The interview:

http://mx.youtube.com/watch?v=rXjy9B2R2MI&watch_response

Ascending and descending motion. Dogs' reaction. Other videos from Lic. Sanchez.

Broadcasting

This material was presented as an exclusive for Mexican television in Televisa's "De Buenas a la 1" broadcast, hosted by Alfredo Adame (May 5, 2008)

The report in Spanish and more photos is at:

<http://analuisacid.com/28febr.htm>

The witness standing beside Prof. Ana Luisa Cid

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2008 07:31:03 -0400
Archived: Thu, 08 May 2008 07:31:03 -0400
Subject: Latest JUH Available

From: Francis Ridge <nicap.nul>
To: current-encounters.nul
Date: Thu, 8 May 2008 10:18:10 -0500
Subject: Latest JUH Available

The latest Journal of UFO History, another masterpiece of historical information on UFOs and the NICAP investigation by Richard Hall, is available. This is the March-April (Vol. V, No. 1) issue that contains:

Saucers at White Sands From Other Planets, Navy Officer Believes (Albuquerque Tribune headline, Feb. 23, 1950) UFOs observed during missile tests such as this Viking Missile launch in 1949

Also in this issue:

U.S. Navy & Marine Corps Sightings
Cover-up Suspected in Reported Air-UFO Chase
Flying Saucers Over White Sands Proving Grounds
Summer 1956 UFO Sighting Chronology
RAF Pilot Pursues UFO, Obtains Radar Lock-on in 1956

For old and new issues go to:

http://nicap.org/jufoh/JUFOH_Index.htm

Francis Ridge
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Re: Man Patents Flying Saucer

From: J. Maynard Gelinas <maynard.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2008 19:25:47 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 08 May 2008 19:35:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Patents Flying Saucer

>From: Greg Boone <volbaby.nul>
>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2008 13:41:01 EDT
>Subject: Man Patents Flying Saucer

><http://tinyurl.com/55uma8>

>Well here's an interesting story about a chap that has his own
>propulsion system that sounds very familiar.

>Any scientists around in this field that care to comment on it?

I'm not a scientist, and I don't play one on TV, but I'll certainly comment. The craft uses helium to generate neutral buoyancy within the earth's atmosphere. It can not leave earth, nor can it enter orbit. I'm not too clear how 'batteries and an electric motor' generate ionization around the rim of the craft, though I would guess he's using magnetic induction to shape the plasma for directional propulsion. How the 'electric motor' fits in there ... dunno, it makes no sense to me (particularly since the inventor is quoted as saying it uses no moving parts).

Let's assume its really using something like a plasma ion thruster that NASA has been testing. In that case he's getting something like a few hundred millinewtons of thrust per plasma engine. It's not much. Further, he doesn't state what propellant he's venting to push the craft (current NASA designs vent xenon as the primary propellant).

So... upshot is that he's got a helium ballon and some unconfirmed and poorly described 'plasma thrust' system, which was invented by Russians in the 1960s or something. Given the press release, I'm not ... uhhh impressed.

<ducks> -M

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Re: PRG Update - May 7, 2008

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Thu, 8 May 2008 23:50:08 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 05:22:58 -0400
Subject: Re: PRG Update - May 7, 2008

>From: Stepehn Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 07 May 2008 08:34:01 -0400
>Subject: PRG Update - May 7, 2008

<snip>

>Efforts by PRG to reach Google to determine why this had happened
>have been fruitless, and PRG is seeking pro bono legal assistance
>from 1st Amendment specialist attorneys in order to open a
>dialogue with Google to resolve this matter.

Mr. Bassett,

I am not a 1st Amendment specialist. However, I am a competent attorney and member of the Florida Bar. I will work pro bono and offer my services as part of your legal team. My email address is above.

Best,

Frank

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PRG Notice - May 9, 2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 08 May 2008 23:20:49 -0700
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 05:25:19 -0400
Subject: PRG Notice - May 9, 2008

Paradigm Research Group

Notice - May 9, 2008

To All Surpporters of the Disclosure Process:

The home page for PRG's Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton located at:

http://www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Clinton-Hillary.htm

remains fully blocked by Google from appearing on the Google search listings after it initially rose to the top of the search listings circa May 1.

A mainsteam media journalist contact of PRG is pressing Google for an explanation and so far is getting nothing but noise back from Google.

There has been no problem whatsoever at Yahoo where this page is fully listed under the appropriate search criteria. PRG applauds Yahoo.

Please post The Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton letter on your websites and forums. If you cannot post the letter, then link to the page.

PRG will do its best to find out why this page was blocked, who blocked it and whether there is any connection to someone within the Clinton campaign staff.

PRG will not be censored by Google or any other billion dollar multi-national corporation without a fight.

Regards,

Stephen Bassett
Executive Director
Paradigm Research Group

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2008 16:08:56 +0100
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 12:30:06 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 6 May 2008 16:21:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 4 May 2008 17:26:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>>Also, looking at the military 'dis-info' imperatives imposed on
>>NASA personnel, presumably by another agency, we can realize
>>that the same has almost certainly been applied to SETI. There
>>_is_ a certain similarity in the knee-jerk responses from both
>>in recent years, have you noticed?

>I'm not being deleberately awkward when I say that no, I haven't. I
>would apply that to NASA as well. I think SETI are untouched by disnfo
>imperatives (so far) and believe me, I'd be shouting if I thought
>otherwise.

Hi Stuart,

As outlined in my last posting, most input on SETI's behavior is
necessarily circumstantial, but on this point we've got recent
text and video evidence, found accidentally, since I don't
usually check SETI `comment' stuff.

When an astronomer makes pointed and sarcastic comments about an
area outside astronomy, we might justifiably think he's either a)
an opinionated fool, or b) acting under orders.

BTW - we can watch an astronomer lying under orders - Hynek being
forced to make his `Swamp Gas' statement only hours after
admitting to local Sheriff Douglas Harvey that a) he had no
explanation of the multiple sighting; b) he had just received
orders from the Pentagon to `produce' an explanation.

It's about 2 mins into this 9 minute video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inO1UCNgXTA>

Listers might've seen, in the last year or so, video and text of
Shostak making pointed and sarcastic comments about `aliens',
about UFOs and Ufology, and about ET hypotheses - all outside of
his area of competence, which is astronomy.

So - was that an opinionated fool or someone acting under orders?

I don't think Shostak is a fool.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 9 May 2008 11:54:37 -0400
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 12:33:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 06 May 2008 13:50:07 -0300
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

<snip>

>>given the fact that training, or more
>>specifically the dropping of flares was a common occurrence in
>>the area, one would think they would have an idea about the
>>characteristics of LUU-2 illumination flares, i.e., candlepower,
>>distances they would be visible etc. Moreover, smoke and/or
>>'chutes would be visible.

>Perhaps Bruce addressed this brilliance verses distance in his
>analysis?

The flares burn with an output rated at up to 2 million
candlepower. Can be seen at night for many tens of miles.

The images in the 10:00pm videos do not show any smoke trails,
but one wouldn't expect to see the light reflected from smoke
from a great distance.

Instead, the image of the bright flare would create an image that
essentially 'covers-up' any light from the smoke. (The image
actually recorded by the camera is many times larger than the
image would be if the camera optics were 'perfect'.

Note that the image of a distant very bright light is much larger
than the image of an equally distant 'dim light. The image size
increases with brightness.)

The videos by Krzysten ("Krzysten arc") and C. Rairdon are
particularly valuable for analysis because the lights are seen
long enough to be able to prove that they drop downward and to
the left, consistent with falling flares in an airmass that was
moving west to east (right to left in the videos looking
southward).

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PRG Notice II - May 10, 2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2008 09:19:25 -0700
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 12:36:08 -0400
Subject: PRG Notice II - May 10, 2008

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Media Notice - Google Blocking Update - May 9, 2008

Shortly after a well known journalist contact of PRG's contacted the Google press office for the second time the Open Letter to Hillary Clinton located at:
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Clinton-Hillary.htm
reemerged on the Google search listings.

It was at the top of the search listing on May 1 for [Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton] when it along with other sites were stripped from the listings.

As of today it can only be reached by using very restrictive search criteria. What that means is that the hit counter for the page was zeroed out when the block was taken off.

There are several ways Google can block a page. One is to simply block the specific address for a page. That's 100% effective.

Another is to zero out the hit count for that page so it plunges downward in the listings essentially out of sight.

Google can also block the page from appearing under some search terms and not others.

PRG requests that you please visit the source page often over the next few days to drive the hit count for the page up and thereby drive the page higher and higher up the search returns under all search criteria. This will help to keep Google honest.

That said, this breach of censorship has been fully documented and PRG has no intention of dropping the matter with Google.

PRG very much suspects that this entire episode was to limit any damage to the Clinton campaign going into last Tuesday's election. Which is to say that another reason all the pages in question have reemerged onto the Google listings is the North Carolina and Indiana primaries are over. If true, this act of censorship by Google would be even more egregious.

Please visit:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Open_Letter_Clinton-Hillary.htm

early and often.

Thanks,

Stephen Bassett
Executive Director

If you no longer wish to receive these emails, or you wish to update your profile, please click [here](#).

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UFO 'Spotted' In Derry

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2008 15:41:25 -0400
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 15:41:25 -0400
Subject: UFO 'Spotted' In Derry

Source: Derry Today - Derry,Northern Ireland, UK

<http://www.derryjournal.com/journal/UFO-spotted-in-Derry.4068021.jp>

09 May 2008

[Picture of object at site]

Michael Harkin from Galliagh got in contact by email this week with this startling photograph which appears to show a suspected UFO in the Prehen area of Derry.

He writes - "I am writing to see if you would be interested in a picture which was taken on my mobile phone yesterday (Tuesday, 6/5/08). It was taken from a car while travelling to Prehen in Derry. I realised that there seemed to be an unusual object in the sky and decided to take a picture.

On examination it seems to be a saucer-like object flying flying not far above houses on the Prehen Road."

He wonders if anyone else saw it? Perhaps there was one of those masterchefs in the vicinity...

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Re: Man Patents Flying Saucer

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2008 16:32:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 09 May 2008 17:42:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Patents Flying Saucer

>From: Greg Boone <>volbaby.nul
>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 7 May 2008 13:41:01 EDT
>Subject: Man Patents Flying Saucer

><http://tinyurl.com/55uma8>

>Well here's an interesting story about a chap that has his own
>propulsion system that sounds very familiar.

>Any scientists around in this field that care to comment on it?

A variation on a rocket engine.

Eleanor White

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Send Your Name Into Space

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 09 May 2008 23:42:08 -0400
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 06:53:31 -0400
Subject: Send Your Name Into Space

Hi Everyone!

You now have an exciting opportunity to personally participate (you already have as taxpayers) in the search for Earth-like planets orbiting stars close to our Sun. Simply go to the website below and add your name and optional comments/statement which will be saved on a DVD that will go in space aboard Kepler early in 2009. Don't forget to print a copy of your official NASA 'Certificate of Participation' which includes your name and certificate number that is suitable for framing (I am No. 2085).

<http://namesinspace.seti.org/>

Below is the message I included when I submitted my name:

"The discovery of an Earth-like planet orbiting within the habitable zone of a nearby Sun-like star will be the needed inspiration for mankind to strive for and achieve the next major step in manned spaceflight - visiting another solar system in our immediate neighbourhood of the Milky Way galaxy.

If no life is found or suspected to have once existed on any of these Earth-like planets, this discovery will confirm to all that life on Earth is indeed special, precious and a unique creation of God. Such a discovery would unite all peoples and help bring about an end to tribal warfare and ethnic rivalries by heralding a new era of love, cooperation and peace.

York University, Toronto, Canada"

Nick Balaskas

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UFO Sighting Or Just A Prank?

From: **Judy Mickelson** <ufolady.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 00:25:46 -0600
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 07:19:10 -0400
Subject: UFO Sighting Or Just A Prank?

Source: The Reporter-Herald - Loveland, Colorado, USA

http://69.59.180.86/news_story.asp?ID=16506

5/1/2008

UFO Sighting Or Just A Prank?
No one knows what woman saw flying over city

By Sarah Bultema
The Reporter-Herald

Mary Aldrich still is hoping to find an explanation for the bright red orbs she spotted in the sky Sunday night.

She would love to hear they were a balloon or a flare or even just a prank.

But so far, no one can tell her exactly what the strange lights were.

For Aldrich, they remain unidentified flying objects.

"I would love an explanation," the 61-year-old said. "But I don't have any hopes of getting one."

Aldrich was getting her mail at her south Loveland home about 8:45 Sunday night when she glanced into the night sky and saw something strange: two red lights floating side-by-side.

Bright as halogen lights, the orbs were diamond-shaped, although she couldn't see any shape beyond the vibrant light.

Watching the objects intently, Aldrich saw the two orbs begin to glide in unison, staying perfectly spaced.

"It looked very foreign to me," she said.

"There was no sound, no smoke, no trail - there was nothing. They didn't belong there."

She grabbed a friend - who wished not to be identified - and they watched as two more orbs joined the group and began gliding in unison.

Another pair followed, making a perfectly spaced cluster of six.

Aldrich had been watching them for about 13 minutes when a single light swept near the group.

The entire cluster quickly moved from the northwest to southeast.

Then they disappeared.

"Right away you think of a government explanation," Aldrich said.

"But my mouth was dry and my heart was pounding the whole time, because you have this feeling you're witnessing something that

you've never seen before.

"Since then, I've just been trying to make sense of it."

Larry Mack, operations manager of the Fort Collins-Loveland Municipal Airport, said he has no idea what the lights might have been.

"I haven't heard anything from our pilots who fly around," he said.

Mack did note that there have been a lot of helicopters flying to and from Loveland's hospitals.

They travel about 500 feet above the ground and use lots of lights at night, he said.

"But what she described," he added, "I have no idea."

After witnessing the unexplained spectacle in the sky, Aldrich couldn't sleep.

Early the next morning she began researching what she'd seen, to try to find some kind of answer.

On a UFO sightings Web site, www.ufoinfo.com, she found a report that seemed eerily similar.

According to the report, an unnamed air traffic controller from Loveland spotted two orbs floating in the night sky last June.

The description almost perfectly matched what Aldrich had seen: lights brighter than stars moving in perfect unison before disappearing into the sky.

The only difference was that those orbs were white, and there were only two.

Loveland residents aren't the only witnesses to these strange floating lights, said Peter Davenport, director of the National UFO Reporting Center.

In fact, similar sightings have been reported from Arizona to New Jersey. Just last week, Davenport took a report of the same description from a person in California.

However, even with multiple sightings, he has no idea what the lights could be.

"What the objects were we almost certainly will never know," he said, noting that unless the government or another party comes forward with an explanation, scientists would have to find the source of the light to make any sense of it.

"All we can do is receive the information and ... scratch our heads and wonder what in God's name is going on."

Whatever it may be, Davenport thinks Aldrich's report was the real deal - a rarity when it comes to UFO sightings.

Only about 10 percent of the stories he hears are legitimate, explained Davenport, who has been taking reports for 14 years.

But because of her attention to detail and critical thinking, he said Aldrich's report was genuine.

"This woman in Loveland had, in my opinion, almost certainly had a very, very interesting sight," he said.

He recommended that anyone who saw similar objects Sunday night report it to the National UFO Reporting Center's Web site, www.nuforc.org, or call the hot line at 206-722-3000.

Aldrich, too, would love to hear if anyone else saw what she witnessed.

"When I tell people, I don't want to have to convince them. I didn't ask to see this," she said.

Aldrich never had much of an opinion about UFOs before.

But after this, she said, "You have to believe in it."

"I like to be comfortable. I want anything like that to be far, far away," she said.

"Unless someone can give me some kind of explanation, ..." she trailed off. "There was just some feeling about it that I can't explain."

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Skunkworks Uses 'UFO' To Recruit

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Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 07:26:47 -0400
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 07:26:47 -0400
Subject: Skunkworks Uses 'UFO' To Recruit

Source: The Press-Enterprise - Riverside, California, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/56vjte>

Friday, May 9, 2008

[Photo of 'UFO' at site]

Lockheed Martin, Fears Shortage, Seeks Future Scientists In
Riverside Schools

By Imran Vittachi
The Press-Enterprise

RIVERSIDE - Ex-astronaut Rick Heib flew in from Houston to deliver a Space Day message to almost 1,200 students from Longfellow, Emerson and Jefferson elementary schools in Riverside.

Heib told throngs of students from the three schools, assembled in the auditorium at Longfellow Elementary at different times Friday that they are a part of the nation's future.

"We need you," said Heib, who flew as a mission specialist aboard three space shuttle flights. "We need you to make a difference. . . . We know you can do it."

Trying to inspire his young audience with the can-do spirit that characterized the U.S. space program in the 1960s and '70s, Heib warned of a diminishing supply in the nation's ranks of engineers, scientists and mathematicians.

Experts say that the demand for aerospace, electrical, mechanical and computer engineers is growing exponentially but those specializing in those disciplines in college and graduate schools isn't keeping pace.

"We really do believe that science literacy is the key to the 21st century," Rita Karl, director of education at the Challenger Center for Space Science Education in Alexandria, Va., said in a phone interview.

Heib, an engineer who now works for defense and aerospace contractor Lockheed Martin Corp., said two of the nation's growing foreign rivals, China and India, have 10 times as many people studying to become engineers.

The students he spoke to were taking part in the Riverside Unified School District's 10th annual Space Day, organized by Lockheed Martin.

Among other activities, students rode a space shuttle simulator, a "UFO" capsule, and a lunar terrain vehicle.

They also got to see their own faces lit up in a rainbow of colors, as a thermal-imaging camera took pictures of them. The

camera was on exhibit from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division in Norco.

The camera showed the variations of temperatures on each child's face, with the nose being the coldest spot. With ice cubes they drew mustaches and smiley faces on their thermal reflections, as the cubes sent cold streaks across their faces.

"It's fun because we get to see all the cool stuff," said Itzel Crusoe, 9, a fourth-grade student at Longfellow.

But Space Day wasn't all about fun and games, as far as the event's main organizer was concerned.

The idea behind it is to encourage children to learn math and science so that they can start thinking about future careers in the sciences, math, engineering and technology, said Gail Rymer, a spokeswoman for Bethesda, Md.-based Lockheed Martin.

In a 2006 ranking of science literacy among 15-year-olds by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the United States placed 21st out of the organization's 30 countries.

Space Day is part of a long-term strategy by Lockheed Martin's to recruit technically or scientifically skilled workers in the future.

The company has won a contract to build the Orion rockets and vehicles, which will return humans to the moon and possibly take them to Mars.

However, Lockheed Martin faces a new challenge through the imminent retirement of tens of thousands of baby boomers on its payroll. The bulk of the 90,000 employees who will retire soon are engineers, scientists and other highly skilled workers, Rymer noted.

"There are not enough students today preparing for those kinds of jobs," Rymer said. "We've got to do something to inspire kids to excel at math and science."

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From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 10:46:51 -0400
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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2008 11:54:37 -0400
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 06 May 2008 13:50:07 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 08:26:13 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 12:34:50 -0400
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Very good you didn't let this get lost in the confusion, Frank.
If, there is not appreciable dispersal of balloons toting flares
after a time interval commiserate with winds, and they hold a
position, they are not balloons toting flares. As well, it would
require exactly matched helium pressures in them for them to
aggregate at the same altitude.

More than this, let's examine the mechanisms being employed here
to dispense information. And the apparent use of the debunking
scam.

Ufologists should know by now that swamp gas, the planet Venus,
the morning star, off-course black projects exponents, and now
flares, are the straws afforded debunkers who, either willingly
or unwittingly oblige ever-present cover-up policy to provide
the unwashed (unapprised) masses an excuse not to look further
and to settle back into lethargy.

While our considerations are footnoted, at best.

You would think we could show a little more unity among
ourselves than to act as though we're not aware of this.

JCH

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Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 13:07:57 -0300
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 12:38:18 -0400
Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 9 May 2008 16:08:56 +0100
>Subject: Re: SETI's Real Objectives?

>Listeners might've seen, in the last year or so, video and text of
>Shostak making pointed and sarcastic comments about `aliens',
>about UFOs and Ufology, and about ET hypotheses - all outside of
>his area of competence, which is astronomy.

>So - was that an opinionated fool or someone acting under orders?

>I don't think Shostak is a fool.

I agree that Seth is no fool. However, a major motivation might be recognition on the part of the generally anti-UFO SETI community that if aliens are visiting, as the evidence indicates they are, SETI makes no sense. There go the research grants, nice positions, etc, and a need to apologize for all the silly things that have been said about UFOs by the Silly Effort To Investigate community.

There is an entire chapter in my new book, Flying Saucers And Science about SETI. Due out by the end of May.

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Re: Send Your Name Into Space

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 09:12:48 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 10 May 2008 12:41:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Send Your Name Into Space

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 09 May 2008 23:42:08 -0400
>Subject: Send Your Name Into Space

>Hi Everyone!

>You now have an exciting opportunity to personally participate
>(you already have as taxpayers) in the search for Earth-like
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>below and add your name and optional comments/statement which
>will be saved on a DVD that will go in space aboard Kepler early
>in 2009. Don't forget to print a copy of your official NASA
>'Certificate of Participation' which includes your name and
>certificate number that is suitable for framing (I am No. 2085).

<http://namesinspace.seti.org/>

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Please note the two caveats at the site:

"NOTICE OF CREATION OF A PUBLIC RECORD AND WAIVER OF RIGHTS
UNDER THE PRIVACY ACT

By submitting my name and message to be included on the DVD to
be placed on board the Kepler spacecraft, I acknowledge and
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including my name and message, will be available to the general
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The idea was the offensive team of a couple hundred soldiers were to advance on the field while the other team defended it. The defenders used the flares as a ploy to make the offence team think that that was how the defensive team had found their heavy artillery placements.

In fact 4 of the defence spotters used their heads and asked us to fly them around the area in our high winged aircraft and they spotted all of the gun emplacements and staging areas. We were impressed civilian assets it seems. The offensive team were used to our flying around and thought nothing of it.

My spotter tossed his cookies in his beret then went right back at it. I had a perfectly good barf bag in the airplane. Time was a factor I guess.

Anyway the smoke trails were clearly evident while the flares dropped however, during an exercise over the Atlantic some years later, the flares dropped about 10 miles away were, as suggested by Bruce, over-masking blobs of light with no evident smoke trails. The flares themselves hid these or more likely the eye was overwhelmed by the pinpoint of brilliant light; like trying to see the car behind the headlights when they are shining right in your eyes.

Don Ledger

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Saturday, 10th May, 2008

New Book Discloses UFO Crash

A retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former fighter jet pilot says that he chased a UFO across West Texas and watched it crash along the Rio Grande River near Del Rio, Texas. Shortly after, he visited the crash site and saw a metallic object unlike any aircraft he had ever seen "sticking into the side of a hill." Decorated World War II and Korean War veteran Robert B. Willingham, 82, discloses his strange 1955 encounter in a new book titled "The Other Roswell: UFO Crash on the Texas-Mexico border," written by UFO researchers Noe Torres and Ruben Uriarte. The book is available on Amazon.com and at the publisher=92s Web site, roswellbooks.com.

"It=92s one of the most amazing UFO stories I have ever heard," said Uriarte, a 25-year veteran UFO investigator and director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) in Northern California. "Rarely do you have such a highly credible eyewitness to an event of this magnitude come forward with information that is guarded so closely by various intelligence agencies."

Willingham, who lives near Wichita Falls, was one of America=92s earliest jet aviators, during the time when the military was transitioning away from propeller-driven planes. It was also a time when UFO sightings had become commonplace throughout the United States, especially in and around top-secret military bases.

"He was flying as part of a group of F-86 fighter jets that were escorting a B-47 bomber across West Texas," said Noe Torres, a lecturer, researcher, and member of the MUFON chapter in Texas. "It was a Cold War simulation designed to follow the route that bombers would take to reach Russia in the event of a nuclear war."

A radio message warned Willingham and the others about a fast-moving UFO that was approaching Texas from the northwestern U.S. "Suddenly it came into their view, looking like an intensely bright light =96 like a bright star seen through a telescope," Torres said. "It blazed across the sky past them, and everyone in all the planes saw it. But, because of the location of Willingham=92s jet, he was in the best position to see what happened after the object flew by."

Willingham estimated that the object was traveling at 2,000 miles per hour, and he saw it make a sudden 90-degree turn, without slowing down. As the UFO streaked toward the Texas-Mexico border, Willingham received permission to break from the formation and pursue the object in his F-86 fighter. Following the object=92s vapor trail, Willingham followed it down to near

Del Rio, Texas, where he saw it suddenly begin to wobble and descend rapidly.

As the pilot watched in stunned silence, the UFO plunged toward the Rio Grande River, plowing into the ground just south of Langtry, Texas and digging out a 300-yard long furrow before finally coming to rest alongside a sandy hill. Uriarte said, "Willingham had heard a lot of discussion about UFOs, and now suddenly, he had one down on the ground. As he flew over the awesome scene, he decided that he was going to switch planes and return there as quickly as possibly to look at the thing up close."

The aviator returned to the scene of the crash a few hours later, according to Uriarte. "They landed the small plane right alongside the crashed UFO and noticed that a large number of Mexican soldiers had already taken control of the crash site. They had cordoned off the area and would not allow Willingham or Perkins to approach the main part of the wreckage. However, what they were able to see and look at was so amazing that it forever changed their lives."

Before being forced to leave the area by the Mexican military, Willingham picked up a chunk of strange metal debris that was about the size of a man=92s hand. He later tried to burn it, cut it, and otherwise deform it, but he was not able to. "It was a piece of something not of this world," Uriarte said.

Torres and Uriarte are active members of the UFO research community with many years of experience investigating UFO cases in the Southwestern U.S. and Northern Mexico. Their research has appeared on the History Channel's UFO Hunters and UFO Files TV shows. Their first book, Mexico=92s Roswell: The Chihuahua UFO Crash, published in 2007, received wide critical acclaim and was the basis for a February 2008 episode of UFO Hunters, in which the authors appeared. The authors have appeared frequently on UFO-related TV and radio shows and have spoken at many conferences and events.

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Way To Work Better Info Into UFO Documentaries?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 16:47:26 -0400
Archived: Sun, 11 May 2008 07:41:36 -0400
Subject: Way To Work Better Info Into UFO Documentaries?

OK, so over the years, I've heard that, and correct me if I'm wrong, documentary producers can't work good quality multi-witness physical trace cases into their documentaries because I just don't understand how the documentary business works.

Or that limbo lighting and Twilight Zone style music can't be gotten rid of because I just don't understand how the documentary business works.

Or that the ufologists can never be given the chance to rebut the debunkers, having the last say, because I just don't understand how the documentary business works.

(Or that ufologists can't influence what goes into the finished product because there are always huge numbers of probably less qualified 'experts' willing to go on and say sensational, speculative stuff. That is easy to believe!)

Is that about how it is?

How about this idea: Select some item of information, maybe a highly corroborated multi-witness daylight case, physical trace case, or even one or two titles of readily available best case books, and repeat a simple dialogue, or maybe just a book title and author, endlessly throughout the documentary subliminally.

The current most-favoured subliminal method I'm aware of, used with some proclaimed success in department stores to reduce shoplifting, started out being called "Silent Sound."

Previously, "time slice" subliminals were all the rage, but I've seen it claimed that because "Silent Sound" (or its more recent enhancements) is continuous, it is more effective than the time slice variety.

"Silent Sound", an early patent being U.S. 5,159,703 takes speech, uses a piece of equipment akin to a telephone voice changer, pushes the speech up near the upper limit of average human hearing, so that at most, the listener to a normal sound track might hear a trace of a high ringing sound.

More recent patents describe a system where the loudness level of the normal sound track is monitored, and the volume of the "Silent Sound" adjusted accordingly, so the listener would have to be really alert to hear anything unusual.

Such systems are commercially available. The usual range of frequencies used are between 14,500 and 16,000 Hertz, from what I've read. That is well within the capability of today's average TV set, even if attenuated slightly in lower cost units.

Now if a documentary producer is so heavily blocked from even giving the ufologist the last word, but does really want to see some of the better information conveyed to the viewers, this would seem like a do-able way to accomplish that.

Eleanor White

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This strongly suggests that the tower personnel who saw lights did not see the flares. Apparently March 13 was a 'UFO night' when there were orbs (as well as the massive triangle) seen by some people which were *not* the flares south-southwest of the city. Unfortunately the emphasis on the videos has muddied the waters because at least the Krzysten and Rairdon (and probably the King- Hamilton) videos were flares (all these people were looking toward the sighting line convergence of K and R.

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>was overwhelmed by the pinpoint of brilliant light; like trying
>to see the car behind the headlights when they are shining right
>in your eyes.

Right on, regarding the flares at 10 (more more) miles. Cameras and telescopes have the same problem as eyes: it is difficult or impossible to see or resolve objects that are close to a very bright light. (Astronomers are particularly aware of this when trying to see planets.)

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Dubious Hopes Pinned On Even Bigger Hopelessness

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sun, 11 May 2008 06:28:51 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 11 May 2008 09:58:03 -0400
Subject: Dubious Hopes Pinned On Even Bigger Hopelessness

There have been recently various thoughts expressed leading to expectations that Hillary Clinton might be the better hope for some degree of UFO disclosure from government.

Let's examine this, since this has become something of an issue, no matter how thinly or narrowly. It wouldn't be the first such big farce that started out tiny.

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What is significant however is that the question was one all of America has a right to expect an answer. None-the-less no network has the integrity or guts to allow any of their people to ask it.

Yeah, Hillary, my man, had eight years of your administration to put in universal national health care. Nothing got done, she'll do better this time?!!! (Since the lady was shouted down, I take the liberty to finish her question.)

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Dole, let's not forget is a Republican. A democrat administration will not count on Republican's to carry forth their agendas, but Hillary made a habit of blaming them when hers failed.

After all, remember her assertion when her husband was under Grand Jury inquiry, "It was all a right-wing conspiracy"? Yeah, well Lewynsky's dress proved otherwise.

So, if the Clintons were not interested enough in universal national health care to expend the political capital it took to achieve it, what were they up to all those eight years in office?

Well, we lost the Panama Canal Zone (when Panama was begging us to sign another lease with them.) Now China has more control over it than do we.

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There's more, but I think you get the idea.

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Archived: Mon, 12 May 2008 06:35:57 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>Source: PR-Canada.Net - Sofia, Bulgaria

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This is a well researched and well written book.

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>work with me and he got a note saying that if he did he would
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And, if we remember correctly, universal healthcare was shouted
down as a "socialist system" and yes, by a predominantly right-
wing crowd.

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Democrat ic, not 'democrat' administration.

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Impeachment is not just for blow jobs anymore. It could also be
used for high crimes and misdemeanors, like domestic spying,
lying about and manipulating intelligence, outing a CIA
operative, generally shredding the constitution, and I could go
on and on - but I'm sure you get the idea.

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>to sign another lease with them.) Now China has more control
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Of course, it didn't help much to use China as one of our
bankers for our national, drive to the bottom and then
beneath it, deficit spending policy in order to fund an
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Hilarious. The Arkansas Project needs new recruits. You should
give serious thought to signing up.

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Which, if true, would still be a damn sight better than a 3
trillion dollar, endless war in Iraq to drive up reelection

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If the question is whether she's more amenable to disclosure
than any other candidate, I doubt it. That, I agree with.

Best,

Bill

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 01:37:47 -0300
Archived: Mon, 12 May 2008 06:43:08 -0400
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 22:22:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 14:59:52 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>From: Frank Warren <frank-warren.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 10 May 2008 07:08:09 -0700
>>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

>>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Fri, 9 May 2008 11:54:37 -0400
>>>>Subject: Re: Shostaks's 'Phoenix Lights' With Rebuttals

<snip>

I missed this following bit of information in your first response, Bruce.

>>>>The videos by Krzysten ("Krzysten arc") and C. Rairdon are
>>>>particularly valuable for analysis because the lights are seen
>>>>long enough to be able to prove that they drop downward and to
>>>>the left, consistent with falling flares in an airmass that
>>>>was moving west to east (right to left in the videos looking
>>>>southward).

This supports my thinking that the A-10 was inside some comfortable distance [to the southwest] from the edge of the SELLS 1 MOA to allow for the winds and drift. To be comfortable the A-10 was likely ordered to drop ten miles inside to avoid loosing flares to the outside and the A-10 drifting into civil airspace.

The neat pattern of the drop suggests to me that only one aircraft was used. Additionally the A-10 has such a large wing and can drop enough flap to allow it to fly quite easily at 100 knots-even less- and drop a close line astern pattern of flares.

Don Ledger

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Cox - 'Natural Fluctuations', Not Censorship

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Subject: Cox - 'Natural Fluctuations', Not Censorship

Source: The Herald Tribune - Sarasota, Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080508/BLOG32/853787079>

Thursday, May 8, 2008

'Natural Fluctuations', Not Censorship
Billy Cox

Hillary Clinton's bid for the Democratic presidential nomination appears to have capsized this week with a big loss in North Carolina and a whisker-thin victory in Indiana. And with that defeat, apparently, go whatever hopes some activists held out for the declassification of UFO data.

Anticipating such a finale, Washington lobbyist Stephen Bassett flooded media markets with 5,000 e-mails in a last-ditch effort to prod pundits into questioning her documented intrigues with disclosure advocates. Bassett's missive, slugged "Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton,," went out April 30.

The letter was posted on his own Paradigm Research Group Web page, as well as several other sites. Bassett monitored the traffic as hits for "Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton" nudged PRG and American Chronicle into the top two slots in Google's search engines, with PRG and OpEd News at 1 and 2 in Yahoo.

Then, 36 hours after posting - an unanticipated event. Search returns for Bassett's letter vanished. From Google. But not from Yahoo. On Yahoo, "Open Letter" links to PRG and OpEd remain firmly embedded in the first and second slots.

"I was absolutely stunned when it happened," Bassett says by phone from Virginia. "It caught me completely off guard. I checked it every 15 minutes. Then it disappeared. Thirteen years of following my stuff (online), and nothing like this has ever happened before."

Now, Bassett is accusing Google of deliberately blocking his "Open Letter." You can still scroll way down and find it linked to other sites, but Bassett says it reeks of censorship. He suspects someone with the Clinton campaign or at Google put the kibosh on "Open Letter" to protect the senator during what may have been the most decisive week of her White House bid.

From its corporate communications office in Mountain View, Calif., Google issued a written statement Wednesday afternoon to deny participating in any willful chicanery:

"Google has not taken any action against this content, and we are not blocking it from our index. URLs can move in and out of Google's index as part of natural fluctuations in what we crawl and index."

Bassett isn't buying it.

"I think the idea that (the key word) returns could be 1 and 2 on Yahoo and nowhere on Google is pretty remote," he says. "If Google is screwing around with listings for political reasons, the implications are massive."

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The Langley Floating Objects

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Subject: The Langley Floating Objects

Source: UFO*BC - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

<http://www.ufobc.ca/Reports/LangleyObjects.htm>

The Langley Floating Objects

by Daniel J. (Named Changed for privacy)

It has been several years since this event took place so I can't remember the exact date, or even a year. The best I can do to narrow it down, is to say that it happened several years after my last move, which would roughly put it between 2003 and 2006. I do remember it was fall and late in the afternoon, but still daytime; probably between 3 and 5 pm.

My girlfriend and I were heading SW down Glover Road in Langley, BC. As she was the one driving I had an unobstructed view of the hills to my right and was musing myself looking out the window. I noticed two perfectly round objects moving in direction opposite from ours, apparently gliding just a few degrees above the hilltops. We often get to see hot air balloons in this neighborhood, so the sight didn't arouse my suspicion at first. I said to her "Hey honey, check out those balloons over there". She was in the middle of explaining something to me so she glanced over and then continued talking. I kept watching the two objects and quickly realized they were actually quite different from hot air balloons altogether. They were silver/gray in color, not your typical Re/Max kind we normally see around here. They were perfectly round with no baskets underneath and were gliding across the horizon too quickly for hot air balloons. Granted, hot air balloons can sometimes be far enough not to have a basket visible at all, but the same basic inverted-teardrop shape is always present. Then I remembered seeing a report on TV about a brand-new type of weather station that was being tested halfway across the country. They were tethered massive white balls filled with helium that can house personnel and weather instruments inside, so I immediately assumed that was exactly what I was seeing. But these things were moving, and at a pretty good clip, so once a realization of that hit me I was starting to get rather curious. I interrupted my girlfriend again and said "Hey, I don't think those are balloons!" She leaned over, glanced at them and said "Those are hot air balloons, honey" and continued her story. At this point a realization of the possibility that these could turn out to be UFOs started creeping in, so I continued to watch them intently. Shortly thereafter the rear object suddenly reversed direction as if it bounced off an invisible barrier. There was no slowing down, just a sudden reverse of direction. I interrupted her again "Honey, this one just went the other way, I'm pretty sure this one can't be a hot air balloon". She looked at me, then at the balloons, then back at me and dismissively continued with her story.

I felt funny, there was something rather extraordinary happening to my right, and something rather mundane on my left. Her persistence and continuation of the story was making this

unusual event a rather "normal" part of the day, and the weirdness of what I was witnessing was wearing off fast. But I wasn't about to stop watching these two things now, so I peeled my eyes wide open and continued staring in the same direction. After few seconds the rear object reversed its direction as suddenly and unexpectedly as the first time and started picking up speed. Within 10 or so seconds it caught up with the first object and matched its speed. I said to my girlfriend "Honey I think these are UFOs". She looked at them one more time and said "Honey, they're barely off the ground. They're hot air balloons". She had a point, it was a weekend afternoon, broad daylight, and these things appeared to be barely 200ft up in the air right above residential area of Langley. Besides she had a story to tell. She continued gabbing while I watched these two objects slowly descend behind the ridge. At this point I realized that if they were indeed UFOs they would have had to be seen by few hundred people to say the least, so I was going to know in a day's time one way or another. I suspiciously twisted my neck a few more times as we continued on, hoping I would catch one more glimpse of them, maybe rising up from behind the ridge. But I never saw them again. And this is where the weird part began.

I mentioned earlier that the entire event felt quite mundane, probably due to a very "normal" set of circumstances. Besides being a bright afternoon, we were very close to Langley airfield, and surely someone somewhere would have noticed something on radar if there was something out of place. I guess I must have expected UFOs to appear in desert areas where witnesses would be a few to none, and this was the least likely setting for this kind of event; we were practically home! The following few days revealed nothing in the paper, radio or TV, so I started forgetting about the incident. It must have been between a week and 10 days after the event that I was listening to a radio interview. The guest was a UFO expert whose name I can't remember anymore. He was talking about a sudden increase in the number of UFO sightings across the world. He mentioned he had a reason to believe the increase was concentrated in several hotspots around the globe. He started naming them and said "85 and British Columbia as of recently". The host seemed curious and had questioned him further about it. He said "yes, there were a number of sightings several days ago, of a large round object of silvery or gray color in broad daylight right around your area. And the strange thing is that the same object was reported being seen in several places on Vancouver Island, including Victoria at roughly the same time". My jaw dropped. I stopped doing whatever I was doing at the time hoping I would hear the mention of Vancouver or Langley, but there was none. At the end of the interview the guest left a number of website addresses and I went to one to check it out. On it I found the number for reporting a sighting, so I called. I was hoping someone on the other line would tell me that "sure, hundreds of other people saw the same thing at the same place" but all I ever got was an answering machine. I left a brief anonymous report and that was the end of this affair. This was the National UFO Reporting Centre in Seattle.

So the strange thing in this whole event, at least to me, is not so much that I saw two unidentified flying objects in the sky. The strange thing is that I was the only one that saw them (excluding my disbelieving girlfriend) in spite of being a lot farther from them than anyone underneath them. The strange thing is that the objects got so low behind a rather low hill that it appeared they would had to have touched down or nearly touched down in a very busy area of Langley in broad daylight. I do have to ask myself if it is indeed possible that what I witnessed was a set of hot air balloons, while my mind went on to play the wildest game on me ever. I do have to ask myself if it really was just a coincidence that a similar object was seen elsewhere by a great number of people. And I have to admit to myself that all of the above must be possible. There are over 6 billion people on this planet, and I believe that by statistic alone some of us would had to have experienced a rather fantastic mind trick. Who knows? It sure felt real to me, and it lasted several minutes.

Whatever I saw didn't look like an airplane, hot air balloon, or any other aircraft I'm familiar with. I have been teaching flying professionally for a number of years and had my share of time around aircraft of all kinds and sizes. Yes, I am an admitted UFO believer, and yes, I do believe extraterrestrial

visitations take place. If that muddies this report, than so be it. I=92m not doing this for publicity and I=92m submitting this anonymously. As a matter of fact after I first reported this to NUFORC I considered this matter closed. I am only revisiting this event because I have been asked to by someone interested in seeing this reported in Canada too.

[Thaknks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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My favourite use of the term is when witnesses report seeing a
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Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

Latest Version Of Bogus Willingham UFO Crash Story

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Close Encounters Of The Second Kind In Stratham

Eight local children in two separate incidents reported UFO encounters in the 1970s =97 even the Scammans =91'believe in such things'

By Dean Merchant
[features.nul](#)

The New Hampshire Seacoast has long been famous in UFO lore, both for the Incident At Exeter and as the area of residence for the two most renowned 'alien abductees', Betty and Barney Hill.

Few people, though, may be aware of the incidents in Stratham, close encounters of a second kind that occurred in the 1970s during the last great UFO wave in America.

Eight Stratham children came face to face with the frightening unknown when they were confronted by mysterious aerial crafts that left behind physical trace evidence and etched indelible marks upon their memories.

The boys and Inspector Oswald

On a wintry eve in 1971, three Stratham lads fired up their racing snow machines and departed from one of the youth's Stratham Heights Road homes.

Cutting across the Goodrich Farm fields, the boys turned onto a woods trail leading to Bunker Hill Avenue.

They tooted carefree down the trail, one on a Polaris 2-cycle Star Racer, and as they reached the vicinity of the old Sanderson Gravel Pit, looming just above and nearly touching a high power electrical line was the catalyst to heart-pounding, primal fear - a UFO.

Fleeing the apparition, the youthful trio turned and at full throttle retreated to the safety of the Heights Road home.

One of the boys' moms, who requested anonymity, recalls, "The boys were white as sheets... scared to death... frightened out of their wits... terrorized!" She adds that "these were boys who did not frighten easily."

Arriving soon at their door was John Oswald, a NICAP (National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena) UFO investigator of local renown. Both parents remember the interview with Oswald

as being eerie.

"He seemed to know what we would say before we spoke, as if he already knew what was in our minds," they said.

The boys were so uncomfortable they fled the house and interviewer as soon as possible. Dad recalls Investigator Oswald telling them about sensors that his people had set up in New Hampshire, all of which, he said, were triggered off at the precise time of the boys' encounter.

Peter Geremia of Rye, director of the New Hampshire chapter of MUFON (Mutual UFO Network), as well as a lecturer and UFO investigator, recalls Oswald as a dedicated researcher.

He explains that the sensors Oswald referred to were mechanical measurement devices, simple in nature and very accurate. Data collected through such research as the MADAR (Multiple Anomaly Detection and Automated Recording) project, "suggested a connection between magnetic/electromagnetic anomalies and genuine UFO events."

John Oswald and David Webb conducted experiments in New Hampshire between November 1970 and September 1972. Oswald's "magnet variometers" were placed at 13 detector sites. The triggering of the sensors provided physical or trace evidence that collaborated with the boys' visual sighting.

The sledding incident

A few years after the incident, and just up the road, another group of Stratham youngsters experienced their own close encounter of a second kind.

The present Holmgren Road area off Bunker Hill Avenue was back then a favorite sledding spot known by locals as "the old hollow."

Late on a snowy afternoon Tim Perry, a rough and tumble 10 year old, his sister and three chums were enjoying some fast sledding on the icy hill, when a bright, glaring aerial craft with white, green and red lights alternately flashing, descended onto the field across the road where Bob Wiggin Sr. planted his potatoes.

"It was late afternoon - just getting dark," says Perry. "We saw a big light all of a sudden. It came out of nowhere, almost noiseless."

Hearts racing and "out of our minds," the little band grabbed their sleds and ran for home. "It scared the bejeezus out of us," says Perry.

Perry recalls the UFO was roundish or slightly footballish, a shape he had never seen in an aircraft.

It was not enormous. "It stayed on the ground for maybe 10 seconds, went up slow, then phoom, it was gone," he says. It ascended at a 45-degree angle and went from 0 to 10,000 feet in 10 seconds - "that quick." The next day a UFO investigator interviewed the young Perrys and viewed the field. Tim recalls that he and his sister were interviewed separately.

"I was in the family kitchen," he says. "I remember his dark blue pants and light blue shirt, and being apprehensive as a boy would be if answering questions to a policeman."

Perry says the craft had melted a circular formation in the snowy field, about 50 feet in diameter and marked with weird patterns. He remembers three or four cars at the site and pictures and soil samples being taken. The next day it snowed and the physical tracings were buried beneath a white blanket.

Today, as an engineer, husband and dad Perry can analytically ponder his childhood experience, but his mental parameters remain open to unknown explanations to what he saw decades ago.

More Stratham sightings

Stratham resident Kathleen Marden - niece of Betty Hill, co-author of "Captured! The Betty and Barney Hill UFO Experience: The True Story of the World's First Documented Alien Abduction,"

a trained UFO investigator and for years the director of investigator training with MUFON - says she has heard similar stories about people living in rural farm areas. The UFO sightings and such physical trace evidence as burned or withered grass and soil changes.

Marden knows of another UFO sighting in Stratham but says the information is confidential.

Stratham appears in the MUFON Internet log on Dec. 27, 1998. "A person reports seeing a rectangular shape in the sky that had a bluish light in the center, and a pearl colored light at each end. The witness thought it was an airplane but when it listed to the right, it went left, and when it listed to the left, it went right. It moved behind a church and some trees and that was the last he saw of it." - NURFORC - National UFO Reporting Center.

Doug Scamman of Stratham's Bittersweet Farm recalls talk of a UFO sighting just off River Road where his family was living in the late 1960s and early 1970s.

In those days, he says, he and his wife were "working 80 hour weeks and too tired to look for UFOs." But Scamman acknowledges keeping an eye open to the skies. "I have looked for them a few times," he says. "I believe in such things."

He says the River Road sighting was in the field behind the first brown house on the right side of the road.

Why here? Why to these people?

Peter Geremia tells of UFO waves, and of flaps where an area will experience a plethora of sightings and then never again at the same spot. Queried as to why UFOs may be interested in the Seacoast, Geremia says some researchers believe UFOs seem interested or concerned when a new nuclear power plant is to be built, or in areas affected by weapons and war.

Stratham was in close proximity to the proposed Seabrook Nuclear Power plant and to what was then a strategic air command base in Portsmouth, where nuclear materials were located, during the time frame of the UFO sightings.

He says during the 1970s, when Egypt and Israel were at war, there were reports of commercial Israeli airplanes arriving at Pease with all the passenger seats removed, leading to speculation that they were carrying munitions.

Some people are reluctant to share their own experiences about UFOs, fearing ridicule or the pestering that forever dogged the Hills after the media got wind of their story and made it public.

Recently, Professor Stephen Hawking, speaking at a college in Washington State to commemorate the 50-year history of NASA, acknowledged the likelihood of other life forms in the universe, but questioned why intelligent life forms would only make themselves known to "cranks and weirdos."

Others, like former president Jimmy Carter, have been forthright in discussing their UFO experiences.

Wikipedia has a site dedicated to Carter's UFO sighting.

Kathleen Marden says those who wish to make a UFO report to the Mutual UFO Network may easily do so by going to the MUFON Web page, www.mufon.com, where they can fill out a simple form.

[Thanks to GReg Boone for the lead]

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It seems that an embargo on this news was broken by NEXUS magazine, and Above Top Secret - see:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread354772/pg1>

The first line of the message from TNA is:

"This material is under embargo until 00.01 14 May 2008"

What is happening is that TNA are publishing the first 8 files of the mass release. Dave Clarke has been working with TNA on this for a few months now. The embargoed press announcement went out on Monday, and there was an earlier 'pre-warning' to the press (also embargoed) last week. Dave has been at TNA full-time since Monday to help them to handle press enquiries.

Although ATS/NEXUS have broken the embargo, I will not add to what they have said - at ATS, the link has been published:

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufo

The only other thing I will add is to watch BBC2 Newsnight (I think at 22:30 tonight) which will feature an interview with Dave Clarke.

I suggest you all fill your boots before word spreads further.

Joe

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>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 17:58:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>Latest Version Of Bogus Willingham UFO Crash Story

>>Source: PR-Canada.Net - Sofia, Bulgaria

><http://tinyurl.com/4pp4ug>

>>Saturday, 10th May, 2008

>>New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>A retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former fighter jet pilot
>>says that he chased a UFO across West Texas and watched it crash
>>along the Rio Grande River near Del Rio, Texas. Shortly after,
>>he visited the crash site and saw a metallic object unlike any
>>aircraft he had ever seen "sticking into the side of a hill."
>>Decorated World War II and Korean War veteran Robert B.
>>Willingham, 82, discloses his strange 1955 encounter in a new
>>book titled "The Other Roswell: UFO Crash on the Texas-Mexico
>>border," written by UFO researchers Noe Torres and Ruben
>>Uriarte. The book is available on Amazon.com and at the
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Answers to these and other questions are addressed directly
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Memo

To: Dan Abrams, Wolf Blitzer, Lou Dobbs, Keith Olbermann, Chris Matthews, Bill O'Reilly, Brit Hume, Tim Russert, Joe Scarborough, George Stephanopoulos, Chris Wallace and the rest of the political press corps

From: Paradigm Research Group

When are you going to ask Senator Hillary Clinton about the Rockefeller Initiative?

Rockefeller Initiative

<http://tinyurl.com/2o526u>

www.presidentialufo.com/clinton.htm

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Flotillas Over The Americas

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Hello List,

These 'fleets' or 'flotillas' are large groups of apparent spheres, seemingly self-luminous and moving in unison, sometimes in aligned groups. They can comprise hundreds of objects or craft.

First well-documented 'fleet' I can find is over Mexico, observed by chief astronomer Jose Bonilla through 12 - 14th August 1883. The fleet was at a height of 150,000 miles, higher than most satellite orbits, more than halfway to the Moon. Bonilla counted 447 of the craft but there were clearly many more. See:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla.html

the world's first UFO photo is at page.

Next, a Navy officer got the first film of a 'fleet' over Utah in 1952, at an unstated altitude. A clip is at 1:00 to 1:30 mins in this video, after Hynek says the Navy had definitely determined 'they weren't birds, balloons, aircraft etc', and immediately following the words "self-luminous unidentified objects":

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=X8DF0e6tgmo>

The Robertson Panel

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robertson_Panel#Formal_meetings

saw the film and knew the facts but willfully denied them, claiming (according to Hynek) 'They can't be unidentified, therefore they must be birds'. So the Robertson Panel lied to us.

Next is more film and photos of the 'fleet' (or 'flotilla' in the words of Santiago Garza), again over Mexico, apparently from the early '90's onwards (can't find any altitude statements). A 2006 Conference presentation of the 'fleets':

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuUi_FjKfrY

is by Jaime Maussan and Santiago Garza.

The media have mostly claimed they were 'balloons', despite overwhelming evidence against. So the media have lied to us.

BTW - it is inconceivable that astronomers are not seeing these objects. Here's testimony from Jacques Vallee - from 09:00 mins in this video:

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

that a chief astronomer at the Paris Observatory deliberately destroyed records of a particularly well observed set of sightings by a team of junior astronomers. So the astronomers have lied to us.

Further, the 'fleets' have been filmed from space, both by the Russian MIR and the USA's satellites and Shuttles. Here's text and video of a long sighting, and comment, from around 07:40 at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDBpE0OaXg0>

In the video Columbia's Houston ground-control says 'bed-of-diamonds' and then asks 'is that a real picture or... video fuzz?'. After a long delay Columbia decides to claim they were 'ice-crystals'. So NASA has lied to us.

More recently Shostak of SETI has been denying the existence of UFOs, sometimes quite sharply. Again, it is inconceivable that Shostak, a veteran professional astronomer and close to NASA, is not aware of these fleets and the history of their observations. So it seems SETI's Shostak is either surprisingly ignorant or he has lied to us.

There might've been different personal reasons for the lies - but I think pressure from the same source caused them all. So who's got the biggest motive to deny that large fleets of unidentified craft are constantly flying over the Americas?

Cheers

Ray D

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A Day's Work For UFO Expert

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<http://tinyurl.com/5besdy>

Again, another story about a ufologist's life.

Every week there's one or two stories from around the world that focus on a ufologist. These slice-of-life stories really attract readers and boost circulation and website hits.

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Best,

Greg
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Green Aliens, UFOs Said To Visit UK-Secret Files

LONDON, May 14 (Reuters) -- Aliens from outer space have been visiting Britain for years and UFO sightings doubled after the film Close Encounters was released in 1977, according to secret files collating reports by members of the public.

The alien craft come in all shapes, sizes and colours but their occupants are uniformly green, the Ministry of Defence files show.

The archives (at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos) are the first batch of a four-year release programme of all the ministry's UFO files from 1978 to the present day.

The ministry dismisses 90 percent of the reports as having mundane explanations and leave 10 percent with a question mark and the assurance they are no defence threat.

A 1983 report from a 78-year-old out fishing at midnight tells of following aliens in green overalls on to a spaceship and then being told to go away because he was too old and decrepit for their purposes.

Two years later, a typewritten letter to the ministry tells of an alien spaceship being shot down in the river Mersey in northern England by another spacecraft and of the author developing a warm friendship with an alien called Algar.

Just as Algar was about to reveal himself to the government he was killed by other aliens, the author of the letter writes. He was still in telepathic contact with an alien called Malcben from the planet Platone in the Milky Way, the author added.

Written at the top of the letter is the terse comment 'No reply'.

The ministry has files on 11,000 sightings dating back to the 1950s. A few of the sightings made it into the national press and all were checked out in case they were Soviet aircraft probing Britain's defences during the Cold War.

'Clearly some reports remain unexplained but we have found no evidence that these phenomena represent a threat to national security and therefore cannot justify devoting Defence resources to their investigation,' said an official letter in 1985.

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The term Unidentified Flying Object was coined in a U.S. Air

Force report three years after the description 'flying saucer' was applied to a sighting in Washington State in June 1947.

In Britain, so worrying was the spate of reports that a secret Flying Saucer Working Party was formed to check them out.

Like the U.S. Air Force, it concluded flying saucers did not exist. But its final report in 1951 was still classified 'secret/discreet' and given very limited circulation.

Not all sightings can be easily dismissed as the working of overwrought or intoxicated minds, or triggered by watching Steven Spielberg's Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

Royal Air Force personnel, civil aviation pilots and air traffic controllers have also reported sightings and radar tracks that remain unexplained despite high-level investigation.

Among the most famous was the sighting on two occasions of unexplained bright lights landing near a U.S. airbase in Rendlesham Forest in southern England. Even the deputy commander of the base put his name to that 1980 report.

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<http://www.suntimes.com/news/world/946860,ufo051308.article>

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Air Controllers Reported UFO: British Papers

From Associated Press

LONDON - The men were air traffic controllers. Experienced, calm professionals. Nobody was drinking. But they were so worried about losing their jobs that they demanded their names be kept off the official report.

No one, they knew, would believe their claim an unidentified flying object landed at the airport they were overseeing in the east of England, touched down briefly, then took off again at tremendous speed. Yet that's what they reported happened at 4 p.m. on April 19, 1984.

The incident is one of hundreds of reported sightings contained in more than 1,000 pages of formerly secret UFO documents being released Wednesday by Britain's National Archives. It is one of the few that was never explained.

The air traffic controllers' "Report of Unusual Aerial Phenomenon" was filed from an unspecified small airport near the eastern coast of England.

The men, each with more than eight years on the job, described how they were helping guide a small plane to a landing on runway 22 when they were distracted by a brightly lit object approaching a different runway without clearance.

"Everyone became aware that the object was unidentified," their report said. "SATCO (code name for a controller with 14 years experience) reports that the object came in 'at speed,' made a touch and go on runway 27, then departed at 'terrific speed' in a 'near vertical' climb."

The incident is one of the more credible in the newly public files because it was reported by air traffic controllers, said David Clarke, a UFO expert who worked with the National Archives on the document release.

"They were absolutely astonished," he said. "It was a bright, circular object, flashing different colors, and after it touched down it disappeared at fantastic speed. The report comes from very qualified people, and it's one of the few that remained unexplained."

But while there are some unexplained cases in the papers, there is no reported instance in which the Ministry of Defense found any evidence of alien activity or alien spacecraft, said Clarke, who nonetheless expects conspiracy theories about a UFO cover-up

by the British defense establishment to persist.

"The Ministry of Defense doesn't have any evidence that our defenses were breached by alien craft," Clarke said. "They never found one, no bits of one. That's all we can say."

Clarke said the released documents, dealing with the late 1970s and early 1980s, are the first batch in a series that will be made public in the next few years.

The National Archives is releasing the files because of numerous freedom of information requests seeking information about the government's UFO reports. Officials said that names of many individuals had been blacked out to protect their privacy and that the entire files had been reviewed to make sure their release did not compromise national security.

Ministry of Defense officials indicate in the files that UFO reports were only investigated to make sure no enemy aircraft had illegally entered British airspace. This was crucial during the Cold War when Russian planes posed a threat.

Officials said they did not try to solve UFO riddles once an enemy attack had been ruled out.

The vast majority of UFO reports come from members of the public who see strange things in the sky and jump to the conclusion that a UFO is involved even though there are logical explanations for what they observe, experts said.

"The most common things are aircraft lights, bright stars and planets, satellites, meteors, airships and things like that," said Nick Pope, another UFO expert who helped the Ministry of Defense investigate the phenomenon. That was the case when a number of people leaving a Tunbridge Wells pub one night reported seeing a strange craft "with red and green" lights, according to the released documents.

Asked by police where the object seemed to be traveling, the pub crawlers said it appeared to be heading for London's Gatwick Airport. It didn't take a scientist to figure out it was a commercial plane making a routine approach.

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UFO Expert Claims Foyle A Portal For ETs

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Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 09:05:00 -0400
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Source: Londonderry Today - Londonderry, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/3rz4jy>

Tue, 13 May 2008

UFO Expert Claims Foyle A Portal For ETs

Ireland's leading Ufologoist has claimed that Lough Foyle may well be a portal for alien spacecraft.

After a photograph appeared in the local press last week, apparently showing a flying saucer hovering over houses at Prehen, the President of the UFO Society of Ireland, Betty Meyler has told the Sentinel, she is not surprised by it's appearance.

Speaking about the picture captured by a Galliagh man on his mobile phone, Betty Meyler dismissed all suggestions the image is faked.

"It's not computer generated. If it was the black dots on the car window would have been wiped out as well.

"My first reaction to this picture was wow! This is a very usual sort of craft; they are usually this shape, cigar shaped or triangular."

She said the proximity of the supposed space craft to the River Foyle at Prehen is also a fairly normal occurrence.

"Craft are normally attracted to the energy created by megalithic sites or rivers and loughs.

"In Leitrim and Roscommon viewings at lakes are common.

"The pattern of evidence suggests water provides portals for craft to come in and go out of this planet.

"Therefore it is possible that the Foyle is also a portal."

In Limavady last February three round objects travelling in triangular formation were spotted by two witnesses on a clear, frosty evening, according to the website ufoinfo.com.

Betty Meyler has recently returned from one of the worlds leading UFO conventions in Las Vegas and stated that there was nothing as strong as the image captured at Prehen at the American event.

The sighting at Prehen is merely more confirmation that Ireland is a regular haunt for alien craft, she said.

"I'd be a liar if I said I knew exactly where this craft travelled from.

"But I have to say it is very low and very close to the houses," she said.

Betty's most famous rendezvous with alien life forms happened in the early hours of November 8, 1999 when she saw seven cigar shaped craft hurtling across the sky in her native Boyle, County Roscommon.

Betty then got a psychic member of the UFO society to contact the aliens and they replied with the following message:

"Tell Betty the UFO's she saw were there to assist the passage of time in order to ensure the correct sequence of events for the Millennium."

Betty Meyler is convinced this intervention averted the much mooted computer and communications disasters, such as the Y2K virus, talked about in the run down to the year 2000.

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Re: Close Encounters Of The Second Kind In Stratham

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 20:52:01 +0000
Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 09:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Close Encounters Of The Second Kind In Stratham

>Source: SeacoastOnline.com - Portsmouth, New Hampshire, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/6qx7kd>

>May 12, 2008

>Close Encounters Of The Second Kind In Stratham

>Eight local children in two separate incidents reported UFO
>encounters in the 1970s =97 even the Scammans =91'believe in such
>things'

>By Dean Merchant
>[features.nul](#)

What things? Flying something or others they can't identify? So what?

Unless by not stating the obvious the reader is suppose to infer that the "witnesses" saw an ET craft, i.e., something able to fly to this planet from elsewhere in the solar system or universe.

Can't the news media get it straight, think of a new way to describe what they are reporting. Or, is the news outlet going for the bottom line profit dictum that UFOs sell newspapers?

Dishonest?

Yeah, I think so.

KK

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Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 21:03:05 +0000
Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 09:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 17:58:39 EDT
>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>Latest Version Of Bogus Willingham UFO Crash Story
>>Source: PR-Canada.Net - Sofia, Bulgaria

><http://tinyurl.com/4pp4ug>
>>Saturday, 10th May, 2008
>>New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>A retired U.S. Air Force colonel and former fighter jet pilot
>>says that he chased a UFO across West Texas and watched it crash
>>along the Rio Grande River near Del Rio, Texas. Shortly after,
>>he visited the crash site and saw a metallic object unlike any
>>aircraft he had ever seen "sticking into the side of a hill."
>>Decorated World War II and Korean War veteran Robert B.
>>Willingham, 82, discloses his strange 1955 encounter in a new
>>book titled "The Other Roswell: UFO Crash on the Texas-Mexico
>>border," written by UFO researchers Noe Torres and Ruben
>>Uriarte. The book is available on Amazon.com and at the
>>publisher's Web site, roswellbooks.com.

>This is still another failed permutation of the bogus Willingham
>story as new 'investigators' strive to alter the story to 'fix'
>it. In the early versions of Willingham's fable, the alleged
>event took place in 1948 or 1950, not 1955. Willingham even
>signed a sworn affidavit in 1977 swearing under oath that it
>occurred in 1948. Now we're told it was actually in 1955? How
>did that change and why is this latest story more definitive
>than Willingham's account thirty some years ago under sworn
>oath, and much closer in time to the alleged event?

>In Willingham's early story the purported crash occurred near
>Laredo, Texas, some 150 miles from Del Rio, Texas. How is that
>discrepancy resolved, or is it just covered up? The MJ-12
>Eisenhower Briefing Document hoaxers couldn't figure it out
>either so they split the distance between Laredo and Del Rio and
>put the UFO crash about half way in the middle, at El Indio-
>Guerrero.

Thanks Brad for shooting down this story.

I was getting ready to send off e-mail to the authors of this
book (they were on CtoC for an interview). I don't
remember hearing that Willingham 'witnessed' the crash
from the cockpit of an airplane. Although it was never
disclosed why this particular pilot was in that particular
local at that particular time. Now, it appears the witness
is having trouble remembering where, when and how.

Yeah, there was a crash just south of El Indio-Guerrero.
However, for anyone to have witnessed the crash they would have
had to be around the area at the pleasure of the DEA or the
Mexican drug lord who owned the fields where the exotic test
craft smashed to the ground.

If someone had just wandered into those fields, and came out still alive? Like I said they were there at the pleasure of the Mexican drug lord or participating in a covert operation for the U.S. government.

What is my connection to the crash? I saw/held a piece of the crashed vehicle in my hand while sitting in Dr. Hynek's living room in Evanston, Ill one night a while back.

KK

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I'm OK You're OK

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 10:10:00 -0400
Subject: I'm OK You're OK

For the benefit of those among us still at odds with
"believing":

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24598508>

Now you can believe and not be in mortal danger for your soul.

JCH

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MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 10:12:00 -0400
Subject: MoD File Release

I have just updated my DI55 documents page at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/di55docs.html>

I have tried to help people understand what the files represent.
If there are any errors or omissions or if anyone has any
general questions about the MoD UFO reporting process, please
let me know.

Dave Clarke's site has also been updated - see:

<http://www.drdaavidclarke.co.uk/news2.htm>

Joe

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Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

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Subject: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

Source: BBC News - London, UK

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7399661.stm>

Tuesday, 13 May 2008

Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist
By David Willey
BBC News Rome

The Pope's chief astronomer says that life on Mars cannot be ruled out.

Writing in the Vatican newspaper, the astronomer, Father Gabriel Funes, said intelligent beings created by God could exist in outer space.

Father Funes, director of the Vatican Observatory near Rome, is a respected scientist who collaborates with universities around the world.

The search for forms of extraterrestrial life, he says, does not contradict belief in God.

The official Vatican newspaper headlines his article 'Aliens Are My Brother'.

'Free from sin'

Just as there are multiple forms of life on earth, so there could exist intelligent beings in outer space created by God. And some aliens could even be free from original sin, he speculates.

Asked about the Catholic Church's condemnation four centuries ago of the Italian astronomer and physicist, Galileo, Father Funes diplomatically says mistakes were made, but it is time to turn the page and look towards the future.

Science and religion need each other, and many astronomers believe in God, he assures readers.

To strengthen its scientific credentials, the Vatican is organising a conference next year to mark the 200th anniversary of the birth of the author of the Origin of Species, Charles Darwin.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

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Archived: Wed, 14 May 2008 11:15:00 -0400
Subject: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

Source: Yahoo News UK & Ireland

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FACTBOX - Explanations For UFO Sightings

LONDON (Reuters) - Here are 10 possible explanations for UFO sightings.

- 1) Weather balloons - Gas-filled balloons that measure conditions in the upper atmosphere to help forecasters.
- 2) Clouds - Saucer-shaped or "lenticular" clouds that form at high altitudes have been confused with UFOs.
- 3) Meteors - Space debris can create a spectacular lightshow when it burns through the Earth's atmosphere.
- 4) Civilian or military aircraft - Planes can look mysterious at night or in certain light conditions.
- 5) Ball or bead lightning - Strange forms of lightning that are rarely seen and are the subject of scientific debate.
- 6) Stars or planets - Heavenly bodies can be confused with UFOs.
- 7) Sundogs - Also called "mock suns", these are bright spots on the solar halo that appear as balls of light in the sky.
- 8) Airships or advertising balloons - These can look like flying saucers from some angles, especially at night.
- 9) Mirages - A natural phenomenon where cold or hot air bends light rays to produce an image of a distant object in the sky.
- 10) Magnetic fields - A Ministry of Defence report said people exposed to certain electrical or magnetic fields can suffer from "vivid, but mainly incorrect" recurring memories.

The full MoD report of possible scientific explanations for UFO is online at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4wbvo2>

Source: Ministry of Defence; Reuters archives

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If There's Something Up There We Want To Know

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<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article3927528.ece>

May 14, 2008

If There's Something Up There, We Want To Know
by
Nick Pope

Conspiracy theorists expecting to find that the Ministry of Defence has been sitting on some great truth about visiting extraterrestrials will be hugely disappointed.

There are no aliens in these files - at least, not aside from what might charitably be called letters from people with overactive imaginations. Most of the contents of the MoD's newly released UFO files are mundane and are clearly misidentifications of ordinary objects and phenomena.

This should not be taken as an indication that these people are stupid and, indeed, in among the reports from members of the public are sightings from police officers, pilots and military personnel.

Arguably the most interesting thing in the files is what they show overall, namely that since the 1950s the Ministry of Defence has tracked UFO sightings, investigated the sighting and searched its collective soul over what to make of this enigmatic mystery.

But why should this be the case? Why, since records began, has the MoD spent time and money looking at UFOs? The answer has more to do with Russians than Martians. The MoD and the RAF naturally keep a close watch on the UK's air defence region, ever-watchful for signs of intrusion. If there is something in our skies and it is not ours, we want to know whose it is. I worked for the MoD for 21 years and, during the early 90s, worked in a division where my duties included investigating UFO sightings.

My brief wasn't to look for aliens, but to look for evidence of anything of any defence significance - though, interestingly, this term was never defined. I started my tour of duty as a sceptic but, after three years of research and investigation, felt that while I hadn't found ET, I had come across some cases that made me think twice. UFOs tracked on radar or seen by military witnesses were particularly interesting to me.

This file release will not resolve the UFO mystery one way or the other. Sceptics and believers alike will doubtless find something to back up their case. But what strikes me is the enduring power of UFOs to fascinate the imagination.

UFOs burst upon the scene in the late 1940s and early 1950s. They are still here. The debate goes on. Perhaps it is the implications if - among these tens of thousands of reports -

just one of them turned out to be the real thing.

The question of whether or not we are alone in the Universe is among the most profound questions that we can ask. The answer to that question is not in these files. But they do show that people are still looking up, watching and wondering.

Nick Pope ran the MoD's UFO desk from 1991-94

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UFO Snapper Defends Spaceship Photo

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Subject: UFO Snapper Defends Spaceship Photo

Source: Derry Today - Derry, Northern Ireland, UK

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14 May 2008

UFO Snapper Defends Spaceship Photo

By Julieann Campbell

As speculation still surrounds the mysterious flying object spotted in the Derry skies last week, local man Michael Harkin speaks to the 'Journal' about his photograph and why this particular X-File has sparked global interest.

Michael Harkin, from Ederowen Park in the Galliagh area, still insists that he saw something strange hovering overhead while driving through Prehen last Tuesday.

"I'm not a big believer in flying saucers, but I suddenly saw it out the window as we came over the hill and screamed to Catriona, who was driving, to stop the car. We slowed down and were literally crawling along the road at about 20 miles per hour when I took the photo and by the time I had taken the photo and the car had stopped, it was gone.

"We must have only seen it for about ten seconds at the most before it disappeared, so we were actually really lucky to get that one photograph."

Websites and UFO forums all over the world have since picked up on Derry's UFO, and Michael says he will be replying to every response with details and co-ordinates of the exact spot.

On whether the photograph could be an elaborate hoax, 32-year-old Michael says: "To begin with, I wondered if it was some sort of helium balloon, but it was far too big. It definitely wasn't the tax disc on Catriona's car either, as that is still there, further down near the bottom of the window. Even though we saw it, I suppose it could have been a model space ship or something similar but it was just so big. It was definitely outside the car and way above us - I just knew it wasn't normal and that's why we stopped the car."

Michael says he and the car's driver, Catriona Horner, have been overwhelmed at the interest the photograph has generated.

"We're amazed that so many people seem interested in it. We only sent it into the 'Journal' because it was so unusual. Catriona has been defending what we saw too, she wants people to know that it's definitely not Photoshopped and the actual photo saved on my mobile phone is no different to the one I sent to the paper."

So does Michael believe that the truth really is 'out there'?

"I'm still a sceptic I suppose, but it was just so massive I don't know what to think."

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Source: Derry Today - Derry, Northern Ireland, UK

<http://www.pressandjournal.co.uk/Article.aspx/637286?UserKey=3D0>

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Secret MoD Reports Released To End Claims Of Cover-Up

UFO files show truth out there in Scottish skies
By David Perry

An astonished pilot flying from Aberdeen to Sumburgh saw a "a red rocket with a yellow trail" at 20,000ft about a mile in front of him.

What made the UFO sighting in November 1984 so special is that the captain=92s account was corroborated by his co-pilot and by air traffic control at Sumburgh, which reported "a bright flash" in the sky to the south at about the same time.

So is there really something out there? Believers may well feel justified by official reports of unexplained "aerial phenomena" over Scotland that were released last night by the National Archives in Kew.

Files detailing hundreds of sightings of UFOs =96 unidentified flying objects =96 across the UK have been moved from the secret confines of the Ministry of Defence in an effort to end allegations of a cover-up.

They include official reports from the north and north-east from coastguards, aircrew and witnesses regarded as pillars of the local community.

On January 25, 1985, Kirkwall Coastguard reported seeing "one spherical object, very bright with long tail" to the north-west, travelling south-east, splitting into two, a report confirmed by Aberdeen Coastguard.

Police at Kingussie passed on a report on December 31, 1984, of a sighting of "a bright, diamond-shaped object" with its points connected by a halo with a pinkish tinge travelling slowly towards Newtonmore.

On October 17, 1984, the operations room at RAF Kinloss recorded a report of an "orange-yellow flame", 3-4ft wide and 50ft long, seen from Tomintoul descending slowly towards Grantown.

On September 14, 1984, an observer in Drimsdale, South Uist, saw "a white light hanging in the sky" low on the horizon near Barra.

And earlier in January 1982 a "round, crimson object, shining brightly" was seen near Old Deer Road, Peterhead.

The MoD has been very careful to avoid giving any credence to theories about visitors from outer space, insisting its only

interest has been to ensure there was no risk to the defence of the realm.

And a briefing for a minister responding to a debate on UFOs in the Lords said that while there really were "many strange phenomena in the sky" seen "by rational people", "there is nothing to suggest to Her Majesty's Government that such phenomena are alien spacecraft".

Some recorded incidents are even more curious.

US Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, based at RAF Woodbridge in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, reported that he and three guards had seen "a strange glowing object" in nearby woods, hovering on three legs. The next day he found three depressions in the ground measuring one-and-a-half feet deep and seven inches across.

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Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

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Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

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>FACTBOX - Explanations For UFO Sightings

>LONDON (Reuters) - Here are 10 possible explanations for UFO
>sightings.

So what? They also left out hoax, glowing insects, tornados,
etc. (a lot of stuff proposed by Howard Menzel).

Its the ones that don't fit any of these explanations that are
the important ones. (Just ask the General Mills balloon project
guys who had sightings while tracking their balloons.)

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World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

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The truth is out there: British government releases UFO files ...
National Post - Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Just as new X-Files movie trailer goes online and Britain's
defence ministry opens its secret UFO files to the public, the
Vatican's top astrologer has come...

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

Focus: UFO sightings
TeleText - Scotland, UK
Eight files have been released after a Freedom of Information
request by UFO researchers. Over the next four years more than
150 files will be revealed...

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

UK's UFO sightings archive released
InTheNews.co.uk - London, UK
Government documents detailing UFO sightings from 1978 to 2002
have been released today by the National Archives. The documents
describe what has been seen...

<http://tinyurl.com/3ewz4y>

Croydon UFO sighting included in UK's 'x-files'
Croydon Guardian - Croydon, England, UK
By Cara Lee A woman from Croydon's account of a UFO sighting is
included in the secret files made available for the first time
by the Ministry of Defence...

<http://tinyurl.com/3qhp2v>

British Government Releases UFO Files
Enews 2.0 - London, England, UK
By Junia Mink It appears the British government recorded reports
of unidentified flying objects (UFO) hovering over Liverpool and
over Waterloo Bridge in...

<http://tinyurl.com/4hylaaj>

Secret files on UFO sightings
Gulf Daily News - Manama, Bahrain
LONDON: Aliens from outer space have been visiting Britain for
years and UFO sightings doubled after the film Close Encounters
was released in 1977...

<http://tinyurl.com/43qe5k>

New light shed on UFO mystery

Daily Post - Llandudno Junction, Wales, UK

DOCUMENTS have surfaced which could shed new light on one of North Wales greatest UFO mysteries. The Berwyn mountains incident in 1974 has remained an...

<http://tinyurl.com/4wb42j>

'UFO' spotted over Waterloo Bridge

The Press Association

Ministry of Defence staff recorded sightings of alien craft over Wallasey Town Hall and a saucer-shaped Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) hovering over...

<http://tinyurl.com/6fway8>

UFO files reveal sitings in West Sussex as MoD releases its X Files

Crawley Observer - Crawley, England, UK

The first in a series of UFO files, dating back to the 1970s, have been released on The National Archives' website. The Ministry of Defence files include...

<http://tinyurl.com/5enler>

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Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 11:48:18 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 21:03:05 +0000
>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 17:58:39 EDT
>>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>Latest Version Of Bogus Willingham UFO Crash Story

>>>Source: PR-Canada.Net - Sofia, Bulgaria

>><http://tinyurl.com/4pp4ug>

>>>Saturday, 10th May, 2008

>>>New Book Discloses UFO Crash

<snip>

>Thanks Brad for shooting down this story.

>I was getting ready to send off e-mail to the authors of this
>book (they were on CtoC for an interview). I don't
>remember hearing that Willingham 'witnessed' the crash
>from the cockpit of an airplane. Although it was never
>disclosed why this particular pilot was in that particular
>local at that particular time. Now, it appears the witness
>is having trouble remembering where, when and how.

Not so simple. He was one of several planes escorting a bomber.
He did not see the crash as it happened. However, he later flew
a small plane to the crash site and did see it. He reported what
he saw to higher authorities.

You really have to read the book to make a good evaluation.

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Re: MoD File Release

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 14:04:10 -0300
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 08:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 00:22:00 +0100
>Subject: MoD File Release

I have just updated my DI55 documents page at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/di55docs.html>

>I have tried to help people understand what the files represent.
>If there are any errors or omissions or if anyone has any
>general questions about the MoD UFO reporting process, please
>let me know.

>Dave Clarke's site has also been updated - see:

><http://www.drdavidclarke.co.uk/news2.htm>

Joe,

Thanks much for this excellent overview. Have you yet seen any documents classified higher than SECRET? Personally I would expect that the most interesting sightings didn't make it into these MOD files just as the most interesting US military encounters didn't make it into the Project Blue Book files.

My new book Flying Saucers And Science will be out by the end of the month.

Stan Friedman

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Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 14:12:58 -0300
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 08:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

>Source: Yahoo News UK & Ireland

><http://tinyurl.com/4696pm>

>May 14 2008

>FACTBOX - Explanations For UFO Sightings

>LONDON (Reuters) - Here are 10 possible explanations for UFO
>sightings.

<snip>

>The full MoD report of possible scientific explanations for UFO
>is online at:

><http://tinyurl.com/4wbvo2>

>Source: Ministry of Defence; Reuters archives

I couldn't connect with this address.

It seems a shame that an 11th possibility wasn't considered,
namely intelligently controlled extraterrestrial spacecraft.

Stan Friedman

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Bob Shell News

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 20:49:47 -0500
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 08:47:00 -0400
Subject: Bob Shell News

From Robert Morningstar: News on Bob Shell

To: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
From: Bob Shell <bob.nul>
Subject: Bob Shell
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 21:03:55 -0400

This note from Bob to his friends is being sent individually to a list he provided.

I'm alive and as well as possible under the circumstances. First of all, if any of you wrote to me and did not get a response, it's not because I don't answer all mail. It means I never got your letter. Mail delivery in "the system" is not what it should be.

To contact me, write to me at:

Robert Shell
379855
Keen Mountain Correctional Center
P O Box 860
Oakwood VA 24631

Best to type, print a label, or hand print in block letters. I almost did not get a letter last night because the guard could not read the sender's handwriting.

There are a bunch of rules on mail. First, your letter must not weigh more than one ounce (28 grams) or it will be returned. If you want to send more, you'll have to split it up into multiple envelopes. All letters must have a return address on the envelope. You can send me pages from magazines, newspaper articles, printouts from web pages, and similar things. You can't send anything printed from any Department of Corrections web site. You can send photos no larger than 4 x 6 inches, but no more than five at a time. Polaroid photos are banned for some reason.

Please write and send photos. It keeps me connected to the real world.

If you want to send me money to make my life a bit more comfortable, you must send it in the form of money orders. U. S. Postal Service money orders are best, but they will accept other kinds of money orders. Personal checks are not accepted. A little money can go a long way in here. You can not send me books or magazines, but you can send me the money to buy them.

News - After a nine month delay, the transcript of my trial was finally finished late in April, and a copy has been filed with the Virginia Court of Appeals. This means my appeal is officially under way.

My first lawyer has chosen not to contest my charges of stealing

my money, poor performance, and substance abuse, and has been permanently disbarred. Hopefully, I will get my money back at some point.

I want to correct something that has been widely misreported. It has been reported that I was convicted of giving Marion the drug overdose that killed her. This is absolutely wrong.

The original contention of the prosecution was that this was what happened, and they charged me with Felony Homicide on that basis. I was never charged with murder. The jury wisely saw through the smoke and mirrors and refused to convict on Felony Homicide. They reduced the charge to Involuntary Manslaughter, a much less serious charge. The jury believed what I have said from the beginning, that Marion took whatever she took while I was gone. They held me negligent for not preventing access more carefully in my absence. This lesser charge is why my sentencing guidelines called for a maximum sentence of from one year, eight months to three years. It is very unusual for someone to do any serious time on an Involuntary Manslaughter charge, which, by definition, is an accident. Unfortunately in Virginia, the sentencing guidelines are not mandatory as they are in most states.

I still believe that this wrong can be righted. It does happen. On April 19 in San Diego, Cynthia Sommer was freed from prison after serving more than two years. Her husband had died in 2002 from an apparent heart attack, but lab tests found arsenic in some of his tissues. On the basis of this and a lot of testimony disparaging her lifestyle, she was convicted of murder and given a life sentence. New lab tests showed that there was no arsenic in her husband's body and she was cleared. She is one more victim of an unethical prosecutor in the U.S. Mike Nifong is far from an isolated case. The Cynthia Sommer case is very interesting and has many parallels with mine. A Google search on her name will bring up lots of hits if you want to read more. She had one major advantage on me. In her case, all of the autopsy samples were properly preserved, so new tests were possible. In my case, in spite of state laws requiring preservation of samples to allow future testing, all samples were destroyed by the Medical Examiner. I was convicted on the basis of evidence that no longer exists!

I want to thank everyone for your support. Without all of you behind me, I would not have the strength to go on fighting. I'll never forget the help and kindness I have received.

Bob

alienview.nul

www.AlienView.net

AVG Blog - <http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/>

U F O M a g a z i n e - www.ufomag.com

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Shuttle Astronauts Say Alien Life Does Exist

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Shuttle Astronauts Say Alien Life Does Exist

Source: The Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/5uprrm>

15/05/2008

Shuttle Astronauts Say Alien Life Does Exist
By Julian Ryall in Tokyo

Astronauts who returned recently from a Space Shuttle mission said on Monday that they expected alien life would be discovered.

"Life like us must exist elsewhere in the universe," Takao Doi, who had been on a 16-day Endeavour mission to the International Space Station, told reporters in Tokyo.

Mr Doi and his colleagues denied seeing anything that proved the existence of extraterrestrial life forms, but said the scale of the solar system and beyond had impressed upon them the possibility of alien life.

Mike Foreman, a mission specialist, said: "If we push back boundaries far enough, I am sure eventually we'll find something out there."

In December, Nobutaka Machimura, Japan's chief Cabinet secretary, said that UFOs definitely existed and that he was firmly of the opinion that aliens were out there.

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Re: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 17:43:14 +0000
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

>Source: BBC News - London, UK

><http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/europe/7399661.stm>

>Tuesday, 13 May 2008

>Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist
>By David Willey
>BBC News Rome

<snip>

>The search for forms of extraterrestrial life, he says, does not
>contradict belief in God.

>The official Vatican newspaper headlines his article 'Aliens Are
>My Brother'.

>'Free from sin'

>Just as there are multiple forms of life on earth, so there
>could exist intelligent beings in outer space created by God.
>And some aliens could even be free from original sin, he
>speculates.

>Asked about the Catholic Church's condemnation four centuries
>ago of the Italian astronomer and physicist, Galileo, Father
>Funes diplomatically says mistakes were made, but it is time to
>turn the page and look towards the future.

<snip>

Additional "mistakes" of the Catholic Church: raping very young
male and female children; accusing female herbal medicine
practitioners of being "witches" and murdering them, torturing
them; thousands of them. But, of course, we humans are tainted
with 'original sin' and therefore vulnerable to the holier than
thou Catholic priests' condemnation. But, the ETs are pure and
holy, and without 'original sin'?

Give me a break.

Are these people serious?

KK

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Fake Photograph Of UFO Crash

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 19:51:27 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:47:00 -0400
Subject: Fake Photograph Of UFO Crash

On March 30, 1950, a student from the University of New Mexico furnished the FBI a faked photograph of a UFO crashed into a mountain side, little men walking away and four flying saucers hovering.

See:

<http://foia.fbi.gov/ufo/ufo8.pdf>

page 28.

The student stated that this photograph and related story would be printed in the University of Mexico school paper on March 31, 1950.

Has anyone seen this photograph published? If it is in someone's archive, I will appreciate receiving a scan.

Thanks and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
FOTOCAT Blog <http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Re: World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 13:02:13 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 10:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

It even made the local TV station, and national BBC Radio 2 had a feature on it!

I don't know why such a big deal is being made of it, though <g>

Regards,

Sean

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More World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 10:52:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 10:52:00 -0400
Subject: More World Media Coverage Of MoD Doc Release

<http://tinyurl.com/6nutxg>

Surrey revealed as 'UFO hotbed'
Surrey Advertiser - Guildford, England, UK
For the first time, the Ministry of Defence (MOD) has lifted the lid on classified UFO sightings and Surrey appears to be a hotbed of unexplained phenomena...

<http://tinyurl.com/6h6dyt>

Secret UFO files revealed to British public
Andhra Cafe - Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh, India
The information, recording among many others a saucer-shaped UFO hovering over Waterloo Bridge in London, is based on details kept by police stations and...

<http://andhracafe.com/index.php?m=show&id=33873>

Britain Releases its X-Files
TIME - USA
The MoD posts brief notes of reported UFO sightings already. But these newly released files will go back further in time, to the 1970s, and will contain...

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1770943,00.html>

ET alors?
Guardian Unlimited - UK
The very files that UFO believers have long clamoured to see are at last being made public at The National Archives in Kew. What once was accessible only to...

<http://tinyurl.com/5rmy3e>

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Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:15:20 EDT
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 10:53:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

>Source: Yahoo News UK & Ireland

><http://tinyurl.com/4696pm>

>May 14 2008

>FACTBOX - Explanations For UFO Sightings

>LONDON (Reuters) - Here are 10 possible explanations for UFO
>sightings.

Ghost farts.

Bigfoot throwing handfuls of lightning bugs into the air.

Angels playing tricks.

Demons playing tricks.

Leprechauns trying to start rainbows with Bic lighters.

Pixies burning rubber with extra pixie dust.

Highly evolved Munchkins invading our dimension in a search
for Dorothy.

The Wicked Witch from the South (they say she's really a funny
gal).

The real way the Easter Bunny gets to all those places in one
night to hide Easter Eggs.

Very mischievous elves who just love to pull a fast one on us.

What? My explanations make more sense than that nonsense
the government kicked out.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 14:23:16 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 11:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 14:04:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

Hi Stan, List,

>Thanks much for this excellent overview. Have you yet seen any
>documents classified higher than SECRET? Personally I would
>expect that the most interesting sightings didn't make it into
>these MOD files just as the most interesting US military
>encounters didn't make it into the Project Blue Book files.

You will probably have noticed from the web site that I have had to use terms like "I think", and "I believe" in trying to understand the roles of some of the departments. I do think that my understanding is close to the real situation, but it is largely based on the context of documents that I have seen in the past. I would hope that someone like Nick Pope will provide a more accurate understanding of the various departments concerned, or at least point out any errors that may exist in what I have written.

I'm still ploughing through the documents methodically, and today requested help from members of the ufologyinuk list to construct a database of the file contents. This is a medium-term project but I have kicked it off with a basic index of DEFE31-172 and DEFE31-173 (which is as far as I have read so far) The resulting spreadsheet can be downloaded from:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/downloads/mass%20release%20document%20index.xls>

I don't claim that this is a wonderful piece of research, it is just a start, but even this has caused me considerable eye strain. It can be freely circulated, but I stress that it is work in progress, and if anyone wants to collaborate with me on populating and expanding the file, they are welcome to get in touch with me.

As yet, I have not encountered any pages of 'SECRET' or above, but there are a few entire enclosures which are redacted, and IIRC a couple of apparently missing enclosures. I posted the following comments on the ufologyinuk list earlier today which will probably be of interest to the List:

- There were several blank, illegible, or redacted pages. I shall be querying these, but blank pages are not uncommon in the paper files I have seen previously.

- There were a couple of pages with no apparent enclosure number. This may be because they were enclosed at the same time as a sequential document, or it could simply be human error. This is also not uncommon in files I have previously seen.

- There were some missing enclosures. While this could be human error (misnumbering), I find this suspicious particularly in view of the fact that these were in DEFE31-173 which also is missing

the enclosure index - and you all know that I am not inherently conspirational.

- Perhaps one of the most puzzling aspects I have so far noticed is DEFE31-173 enclosures 15 and 37. These appear to be identical reports, seperated by exactly one month. No doubt conspiracy theorists will see this as evidence of file tampering, and I can understand why, though I suspect a human error. I can't work out where this error could have occured though, does anyone have any suggestions?

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Bob Shell News

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 09:31:17 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 11:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Bob Shell News

I appreciate the update on Bob's situation and I hope he is able to get this straightened out on appeal.

Having read through some of the material in this case, the State seems to have gone out of its way to put Bob behind bars.

Steve

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Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 14:52:53 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 11:59:00 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

Ten years ago to the month, I wrote an article, 101
Possible Explanations For UFOs.

It was published in the UK UFO magazine, over two issues - for
which I never received a penny. I was led to believe that it was
also published in the US UFO magazine, but never had a copy to
prove/disprove this.

It was published in an online e-zine as well in the same year.

But do you think I can find one online reference to it :(

I am wondering if now might be a good time to re-submit it to
various magazine to refresh peoples minds about such matters??

Regards,

Sean

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Sean Jones

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Re: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 15:19:20 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 17:54:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 17:43:14 +0000
>Subject: Re: Vatican Says Aliens Could Exist

>Additional "mistakes" of the Catholic Church: raping very young
>male and female children; accusing female herbal medicine
>practitioners of being "witches" and murdering them, torturing
>them; thousands of them. But, of course, we humans are tainted
>with 'original sin' and therefore vulnerable to the holier than
>thou Catholic priests' condemnation. But, the ETs are pure and
>holy, and without 'original sin'?

>Give me a break.

>Are these people serious?

I think Dan Brown did more damage to the Catholic church than
any single person has done in two thousand years.

He exposed lies, deception and a whole host of others things,
all backed up by research and documentary proof, then packaged
it as a "fictional" story!

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Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 17:55:20 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 14:04:10 -0300
>Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 08:45:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 00:22:00 +0100
>>Subject: MoD File Release

>>I have tried to help people understand what the files represent.
>>If there are any errors or omissions or if anyone has any
>>general questions about the MoD UFO reporting process, please
>>let me know.

>Thanks much for this excellent overview. Have you yet seen any
>documents classified higher than SECRET? Personally I would
>expect that the most interesting sightings didn't make it into
>these MOD files just as the most interesting US military
>encounters didn't make it into the Project Blue Book files.

I agree with Stan. These files certainly aren't that interesting
and it's likely the "good stuff" was classified higher. The case
files I downloaded and looked at were either unclassified or
mildly classified.

It's interesting, however, to see how similar the British and
Canadian MoD and DND case files really are. They're almost
identical in format and style (and content).

The media seem to think that these case files are remarkable,
but really, we've had the Canadian versions of them available
for many years, so they are really nothing new.

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Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 13:26:10 -0300
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 17:59:06 -0400
Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 11:53:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: 10 Possible Explanations For Sightings

>>Source: Yahoo News UK & Ireland

>><http://tinyurl.com/4696pm>

>>May 14 2008

>>FACTBOX - Explanations For UFO Sightings

>>LONDON (Reuters) - Here are 10 possible explanations for UFO
>>sightings.

>So what? They also left out hoax, glowing insects, tornados,
>etc. (a lot of stuff proposed by Howard Menzel).

>Its the ones that don't fit any of these explanations that are
>the important ones. (Just ask the General Mills balloon project
>guys who had sightings while tracking their balloons.)

Number 10 was ridiculous. During one of the MOD's other final
release of UFO reports and during the press conference or an
interview an electrical engineer or physicist discounted the
theory offered up by the non-scientist writer of the report that
plasma could influence people's perception of what they were
seeing, as nonsense. The other nine on the list are fluffy
speculation by off scene armchair sceptics.

I believe that this top ten is the MOD's list, is it not? I
could not determine whether it was or not from the Reuter's
list. Like Stan I could not access one of the URLs.

It is comforting to know however that in the UK I could "land",
unannounced and dangerously so, on any controlled civilian
airfield with some sophisticated aircraft and leave of my own
free will without restraints or the censure of the Civil
Aviation Authority (CAA) and with the blessing of the RAF since
I wasn't a threat to their sovereign airspace.

See quote:

"The air traffic controllers' 'Report of Unusual Aerial
Phenomenon' was filed from an unspecified small airport near the
eastern coast of England.

The men, each with more than eight years on the job, described
how they were helping guide a small plane to a landing on runway
22 when they were distracted by a brightly lit object
approaching a different runway without clearance. 'Everyone
became aware that the object was unidentified,' their report
said. 'SATCO (code name for a controller with 14 years
experience) reports that the object came in 'at speed', made a
touch and go on runway 27, then departed at 'terrific speed' in
a 'near vertical' climb."

Interesting that the controllers didn't want their names published. Even the airport is kept secret.

I believe that the MOD file says that the object that streaked down the right side of the Boeing 737 on approach to Manchester suggests some sort of missile-no problem there it seems; happens all of the time and not to be construed as a threat to sovereign airspace. Mind you this is not how the pilots described it but who the hell cares what they say?

Anyway, looking forward to the next batch.

There was a report on this on CTV late news [May 14]. Train wreck of a report. The report was everything short of Lloyd Roberstson, the anchor, wearing a tinfoil hat. They even found som British guy who said he's flown on a flying saucer, little green men and all. It was like a report from the NY Times.

Don Ledger

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Re: Folklore Research?

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 17:45:53 +0100
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 19:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Folklore Research?

List,

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Regards,

Roy

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Re: Bob Shell News

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 16:57:58 -0400
Archived: Thu, 15 May 2008 19:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Bob Shell News

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 20:49:47 -0500
>Subject: Bob Shell News

<snip>

>In my case, in spite of state laws requiring preservation of
>samples to allow future testing, all samples were destroyed by
>the Medical Examiner. I was convicted on the basis of evidence
>that no longer exists!

I think that Medical Examiner should be legally compelled to
explain why he destroyed evidence he was legally required
to preserve.

Eleanor White

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Mars Landing NASA Briefings & TV Schedule

From: **NASA News** <hqnews.nul>
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NASA Briefings And TV Coverage Schedule For Phoenix Mars Landing

WASHINGTON -- NASA news briefings, live commentary and updates before and after the scheduled Sunday, May 25 arrival of the agency's Phoenix Mars Lander will be available on NASA Television and on the Web.

Entry, descent and landing begins at 4:46 p.m. PDT on May 25, when the flight team will listen for radio signals indicating that Phoenix has entered the top of the Martian atmosphere. The spacecraft must perform a series of challenging transformations and activities during the seven minutes after it enters the atmosphere to slow it from 12,000 mph to 5 mph and a soft touchdown. The Phoenix team will be watching for radio signals confirming the landing at 4:53 p.m. More than half of previous international attempts to land on Mars have been unsuccessful. For a detailed schedule and landing timeline, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/phoenix>

Requests for media credentials to cover the Phoenix mission from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., must be made online at:

<https://eis.jpl.nasa.gov/media/index.html>

Media wishing to cover the mission from the University of Arizona in Tucson, must apply online at:

<http://uanews.org/marsmedia>

The deadline for U.S. journalist to request media credentials is Tuesday, May 20. Foreign journalists requesting credentials must apply by Friday, May 16.

Briefings on mission goals, challenges, status and final trajectory adjustments will originate from JPL on Thursday, May 2, at 11:30 a.m. and on Saturday and Sunday, May 25-26, at noon.

On landing day, May 25, live landing commentary will air on NASA

TV. A telecast without videos and interviews will run on NASA TV's Media Channel beginning at 3 p.m. Another telecast with commentary, interviews and videos will begin at 3:30 p.m. on NASA TV's Public Channel. For more information on NASA TV and this coverage schedule, visit:

http://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/MM_NTV_Breaking.html

Both telecasts will continue through landing time and resume at 6:30 p.m. during the period after landing when engineers anticipate the receipt of data and possible images confirming that Phoenix has opened its solar panels successfully.

A news briefing at JPL will be held Sunday, May 25 at 9 p.m., following landing and the first possible downlink of images. Briefing updates at JPL also are scheduled on Monday, May 26 at 11 a.m. and on Tuesday, May 27, at 11 a.m.

Daily news briefings will continue at 11 a.m. for several days following a successful landing. Mission control and the site for news briefings will then shift to the University of Arizona in Tucson after a determination that the spacecraft is in a safe condition for conducting science operations. The earliest possibility for moving the host site for mission news briefings to the University of Arizona's Space Operations Center is Wednesday, May 28. Mission briefings from Pasadena and Tucson will be carried on NASA TV unless preempted by other NASA events.

For NASA TV streaming video, schedules, and downlink information, visit:

<http://www.nasa.gov/ntv>

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UFOs And The National Security State Vol. II

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 16 May 2008 07:44:16 -0400
Archived: Fri, 16 May 2008 07:44:16 -0400
Subject: UFOs And The National Security State Vol. II

Source: Keyhole Publishing - Rochest, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/46bcu9>

May 9, 2008

UFOs And The National Security State Vol. II

The last update on this subject was from January 2007, more than a year ago. I think an update on my progress is a bit overdue.

To date, I have written about 375 pages of narrative for the second volume of UFOs and the National Security State. I am (finally) confident that the book will actually be done by the end of this year. I expect it to be around 500 pages at completion.

The completion of this volume, however, will not mark the completion of my history, as I have decided that the subject demands not two, but three volumes to do justice to the depth and breadth of this topic, which deals not only with a history of intriguing UFO sightings, but the policies (as we can gather them) of relevant military and intelligence agencies, as well as the attempts by private citizens and organizations to come to grips with the UFO phenomenon.

Therefore, Volume Two will cover the years 1973 to 1991, a period of time that I now see has a great deal of thematic unity. As a period of UFO-related history, it works.

I am happy to say that the research for Volume Three, covering 1991 to the present day, is already completed. Therefore, the delay between Volumes Two and Three will not be nearly as long as has been the delay between Volumes One and Two.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many readers who have encouraged and supported me along the way. When I started on this journey so long ago, I truly had no idea of what I was in for. It has been hard, but worth it. Every bit.

Richard Dolan

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Cow Found Mutilated In Saskatchewan

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Archived: Fri, 16 May 2008 07:49:25 -0400
Subject: Cow Found Mutilated In Saskatchewan

Source: The Regina Leader-Post - Saskatchewan, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/4m7mls>

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

Cow Found Mutilated In Saskatchewan

Pregnant cow found with missing parts in Stockholm area
Jana G. Pruden
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The Leader-Post
Published:

REGINA - A macabre mystery that pops up around the world has surfaced once again on a secluded Saskatchewan farm.

The most recent case of cattle mutilation occurred in the Stockholm area, just yards away from where Heather Harris and her husband slept. Harris was out tending the cattle the next day when she made the grisly discovery.

"It's hard to describe what she looked like...", Harris said, recalling finding the cow's corpse. "I told my husband, 'You don't even want to see this.' "

The pregnant cow was missing its rectum, female organs, udder, navel, top and bottom lips, one ear and one eye. The animal's tongue appeared to be cut out.

Harris said there was no sign of blood in the area, and all of the injuries appear to be precise incisions. Harris said there were no signs of struggle in the area, and no tire tracks, footprints or blood anywhere around the animal.

The gruesome scenario appears to be a classic case of "cow mutilation", a bizarre occurrence attributed variously to natural predators, aliens, government operatives, cults and a variety of other elusive sources.

Mutilations first rose to public prominence in the United States in the 1960s, and have continued to surface around the world ever since - including from time to time in Saskatchewan.

Documented mutilations are remarkably similar and often involve the removal of one ear, the animal's eyes, udders and sexual organs, tongue and lips. They are also characterized by a lack of blood and what appear to be clean incisions and cuts.

Many who have studied cow mutilations maintain the deaths are attributed entirely to natural sources, in particular the effects of scavengers and predators, coupled with the effects of dehydration and decomposition.

But others aren't so sure. Some surmise the mutilations are the work of alien spacecraft conducting experiments or gathering

genetic information from the animals, and others believe they are conducted by cults or Satanists who use the animals' blood and body parts for rituals.

Still others maintain the mutilations to be part of a government conspiracy - whether testing high-powered laser weapons or doing covert research about radiation, mad cow disease, or other cow illnesses which could spread to humans.

After looking at pictures of the remains of Harris' animal, veterinarian Dr. Kathleen Francis said she was shocked.

"Anything that could make that kind of incision took a little bit of skill", said Francis, who has been a vet for 11 years. "There was absolutely no blood anywhere around the carcass which was really weird, you know, to be able to make those kinds of cuts without losing blood somewhere on the ground."

Francis discounted predators as a possible cause of the cow's death, noting there were no bites or claw marks on the carcass. She said the bloodless wounds could mean some kind of electric cauterizing unit was involved.

"I'm not so convinced I believe the alien theories, but I could certainly go for the cult or that kind of thing happening..." she said. "It kind of makes you think - strange things are out there."

Harris said the experience has left her shaken and she is unwilling to go outside by herself at night. But after reading up on some of the theories, Harris says she still isn't sure what to think about the bizarre occurrence.

"I know from what I've seen on the Net they put it down to cults or extraterrestrial... but I don't know", she said. "I just know it's very, very freaky."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Actually, the media is having a field day raising laughs by reproducing childlike illustrations of UFOs provided by some of the least sophisticated contributors to these files - a fact that raises an interesting point: are there no photographs to be found anywhere in this orgy of apparent bureaucratic glasnost? If not, given what else has been reported over the years, what does that tell us about the real validity of the exercise?

The problem is this: all unexplainable (even within the mind-bogglingly broad parameters of explanation that UK officialdom allows itself) phenomena have already been classified as being 'of no defence or security significance'. Therefore, any photographs of unexplainable phenomena (it is difficult to adduce the last-ditch 'exotic plasma' argument in connection with photographs of apparently solid, structured objects) must look like photographs of things that are harmless. But if it really cannot be explained, then it will never, almost by definition, look harmless. It will look mysterious.

Hence, no photographs.

I cannot help but feel that 'investigators' sifting through this material are in a position analogous to that of UN monitors who are only allowed into the PR office, and never anywhere near the nuclear plant.

Gerald O'Connell

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Read all about it here:

http://roswellproof.com/Mogul_UFOs.html

http://roswellproof.com/Balloon_UFO_Sightings.html

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Hi Roy,

Maybe check the work of Mike Baillie and other dendochronologists and trace-archeologists who are doing just that: using folk-history to give them clues as to when there might've been volcanic or comet/meteorite events causing sudden climatic changes.

Cheers

Ray D

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 13 May 2008 21:03:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 12 May 2008 17:58:39 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: New Book Discloses UFO Crash

>>>Latest Version Of Bogus Willingham UFO Crash Story

>>>>Source: PR-Canada.Net - Sofia, Bulgaria

>>>><http://tinyurl.com/4pp4ug>

>>>>Saturday, 10th May, 2008

>>>>New Book Discloses UFO Crash

><snip>

>>Thanks Brad for shooting down this story.

>>I was getting ready to send off e-mail to the authors of this
>>book (they were on CtoC for an interview). I don't
>>remember hearing that Willingham 'witnessed' the crash
>>from the cockpit of an airplane. Although it was never
>>disclosed why this particular pilot was in that particular
>>local at that particular time. Now, it appears the witness
>>is having trouble remembering where, when and how.

>Not so simple. He was one of several planes escorting a bomber.
>He did not see the crash as it happened. However, he later flew
>a small plane to the crash site and did see it. He reported what
>he saw to higher authorities.

>You really have to read the book to make a good evaluation.

Bruce:

If the witness is confused in remembering where, when and how, I
can't understand the point of reading the book. Isn't the book
based on the witness' memory? I heard a lengthy discussion by
the authors during an interview. That is enough for me on which
to make a decision.

What I know about this event I saw first hand a piece of what
was recovered; presented by someone who visited the crash site
under the guard of a Mexican drug lords hired hands. Plus,
second hand testimony from people who lived in the area at the
time of the crash. Much better than some half remembered memory
from an American white guy thinking he were supposedly in the
area.

Unless, of course, he is willing to admit he was part of the American recovery team that witnesses remember coming into the fields, and is able to offer proof of being in that particular agency's employ.

Believe me, it wasn't an ET vehicle. However, something 'weird' did happen to the experimental craft.

KK

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Re: Bob Shell News

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
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>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 16:57:58 -0400
>Subject: Re: Bob Shell News

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 20:49:47 -0500
>>Subject: Bob Shell News

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>>In my case, in spite of state laws requiring preservation of
>>samples to allow future testing, all samples were destroyed by
>>the Medical Examiner. I was convicted on the basis of evidence
>>that no longer exists!

>I think that Medical Examiner should be legally compelled to
>explain why he destroyed evidence he was legally required
>to preserve.

That may indeed occur on appeal, but the Community in which Bob lived was severely impacted when he filed complaints about pollution by a local major employer, who ended up leaving the region and taking the jobs away.

That may have sown the seeds that led to this intense prosecution and will eventually come up in an Appeal, as the inconsistencies in his prosecution are identified and defined.

Even Bob's sentencing for involuntary manslaughter was out of line with sentencing in Virginia, so there's a lot to bring up for clarification.

Steve

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Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

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15 May 2008

The Orthodox Church Negates UFO-People - A Theology Professor

Moscow, May 15, Interfax - The Orthodoxy excludes a possibility of existing extraterrestrial intelligence, the famous theologian and professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Alexey Osipov said.

"From the point of Orthodox theology, there're no grounds for talking about extraterrestrial civilizations that have reason and can create something," Osipov said to Interfax-Religion.

According to him, such position is based on the fact that "the New Testament lacks" allusions to extraterrestrial forms of intelligent life.

"Secondly, there have been very many people in the Church who reached highest degree of God-likeness and sanctity but no one of them has ever mentioned them (extraterrestrial civilizations - IF), though they pointed out to many other things," Osipov said.

This argument was also important, he stressed.

Besides, the professor said that modern astronomy "advancing into the depth of the Universe still hasn't found any planet with the life similar to that on Earth."

"We have solid grounds to negate existence of any extraterrestrial intelligent civilization," he summed up.

Osipov noted that the Orthodox Church didn't consider this question on purpose to arrive to a certain conclusion. Though according to him, some theologians who studied the question of extraterrestrial civilization concluded that space world is very rich and there are phenomena, which remain unknown. But they believe these to be of astronomic character rather than of spiritual one.

According to the professor, there is still another view point which was expressed by Seraphim Rose, a "well-known hieromonk and deserving respect ascetic of the 20th century" who first studied Eastern philosophy, "was deeply involved in searching the truth and after long quests joined Orthodoxy."

Osipov noted that Rose admitted that there were "spirits who surround Earth and penetrate in human world and even influence certain people or some vital processes."

"He said that these spirits couldn't be attributed to holy spirits or angels and church language call them demons," Osipov

said.

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UFO Festival Offers Out-Of-This-World Fun

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Thursday, May 15, 2008

UFO Festival Offers Out-Of-This-World Fun

Have a close encounter of the fun kind this weekend in McMinnville.

The city's ninth annual tribute to extraterrestrials, the UFO Festival, will be Friday and Saturday. Most events are at McMenamins Hotel Oregon, 310 N.E. Evans St., and along Third Street in downtown McMinnville.

Activities include a panel discussion, fun run, live music, a screening of "Star Dreams" (a documentary on crop circles), UFO Alien Daze Costume Parade, Alien Pet Costume Contest, Alien Costume Ball (noticing a trend here?), and outdoor food and concessions tent.

Most activities are free. A full schedule of events and more information is available at www.ufofest.com.

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UFOs Spotted In Exmouth

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15 May 2008

UFOs Spotted In Exmouth

devon.editorial.nul

We are not alone... UFOs have been spotted flying above Exmouth and captured on video.

The footage was last week posted on the internet by Exmouth man Gary Qualter who captured the unidentified flying objects on film from his back garden in the summer of 2000.

The video shows six objects in two groups of three - each group silently chasing the other UFOs in the sky.

Mr Qualter said no one had been able to give him a convincing explanation as to what these objects could be.

UFO fanatics have been drawn to Mr Qualter's video posted on the sharing site, hoping the footage captures the 'real thing' - proving there is life beyond earth.

Mr Qualter who filmed the unexplained objects while he was at home with his daughters said: "The six objects were in two groups of three, two white objects and one blue in each group. Each object appeared to have three sections. All six were spinning at the same speed. They silently drifted across the sky, relatively slowly. They were fairly high up, but were certainly not birds or aeroplanes.

"This tape had been stored in a cupboard for years with all my other camcorder tapes, seen only by a handful of my family and friends.

"The quality is fairly poor because the objects were too distant to see on the LCD screen or through the viewfinder of my camcorder. I just pointed it in the right direction, zoomed in and hoped for the best."

The 54-second unedited recording, where Mr Quilter's children can be heard talking in the background, replays excerpts of the footage in slow motion - and circles the objects as they fly.

Littleham UFO expert Nigel Wright, 50, of Berry Close, said the 'juxtaposition was unusual'. "They appear to be dog-fighting. It's not unusual for them to be doing it, but it's the first time over Exmouth for the last 100 years," he said.

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

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Re: MoD File Release

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>To: <errol.nul>, <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 15 May 2008 10:52:48 -0500
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 14 May 2008 00:22:00 +0100
>>>Subject: MoD File Release

>>>I have tried to help people understand what the files represent.
>>>If there are any errors or omissions or if anyone has any
>>>general questions about the MoD UFO reporting process, please
>>>let me know.

>>Thanks much for this excellent overview. Have you yet seen any
>>documents classified higher than SECRET? Personally I would
>>expect that the most interesting sightings didn't make it into
>>these MOD files just as the most interesting US military
>>encounters didn't make it into the Project Blue Book files.

>I agree with Stan. These files certainly aren't that interesting
>and it's likely the "good stuff" was classified higher. The case
>files I downloaded and looked at were either unclassified or
>mildly classified.

>It's interesting, however, to see how similar the British and
>Canadian MOD and DND case files really are. They're almost
>identical in format and style (and content).

>The media seem to think that these case files are remarkable,
>but really, we've had the Canadian versions of them available
>for many years, so they are really nothing new.

Ergo the flat response to the announcement except for the media
who don't know any better anyway. The one I found most
interesting was the airport landing and the air traffic
controller, but even that was devoid of any knowlegable input
either by the controllers or the MOD.

Anyone who has ever taken off or landed an airplane can tell you
at first blush that airplanes could not do and can't do that, if
you can go by the limited numbers provided on this incident.

It seems that the MOD is starting to believe - or uses as a red
herring - the limited science and expertise brought by the
single writer of the Condign report. I am referring to the
nonsense about plasma influencing people's thinking. They have
it in their badly flawed report and now it supposed to be an
explanation when in fact it is absurd. But the media will buy it
and that's all that counts.

It's in an MOD report so it must be true.

At any rate since we know that reports have been held back by the Canadian government and the American government, why not the UK government. Can't emabarrass the government after all whose air defence systems can't do anything about this phenomenon. And that's what it really comes down to. No threat to national security? Wouldn't matter if it was because they can't do anything about it. It's better to stick your head in the sand and hope for the best.

Don Ledger

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Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien Belief
By Rex W. Huppke | Tribune reporter
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Word that the Vatican had declared devout Catholics free to believe in aliens traveled at warp speed this week, around the globe and, quite possibly, to points unknown.

Earthbound theologians and astrophysicists debated it, on-line 'Jedi Council' forums erupted in geeky chatter, and many who have long dared to believe that life exists beyond our terrestrial confines felt some small measure of vindication.

"If you're sitting in a room that's totally dark and you can't see anything, and the door is cracked just a millimeter to let a little light in, that can be extremely useful," said Peter Davenport, head of the National UFO Reporting Center in Washington state.

In other words, in the lonely world of alien believers, visitors are always welcome.

The Catholic Church has never been considered anti-alien. In fact, Catholic priests and scholars have written about the issue of extraterrestrial life since at least the Middle Ages. What made this week's statement significant, several experts say, is that the comments by Rev. Jose Funes, director of the Vatican Observatory, were printed in the Vatican's own newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. That gave his words a certain papal heft.

It has also made for some lively discussions between liberal and conservative theologians. Rev. Christopher Corbally, vice director of the Vatican Observatory, said he has been bombarded with e-mail from colleagues pondering whether God could have created more than one world and whether other beings could be granted redemption via a Christ-like savior.

Chaining God?

If God created human beings in his own image, how could there be others who don't look like us? Little green men, Corbally noted, certainly do not fit the popular image of God.

"It's a fun way to catch people's imagination," he said jubilantly. "How wonderful it would be to have other life beyond our own world, because it would show how God's creation just flows out without abandon.

"We are always trying to restrict God's creativity, putting

theological difficulties in the way. But I don't think God bothers with theological difficulties."

Some human beings, on the other hand, can be a bit literal when interpreting the teachings of their faiths. Proof of that can be found in the Puritanical pudding of the Salem witch trials in 1692, not to mention countless history books or even today's headlines. Many a faithful soul today would be aghast at talk of other forms of intelligent life.

"Any kind of literalist in Christianity would be barring these sorts of beliefs," said Thomas O'Brien, a professor of religious studies at DePaul University. "If you were to go to some fundamentalist Christian churches, you'd hear some pastors say belief in UFOs is tantamount to a non-belief in Jesus Christ."

Such pooh-poohing of cosmic possibilities runs quite counter to this week's comments in the Vatican Observatory. Funes said that to not believe life exists beyond our planet would be to "set limits on the creative liberty of God."

As Rev. Thomas O'Meara, a visiting theology professor at Boston College, puts it: "If you have a mature view of God, God can do what God wants."

So the question becomes: Will this declaration from the Vatican be of any help to those who truly believe in visiting spacecraft and worlds beyond our own?

"Religion does play a big part in the UFO phenomenon," said Julie Shuster, director of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell, N.M., the shrine for alien enthusiasts. "A lot of people feel it's a very demonic thing. They'll come with a family member, but they won't set foot in the door because they don't believe in any of it, and don't think they should."

Not seeing, but believing

Still, a sudden bump in the 160,000 visitors the center gets each year isn't expected. And Shuster sounded a bit skeptical of why the Vatican - which, she understands, has "a wide array of books on UFOs" - picked this particular time to bring up aliens.

"Maybe they felt that, for whatever reason, the timing is right," Shuster posited.

So what's next? A canonical embrace of ghosts, psychic powers, fairies and, perhaps, the Easter Bunny?

Turns out that's not necessary.

"There are no problems with ghosts and the paranormal because a lot of the personages that populate the cosmic world of Catholicism are precisely those kinds of figures," said O'Brien, the DePaul professor. "So there's nothing against that kind of belief."

In fact, O'Brien and other experts agree that the Catholic faith - and many others, for that matter - is based not on things a person can't believe in, but on the things a person must believe in.

So believe what you wish. As long as you buy into the basic tenets of your religion, the sky, or in this case the universe, is the limit.

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Changing Views

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Subject: Changing Views

Hello List,

In the hurly-burly of skeptic media attacks and counter-attacks it's easy to lose track of wider views changing. So was happily surprised to find a last year's broadsheet article admitting -

"After decades of denial scientists are finally admitting that there is life out there."

<http://tinyurl.com/6c2gx4>

"Today, our understanding of the cosmos has changed so much that for the first time searching for signs of life in other solar systems is not just a philosopher's dream but on the list of planned human endeavours. All the scientists I questioned agreed that alien life is inevitable and ubiquitous."

and, warningly...

"As from 1927, we have been propagating outwards from Earth, a very specific indicator of our existence. These radio waves have since travelled 80 light years out into the universe. That is going to encompass many hundreds of potentially habitable planets," he said. "If there is intelligent life out there, they sure as hell know we are here." (more at page)

In fact, from the work of Appleyard and others, it seems one or two government advisors thought "they knew we were here" from about 1947, which I think was also the start of the real government disinformation and anti-Ufology campaigns in the US & UK.

Cheers

Ray D

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Subject: How To Crack A Case From The UFO Files

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May 15, 2008

Sketch, map and video at site]

How To Crack A Case From The UFO Files

1984 Minsk Sighting Serves As Case Study For Flying-Saucer Sleuthing

By James Oberg
NBC News space analyst
Special to MSNBC

The highly publicized releases of "UFO files" from France and Britain provide more puzzling tales about anomalous aerial objects over the years. But the stories behind some of the most spectacular sightings in UFO history will come to light only when the Russian Ministry of Defense opens up its files.

Consider one of the most sensational UFO stories in Soviet history - a story that has been enshrined in world "ufology" as a classic that cannot be explained in any prosaic terms.

The tale of the Minsk UFO sighting can teach a lesson about the vigor of unidentified flying objects as a cultural phenomenon.

A passenger jet is flying north on Sept. 7, 1984, near Minsk, in present-day Belarus. Suddenly, at 4:10 a.m., the flight crew notices a glowing object out their forward right window. In the 10 minutes that follow, the object changes shape, zooms in on the aircraft, plays searchlights on the ground beneath it, and envelops the airliner in a mysterious ray of light that fatally injures one of the pilots. Other aircraft in the area, alerted by air traffic control operators who are watching the UFO on radar, also see it.

The incident figures prominently in "UFO Chronicles of the Soviet Union," a 1992 book by Jacques Vallee, who was the real-life inspiration for the fictional ufologist in the movie "Close Encounters of the Third Kind."

"No natural explanation [is] possible, given the evidence," Vallee wrote.

A leading Russian UFO expert, Vladimir Azhazha, reported that as a result of the encounter the co-pilot "had a serious mental derangement - the encephalogram of his brain was not of an 'earthly' character, as he lost memory for long periods of time."

This combination of perceptions from multiple witnesses and sensors, together with the serious physiological effects, makes for a dramatic event that on the face of it defies any earthly explanation. It was just as amazing that the official Soviet news media, long averse to discussing UFO subjects, disclosed the story in the first place. So it was no mystery that over the years that followed, the story was never actually checked out. It was only retold again and again.

Weighing the pilots' evidence

However much we are comfortable in entrusting our lives to airline pilots, a blind trust in their abilities as trained observers of aerial phenomena is sometimes a stretch. For a number of excellent and honorable reasons, pilots have often been known to overinterpret unusual visual phenomena, particularly when it comes to underestimating the distance from what look like other aircraft.

Think of it this way: You want the person at the front of the plane to be hair-trigger alert for visual cues to potential collisions, so avoidance maneuvers can be performed in time. The worst-case interpretation of perceptions is actually a plus.

So it's no surprise that pilots have sent their planes into a dive to duck under a fireball meteor that was really 50 miles away, or have dodged a flaming falling satellite passing 60 miles overhead. Even celestial objects are misperceived by pilots more frequently than by any other category of witness, UFO investigator J. Allen Hynek concluded 30 years ago. Since the outcome of a false-negative assessment (that is, being closer than assumed) could be death, and the cost of a false positive (being much farther away) is mere embarrassment, the bias of these reactions makes perfect sense.

What could have caused it?

Was there anything else in the sky that morning that the Soviet pilots might have seen? This wasn't an easy question, since the Moscow press reports neglected to give the exact date of the event, but I could figure it out by checking Aeroflot airline schedules.

It turned out that early risers in Sweden and Finland had also seen an astonishing apparition in the sky that morning. According to reports collected by Claus Svahn of UFO-Sweden, people called in accounts of seeing "a very strong globe of light," sometimes "with a skirt under it." The light's glow was reflected off the ground and lasted for several minutes. In Finland, a UFO research club's annual report later cataloged 15 similar sightings from that country.

The immediate disconnect that I found was that the Scandinavian witnesses were not looking southeast, toward Minsk and the nearby airliner with its terrified crew. Nor were they looking eastward, toward the top-secret Russian space base at Plesetsk, where launchings sparked UFO reports starting in the mid-1960s. They were looking to the northeast, across Karelia and perhaps farther.

The direction of the apparition being seen simultaneously near Minsk provided another "look angle." If the vectors of the eyewitnesses are plotted on a map, they tend to converge out over the Barents Sea, far from land. This made the triggering mechanism for the sightings - assuming they were all of the same phenomenon - even more extraordinary.

Preludes and precedents

Whatever the stimulus behind the 1984 Minsk airliner story turned out to be, I already knew that many famous Soviet UFO reports were connected with secret military aerospace activities that were misperceived by ordinary citizens. I've posted several decades of such research results on my Web site.

In 1967, waves of UFO reports from southern Russia and a temporary period of official permission for public discussion created a "perfect storm" of Soviet UFO enthusiasm. But it was short-lived - the topic was soon forbidden again, possibly because the government realized that what was being seen and publicized was actually a series of top-secret space-to-ground

nuclear warhead tests, a weapon Moscow had just signed an international space treaty to outlaw.

Once the Plesetsk Cosmodrome (south of Arkhangelsk) began launching satellites in 1966, skywatchers throughout the northwestern Soviet Union began seeing vast glowing clouds and lights moving through the skies. These were officially non-existent rocket launchings. "Not ours!" the officials seemed to be saying. "Must be Martians."

Other space events that sparked UFO reports included orbital rocket firings timed to occur while in direct radio contact with the main Soviet tracking site in the Crimea. Such firings and the subsequent expanding clouds of jettisoned surplus fuel weren't confined to Soviet airspace. One particular category of Soviet communications satellites performed the maneuver over the Andes Mountains, subjecting the southern tip of South America to UFO panics every year or two for decades.

As the Soviet Union lurched toward collapse in the 1980s, its rigid control over the press decayed. This allowed local newspapers, especially in the area of the Plesetsk space base, to begin publishing eyewitness accounts of correctly identified rocket launchings. The newspapers sometimes printed detailed drawings of the shifting shapes of the light show caused by the sequence of rocket stage firings and equipment ejections.

The evidence comes together

Still, I wasn't willing to wave off the elaborate extra dimensions of the Minsk UFO case as mere misperception and exaggerated coincidences. Even though none of the most exciting stories, such as one pilot's death half a year later from cancer, could ever be traced to any original firsthand sources, they made for a compelling narrative.

Fortunately, the Soviet collapse provided the opening for the collapse of the UFO story. The May-June 1991 issue of the magazine Science in the USSR contained an article that reprised the story with one stunning addendum from the co-pilot's flight log. He had sketched the apparition, minute by minute, as it changed shape out his side of the cockpit window, and 14 of the drawings were published for the first (and as far as I can tell, only) time.

The graphic sequence of bright light, rays, expanding halos, misty cloudiness, tadpole tail and sudden linear streamers may have looked bizarre to the magazine's readers. But they looked very familiar to me.

I dug out the clippings from Arkhangelsk newspapers that had been mailed to me by an associate there. I looked up the other articles from recent Moscow science magazines that showed how beautiful these rocket launches looked. I also found the set of sketches made by a witness in Sweden of what was immediately recognized as a rocket launch. I laid the separate sketches out on a table.

They all clearly showed the same sequence of shape-shifting visions, as viewed from different angles to the rear of the object's flight. The more recent accounts were of nighttime missile launches - and the impression was overwhelming that the Minsk UFO, as drawn in real time by one of the primary witnesses, looked and changed just like them.

Case closed?

Without the detailed minute-by-minute drawings, any claim for solving the case would have been tentative, and circumstantial at best. Even now, the case isn't quite closed. Until the Russians release the records for the test launch of a submarine-based missile - as we now know often happened from that region of the ocean, but without official acknowledgement - the answer to the mystery will remain technically unproven.

But the answer is strong enough to remind us of wider principles of investigating - and evaluating - similar stories from around the world: There are more potential prosaic stimuli out there than we usually expect. Precise times and locations and viewing directions are critical to an investigation. The temptation to fall into excitable overinterpretation is almost irresistible.

Myriads of weird but meaningless coincidences can be combined to embellish a good story.

The most important factors for cutting through the misperceptions would be having the good fortune to come across enough original evidence, and having enough time to make sense of that evidence. That's one of the biggest lessons to be learned from the Minsk UFO case: As long as those factors are in short supply, it's no mystery why there are so many amazing UFO stories - and so many enthusiasts willing to endorse them.

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>Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien Belief
>By Rex W. Huppke | Tribune reporter
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>Word that the Vatican had declared devout Catholics free to
>believe in aliens traveled at warp speed this week, around the
>globe and, quite possibly, to points unknown.

<snip>

One can think what one wants, but it remains that a closed institution this big admitting stuff in 'that' direction, at all, is still a sign cueing expectant music and raising curtains on something. It seems obvious they spread their bets & chips around the cultural board. Why?

Too, don't want the 'fundies' looking more rational, you know?

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Russian Muslims And Jews Admit Existence Of UFO-people

Moscow, May 15, Interfax =96 Islamic teaching admits extraterrestrial intelligence, the Muftis' Council of Russia representative stated.

"According to the Holy Koran, the Almighty speaks about creation of various worlds. We know the world of people, jinns, plants and animals. Perhaps, we don't know everything. The Creator can create anything. Other creatures may inhabit the worlds out of our reach," the chairman of the international department of the Muftis' Council Rushan Abbyasov was quoted as saying by the Moskovsky Komsomolets daily on Thursday.

He cited a Koran's sura saying "Praise Allah, the Lord of the worlds!" and noted that thus the holy Muslim Book confirmed "that other civilizations may exist."

"As to the question whether aliens bear original sin or not, there is no notion of original sin in Islam. In fact, the Koran says that if a baby dies, it goes right to the paradise because it is pure and innocent," Abbyasov said.

Rabbi Zinovy Kogan said that "the Lord is the first cause for everything existing in micro and macro worlds."

"It couldn't be excluded that other creatures similar to man exist in other worlds," he stressed.

The Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations secretary for inter-Christian affairs Fr. Igor Vyzhanov noted that the question of UFO-people existence had nothing to do with Christian dogmatics as it considered the question of saving human soul.

"I think that both Orthodox and Catholic theologians, if asked, will split up. Some will say: existing of extraterrestrial life is possible, how can we deny God's creative power. The others will say that the earthy life is unique. Though this question is absolutely insignificant for the Church, it's not even a scientific question, but just idle curiosity," the priest concluded.

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New York UFO Sightings

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UFO Sightings
By Joe Pompeo
Illustration by Meg Hunt

We know what you=92re thinking: Who reports UFOs these days except a buncha looney-boonie hick extremists and reality-TV nutjobs? Um, a lot of New Yorkers, apparently.

"We get more UFO reports out of New York City than any other part of the state," says James Bouck Jr., New York State director of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). "It amazes me". In the past five years, hundreds of alleged sightings have been logged with MUFON, UFO Evidence and the National UFO Reporting Center (NUFORC), some of which, of course, have been ruled out as hoaxes or explained away by astronomical phenomena. Here are a few of the kookiest highlights.

One LES resident filed a report on May 15, 2007, describing a "disc-shaped UFO". It allegedly hovered in the sky for 30 minutes before drifting behind a building.

A July 30, 2006, report describes an eerie photo that a man took while hanging out on the Coney Island boardwalk. It revealed an elliptical object with a black core surrounded by a "blackish-gray haze". The next night, a woman was lying on the Coney Island beach and reported seeing 15 fast-moving, green-and-white lights zigzagging across the sky for half an hour.

On January 8, 2007, NUFORC received a report that three low-hovering objects were captured live during Fox News=92 coverage of the Times Square New Year=92s Eve celebration. The account alleged that the objects "generated amazement, fear and a degree of panic". A separate report from the previous day claimed that a group at Broadway and 73rd Street saw "small glowing or metallic spheres" moving across the sky. The viewer was "freaked out" enough to retreat into the subway.

On Christmas Eve, 2007, an anonymous viewer in Astoria, Queens, reported seeing "something dull, fast [and] wingless" streaking through the clouds over the East River. Santa and his reindeer, perhaps? Not unless Saint Nick could travel 20 times faster than a plane.

On December 21, 2007, a nursing student had a close encounter that turned her from a skeptic to a believer. "I was sitting on my couch talking to my boyfriend and petting my cat when the hair on the back of my neck stood up and my cat flipped out", she told NUFORC. She looked out the window of her Flushing, Queens, apartment and allegedly saw a triangle-shaped object dotted with bright red lights.

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God, Aliens And Strippers
Scott Tracey
Guelph Mercury

I have seen, at least once in person and more recently on an amateur videotape, UFOs.

I won't go so far as to suggest I've seen spaceships, but they certainly were, in the truest sense, unidentified flying objects.

When I was about 12, my family was driving in two vehicles along the South Service Road, adjacent to the QEW, near Grimsby. My dad, who was driving our car, and my uncle, who was leading in his own car, both suddenly pulled over to the shoulder at the same time. We all got out to look at this weird round thing floating in the clear blue sky.

It seemed to hover silently in one place east of us, then quickly zipped over where we were standing and then stopped and appeared to hover again to our west. After several seconds, it sped away northbound toward Lake Ontario and like that, it was gone. Even then, I knew it was no plane or helicopter, and more than a quarter-century later I still remember the encounter vividly.

My next experience with an unidentified flying object came about a decade ago. I was working in our Fergus bureau when I got a call from a farmer up near Arthur, telling me about this strange thing that had flown over his fields a day earlier. It was a slow summer day, so I took a drive up to see what he had.

His jerky video depicted a pipe-shaped, black or dark grey object against a clear blue sky. The object seemed to be flying horizontally, then would suddenly switch its position so it appeared to be flying on one end, then would lean over at a roughly 45-degree angle, then back to horizontal and so on, all the while never changing its apparent flight path, before quickly disappearing.

I don't really know what to make of either incident, but I noted with some interest they are not unlike some of the accounts contained in approximately 1,000 pages of formerly classified UFO documents released this week by Britain's National Archives.

I do, however, think we would have to be pretty naive to believe that of the approximately 300 known planets, this tiny blue dot is the only one with life on it.

Even the Vatican's chief astronomer -- yes, the Vatican has a chief astronomer -- conceded recently there could be intelligent

life on other planets, noting to suggest otherwise would be to put limits on God's "creative freedom."

So the obvious issue is this: How to reconcile witness reports of eight-foot-tall, skinny, green-skinned, bulbous-headed aliens with the notion of "created in His image."

Speaking of clumsy segues...

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Mysterious Object Seen Flying Over Southampton

The Daily Echo needs help in solving Hampshire's latest UFO mystery.

Just a day after it was revealed 42 UFOs have been spotted in the county in the past ten years, a new video has emerged of a strange object in our skies.

The footage was captured by company director Will Campbell on Monday, May 5, and shows a cubeshaped object floating high above houses in Shirley.

"I was at home when my housemates Mina and Simon spotted the object out the window.

We could barely see it with the naked eye, so I got my video camera out to zoom in to get a clearer picture of the object," the 28-year-old said.

"It appeared to be a black, almost cube shaped. At first it was slowly rising, but then seemed to stabilise at an altitude and move away into the distance. We could see it for about 15 minutes, before it eventually got too far away." advertisement

Mr Campbell was confident the object wasn't a kite as there was "absolutely" no wind that day.

"Its large arc across the sky also means that it was not tethered to the ground in the way an advertising blimp would be.

The shape of the object wasn't round like a weather balloon.

"I rather hope that one of the readers of the Daily Echo might be able to shed some light on what the object was."

UFO expert welcomes the X Files - [click here](#)

Mr Campbell said he believed extra-terrestrial life was out there, but that he was very sceptical of most UFO claims.

"I don't believe that there is a great deal of UFO activity and I think that the vast majority of sightings can be explained. There are however a few sightings which are very difficult to explain."

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Creative Writing For Extraterrestrials

A college class, funded by a NASA Space Grant Consortium,
contemplates what to say to E.T.

Laramie, WYO. - On the windswept campus of the University of Wyoming, spring is struggling to arrive, students are fighting their way through finals, and Jeffrey Lockwood's creative writing class is grappling with how to talk to aliens. And they're not kidding.

"So, what this is really about is a cosmic first date?" Professor Lockwood teases the class. "You want to look good, but not fake?"

His 11 students, gathered for their final meeting of the semester, are discussing how to describe humanity to other civilizations. Should they put our best collective foot forward, and tell stories that illustrate altruism and romantic love? Should they also explain lying and warfare?

There are no easy answers. "I leave here with a headache a lot," says graduate creative-writing student Christina Ingoglia. "We're always constructing our audience. We can't assume a basic understanding of language =96 we can't assume anything."

During one of the semester's first classes, Lockwood asked the students to summarize the human condition in 250 words, then 50, then 10. While some students chose the poetic =96 "We are an adolescent species searching for our identity," wrote English major Ann Stebner =96 Ms. Ingoglia stuck with the anatomical. "Two arms, two legs, head, torso, symmetrical," she thought, would be a safer way to introduce humanity to an unknown world. "Then I realized that we're sending out all sorts of messages anyway, through radio waves," Ingoglia says, and she got bolder.

One of her projects, a series of fictional eulogies, takes a core sample of human diversity, describing the lives and deaths of an infant, a drag queen, an American soldier, and others through the eyes of loved ones.

English 4050/5560, otherwise known as "Interstellar Message Composition," is the first class to enlist creative writers in a potential cosmic conversation. Funded in part by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Wyoming Space Grant Consortium, it's designed to fill a practical =96 if extremely theoretical =96 need. "We've thought a lot about how we might communicate with other worlds, but we haven't thought much about

what we'd actually say," says Lockwood, a professor of natural science and humanities.

Humans have dreamed about conversing with extraterrestrials for centuries. We've considered lighting kerosene-filled canals in the Sahara Desert; we've listened for radio signals from Mars; and we've sent NASA spacecraft aloft with representations of human beings and the solar system, and recordings of the Brandenburg Concerto and "Johnny B. Goode."

In recent decades, while a few scientists have deliberately sent specific radio messages skyward, most have allowed humanity's daily buzz of signals to speak for itself. Extraterrestrial communication, after all, has significant political implications, and researchers have found it less controversial, and more efficient, to simply listen to the universe. But as powerful radiotelescopes allow astronomers to study stars in greater numbers and at greater distances, the chances of running into another civilization =96 while still considered infinitesimal =96 are better than ever.

"It could be tomorrow that we'll need to be ready to decide if we should reply," says Douglas Vakoch, director of interstellar message composition for the nonprofit SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) Institute in Mountain View, Calif.

Dr. Vakoch, who advises and has visited Lockwood's class, says decisions about whether and how to answer shouldn't be made by researchers alone. "I think it's really critical to have people start thinking about it =96 and it makes sense to start with writers," he says. "These are people who are really trying to express the human condition."

The work of creative writers could also inspire a more interesting conversation. "If all we end up talking about is 'Yeah, we know the Pythagorean theorem, too,' I'll be disappointed," says Lockwood. "I want to know something that challenges my parochial views of the universe."

In Lockwood's classroom, the questions continue. How might extraterrestrials communicate? Would they be able to see and hear, or only see, or have a sense completely foreign to us? Might they have technology able to translate human language, or would they better understand messages written in mathematical patterns, or with an extremely limited vocabulary? Through the semester, the students have experimented with all these possibilities. Graduate student Dixie Thoman presents a poem about menstruation, with syllables arranged in a Fibonacci sequence, and a poem that describes giving birth in only four words: pain, loud, force, breath.

The class, which includes a buffalo rancher, a university accountant who sculpts in his spare time, and psychology and journalism students alongside the creative writers, often disagreed. For the first several weeks of the class, English major Spencer Pittman argued against sending any fiction or poetry into the cosmos, favoring encyclopedia-style entries instead. "Why bother with another layer of cryptology?" he asks.

But in the course of the semester, he's changed his mind. "There are some things you can't convey without art," he says now.

The students ultimately discovered more commonalities than differences. "Birth came up a lot, death came up a lot," says Marissa Johnson-Valenzuela, a graduate student in creative writing. "We found out what's left when you take away all the minor stuff." And they all came to agree that when it comes to communicating big ideas, it's best to start small, with stories rather than grand abstractions.

Lockwood, who trained as an entomologist before venturing into philosophy and creative writing, found that the class drew on all his disparate interests. "Some insects can see into the ultraviolet spectrum, and can't see red light =96 others are acutely sensitive to odors, while we're basically blind to odors," he says. "Their world is not our world, and in some ways that primed me to be very interested in what it is to think and understand in a way that's radically different from our own."

After the close of the semester, the students will send their

writings to Vakoch and his colleagues at the SETI Institute, where their efforts may one day inspire a message to another world. While the chances of their stories, poems, and reflections finding a nonhuman audience are extraordinarily slim, Lockwood says that even the whisper of that possibility has kept his class engaged with the problem. And if his students' work is never heard =96 or understood =96 by its intended recipients, they'll still have learned something about the fundamental difficulties of interpersonal communication.

"In a sense," Lockwood says, "all writing is writing for extraterrestrials."

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First Contact Scenarios: How to Reply
by Paul Gilster
gilster.nul-dreams.org

I was anticipating a particular punch-line in Michelle Nijhuis's interesting article on communicating with extraterrestrials (Christian Science Monitor, May 15), and sure enough, it came where it should have, at the very end. Nijhuis quotes Jeffrey Lockwood (University of Wyoming): "In a sense, all writing is writing for extraterrestrials." Lockwood, who teaches creative writing at the University of Wyoming, understands a deep truth. Communication between two people of the same species can be profoundly mysterious and often filled with misconceptions. How, then, would we ever communicate with an extraterrestrial culture?

Assume we receive, at long last, a signal from the stars that is unmistakably an attempt to communicate. After long debate, we decide to respond, describing who we are as a species. Which of these statements, drawn from a class Lockwood teaches on the subject, offers the best ten-word summary of the human condition?

"We are an adolescent species searching for our identity."

"Two arms, two legs, head, torso, symmetrical."

I rather like the first one. It offers up a measured view of who we are without the usual self-flagellation about our abundant failures. But the second message is clearly more valuable in conveying the basics, at least in terms of our physical natures. Lockwood's class, funded by a NASA grant, questions how we make such a response, and the above answers came from an exercise in which he asked his students to reduce the human condition first to 250 words, then to fifty, then ten. But maybe fiction should be included in any response, or poetry, attempting to dig deeper not just into our biology but our philosophy, the view from inside the human head. Except how do we encode that view?

Douglas Vakoch, who ponders these matters for the SETI Institute, notes that the question of a human response could be triggered literally any day, if and when SETI delivers. Those of us who doubt this will happen, at least in our lifetimes, could find ourselves flat-footed if we don't start pondering the range of possible answers, assuming we decide that sending an answer is indeed wise (that debate should be interesting). Vakoch has a hand in Lockwood's class, having visited it and continuing to act as an advisor. He notes that it makes sense to start with writers. These are people who are really trying to express the human condition.

This is one class I wish I could sit in on. When dealing with issues involving extraterrestrial contact, we need as broad a pool of opinion as possible. Lockwood's students include not just writers but an accountant and a buffalo rancher, along with psychology majors and journalism students. The intellectual exercises they're doing are useful even without any SETI contact, for in essence, the subject is how much we know about who we are, and how much of that we are willing to share. These are issues that go back to the dawn of history, but every human being looks at them anew, though seldom in a context so charged and enigmatic as first contact with another civilization.

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UFO: An Undeniably Fading Obsession

The opening of the British X-Files shows that the internet has killed off flying saucers

by
Ben Macintyre

In 1985 a man wrote to the Ministry of Defence, politely explaining that he had been in contact with aliens since the age of 7. He had visited alien bases in Cheshire and Wirral, he said, befriended a charming alien called Algar and seen a UFO shot down next to Wallasey Town Hall, "as if done by an invisible entity". The writer described how he had arranged for his alien chum to meet representatives of the Government, but sadly Algar was killed by rival aliens before the meeting could take place. The writer concluded: "That, of course, was that."

The matter-of-fact tone is what makes this particular letter so touching, and so representative of the hundreds of similar alien and UFO sightings reported to the MoD and now made public for the first time.

The story of Algar is more dramatic than most UFO sightings. The vast majority of UFO spotters, as revealed in the MoD files, are not fantasists, but ordinary people who thought they saw something extraordinary in the sky. The spacecraft tend to come in familiar forms, with saucer and cigar shapes the perennial favourites. Coloured lights are also popular. (Why do aliens, who clearly have no wish to make contact, still tend to turn up here with all their lights flashing? Perhaps, like us, they just forget to turn the headlights off from time to time.)

Some UFO spotters have reason to be resentful, like the elderly Hampshire fisherman taken on a tour of a spaceship by little men in green overalls but then rejected as a captive human specimen because he was too old: a notorious example of space-ageism. Some are unwilling to believe their own eyes, like the Woking policemen who saw a white light descending in Horsell. (In H.G.Wells's War of the Worlds, the first Martians land on Horsell Common, which left the policemen wondering if their account would be mocked.) "Genuine report. Two competent officers slightly embarrassed," notes the report.

A few sightings are genuinely compelling and intriguing, and some are sweetly humdrum: like the alien spacecraft tootling along the A839 to Lairg at a steady and law-abiding 30mph. But most are perfectly straightforward, each written up on a determinedly undramatic form by MoD bureaucrats: time, date, angle of flight, background of informant, etc.

"The sole interest of the MoD in UFO reports," the ministry declares, "is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest." They don't. Instead, they reveal something much more interesting: a passionate fascination with the mysteries of space that transcends gender, age, class and geography, and an urgent desire to believe in other worlds that amounts to a sort of secular spiritualism. Even the most sceptical reports come tinged with awe.

The sheer scale of the alien invasion is phenomenal. The British X-Files contain more than 7,000 separate sightings, 150 files in all, of which just eight have been released so far. The flight of the UFO is a tale deeply embedded in our cultural DNA, a part of modern folklore but also an ancient portent, reflecting the grip of the celestial unknown on human imagination down the ages. In the Old Testament, Ezekiel sees a fiery chariot in the sky. The most famous UFO of all hovered over Bethlehem.

The UFO story has evolved over time, but the fundamentals remain the same. The uncertainties of war and rapid technological advances tend to breed UFOs in large numbers. "What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to?" Winston Churchill wondered in 1951. "What can it mean?"

Space travel brought other planets closer to earth, and an upsurge in alien visitation, but interest in UFOs has waxed and waned, often propelled by popular culture. The number of British UFO sightings almost doubled after the release of Close Encounters of the Third Kind in 1977.

Soon after, the MoD felt obliged to dismiss ufology as "claptrap". Some psychologists believe alien abduction can be diagnosed as epilepsy or transient narcolepsy, a form of temporary sleep paralysis. UFO sightings have variously been put down to wishful thinking, credulity and too much beer. But at root, the phenomenon reflects something more profound: a sort of antidote to cosmic loneliness, the age-old urge to peer into the dark and wonder what or who might be out there.

You do not have to believe in flying saucers to believe in the flights of imagination they inspire. Many of the people reporting UFOs simply saw something unexpected and wondered, like Churchill, what it could mean.

We wonder still, but not like we used to. For the last decade UFO sightings have steadily declined. The British Flying Saucer Bureau closed in 2003. The number of UFOs dipped with the invention of the colour television and plunged with the advent of the internet. Perhaps in an complex and uncertain society, people have more practical concerns.

We no longer look into the sky and ponder the chances of anything coming from Mars. And even if we did, with the spread of light pollution, it would take a spaceship with very bright lights to be spotted at all.

The decline in UFO sightings may reflect a healthy scepticism, but a world without extraterrestrials would be drab indeed. The British X-Files reveal a people alert to the sky, imaginative, eccentric, slightly embarrassed and above all inquisitive. Perhaps this new proof of our former fascination with the mysteries of space will rekindle the curiosity. More likely, our remaining sense of wonder will erode still further; the flying objects of the future will be not only unidentified but unnoticed. And that, of course, will be that.

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Source: PRWeb - Ferndale, Washington ,USA

<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2008/5/prweb948704.htm>

May 17, 2008

The UFO Experience Reconsidered: Science And Speculation

Rob Mason attempts to reduce UFOs to science. Unlike many books on this subject, even the speculations of this book have a scientific basis.

Mendocino, California (PRWEB) May 17, 2008 -- This book was inspired by, and is loosely based on The UFO Experience: A Scientific Inquiry (1972) by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Dr. Hynek's book is generally considered to be a classic and the most influential book ever written about UFOs but much has happened since 1972. This new book not only brings us up-to-date, but extrapolates on current science whenever possible. The book is published by Schooner Moon Books of Mendocino, California.

The UFO Experience Reconsidered: Science and Speculation offers perspectives in three basic categories: natural causes, domestic technology, and alien technology. But perhaps more importantly a new way of looking at the phenomena is proposed that has been largely overlooked by other authors, and which finds itself at home in any of these three possibilities.

The reader will not find discussions of government cover-ups or conspiracy theories, accounts of abductions, or metaphysical and supernatural hypotheses. However, not excluded are speculations about possible alien visitations, what alien technology might be capable of, or what the distant future might hold. Rob Mason wrote The UFO Experience Reconsidered: Science and Speculation as his personal adventure of the mind which is why it is written in the first person. Recollections and research are inserted where deemed appropriate.

About The Author: Mr. Mason brings to his writing the multiple perspectives gained from a diverse working and personal history. He is a graduate of Oregon State University and was for many years a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California. He also spent over twenty years as a professional artist, and a number of his works are reproduced in this book. This is his second book.

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The UFO Experience: Science and Speculation by Robert L. Mason

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Not Unusual To See UFOs

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Archived: Sat, 17 May 2008 14:15:00 -0400
Subject: Not Unusual To See UFOs

Source: The Derry Journal - Ireland

<http://tinyurl.com/6q6sas>

May 17th, 2008

'Not Unusual To See UFOs' - Says Planetarium Director

As the furore over Derry's alleged UFO sighting continues, Ash McFadden, Director of the Inishowen Planetarium, speaks to the 'Journal' about his own experience of unidentified flying objects.

Although he doesn't believe in little green men, Mr McFadden, who is also a rocket scientist, is adamant that UFO's do exist but may be entirely man-made.

"It's not unusual to see UFOs, there are certainly plenty of things up there that cannot eas

ily be identified by the average person, or even by scientists or commercial pilots, and I am both.

"I remain a firm non-believer in UFO's from Outer Space, but I have seen things that I believe are more like secret projects than little green men," he said yesterday.

With decades of experience in this particular field, Mr McFadden knows about space more than most.

"I've definitely seen things I can't identify, one was in retrograde orbit in the early 60s and was moving in the opposite direction of the Echo 1 satellite, which moves in the direction of earth's orbit," he revealed.

"This thing was going west and the only logical way it could be going in that direction is if it came from somewhere else.

"The second time I saw something was when I was watching a B47 and a KC97 refuelling in mid-air, again in the early 60s.

Twice as fast

"They were at 30,000 feet, high enough to still be in the sunshine even though the sun had set, and something appeared far above these aircraft, going twice as fast. Nothing we owned back then could possibly have done that."

Having watched the skies for most of his life, Mr McFadden says it would be scientifically impossible for life outside our solar system to travel to earth," he added.

"If there are UFOs, then I believe they are something on earth we don't know about, either from America, or Russia or China maybe. I believe this simply because the distances involved are so vast. At the speed of light it would take us four years to

get to the nearest star, so you would be looking at a trip of thousands of years to even reach some far-off conceivably inhabited star."

"There are certainly things out there flying around that we don't know about, but that's only because they don't want us to know about them," he added.

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Re: Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien

From: Eileen Nesbitt <nesbittplac7.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2008 12:32:43 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 07:13:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2008 08:59:00 -0500
>Subject: Re: Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien Belief

>>Source: The Chicago Tribune - Illinois, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/4avwwr>

>>May 16, 2008

>>Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien Belief

>>By Rex W. Huppke | Tribune reporter
>>rhuppke.nul

>>Word that the Vatican had declared devout Catholics free to
>>believe in aliens traveled at warp speed this week, around the
>>globe and, quite possibly, to points unknown.

><snip>

>One can think what one wants, but it remains that a closed
>institution this big admitting stuff in 'that' direction, at
>all, is still a sign cueing expectant music and raising curtains
>on something. It seems obvious they spread their bets & chips
>around the cultural board. Why?

>Too, don't want the 'fundies' looking more rational, you know?

But they do look rational now don't they.

If we've thought it out, the Christian, Muslims and Jews who
previously had a firm and negative stance on UFOs and aliens
will (in time if not already) change their tune because they
were basically given permission to dwell in the subject now. I
post in two religious forums and one of them are Catholic. They
were so against hearing about UFOs and aliens to the point of
argument but now will instead become our forum members, blog
writers, website owners as well as surfers on the Internet
regarding UFOs and aliens where as before they wouldn't dare.

There are many other things that will come of this certainly and
I'm certainly all for it. Changing the ideas and thoughts of the
Christian I thought would be a harder trek than disclosure but
it's now a done deal.

It's going to get real exciting over the next couple of years
and I believe it had everything to do with these statements made
by the representatives of the Vatican, the Russian Muslims and
the Jews.

More importantly, that devil, fallen angel stigma put on the
aliens will (hopefully) be reduced to zero.

The voice from the Vatican and the hundreds of articles to
follow just like it have allowed for great change and the UFO
Community certainly should recognize such and be prepared for
it.

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UFOs On Dateline NBC Tonight

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2008 13:07:12 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 07:16:08 -0400
Subject: UFOs On Dateline NBC Tonight

At 7 PM, Sunday, May 18:

Dateline NBC will feature 10 UFO cases.

The video clip I watched at:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com>

features an extract about the Hudson Valley Triangle.

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Re: First Contact Scenarios: How to Reply

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 17 May 2008 19:02:15 +0100
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 07:21:02 -0400
Subject: Re: First Contact Scenarios: How to Reply

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 17 May 2008 12:57:00 -0400
>Subject: Re: First Contact Scenarios: How to Reply

>Source: Paul Gilster's Centauri Dreams Blog

><http://www.centauri-dreams.org/>

>First Contact Scenarios: How to Reply
>by Paul Gilster
>gilster.nul-dreams.org

Apparently there's a document called the 1989 Declaration of Principles Concerning Activities Following the Detection of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Want to bet it contains a phrase that translates as: 'Please don't tell the general public anything - reality isn't good for them'?

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: UFOs On Dateline NBC Tonight

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 07:45:42 -0400
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 18:25:56 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs On Dateline NBC Tonight

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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Go to:

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/24600744/>

and you can get an idea of what the show is doing and they're looking for submissions to add to the mix.

Steve

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Re: Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 14:38:40 EDT
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 18:29:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien

>Source: The Chicago Tribune

><http://tinyurl.com/4avwwr>

>May 16, 2008

>Enthusiasts Say 'Amen' As Vatican Allows Alien Belief
>By Rex W. Huppke | Tribune reporter
>rhuppke.nul

Quite an enlightening article! Again from the Tribune.

I'm glad they added the data that the issue of life on other worlds isn't something new but has been considered in theory, debate and even belief long before the Golden Age of UFOs came about in the late '40s.

It mirrors something I kept running into for decades when asking friends and relatives in the old countries and older cultures. They had no problem with the concept of aliens and those alien beings as visitors and interventionists.

It was only when I asked anyone here in the U.S. about the issue and you damned near got thrown into prison or worse.

I could go on and on about people, military at that who've fallen apart in my presence when the UFO subject came up. Most were indeed Catholics. Something shook their tree and most folks on this list know what. The best thing about Vatican addressing the issue in such a sincere manner is that it brings relief and calm to people of that denomination and the faithful as a whole that they don't have to listen to governments and media and pop culture to determine what's real for them.

We need more of this type of communication from the churches.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 15:56:06 -0300
Archived: Sun, 18 May 2008 19:32:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>Source: Interfax News Agency - Moscow, Russia

><http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=4675>

>15 May 2008

>The Orthodox Church Negates UFO-People - A Theology Professor

>Moscow, May 15, Interfax - The Orthodoxy excludes a possibility
>of existing extraterrestrial intelligence, the famous theologian
>and professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Alexey Osipov
>said.

<snip>

That's pretty childish in any event. I note his credentials up front, "the famous theologian and professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Alexey Osipov". Sort of like getting a degree in changing tires from the Wal-Mart for all the value it has. Self fulfilling BS.

Don Ledger

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Open Letter To Mike Nardi Of NBC Dateline

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 21:42:47 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 May 2008 06:36:42 -0400
Subject: Open Letter To Mike Nardi Of NBC Dateline

Dear Mike,

Your Dateline show was reasonably good despite the attempted 'debunking' of each case.

I have some problems with your presentation of the cases that I investigated.

However, I was really disturbed by your perpetuation of the mixup of the 8:30 PM and 10 PM sightings over Phoenix. Typically you would have one of the 8:30 PM witnesses, which include Gov. Symington, talking while you showed the 10 PM lights which were probably flares. You never made it clear that there is a deliniation between the sightings at the two times: at 8:30 PM the witnesses said the object was "right overhead" but the 10 PM lights were on the horizon, clearly not "overhead".

Therefore the 'explanations' proposed by the 'skeptics' - flares - did not apply to the 8:30 PM witnesses.

Fortunately James Fox has it correct in his documentary.

Sincerely,

Bruce Maccabee

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PRG Press Release - May 19, 2008 Billy Cox

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 22:40:57 -0400
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Subject: PRG Press Release - May 19, 2008 Billy Cox

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Paradigm Research Group

May 19, 2008
Press Release
Bill Cox Reportage

Washington, DC -- PRG has published a new webpage on its site dedicated to the reporting of journalist Billy Cox. No reporter at any newspaper in any nation has written more competently or comprehensively on the many issues surrounding extraterrestrial-related phenomena. He received the PRG Courage in Journalism Award in 2005.

See: www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/PRG_Awards.htm

A partial linked listing of his relevant articles and blogs is now archived at:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Billyl_Cox_Reportage.htm

As the most significant news story in history begins to unfold at an ever increasing pace, Pulitzer Prize possibilities abound. But any reporter or editor who wants a piece of that action will have to pedal very hard if they want to get out in front of Billy Cox.

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Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 06:44:30 -0400
Archived: Mon, 19 May 2008 06:44:30 -0400
Subject: Lack Of Evidence Stalls Investigation Of UFO

Source: The Dallas Morning News - Texas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/69mpzo>

Monday, May 19, 2008

Lack Of Evidence Stalls Investigation Of UFO Sightings

By Tawnell D. Hobbs
The Dallas Morning News
tdhobbs.nul

Whether a UFO visited two Central Texas towns will remain a mystery - at least for now.

"All the video that we've analyzed hasn't provided substantial proof," Ken Cherry, Texas state director of the Mutual UFO Network, said Sunday. "Without definite evidence, we're left with the word of our witnesses."

The Erath County towns of Stephenville and Dublin were thrust into the national spotlight in January after dozens of people - including a pilot and business owners - said they saw a large, silent object with bright lights flying low on Jan. 8. Two military jets were in hot pursuit, the witnesses said.

Mr. Cherry and the UFO network's chief investigator, Steve Hudgeons, delivered their findings at an Irving public library. Mr. Cherry said the case is at a standstill unless someone produces better evidence.

Several dozen people who attended the meeting Sunday are convinced that Texas was visited by something not from this world.

"I think that 200 people didn't make something up," said Dallas resident Jackie Schroller, a new member of the network, which has chapters all over the U.S.

The investigation looked at various pieces of evidence, including a cellphone video that was too dark to be conclusive. Mr. Hudgeons said most of what witnesses saw could be explained, such as a light display being caused by an unsteady camera focused on a bright star.

Mr. Cherry said the findings "will not satisfy the believers or the debunkers."

Some at the meeting said they believe the U.S. government wants to keep secret about what was in the sky.

The military initially denied having any planes in the area on Jan. 8. About two weeks later, it said some F-16 fighters had been flying near Stephenville that night.

The flip-flop was blamed on "an internal communications error."

Mr. Cherry said the witnesses are very credible and difficult to ignore. He said three police officers, who do not want to come forward publicly, also reported seeing light patterns in the sky.

"One was close enough to it to use his radar gun to track the thing," he said. "It moved away at 27 miles per hour and then vanished."

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Flatwoods Monster Meets With Mothman At UFO

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Subject: Flatwoods Monster Meets With Mothman At UFO

Source: The Beckley Register-Herald - West Virginia, USA

http://www.register-herald.com/local/local_story_139225400.html

May 18, 2008 10:54 pm

Flatwoods Monster Meets With Mothman At UFO extravaganza

By Mannix Porterfield
Register-Herald Reporter
mannix.nul-herald.com

Consider the show's title for a moment.

If you've lived long enough, it revives memories of those old 1950s-era sci-fi flicks, back when outrageous monsters from other planets, or long submerged in the depths of an ocean, tromped awkwardly across the silver screen to do combat with one another or any earthling that stood in their paths.

Actually, there's to be no rivalry when the Flatwoods Monster teams up with Mothman in late summer in the Kanawha Valley.

What is happening merely is a second running of a UFO extravaganza, one that attracts the true believers from one coast to another, as well as some foreign disciples to boot.

"Everybody is going to think it's Godzilla meets Mothra," show promoter Larry Bailey quipped, recalling the Japanese take on American-made monster flicks popular decades ago.

In reality, the Sept. 12-13 event, planned at the new Alban Art Conference Center in St. Albans, is designed to pay homage to West Virginia's two most famous oddities - the Flatwoods Monster that disrupted the pastoral setting of Braxton County in 1952 and the bird-like creature known as Mothman, whose eerie arrival preceded the deadly Silver Bridge collapse in 1967.

While the two were never known to compete, it's indisputable they have been rivals for media attention for many years.

Mothman inspired a spate of books and magazine articles, not to mention a Richard Gere film titled The Mothman Prophecies.

Arriving on a summer night in 1952 and thought by one writer to be part of a convoy of alien spaceships engaged by the U.S. Air Force in a spirited battle off the Atlantic Coast, the Flatwoods Monster has garnered its share of notoriety. In particular, he has been the subject of three books by author-illustrator Frank Feschino.

His latest effort, titled The Flatwoods Monster - Myth To Reality, is the result of painstaking research the past 17 years in which the Florida resident takes a chronological view of the first sighting and a floodtide of reports and newspaper articles that followed its brief visit to the hills of West Virginia.

Feschino's first book on the subject explored the basic facts, but in a more pointed follow-up, "Shoot Them Down," the Floridian went to lengths to show the "monster" was in fact an extraterrestrial warrior sidelined when his ship was knocked out of combat in a savage 1952 air battle.

Now, in his third offering, Feschino is letting the full string run out on the Flatwoods incident that put the little hamlet on the map after a bizarre, robot-like entity that first mesmerized, then frightened away, a gaggle of youths playing football and three adults who accompanied them up a steep hill overlooking their playground. Witnesses remembered a sound that resembled bacon frying in a pan and a stifling, sulfur odor emanating from the 'alien'.

"I go back to the very first day and I have information from the day the event took place from all the reporters, investigators and newspaper accounts from around the world in a chronological, straight order and bring the original investigators into it," the writer explained.

"And then I bring it right up to modern times."

Feschino left no known stone unturned in quest of the truth of a subject that has haunted since he first learned of it while attending an aunt's funeral in the area nearly two decades ago.

"Basically, it's like a courtroom layout," he says.

"It's a fun book. It's a really good read, an easy read. It's chock full of information that nobody has ever seen. I've been putting this stuff away for years. A 12-year-old kid could read this book. Every step of the story is basically a segment of the Flatwoods story in a chapter. Then I use all of the original investigators' comments, tie them in with a section of the story, then I pull out all the reporters from the 1960s. And I have the interviews with the witnesses."

To learn as much as possible, Feschino contacted reporters who handled the "Flatwoods Monster" phenomenon, among them Skip Johnson, formerly an outdoor columnist with The Charleston Gazette.

Feschino has come to be identified so closely with the Flatwoods Monster that Kathleen May, one of the adult witnesses, has jokingly referred to him as her third son. While back in West Virginia, he hopes to drum up support for a proposed museum housing not only UFO memorabilia but that of the space industry as well.

Joining the author at the St. Albans event will be Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist and UFO author, generally recognized as the world's foremost authority on the subject; Jeff Wamsley, paranormal investigator and curator of the Mothman Museum in Point Pleasant; Chad Lambert, author of "Return to Point Pleasant"; John Ventri, MUFON director in Pennsylvania and West Virginia; and Alfred Lehmborg, UFO Magazine columnist and author.

"I told the story like I'm the ninth person there," Feschino said of the Flatwoods incident.

St. Albans Mayor Dick Callaway takes an objective, neutral position on UFOs, but is glad to see Feschino and Friedman co-hosting the second such UFO summit in his town.

"I won't say I believe in them," Callaway cautioned an interviewer.

"I will say there's a possibility, simply because they can't prove or disprove. They have a body of evidence, but there's no jury returning a verdict on that yet."

Bailey worked with Wamsley, and the Mothman Museum curator agreed it would be a novel idea to have both curiosities spotlighted at the 2008 summit.

"We had a good turnout last year, considering the Marshall-WVU football game was on Saturday," he said.

"We're getting calls already. One man in California has called. He drives cross-country every year for something. He's 70 years old. This year, it's going to be our show."

Football might not be a distraction this time around, but Bailey conceded the rising gasoline prices could affect attendance.

At least for those piloting human-made vehicles.

No one has yet ascertained how many miles per gallon one can log with a spaceship. Or just what it costs at the pumps at outer space stations.

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NBC Zero-Based Journalism & Zero Progress

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Dateline UFO Special Sunday 5-18-08

Zero Based Journalism Zero Progress

Listers,

There are two primary possibilities that can account for the wretched shameful excuse for real journalism, that the NBC Dateline special aired on 5-18-08 on 10 UFO cases can represent. Either causation is damning and reflects a colossal failure of standards and practices of real journalism.

An explanation is an indictment. If the news story was a real and sincere attempt to get the truth on UFOs the entire staff should be either fired with investigation into hiring practices or the current editor find another line of work, such as reporting professional wrestling.

Why when the reporting topic is UFOs and strange lights in the sky, that a high majority of journalists mind and usual due diligence, fly out the window or fall to the ground.?

Why when UFOs are discussed a strange new form of zero-based journalism does occur? Previous UFO research from books, or a hundred analogic cases, or numerous prior instances that are building blocks of the current cases vanish.. Previous decades largely disappear, a broader context is missing.

Imagine a mathematics class, where one kept going over and over, and over, the first few pages, on real numbers, rational, irrational, and every time every days lesson was the essentially the same as the previous days. The class iterated over and over what a number was, and operation's on those numbers, even on the two hundreth's attempt never got past one plus one or the associative or commutative laws.

This simplifies the journalist process immensely, since virtually no history is laid out. Such as looking into the evidence that there was a small fleet of specially equipped OV-10 acrobatic very quiet small observation aircraft that were based at Steward AFB and that this operation was logistically related to CIA Operations Was this related to an attempt to add noise to the UFO signal ? What about the convenient timely appearance of this fleet after big delta incidents.?

Were there flares dropped after UFOs appeared? Is this a watch the "flare" birdies decoy operation?

At this rate we'll be stuck in this same futile circular and mockery of real journalism - ten years from now.

When is a serious national security beat reporter going to truly bite into this, seeing the magnitude of the event and activity and corpus of evidence.

One that will fight for resources and priority and when this goes up the management and ownership chain, there is one owner somewhere at a network, major news magazine cable giant, that has courage plus and will say "the evidence merits a full court

press, that we will bet the company on busting this, all go flat out, enlisting added reporters on a large heavy hitter team.

They could do more in a month than all the UFO specials shown for the last thirty years. Because no one has got serious about this yet. SERIOUS enough to take on the government (s) itself. And a team with the mental power to recognize that any disclosure that happens from inside will be a cynical spin and ploy to say a great deal about very limited hangout, combined with a attack and smear on UFO researchers themselves. 'That these two objectives coupled together, the attack on credibility of the research community, while sacrificing a few secrets to insulate and limit what truly sensitive subjects they do not wish to reveal.

Where is the great spotlight of examination on the skeptics, when for example Mr. Shirmer consistently avoids solid cases of extraordinary corroborative power. such as simultaneous ground and air, visual and radar and camera records and no one presses him to the wall on this?;

Zero-based reporting is for specials like the just aired NBC Special which had a lot of production money poured into it, lots of glitz and gloss of wrapping, but almost empty inside.

Forget the spooky music, flying many to on site video interviews at the sighting locations, and go through some real reporting diligence and reconstruct the larger picture and immense congruent patterns of serious witnesses.

And for reporter's and reputation's sake bring out that incredible video that is canned and sequestered in high secure locked rooms at the networks and cable giants.

Time for the first real special on UFOs, it will take 3 hours to present and have a lot of investigative reporters, some sources voices disguised and in dark outline. This special will have the office water cooler boiling over with hot rhetoric and say things that will have the nation finally demanding that the owners claim ownership. That we the owners fire the agendas by unelected elites who every one put their pants on one leg at a time and if they can handle the big busy good bad and ugly galaxy, so can we,

Meanwhile the team that produced that monstrosity on Dateline need to apologize and perhaps find different work, maybe checking the dogcatcher to see if he or she is getting free Krispy Creme doughnuts.

Vince White

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Bruce,

Ditto. That was my same thought when I watched the episode. And their coverage of the Stephenville episode was such a quick brush stroke that they might as well have not covered it.

Robert

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Mon, May. 19, 2008

Stephenville-Area UFO Sightings Still Unexplained After Investigation

By Bryon Okada and Matt Frazier
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VALLEY RANCH -- Despite many eyewitnesses who can be regarded as credible, investigators from the Mutual UFO Network's state chapter were unable to conclusively confirm that what people in the Stephenville area saw in January was a bona-fide UFO.

In addition, what is considered to be the most provocative piece of evidence about the event -- a 12-minute video by David Caron that seems to show a moving object writing "glyphs" against the night sky -- is a zoomed-in video of a star.

"We're probably going to get a lot of flak for that," said the network's Texas chapter director, Ken Cherry.

The group heard what may well be their investigators' final report on the matter Sunday afternoon at the Valley Ranch Public Library and Cherry says he expects that when the full report gets out to the public, the prevailing sentiment may very well be frustration.

"It will not satisfy the believers or the debunkers," Cherry told the group.

The report's contents were delivered by Cherry and the UFO Network's chief Texas investigator, Steve Hudgeons, in PowerPoint fashion. It is expected to be published in the group's upcoming journal.

The findings include:

Most of the significant sightings were in the Dublin area, not in Stephenville. Of the 19 reports from the January 8 event, 55 percent were in the Dublin area.

Credible witnesses included a pilot, constable, city officials, business owners, clergy and teachers "and a full conglomerate of others," Hudgeons said.

About 95 percent of the reports described bright lights: red, blue, orange, white and yellow.

The object investigators concentrated on was described as being 1 mile long and a half-mile wide.

The sightings came during a period of increased UFO sightings in

Texas. From 1969 through September 2007, there were 496 Texas cases. In the last six months alone, there have been 240 reports in Texas. The increase began in December, before the Stephenville sightings.

Other explanations for what people saw were: a military target sleeve, sensitivity of cameras, lights from other sources, sun dogs, lens flares and bad film.

What did the UFOs look like?

Descriptions vary. Some said the object was up to a mile long and hundreds of yards high. Others described seeing two to eight lights that flew in formation, changed color and shined with intensity greater than a welding flame.

What is the network?

The Mutual UFO Network is a nationwide organization that studies unidentified flying objects. Its Texas chapter took statements from about 50 witnesses Jan. 19 and interviewed at least 70 more, gathering descriptions, sketches, pictures and videos. A full report is scheduled in this month's issue of the network's publication. For more information, go to www.mufon.com.

What's all this about a UFO invasion?

Dozens of people around Dublin and Stephenville -- about 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth -- say they saw flying objects on or around Jan. 8 that they could not identify and that did not move like conventional aircraft. Some of the witnesses said the objects were being accompanied or followed by military aircraft. News of the sighting captured interest across the world.

Are these people crackpots?

This sighting gained national and international attention because of the number and quality of witnesses, including a county constable and a pilot. Many are also familiar with aircraft because the military has a flight practice zone that ends just south of the sighting area.

Why didn't they take pictures?

Taking pictures of UFOs is not easy, some of the witnesses say. A few pictures and videos have surfaced. While some can be explained, some can't, including a video captured on a camera attached to the county constable's car.

Was there a military conspiracy?

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at Naval Air Station Fort Worth, initially said they had nothing flying in the area. Two weeks later, Lewis said that there had been "an internal error in communication" and that 10 F-16s from the 457th Fighter Squadron were training between 6 and 8 p.m. Jan. 8. Witnesses say the admission adds credibility to their stories.

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As my grandpa would say, "Great day in the morning!". To this
day I've never heard him use one cuss word and he's now in his
90's, lived through WWI and fought in WWII and raised my mom. If
anyone deserved to cuss he does but doesn't. I do enough cussin'
for the past 3 generations and that's why I didn't watch last
night's NBC Dateline special. I don't know how many times I've
said on this list in bold letters, well not really bold but
emphasized as if they were, that to never, ever, trust the
mainstream news media regarding UFOs! How many times do I have
to say this?

During the infamous Peter Jennings special I warned everyone but
it fell on deaf ears. People were made fools of by Jenning's
irresponsible leadership.

How many of the investigators and researchers on this List has
ever worked for a mainstream news service and seen what happens

behind the scenes? I can raise my hand, how many more?

I've spent the majority of my life in and around mainstream news and not only that, I was there on two occasions when huge UFOs flew right over our newspaper with multiple witnesses and no news! Hudson Valley UFOs? Folks I was there dead center, ground zero, up close and then some!

That lame excuse about a bunch of ultralights from Stormville airport is true in part. There were ultralights flying around. No doubt about that at all because you could hear them from miles away with those loud ass engines.

I was in the newsroom when the reporter did the investigation. I still talk to him to this day. Matter of fact I was the first person to get the first photos of the big V-shaped craft from a high school pal who took the pics while in the presence of other friends including law enforcement and technical experts.

The Hudson Valley UFO incidents, and emphasis on the plural, are the biggest conspiracy in UFOs since Roswell. The only difference is that they've been going on for decades in plain site and there was a time you couldn't avoid seeing the various craft in that area.

Attributing every UFO report in the region to ultralight fliers is incompetence, and laziness, and outright lying through their teeth, and I'm so pissed they're still playing this game that if one of those jerks ever said that to me about ultralights I'd probably punch their lights out on the spot.

For cryin' out loud, we're on our second generation of eyewitnesses!

I was there I tell you. This crap has ruined many people's lives and even though I'll admit that some of the sightings were aircraft both civilisn and military, not all are. No way in heck or highwater.

These lies and downright stupid investigations that the press puts out is unfathomable to me to what depths they'll stoop to undermine us all. Let this be a lesson to the well heeled, if the press can screw up these investigations, how many more issues are coming at us with such incompetence?

Timed well and another invalidation strategy? Vatican lightened up this week and the U.K.s UFO files came forth. MUFON released it's Texas UFO sightings report too.

I know the pattern, I know the drills. I'm not on any talk shows so maybe that's why my voice is just a whistle in the dark but I did check my website stats at my ufomafia.com blog and lo and behold TIME Magazine linked to my blog! Don't know why but they did. Go figure.

There's even some mystery about that too.

So more disappointment from the mainstream media? Like what did you expect? The public doesn't believe these news clowns anyway.

I got my learning experience back in the 80's when Chernobyl went up and the AP Laserphoto machine at our news office spit out a dozen or so close_up photos from the scene of a saucer maneuvering around the building. Those pics were confiscated from me by our managing editor and I'll swear to that in court. Not 'what I interpreted to be a saucer', it was a saucer in the most clear photos of one I've ever seen.

End to that mystery.

So don't hold your breath for the U.S. news media to do a job right because they can't!

Best,

Greg
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Thanks, Stan.

Since the New Zealand case was # 2 it is important to clarify
something that Jim Oberg said about it. He claimed that a
satellite photo shows the squid fleet in NZ waters at the time
of the sighting. IT was visible to the satellite because each
boat turns on over a hundred thousand watts worth of
incandescent light to lure squid to the surface.

Oberg is correct: the fleet was in NZ waters, but about 130 nm
east of the area where the UFO was seen. The unidentified light
was not a squid boat. (Note: "solitary squid boat" was the "last
explanation standin" after all the others had been shot down.)

Anyone who wants to know why it wasn't a squid boat can check
out

http://brumac.8k.com/NEW_ZEALAND/NZSB.html

You can also check the opening web page for other articles on the New Zealand sightings. One article is a .doc file that provides a history of the Dec. 31, 1978 sightings.

Note: even though almost 30 years-old these sightings are still important because they are, so far as I am aware, the only ones in civilian literature which combine multiple witnesses, including an experienced air crew and skeptical news reporters - where were witnesses such as Quentin Fogarty - ground radar, airplane radar and color movie film.

Anyone aware of another radar-visual case that includes film or video?

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Shag Harbour UFO Festival

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I thought it time to inform the listers that there will be a UFO festival in Shag Harbour on August 8 and 9. The 9th will be a day of speakers [6] held at the curling club in Barrington Passage.

Go here:

<http://shagharbourufo.com>

or <http://shagharborufo.com>

for information and ticket sales. This page will be updated soon with bios and more detail of each speaker's topic on the 9th and there is an itinerary of events for August 8 as well.

Note, there will be seafood.

Best,

Don Ledger

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NBC's Dateline Airs Misleading UFO Footage
by Tony Ortega

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And I wasn't disappointed.

Hey, NBC, try to pay attention: there were TWO separate events on the night of March 13, 1997 over the skies of Arizona. The mysterious "vee" that so many people across the state witnessed was seen over Prescott at about 8:15 p.m. and traveled south over Phoenix at about 8:30 and passed over Tucson at 8:45. That's 200 miles in thirty minutes which - check with your calculator if you'd like - means the vee was moving at about 400 miles per hour. Some early eyewitnesses perceived that the vee was high in the sky, others swore it was low and moving very slowly. (And I mention "early" purposely. As the months passed, more and more elaborate - and ridiculous - claims were made by eyewitnesses who were clearly trying to one-up each other.) But as I've pointed out many times, the eyeball is a lousy instrument for judging the altitude of point sources of light in a night sky. Simple physics, however, suggests the vee was high in the sky and moving very fast.

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had told his mother, who was standing nearby, that the lights were planes. After my story, the Arizona Republic also wrote about Stanley, and also found him impressive. Didn't you check that out, Dateline?

Back to the night of March 13. News of the 8:30 pm sighting traveled fast, so a large number of people were outside with videocameras when the second and unrelated event, at about 10 pm, happened in the sky southwest of Phoenix. A string of lights appeared in the sky, and slowly sank until they disappeared behind the nearby Estrella Mountain range. This was later shown to be a string of flares dropped by the Maryland Air National Guard over the North Tac military range. Dr. Lynne Kitei can tell NBC that these lights were magical and "intelligent" and later showed up just outside her living room window all she wants, but the videotapes taken that night by many people show without a doubt that this was a string of mundane lights that fell and disappeared behind the range, exactly as a string of flares dropped by the military planes would.

Now, the problem developed when the "flare" explanation emerged first, and took root hard, explaining away the 10 pm sighting. But for the many people who had seen the earlier vee pass directly over their heads, flares made no sense whatsoever. And news organizations never bother to differentiate between the two events or report on the Stanley identification - even the Arizona Republic (a truly pathetic example of a daily newspaper) stopped referring to its earlier solid reporting on the Lights and began promoting it as "unexplained."

To this day, programs like Dateline invariably question people who saw the earlier "vee" event, and quote them saying that flares couldn't possibly explain what they saw. They are right. They didn't see flares, they saw a formation of planes.

In last night's program, Dateline repeatedly showed people talking about their memories of the 8:30 vee while showing video of the 10 pm flares. Talk about misleading.

By the way, NBC: There was a single cameraman who caught the 8:30 vee and the later event. I saw his tape myself. It clearly showed the five lights of the 8:30 vee moving in relation to each other, exactly as you'd expect in a formation of airplanes. Couldn't get that tape for your program?

As for the people who swore they saw a black triangular shape joining the five lights of the vee, that's a classic contrast effect of the human eye. In another very telling case, a man who swore he saw a black shape joining the lights of the vee saw it pass directly in front of the moon. At that point, he saw not a black shape but wavy lines pass over the undimmed moon. But rather than conclude that he'd seen the contrails of planes, the man, who had already been worked hard by the flim-flam artists, concluded instead that the pilot of the alien craft had turned his spaceship transparent right at that moment so the man could see the moon through it. How thoughtful!

Perhaps it's a good thing that NBC has now declared this the number 1 UFO sighting of all time. It's one of the very few so well checked-out by reporters, and one of the few that has been so thoroughly debunked. But you won't hear that from the networks, who can't get enough of the ratings that come with "the unexplained".

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From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 15:22:10 -0400
Archived: Tue, 20 May 2008 08:04:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 15:56:06 -0300
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>Source: Interfax News Agency - Moscow, Russia

>><http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=4675>

>>15 May 2008

>>The Orthodox Church Negates UFO-People - A Theology Professor

>>Moscow, May 15, Interfax - The Orthodoxy excludes a possibility
>>of existing extraterrestrial intelligence, the famous theologian
>>and professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Alexey Osipov
>>said.

<snip>

>That's pretty childish in any event. I note his credentials up
>front, "the famous theologian and professor of the Moscow
>Theological Academy Alexey Osipov". Sort of like getting a
>degree in changing tires from the Wal-Mart for all the value it
>has. Self fulfilling BS.

Hi Don, Everyone!

Just because an academic with a so-called 'Wal-Mart' degree from
a Christian founded institution such as Oxford, Harvard or even
the University of Toronto, expresses an opinion on UFOs and
about aliens that conflicts with your personal beliefs is no
reason to get all excited.

The continuing study of UFOs darting through the skies above us
on planet Earth and the many accounts of very human-like
entities associated with these UFOs is NOT proof or even very
compelling evidence for the popular and widely held belief that
our universe must be teaming with extraterrestrial
civilizations, something which we have, so far, failed to
discover. That said, UFOs and their human-like entities are very
compelling evidence for what John Keel and others have called
ultraterrestrials whose origin is not necessarily some distant
world but from our realm of reality which is described in much
detail in our historic and religious texts.

Since the so-called ETs look so much like us and know an awful
about us too, why is it so hard to accept the old scientific (or
religious?) views that these ETs are higher dimensional beings,
including time travellers, that co-exist with us here?

Our 21st century thinking has become too restricted and we may
never come to a true understanding about UFOs and the advanced
intelligences associated with them without reconsidering what
the Bible and the Church Fathers had to say on this subject.
Don't let different terminology such as angels and demons with
the biases and preconceptions that come with these names divert
us from our search for the truth. Maybe we should listen more to

what Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic and other ancient religions and "mythologies" have to say on this subject on which we still are in the dark.

Nick Balaskas

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 11:29:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: Open Letter To Mike Nardi Of NBC Dateline

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>Note: even though almost 30 years-old these sightings are still
>important because they are, so far as I am aware, the only ones
>in civilian literature which combine multiple witnesses,
>including an experienced air crew and skeptical news reporters
>- where were witnesses such as Quentin Fogarty - ground radar,
>airplane radar and color movie film.

>Anyone aware of another radar-visual case that includes film or
>video?

I didn't get to see the piece on Dateline. Can anyone tell me
what the other 8 best cases were besides NZ and Phoenix? For
Dick Hall, is this the TV segment you were working on?

Don Ledger

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Newspaper Editor 'believes In Alien Life'

From: Dave Haith <visionsl.nul>
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Could constant pressure by UFO researchers ever force just a tiny crack in the seemingly immovable status quo ediface engraved with 'All UFOs Are Bunk'?

Take my local newspaper here in Dorset, UK - the Daily Echo in Bournemouth.

The main report on the Ministry of Defence UFO documents released a few days ago was a trite inaccurate and prompted me to fire off a letter published today in their columns.

It would be nice to think that this had a small part to play in a column by the paper's editor actually coming out as a 'believer' in aliens!

My letter - greatly shortened by the paper - read:

"Your report by Emma Joseph headlined the claim that newly released Ministry of Defence UFO files 'prove there are no UFOs'. (Daily Echo, May 15)

This is not so - several cases in the release remained 'unexplained' by the Ministry, so hence are still by definition, UFOs.

That fact is that the Ministry carried out little or no investigation into any of the cases on file, admitting they were only considered at all to make sure no enemy aircraft had illegally entered British airspace - critical during the Cold War. When will mainstream newspapers begin treating this subject with the seriousness it deserves?

In Thursday's Echo Opinion, Ed Perkins "admires the courage" of UFO witnesses but makes light of the whole issue with jokes about little green men.

That attitude perpetuates the giggle factor and does more than anything else to prevent the kind of courage Ed claims to admire.

It's amazing in view of this lampooning that people like 77 year old Poole man Ron Lucas are still willing to publicly discuss the cigar shaped sky object and three discs which shot away from it he saw along with six others, in 1956."

The same edition contains the column by the newspaper's editor Neal Butterworth alongside a sketch of a flying saucer from the Government files.

Mr Butterworth's piece is headlined "The truth is never the best policy" It begins with a quote from the authorities: "The Ministry of Defence does not deny there are strange things to see in the sky. But it certainly has no evidence that alien spacecraft have landed on this planet"

The Editor goes on "So the Government doesn't believe in little green men and who are we to disbelieve an organisation with such an unblemished record in telling the truth?"

Files detailing hundreds of sightings of unexplained objects in the skies above Britain have now been opened and while there is no evidence of alien existence, the information was considered sufficiently important for a form to be produced which is kept by police stations and airbases to record details of such reports.

But the Ministry of Defence was not investigating the possibility of visitors from outer space making a stop at Earth, but were more interested in checking that UFOs were not signs of earthly covert spying missions by other countries.

I grew up in a generation fascinated by space - whether it was the Cold War black and white films of the 50s and 60s or men landing on the moon - and I'm a great believer in the existence of alien life across the vast swathes of space.

In fact that belief is probably fuelled by the sheer arrogance of our race believing we the the only intelligent life forms in the galaxies."

The editor's article adds: "Our basic evolution is likely to have been far surpassed by civilisations hundreds of thousands of years ahead of us."

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Explanations pretty good? Obviously he doesn't know much about
the sightings other than the last one (Phoenix).

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This is exactly the criticism I raised in my open letter to Mike
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>and passed over Tucson at 8:45. That's
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That is an average speed assuming continuous motion, which is a
tacit assumption based on his belief that what passed over was
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Ho hum. A "fast" V very high up would not appear as a very slow huge V or triangle or lights.

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Seems that Ortega doesn't understand that if the formation of planes is so high that a telescope is needed to resolve them, the formation will not appear to the naked eye observer to be "huge". In fact, it would probably appear as a tiny array of dots way up in the sky. But many witnesses talked about a "huge" dark object with some lights over Phoenix at 8:30.

>Back to the night of March 13. News of the 8:30 pm sighting
>traveled fast, so a large number of people were outside with
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This might be true, but there are only about 4 or 5 videos that have been made available and two of which (Kitei, Krzysten) that have been shown the most.

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>pm, happened in the sky southwest of Phoenix. A string of lights
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I agree with Ortega on this point.

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I don't agree with Ortega on this point.

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Just as I pointed out in the open letter.

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>vee and the later event. I saw his tape myself. It clearly
>showed the five lights of the 8:30 vee moving in relation to
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>Couldn't get that tape for your program?

Never saw or heard of this

>As for the people who swore they saw a black triangular shape
>joining the five lights of the vee, that's a classic contrast
>effect of the human eye.

Hmmmm..... need to compare very carefully the characteristics of
this 'classic contrast effect' under the circumstances of the
sighting to determine whether or not this explanation makes
sense or is just another "throw it against the wall to see if it
sticks" type of explanation

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>man, who had already been worked hard by the flim-flam artists,
>concluded instead that the pilot of the alien craft had turned
>.his spaceship transparent right at that moment so the man could
>see the moon through it. How thoughtful!

Again, this should be investigated more thoroughly. Planes
leaving a noticeable contrail that could effect the sighting of
the moon would also be making a lot of noise

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>number 1 UFO sighting of all time. It's one of the very few so
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In his mind.

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

By now, most people should have had the opportunity to conduct at least a cursory look through all of the released files. Has no-one spotted anything of interest?

I think a lot of people are disappointed because quite apart from the lack of a 'smoking gun', there is ample evidence the MoD hardly carried out any investigation at all. This is what I have been saying for years, but people preferred to believe Nick Pope, commander-in-chief of the enormous 'UFO Project'. He led people by the nose, claiming that there are all sorts of wonderfully investigated cases in the files, which served to convince him that UFOs represent a real threat to national security.

So why has Nick been keeping his head down on this List? well, there are 3 reasons;

1) He is too busy trying to 'cash in' on the current publicity. Well, that seems to have died down a little, so he should have some more time available.

2) His nose is out of joint - if he directs people to The National Archives, who he claims to have 'helped' identify interesting reports for media consumption, he can't avoid highlighting Dave Clarke's activities, who really helped them. He spent in the order of 2 weeks at TNA full time, produced the National Archives briefing document covering the files held at TNA, and was provided with private office facilities at TNA for the week of the release. Once again, Pope is hanging on to Clarke's coat-tails and not giving him any credit, just as with the FSWP, Rendlesham, and Condign releases.

3) He's trying to work out how to spin this so that his previous exaggerations are less obvious and to cover his embarrassment.

The rest of ufology appears to be at a loss as to what to do with disclosure now that it has arrived (at least in the UK). Some claim that there must be another, super-secret section dealing with the really interesting stuff. If that is so, how do witnesses, the CAA, the Police, and the military know when and how to make a report to them? Where do the secret squirrels get their radar data from - have they got their own independent radar network?

Others grudgingly acknowledge that the MoD don't know any more - in fact they know less - about UFOs than ufologists do. Many fail to see the potential value in the files in terms of statistical analysis as well.

There are a lot more files to come, and there will be more interesting reports amongst them, and in a few cases, the MoD will have carried out superficial investigations (the Cosford case is a good example). There is no 'secret squirrel' section, no smoking gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation. Get used to it, and decide what you want to do to make the best use out of 'disclosure' - it's arrived.

Cheers,

Joe

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Which is the 'problem', neatly, eh? They do understand the documentary business', Saint's preserve us yea and verily ah-say-unto-thee-good-brothers-and-sisters-in-fellow-travelership-ah!

Such is corporate sociopathy providing affect not in our best interests. Deliver me from same, amen.

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PHONY UFOs: The Aircraft of Discord
By Luis Burgos (FAO)

Since April of last year (2007), and for the following two months, the skies of Argentina were criss-crossed by strange devices, incorrectly described as "bolides". While they possessed a kind of "luminous wake" as they flew by, they lacked the characteristic speed of a meteorite. More than one witness thought him/herself to be in the presence of a UFO: there were videos, photos and newspaper articles that gave rise to a variety of conjectures and disputes. But the objects were, in fact, inter-continental airplanes.

The first reports concerning their incursions go back to 1987, when one of these vehicles was reported and believed to be a UFO over the River Plate. Over the years and in various skywatches held by FAO, we had the chance to observe them and even have a few of them fly directly over our heads. In one occasion we saw them from the riverbank at Atalaya, Province of Buenos Aires, in the company of Silvia and Andrea Perez Simondini (VISION OVNI).

These vehicles cross the distance from one continent to another, at considerable altitudes and giving off a gasification that accompany them like a short wake, although it can expand to become larger on occasions. In the distance, lit by the morning or twilight sun, they resemble "strange spindle-shaped objects, like cylinders or cigars", yellowish, orange or red in color, that even appear to remain still for several minutes, according to the observer's angle and distance. Thus, any hapless onlooker could think that he or she is seeing a UFO, but alas, that is not the case. The object's flight continues undisturbed, and generally in a Southeast-Northwest trajectory and viceversa. The time of year with the most frequent reports covers the months of April, May and June. Do they carry passengers? Are they official? Scientific? What is their mission? This perhaps is the only mystery to be unveiled. Someone suggested that the opening of the season in the Far East makes these flights more frequent. Others harbor different suspicions. The fact is that they continue plowing our skies and are still mistaken for UFOs, bringing about the controversial subject of the "fiery wakes."

The Aircraft of 2008

On March 20 we saw a distant "cigarette" at 19:20 hours from Atalaya (Bs.As.) toward the Northwest during a FAO skywatch.

On April 2: what was seen and photographed in Villaguay, Entre Rios at sunset could possibly have been one of them.

On April 10: one was seen at 18:40 hours from La Plata (Bs.As.) toward the west; yellow, luminous and with a wake.

On April 12: reports were received from the transit [of one of these objects] at 18:15 from Las Flores and Chascom=FAs, both locations in the interior of Buenos Aires province.

On April 14: we were alerted to a "strange" presence in the town of Moquehu=El, also in the interior of the province, at 18:00 hours.

Toward mid-April, what was reported by residents of Marcos Paz (Bs.As.) and reported in the papers could have been one of them.

On April 20: Gustavo da Silva (FAO in Ranchos) picked up the image of another airplane in his cellphone at 17:40 hours, while headed for La Plata.

On April 24: [An airplane] was almost certainly what was seen by residents of Santa Maria, Catamarca, flying NW at 17:45 hours.

On May 13: [An airplane] confused numerous residents of La Plata (Bs.As.) who witnessed its flight at 07:30 hours toward the River Plate, accompanied by a short luminous wake.

On May 14: The previous day's event repeated itself over La Plata and the riverbanks. Fortunately, it was photographed by Fernando Mengui, a FAO photographer, also at the same time of 07:30 hours, as it passed practically over his head. The most remarkable fact is that airplane's fuselage cannot be made out in the photo (Photo1). A case that is very similar to the one that appears below.

The Villaguay Phenomenon (Entre Rios)

On April 2 at 18:56 hours, Mr. Beto P., a professional photographer, took one of the most intriguing photographs of one of these vehicles, to the extent that it appeared in the "AP On Line" digital newspaper, edited by Ceferino Azambuyo, and which appeared in the media as a UFO over the skies of Entre Rios, only days after the famous meteorite shower over the area. When Mr. Beto contacted the FAO, he provided us with all the original material and our own Jorge Luis Figueiras performed the pertinent analyses. The photographer had executed a few filters himself (Villaguay photo 4). The main question had to do with the fact that two luminous yellow-orange wakes trailed off the alleged UFO, practically within the "cumulus of emission". In other words, the typical condensation trails did not emerge from the rear (See photo 2) but rather from both sides and looked more like flames and emission gases (Villaguay Photo 5). Mr. Beto had also managed to see a "strange variation" in the flight trajectory. We consulted with Carlos Basile (former airline pilot) who cautiously opined by not being able to attest to the shape of the object, and Claudio Basselice (FAO in Campana), an air force veteran from the Falklands War, who suggested that the transit of an airplane was in fact "very likely." With a new evaluation of the material and greater image resolution (Villaguay Photos 1 to 3), we clearly see " a central body with two lateral wake" -- definite confirmation of the presence of an airplane of the type that visits us regularly. Yet it casts a shadow of doubt by the fact that its structure cannot be clearly seen, as in other instances. What's more, if we lived in California we might even suspect the re-entry of the Space Shuttle at Edwards AFB, judging by the dense "alleged" flames given off as it flies, instead of an airplane.

Conclusions

There can be no doubt that they will continue to appear, either with official explanations or with the characteristic silence of the government, but...at this stage of the game, will they continue to be mistaken for UFOs?

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 15:22:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

<snip>

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>us from our search for the truth. Maybe we should listen more to
>what Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic and other ancient
>religions and "mythologies" have to say on this subject on which
>we still are in the dark.

Right Nick,

From my perspective it seems that world-wide, state educational systems are being reduced to dogmatisms - rote-learning from a narrow base of 'approved' text books.

Having taught adult students in the military & later in mid-East & UK, think the main secret to good teaching, in addition to some tricks of the trade, is to always have something truthful and interesting to impart and to encourage vigorous debate/argument. Students aren't stupid and want i) truth, ii) intellectual challenge.

Right now though it looks like 'real' teaching is going out, being replaced by bureaucratic 'lecturing' in a deadening safety-first culture, where intellectual questioning is not wanted or even allowed.

The change in just a generation is downright startling. And, because mainstream media seem to have followed or even led that change, it sort-of reminds me that "in politics nothing happens by accident" (FDR).

Guess what other area has had inquiry restricted during this generation?

Cheers
Ray D

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:41:28 -0300
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>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 19 May 2008 15:22:10 -0400
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 18 May 2008 15:56:06 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>>Source: Interfax News Agency - Moscow, Russia

>>><http://www.interfax-religion.com/?act=news&div=4675>

>>>15 May 2008

>>>The Orthodox Church Negates UFO-People - A Theology Professor

>>>Moscow, May 15, Interfax - The Orthodoxy excludes a possibility
>>>of existing extraterrestrial intelligence, the famous theologian
>>>and professor of the Moscow Theological Academy Alexey Osipov
>>>said.

><snip>

>>That's pretty childish in any event. I note his credentials up
>>front, "the famous theologian and professor of the Moscow
>>Theological Academy Alexey Osipov". Sort of like getting a
>>degree in changing tires from the Wal-Mart for all the value it
>>has. Self fulfilling BS.

>Just because an academic with a so-called 'Wal-Mart' degree from
>a Christian founded institution such as Oxford, Harvard or even
>the University of Toronto, expresses an opinion on UFOs and
>about aliens that conflicts with your personal beliefs is no
>reason to get all excited.

>The continuing study of UFOs darting through the skies above us
>on planet Earth and the many accounts of very human-like
>entities associated with these UFOs is NOT proof or even very
>compelling evidence for the popular and widely held belief that
>our universe must be teaming with extraterrestrial
>civilizations, something which we have, so far, failed to
>discover. That said, UFOs and their human-like entities are very
>compelling evidence for what John Keel and others have called
>ultraterrestrials whose origin is not necessarily some distant
>world but from our realm of reality which is described in much
>detail in our historic and religious texts.

>Since the so-called ETs look so much like us and know an awful
>about us too, why is it so hard to accept the old scientific (or
>religious?) views that these ETs are higher dimensional beings,
>including time travellers, that co-exist with us here?

>Our 21st century thinking has become too restricted and we may
>never come to a true understanding about UFOs and the advanced
>intelligences associated with them without reconsidering what
>the Bible and the Church Fathers had to say on this subject.
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>what Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic and other ancient
>religions and "mythologies" have to say on this subject on which
>we still are in the dark.

First of all I was not getting excited. Whether this guy supports the possibility of this phenomenon having to do with some intelligent extraterrestrial intervention or not means nothing. Another power seeker.

I was surprised that anyone would think him famous. Never heard of him. But I do think religion should stay out of it. But that's just me because it has no credibility or standing as far as I'm concerned.

Religion should spend all of it's time trying to clean up the mess it has created over the centuries and apologizing for the millions it has gotten killed - and is still getting killed - in its name right up to the very minute you read this. I would give religion a pass if it would stay out of governance and the teaching of children. It is power based and jealous of it.

You stated; "Maybe we should listen more to what Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic and other ancient religions and "mythologies" have to say on this subject on which we still are in the dark."

We might learn more about the events of the last 1,500 years or so if the Vatican would open up its archives. However mythology is an apt name for much of today's religion, it is myth based.

Now we see the Vatican getting on board. So I guess this means that the truly devoted millions to that faith can now start thinking for themselves, at least where that recently sanctioned line of thought is involved.

But basically it comes down to the flock [is that sheep or birds-BTW] thinking for themselves and keeping religion away from critical thinking.

Albert Einstien thought religion was childish but he supported the premise that the universe supported more life other than our own. Who am I to argue with him?

Don Ledger

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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:08:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>By now, most people should have had the opportunity to conduct at
>least a cursory look through all of the released files. Has
>no-one spotted anything of interest?

>I think a lot of people are disappointed because quite apart
>from the lack of a 'smoking gun', there is ample evidence the
>the MoD hardly carried out any investigation at all.

I've been disappointed since the Codign Report. Conдум Report
would have made more sense since it seemed to be a preventive
measure as far as getting at any truth to the subject.

>This is
>what I have been saying for years, but people preferred to
>believe Nick Pope, commander-in-chief of the enormous 'UFO
>Project'. He led people by the nose, claiming that there are all
>sorts of wonderfully investigated cases in the files, which
>served to convince him that UFOs represent a real threat to
>national security.

Nick, Nick, Nick... Jeezus.

>So why has Nick been keeping his head down on this List? well,
>there are 3 reasons;

>1) He is too busy trying to 'cash in' on the current publicity.
>Well, that seems to have died down a little, so he should have
>some more time available.

>2) His nose is out of joint - if he directs people to The
>National Archives, who he claims to have 'helped' identify
>interesting reports for media consumption, he can't avoid
>highlighting Dave Clarke's activities, who really helped them.
>He spent in the order of 2 weeks at TNA full time, produced the
>National Archives briefing document covering the files held at
>TNA, and was provided with private office facilities at TNA for
>the week of the release. Once again, Pope is hanging on to
>Clarke's coat-tails and not giving him any credit, just as with
>the FSWP, Rendlesham, and Conдign releases.

>3) He's trying to work out how to spin this so that his previous
>exaggerations are less obvious and to cover his embarrassment.

>I haven't seen anything from Nick on this List.

>The rest of ufology appears to be at a loss

Yeah, where did you hear that? We've got enough to deal with over
here without worrying about the MOD's thin reports and pabulum
feeding.

>as to what to do
>with disclosure now that it has arrived (at least in the UK).
>Some claim that there must be another, super-secret section

>dealing with the _really_ interesting stuff. If that is so, how
>do witnesses, the CAA, the Police, and the military know when
>and how to make a report to them? Where do the secret squirrels
>get their radar data from - have they got their own independent
>radar network?

>Others grudgingly acknowledge that the MoD don't know any more
>- in fact they know less - about UFOs than ufologists do. Many
>fail to see the potential value in the files in terms of
>statistical analysis as well.

See below.

>There are a lot more files to come, and there will be more
>interesting reports amongst them, and in a few cases, the MoD
>will have carried out superficial investigations (the Cosford
>case is a good example). There is no 'secret squirrel' section,
>no smoking gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation. Get used
>to it, and decide what you want to do to make the best use out
>of 'disclosure' - it's arrived.

Ah cut the crap, Joe. The conspiracy side is getting a little
tired. You wouldn't know in any event if there was anything they
wanted to keep out of the public eye. You state with authority,
"There is no 'secret squirrel' section, no smoking gun, no
positive evidence of ET visitation."

Why the hell would they tell you? Do you really think you are in
the loop? There are plenty of things the government keeps secret
that have nothing to do with UFOs that you will never be privy
to. They have become masters at it over many centuries.

The Canadian government UFO files have been available for 15 or
20 years, even copies of the 16mm copies have been available
from the National Archives through the library loaner system
and with a lot more detail than is evidenced in the MOD
released files, i.e. RCMP reports of their investigations. But
there are more there that we can't get at for whatever reason
they are holding them back.

The Blue Book files have been around for a couple of dozen years
as well. Not sure about all of the hype about the MOD files
other than they are remarkable for the MOD lying about not
having them in the first place and then releasing them bit by
bit as if they are the be all and end all of UFO reports. They
for the most part are disturbingly amateurish.

Was this the last final release of reports - other than the
continuation of the most recent - or will their be more do you
think?

As for Nick, if he was commenting more on the most recently
released files you would babbling on about him trying to steal
some thunder from you and the others. Which way do you want it,
Joe... make up your mind.

Nick worked there. You and the others are just nibbling around
the edges.

Don Ledger

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Who Participated In The NBC Dateline Program?

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 15:37:00 EDT
Archived: Tue, 20 May 2008 19:00:00 -0400
Subject: Who Participated In The NBC Dateline Program?

I'm wondering, who participated in the NBC Dateline program of late regarding UFOs, before and behind the cameras?

How do you feel about the use of your contributions?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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'UFO' Sightings At Coast

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Wednesday, May 21, 2008

'UFO' Sightings At Coast
by
Denver Isaacs

A shooting star? Ball of lightning? Visiting aliens from outer space? Whatever it was, a handful of residents from Usakos are convinced they saw an unidentified flying object (UFO) pass over their heads on Sunday night.

According to Hester Schmidt, who was sitting on her porch with her husband at the time, they saw what looked like a "round ball with a long tail", passing overhead in the direction of Swakopmund.

"We didn't hear anything, but it was extremely fast and it went really low.

I would say the ball was about 18 inches in diameter as we'd call it in the old times," she told The Namibian.

Schmidt and her husband's story was corroborated by at least two others - Thomas Ismael and Sabina Naruses.

"It made a huge light over the town.

My children, my wife, they all saw it.

Everyone is talking about it," Ismael said yesterday.

A quick glance into the history books reveals that this weekend's "UFO" sighting is not the first of its kind in Namibia.

Coastal newspaper The Namib Times reported similar sightings over Walvis Bay in its August 16 1976 edition.

This article is archived on the website www.ufoevidence.org.

In that case, several people reported seeing a "strange phenomenon" passing over "the wilderness in Walvis Bay".

"Some people referred to the phenomenon as a 'Space Monster' and said that with the rising of the sun, the 'monster' faded and later disappeared completely," the article read.

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The answer to your question about a "super secret" section is, I believe, the same as noted by General Bolender, who noted that "reports which could affect national security are made in accordance with JANAP 146 and AF Manual 55-11 and are not part of the Blue Book system".

Blue Book was not even on the distribution list for them.

Surely there are agencies in the UK equivalent to the NSA, MJ-12, CIA, DIA, NRO, etc (with their multi-billion dollar annual budgets).

Just how much SECRET and TOP SECRET material has been seen in the MOD files? The NSA and CIA heavily redacted materials were TOP SECRET Code word.

Seen any of these in the UK?

Stan Friedman

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Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Network 'The Rising'

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Source: The Washington Post - USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5zvkek>

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Steven Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Social Network To Be Called The Rising
by
Michael Arrington
TechCrunch.com

More details on Steven Spielberg's upcoming ghost and UFO based social network, which we first wrote about in early March and followed up with additional details a week later. The site will reportedly be called Rising or The Rising - our understanding is that they have acquired both .com domain names - and the logo above and animated logo below are at least preliminary versions of the final.

We originally heard that The Rising is being created in partnership with Windsor Media, Terry Semel's investment firm, but we still haven't gotten confirmation of their involvement. Windsor was created by Semel before he went to Yahoo, was put on hold during his tenure there, and fired up again after his departure last year.

The Rising will have original video content with a permanent host in addition to the social network where users can share stories and experiences, tapping into serious demand for this kind of thing. There are thousands of forums dedicated to paranormal and UFO topics today - among them is, yes, a Meetup site for ghost trackers.

Rumored launch date is this summer.

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From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2008 06:58:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:41:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>I would give
>>religion a pass if it would stay out of governance and the
>>teaching of children. It is power based and jealous of it.

>It would thus die in a generation, Don. For religion today
>otherwise has no appeal except to those raised in it and their
>spouses, trying to keep the peace.

>This official pronouncement of the Catholic Church is seen as
>necessary and fitting to the plans it envisions for what role it
>sees to its future. Truth has no value, clarity brought of
>revelation has none. Church historians cannot deny that.

>The value of this new attitude is in the way we will see its
>impact reflected in debunkers and in the most skeptical. How
>many of them, that is, that have been influenced by religion.
>Something, I might add, we've all been conditioned to avoid
>confronting.

>The best example of how such unspoken concerns do shape things
>is in that of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Kept in Jerusalem, carefully
>guarded and never shared to view in an obscure museum by a
>secretive curator for 40 years (who promised to translate them
>in a short 10 years,) when the man died only a lone shopping
>list had been translated.

>Only after his death was it revealed the curator was a devout
>Catholic.

>How many, would you suppose, (even in ufology) feel a compulsion
>to resolve what they uncover/research/confront to some religious
>context?

This brings to mind something my husband said recently:

"Religion was created by the weak to control the strong."

After my husband made this statement to an older gentleman,
he replied,

"You must study the philosophy of Nietzsche," (which neither
of us had at the time.)

Nietzsche is credited with the following quote:

"Religion was created by the weak for revenge on the strong."

In any case, in my opinion, both statements are correct.

Religion is all about control and power. It has kept humanity in chains and in the dark since its inception. People in positions of power and control, no matter who or where they are, will strive to keep us there.

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 03:11:37 -0300
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:37:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2008 06:58:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:41:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>I would give
>>religion a pass if it would stay out of governance and the
>>teaching of children. It is power based and jealous of it.

>It would thus die in a generation, Don. For religion today
>otherwise has no appeal except to those raised in it and their
>spouses, trying to keep the peace.

>This official pronouncement of the Catholic Church is seen as
>necessary and fitting to the plans it envisions for what role it
>sees to its future. Truth has no value, clarity brought of
>revelation has none. Church historians cannot deny that.

>The value of this new attitude is in the way we will see its
>impact reflected in debunkers and in the most skeptical. How
>many of them, that is, that have been influenced by religion.
>Something, I might add, we've all been conditioned to avoid
>confronting.

>The best example of how such unspoken concerns do shape things
>is in that of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Kept in Jerusalem, carefully
>guarded and never shared to view in an obscure museum by a
>secretive curator for 40 years (who promised to translate them
>in a short 10 years,) when the man died only a lone shopping
>list had been translated.

>Only after his death was it revealed the curator was a devout
>Catholic.

>How many, would you suppose, (even in ufology) feel a compulsion
>to resolve what they uncover/research/confront to some religious
>context?

Well that seems to be a problem outside of the research and
investigative clatch; this impression by the media and others to
liken the study of the phenomenon to some religion. Not for me.

To me there's a danger inherent in this phenomenon, particularly
where it deals with our airborne interacting with the
phenomenon's airborne.

Make of that what you wish.

But if there is any connection to religion to my mind it is that
religion probably stems from this phenomenon being present in a
time when there was no technology more sophisticated than the
thrown rock and that which was perceived to be beyond
comprehension was spiritualised.

Those claiming they had inside knowledge of what it was - in other words made it up as they went along - were then given special status by those who did not know. The latter were called Ordinary People.

The first real genius was the one who informed his followers that any doubts they had about the reality of this religion would be answered after they died. Sheer bloody genius! And it still works today. No one ever comes back and cries foul either. Win win.

Anyway today they call them priests or religious leaders. Those controlling the priests such as Chiefs and Kings are now called Politicians. They found it mutually beneficial to form an alliance for their own self-interest. We call that a sweetheart deal and it is the basis of society as we know it today.

Don Ledger

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Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:37:00 GMT
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:57:11 -0400
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Sky's The Limit For Attracting Tourists

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:00:00 -0400
Subject: Sky's The Limit For Attracting Tourists

Source: The Calgary Herald - Alberta, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/5hadvc>

Thursday, May 22, 2008

Sky's The Limit For Attracting Tourists
Robert Remington
Calgary Herald

Boldly following where one Alberta town has gone before, St. Paul is considering adopting an alien theme to boost tourism.

The proposal from the town marketing committee calls for alien-themed garbage cans on St. Paul's main street, providing information on crop circles and cattle mutilations, painting six blocks of green sidewalks, putting alien statues in parks and hosting UFO conferences.

The out-of-this world concept has created a heated debate on St. Paul's official website, with some residents saying that going alien will make St. Paul "a freak show."

The community northeast of Edmonton has a UFO landing pad built as a Canada Centennial project in 1967. Some of the town's 5,000 residents consider the roadside attraction an embarrassment because, unlike Roswell, N.M., or Nevada's Area 51, St. Paul has no real UFO claim. They say an alien theme will make the town look "foolish."

But Dayna Dickens, tourism co-ordinator for the town of Vulcan, southeast of Calgary, says taking the thematic risk could make other towns in the St. Paul area green with envy.

"I would encourage them wholeheartedly," says Dickens. "I think there might even be opportunities for us to work together."

Vulcan adopted a Star Trek theme more than 15 years ago that has been a boon to its economy and generated stories in the New York Times and major entertainment magazines. The town of 2,000 was named in 1915 for the Roman god of fire. But after an economic slump, Vulcan decided in the mid-1990s to capitalize on the fictional home world of the alien Vulcans from the Star Trek TV and movie series.

The town built a replica of the Starship Enterprise and put up a space-age tourism information and visitor centre.

According to Dickens, the town is now being considered to host the world premiere of a new Star Trek movie, scheduled to debut May 8, 2009. After pitching the idea in January, visits to the town this past winter - the slowest tourism period of the year - jumped 75 per cent to 3,000. In March, Paramount executives phoned expressing interest after noticing international press clippings on Vulcan.

"It's really made a significant difference for the town," Dickens says of the Star Trek theme. "I would encourage any community (to) take that risk. If marketed properly, dare I say, it can take you to the stars."

Danny White, chairman of St. Paul's marketing committee, says an intergalactic theme may seem alien to people in the agriculture and oil and gas community. But it could be just the hook St. Paul needs to sell its other amenities, such as its recreational potential in the lake district of northeastern Alberta.

"If you think about it strictly from a marketing standpoint, building on the UFO idea is not making fun of St. Paul. The sky really is the limit," says White, a local radio sales manager.

St. Paul's UFO landing pad attraction has never been fully embraced by the community, with only two businesses adopting an alien theme - UFO Pizza and the Galaxy Motel.

For such a concept to work, there must be a total commitment on the part of the community, according to Roger Brooks, a Seattle-based tourism marketing consultant. Vulcan's town website, for instance, is totally designed around the Star Trek theme.

No matter how bizarre or out-of-place an idea might seem, Brooks says communities should be focused on the end result of generating economic activity.

"It has to be based on feasibility, not local sentiment. Tourism marketing is about cash," Brooks told an Alberta tourism conference last fall in Banff.

Some St. Paul residents are vehement in their opposition to the proposal.

"This is absolutely ridiculous! I will be so embarrassed to say that I live in St. Paul," reads one of 110 postings on a blog set up on the town's website.

"St. Paul is clearly a rural/farming/oil and gas community. I feel the marketing money would be better spent playing up this aspect of the town and area's history," reads another.

Dickens says local residents often do not realize the spinoff benefits of a successful theme.

"There are very strong passions both for and against what we do here," she says. "When you explain the multiplier effect -- that people who stop here buy gas, gifts, coffee -- locals residents realize it is an asset."

White says the next step is to take comments from visitors to the town this summer and decide what to do next.

"Some people think it's an outlandish idea when you have other serious problems to deal with," says White, "but it doesn't hurt to stir the pot."

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:08:56 -0500
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:11:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2008 15:39:15 -0500
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

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Well - this had me right up out of my chair in cheer!

It's been argued that big segments of both sides of the Bell
curve need something organized and unifying if in this vein
decried! These need to reach out for something else. The
authoritarian must not triumph over the authoritative.

For my part, I try to live a spiritual ideal roughly if
beautiful outlined in Theodore Sturgeon's landmark book
Godbody to put a point to it.

This evil meme of organized religion is vindictive and cruel...
Thank you for your courage, eh? But for individuals such as
yourself we'd be at the complete whim of soulless sociopaths dry
as spinster's lilies.

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From: **Joseph Girard** <Lunarmoonbase2.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:10:08 EDT
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:14:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

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By the way, an upside down cross is a satanic symbol.

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Shermer Vs. Armstrong

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 09:09:14 -0400
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 09:09:14 -0400
Subject: Shermer Vs. Armstrong

Source: Spanish YouTube

<http://es.youtube.com/watch?v=3N1dIUTbZTo>

10 September 2007

Vedic Astrology: Michael Shermer Vs. Jeffrey Armstrong

Shermer takes it the face on his own program...

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 05:18:18 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 09:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Could These Crop-Circles Be Landing Sites?

>From: Chaz Stuart <daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:37:00 GMT
>Subject: Could These Crop-Circles Be Landing Sites?

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Excellent illustrations and thorough approach. Yes, the severity of the effects suggests more than what might other crop circle sites.

Was there a test for any higher concentration of mineral elements within the circles and if so, did it increase (in concentration) towards the center of each?

Any organic compounds associated with folate?

JCH

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 05:54:57 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 09:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: Joseph Girard <Lunarmoonbase2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:10:08 EDT
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>By the way, an upside down cross is a satanic symbol.

Better indications are in the deifying of Mary (paralleling the White Goddess) and in the practice of performing the Red Mass (the Clintons, while in Washington, D.C., attended periodically.)

One must grasp what the Church seeks most, all lands, titles, and wealth (sway) it has ever had at the time it was most prominent. The god that lends itself most to this, is the god thus followed.

That god today is found in the Church's role within the New World Order and in the attendant return to the feudalism required to restore its privilege. Were Satan to be thought best in order to accomplish this design, so it would be.

The evidence that what I say is true is found in the Church's revived practice of selling titles to those rich enough to buy them. These titles are based on estates and aristocratic rank not held for hundreds of years, in most cases. In the sixties the Kennedy family purchased a principality from the Church for \$2 million.

So this is not a program with little support and funding.

JCH

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 14:01:22 +0100
Archived: Thu, 22 May 2008 10:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:08:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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truth on any matter, a job well done!

Roy

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From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:41 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 08:19:56 -0400
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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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While I thought the general tenor of Joe's post was unnecessarily harsh, I am inclined to agree with the paragraph that you highlighted.

You've taken it Roy in a rather absolute manner. All Joe is saying is that he doesn't believe the MoD have the answers. He's certainly not saying that there's no such things as UFO's or that nothing unusual ever occurs.

The same observations could equally be made about the US government and every other government on the surface of this planet.

You're on your own in terms of finding out what this phenomenon is all about.

Stuart Miller
Alien Worlds magazine
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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Incredible Texas UFO Video?

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 10:38:17 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 08:27:13 -0400
Subject: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

Incredible UFO sighting videoed in Texas, April 2008?

Hello,

I am sceptical about today's 'clear videos' of UFOs, because of computer technology available to the regular people.

But this video appears to be real for me.

What is your point of view?

OVNI UFO VIDEO

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbYcOJ5GmEs>

UFO-OVNI FOOTAGE ENGLISH Version-JAIME MAUSSAN on location

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UXqWhGYwj1M>

OVNI UFO VIDEO - JAIME MAUSSAN en TEXAS, EE.UU.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y83i6vG1Pa4>

OVNI UFO VIDEO - JAIME MAUSSAN en TEXAS, EE.UU.(2)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XLckrQOt-4>

OVNI UFO VIDEO - JAIME MAUSSAN en TEXAS, EE.UU.(3)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA-fp7_tok0

The owner of original video is probably 'luckymauro'.

Sergey

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Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 13:59:42 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 08:27:54 -0400
Subject: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

Dear List:

I thought I'd let you know about two new articles I've published at my Web site:

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html

Unusual Helicopter Activity (Includes Photographs) By Katharina Wilson and Linda Murphy

This article is based on several emails I received from an abductee named Linda Murphy from April 23rd through May of 2008. Linda was able to take some very good photographs of a helicopter that appeared to be following her and possibly conducting some type of surveillance activities.

Blue Being: A New Race Of Hybrids?
By Katharina Wilson

This article is about an encounter I had with an unusual Being who I believe may represent a new species or race of hybrid Beings. Includes Illustrations.

Thank you.

Katharina Wilson
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From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:11:17 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: Joseph Girard <Lunarmoonbase2.nul>
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>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 08:10:08 EDT
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Hi Joseph, Everyone!

We have all heard the expression "knowledge is power". I would
add "and knowledge in the hands of a few is tyranny".

I agree that organised religion, like organised politics, can be
oppressive and hinder humanity's quest for the truth but so does
organised science with its own high priests, dogmas and
"truths".

Putting aside our religious biases and the views of so-called
"experts" who we allow to interpret and explain things for us,
if we look at the historic evidence thousands of years before
1947 for what our generation calls "UFOs" and "aliens" or "ETs",
we find that these are not present day phenomena but something
that has been around since the earliest recorded history. If we
do put aside our biases and widely held views and re-evaluate
the historical record we will come to the obvious conclusion
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was ongoing throughout time among all peoples and cultures around
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by even the most open minded and enthusiastic among ufologists
who prefer to interpret such evidence as myths or the fictional
traditions and religious superstitions of our less enlightened
or educated ancestors.

Whatever reality one feels comfortable with, it would be a
serious mistake to dismiss this vast historic database or body
of knowledge as "religious" and thus ignore it not having to
deal with it. To borrow and paraphrase an expression Thomas
Edison once used, human knowledge comes from inspiration and
perspiration. Ufology may still manage to figure out the truth
about UFOs and aliens/ETs using these two approaches while

continuing to ignore a third forgotten source of knowledge that allowed our ancestors to once know the truth. This third source is revelation. God still speaks to us directly and indirectly through His creation including heavenly emissaries, but I think this generation has stopped listening...

Nick Balaskas

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Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:58:50 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 09:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 15:14:32 -0300
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Nick Pope On MoD Files

From: Nick Pope <malbooking.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 01:47:48 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 11:28:26 -0400
Subject: Nick Pope On MoD Files

I'm still heavily committed with media work in relation to the release of the MoD's UFO files, but thought I should post responses to the most frequently asked questions that have been posed to me over the last week or so:

Q. What role did you play in the release?

A. Staff at the National Archives asked me to review the files earlier this year and pick out a selection of cases that might be of interest to the media. I discuss some of these on a podcast filmed at the National Archives and available on their website. I also assisted with publicity, by alerting my media contacts to the release beforehand and encouraging them to get on the distribution list of an embargoed press release that was issued shortly before the files were made public.

Q. Does this mean that you're still working for the government?

A. No. I was asked to review the files simply because I'd worked on them whilst employed by the MoD. My work for the National Archives was undertaken in a private capacity.

Q. The files contain numerous UFO reports, but little information on the MoD's subsequent investigations. Why is this?

A. Firstly, we only have 8 files out of a total of around 160. One has to see them all to get a complete picture. But secondly, investigations don't necessarily generate the paper trail that ufologists expect. Details of MoD's investigative methodology (or at least the methodology I applied) can be found in the seventh answer in the following interview:

<http://www.officialdisclosure.com/lead-story1.htm>

Q. When will you say more about this and how can we ask you more detailed questions about the files?

A. I'll be on the Now That's Weird radio show on Friday evening and Coast To Coast on Sunday night, for 3 hours. I'll also be giving presentations about this at the Now That's Weird conference in Glastonbury on June 21-22, MUFON's annual symposium in San Jose on July 24-26 and the Crash Retrieval Conference in Las Vegas on November 7-9:

<http://www.nowthatsweird.co.uk/fusion/news.php>

<http://www.coasttocoastam.com/shows/2008/05/25.html>

http://www.nowthatsweird.co.uk/fusion/viewpage_2.php?page_id=2

<http://www.mufon.com/symposia.htm>

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

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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From: Dave Haith <visions1.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 08:41:07 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 16:03:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Could These Crop-Circles Be Landing Sites?

>From: Chaz Stuart <daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 06:37:00 GMT
>Subject: Could These Crop-Circles Be Landing Sites?

><http://tinyurl.com/5c6wp8>

>Unlike most crop formations, these new circles - all three 50
>metres in diameter - contain burned areas, ridges, disturbed soil
>and many mini vortices.

Chaz,

I gather these circles were human made - as some kind of
advertisement for an electric razor.

This has been confirmed for me by Nancy Talbott after BLT
analysed a chemical sent by fieldworkers, which had been applied
to the plants.

Dave

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 14:01:54 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 16:05:36 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>You've taken it Roy in a rather absolute manner. All Joe is
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Stuart,

Has ET ever visited earth?

Roy

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From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 09:00:19 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 16:07:00 -0400
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Do you have something in English anywhere?

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 07:56:03 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 16:07:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:11:17 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>I agree that organised religion, like organised politics, can be
>oppressive and hinder humanity's quest for the truth but so does
>organised science with its own high priests, dogmas and
>"truths".

Even more so, since their obligatory mindsets are carried with
supposed empirical authority. While the proofs they uphold are
given laurels purely on the basis of that authority.

And almost always prove as inadequate as those of the faith
based. We might call theirs, professional vanity based.

Personally I don't even like to apply the word, professional, to
them after seeing what they've tried to fly in theoretic
physics.

At least religion sometimes comforts its members, organized
science regards everyone else as virtually non-sentients, and
evidence that might be presented by them always as vicarious.

They certainly have no problem en masse prostituting themselves
to the covert black ops dollar... or so it would seem.

JCH

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Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 11:14:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 16:08:01 -0400
Subject: Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull

Hi Everyone!

As a teenager with a strong interest in astronomy but no money to buy a good telescope, I decided to learn all about optics and make my own telescope. In my home's basement I ground the mirror for my first telescope (an 8 inch diameter pyrex glass disk) using the same synthetic abrasives (carborundum) used in the creating the two quartz crystal skulls described in the BBC news story below. Although I did not use power tools, I also applied circular grinding motions by hand to eventually produce a smooth optical surface that deviated no more than a fraction of the wavelength of light from the desired parabolic curve I wanted.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7414637.stm>

If a teenager like me can work with pyrex (and later much larger optics using other ultra low expansion materials such as quartz and cervit) and achieve such amazing levels of perfection, then the crystal skulls become little more than crude novelties for tourists which have now become, like crop circles, implants and lucid dreams (to name a just few), part of UFO popular culture.

Since we can better cope with life if we have hope in things unseen or in the unknown and take the occasional opportunity to escape from the harse realities of this world, I for one will be going to see the latest Indiana Jones movie which opens in local cinemas tonight.

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Re: Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Network 'The Rising'

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 12:25:29 -0400
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 17:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Network 'The Rising'

>Source: The Washington Post - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/5zvkek>

>Wednesday, May 21, 2008

>Steven Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Social Network To Be Called The Rising
>by
>Michael Arrington
>TechCrunch.com

>More details on Steven Spielberg's upcoming ghost and UFO based
>social network, which we first wrote about in early March and
>followed up with additional details a week later. The site will
>reportedly be called Rising or The Rising - our understanding
>is that they have acquired both .com domain names - and the logo
>above and animated logo below are at least preliminary versions
>of the final.

>We originally heard that The Rising is being created in
>partnership with Windsor Media, Terry Semel's investment firm,
>but we still haven't gotten confirmation of their involvement.
>Windsor was created by Semel before he went to Yahoo, was put on
>hold during his tenure there, and fired up again after his
>departure last year.

>The Rising will have original video content with a permanent
>host in addition to the social network where users can share
>stories and experiences, tapping into serious demand for this
>kind of thing. There are thousands of forums dedicated to
>paranormal and UFO topics today - among them is, yes, a Meetup
>site for ghost trackers.

>Rumored launch date is this summer.

They ought to use as a theme song my composition, New Age
Rising. I performed the World Premier of the semi-classical
composition at the MUFON Symposium in 1997. It is on my CD, The
Joy of Ivories.

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Re: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

From: **Santiago Yturria** <syturria.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 11:57:39 -0500
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 17:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 10:38:17 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

>Incredible UFO sighting videoed in Texas, April 2008?

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><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y83i6vG1Pa4>

>OVNI UFO VIDEO - JAIME MAUSSAN en TEXAS, EE.UU.(2)

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XLCKr00t-4>

>OVNI UFO VIDEO - JAIME MAUSSAN en TEXAS, EE.UU.(3)

>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kA-fp7_tok0

>The owner of original video is probably 'luckymauro'.

The actual witness and videographer is Mr. Mauricio Ruiz who lives in Alvin, Texas located at twenty five miles southeast of Houston. The sighting took place on April 11, 2008 at 7:00 AM while he was feeding his dogs in the garden of his home.

Mauricio Ruiz came forward sharing his experience and both Jaime Maussan and me got in contact with him the same day just two hours after the sighting. Mr. Ruiz is a well known citizen in Alvin who works as a tax accountant for the government and has been certified by the City Council for 20 years of dedicated and loyal work. Mr. Ruiz lives in Alvin with his family and submitted the original 8 mm. videotape to us for the analisis and the research purposes.

There were several consequences in that neighborhood after the Ufo appeared like two blackouts and a light transformer was burned and had to be replaced. Mr. Ruiz cellular phone's screen is not working and the clock of some devices from his home don't work either. There is an important element on this case with the videotape that experimented interference of a rare origin while

recording the UFO. When the UFO moved it caused a strong interference in the camera same that was also recorded and for seconds the image went out showing a disturbance on the frames but Mauricio Ruiz managed to continue recording. These interferences occurred several times during the sighting. At certain moment the camera's battery was discharged abruptly and the recording was interrupted. Mauricio was very upset by this but kept looking to the craft till it faded away.

This is a fully documented case that has been presented on national television in Mexico with long interviews with Mr. Mauricio Ruiz in his home, location of the sighting. Mr. Ruiz has been very cooperative in this investigation and he is the first surprised of what he witnessed and experienced and he wants the truth to be out.

Mauricio Ruiz is an actual witness of an impressive sighting that took place in Texas where it seems a Ufo flap is happening since the Stephenville massive Ufo incident made the headlines. This is an ongoing investigation and will continue.

Santiago Yturria

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The Possibility Of Other Dimensions & Universes

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 17:15:00 -0400
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On The Possibility Of Other Dimensions And Universes

Four-dimensional space required for some chemical phase changes!
Scientific evidence that more than three spatial universes
exist.

A molecular solid can change from one structure to another in a
way that can only be described properly using four-dimensional
space.

(Coppens, Philip; "A Phase transition Hidden in Higher
Dimensions," Science, 319:41, 2008)

Multiverses contain the seeds of their own destruction! With
multiverses, however, we have a logical problem. Commenting on
an item in an earlier issue of New Scientist dealing with
infinite multiverses, C. Piney wrote:

If, as it states, all conceivable universes are possible, this
infinity of universes must contain at least one in which the
theory of multiverses is false. The moment this universe
appears, all other possibilities and options must collapse into
the immutable reality and, hey presto, multi-universality is no
more.

Piney suggests that this collapse has already happened. Let us
hope so!

(Piney, Crispin; Physics Porn New Scientist, p. 20, March 8,
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Re: MoD File Release

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 19:40:25 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 18:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

The debate as to whether the MoD's file release is conducted in good faith will doubtless grind on for years to come. Today, however, there has been a very public indication of the truthfulness, or otherwise, of the MoD:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7416627.stm>

The timing of this particular embarrassment for the MoD should serve as a salutary warning for those who, for whatever reason, want to believe that the MoD is telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

American members of this List would do well to keep in mind that the British political/legal system is radically different to their own.

Americans are citizens, whereas the British are subjects.

American citizens started with rights and have spent 200+ years trying, not at all effectively in certain areas, to prevent their removal by their own government.

In Britain subjects have spent nearly a thousand years gradually acquiring rights by eroding the Divine Right of Kings.

Joe's proclamation to the effect that 'disclosure is here' is somewhat premature. We in Britain are still unable to base our pursuit of the truth on any basic statement of our rights as citizens in this regard.

On any balanced view you'd have to say that the release of these of these files is an important step forward, but we have a long way yet to go.

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Gerald O'Connell

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 13:10:04 -0600
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 18:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:41 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 14:01:22 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:08:49 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>There is no 'secret squirrel' section,
>>>no smoking gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation. Get used
>>>to it, and decide what you want to do to make the best use out
>>>of 'disclosure' - it's arrived.

>>Finally,

>>We can all go home now, shut up shop!

<snip>

>While I thought the general tenor of Joe's post was
>unnecessarily harsh, I am inclined to agree with the paragraph
>that you highlighted.

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>saying is that he doesn't believe the MoD have the answers. He's
>certainly not saying that there's no such things as UFO's or
>that nothing unusual ever occurs.

>The same observations could equally be made about the US
>government and every other government on the surface of this
>planet.

This is certainly reasonable, but I think it understates the scope of Joe's comment, which I take to imply that not only does the government not have the 'answers', they further have no additional worthwhile material to disclose. One could well be skeptical of the latter.

Certainly in the case of the US government, any incident or data that reveals, or even suggests, a vulnerability in some component of our strategic infrastructure is going to be withheld from the public domain indefinitely, and countered with active disinformation as necessary, whether it relates to UFOs or not. Don't bother with the FOIA request.

The proposition that the government is concealing critical UFO-related material is non-falsifiable (a la Iraq and WMD), and hence rather pointless to discuss, but proclamations that there is "no smoking gun", "no positive evidence", that "disclosure has arrived", etc., do not by any means follow from this purge of MoD filespace.

Mike

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Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 12:49:12 -0700
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 18:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 10:38:17 -0700 (PDT)
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<snip>

These YouTube UFO videos are of such low resolution that little can be learned from them.

In this particularly instance, I would be more impressed if the "UFO" obviously moved or, better yet, suddenly zipped away. Instead it seems to sit there absolutely stationary. The object is also very clear, not hazy or of lower contrast, suggesting a nearby, small object. Thus it easily could be a model suspended between two trees by a thread.

One interesting aspect is that two birds fly through the video, but unfortunately don't pass between the "UFO" and the camera (both smaller in angular size than the object). Had one of them done that, then we could have better gauged the distance and size of the object, at least put a lower bounds to both. (My eyeball estimate of distance would be 100 feet or less.)

There are lights on the bottom that appear to blink on and off, so if a model, then a little more complex than the classic pie plate from a string.

Another thing that bothers me a bit is that the cameraman (who is Hispanic and bilingual) knows all about Jaime Maussan and immediately contacts him about the video, further saying he knows that Jaime will personally come out to investigate. This could be a classic case of somebody staging a hoax for his 15 minute of fame on TV.

It looks like the cameraman used an analog video camera (which he shows) and says he is handing over the original video tape to Maussan since it makes him uncomfortable and thinks Jaime can make better use of it. If analog, then this makes it less likely to be a digital fake cooked up in a computer. But of course, a model on a thread is still a distinct possibility.

Re: Incredible Texas UFO Video?

I was unimpressed by the witness' statement that the object caused "distortion on the videotape" when it moved. Not only couldn't I see the object obviously moving, all I saw was some electronic static at the bottom of the screen when this was supposed to have happened.

These are my quick takes on the video.

David Rudiak

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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 14:01:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>Has ET ever visited earth?

Need definition of "ET" before answering the question.

KK

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Source: The Village Voice - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5kwp7v>

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The Ufologists Are After Me!
by Tony Ortega at 4:57 PM,

Got a call today from James Fox, some guy who's been making money peddling confusion about the Phoenix Lights, and who made an appearance on NBC's recent show, "10 Close Encounters Caught on Tape." He noticed that I'd written some fairly skeptical things about the Lights in this blog.

His claim to fame, apparently, is that he talked disgraced former Arizona Governor Fife Symington into admitting that he, too, saw the famous 'vee' formation of the 1997 Phoenix Lights, and got Symington to admit that he still wonders what he saw. (Since my newspaper at the time, the Phoenix New Times, helped bump Symington from office over a bank scandal, I can imagine that the former governor didn't get around to reading my reporting on the 'vee' that appeared in our paper - the vee turned out to be a high-flying formation of airplanes, as spotted by a man with a large telescope.)

Well, good for you, Mr. Fox. But our conversation was pretty farcical. Like other UFologists, Fox is impressed by people who thought the vee was just over their heads and traveling very slowly, mysteriously making no noise, and simply dismisses other people who perceived that it was high in the sky, and others who heard jet noise. But the telescopic observation, as well as the fact that the vee covered 200 miles, from Prescott to Tucson, in only a half hour, not only suggest it was high and moving fast, but also point out that human eyeballs - even those possessed by pilots and military men - are basically useless for judging the distance of point-sources of light in a night sky.

But Fox isn't just an unscientific observer, he's the worst sort of investigator, who promotes as fact garbage that even a cub reporter wouldn't repeat.

The best part of our conversation: taking an ominous tone, Fox asked if I'd talked to people at nearby Luke AFB about the events that night (actually, I had).

"How do you explain that they went to DefCon 3 and scrambled jets that night?" Fox asked me.

Now, at that point, I wondered if this guy was for real. I mean, isn't "DEFCON" a national defense posture, not something that an Air Force Base is going to declare because the locals are squabbling about lights in the sky? But this is one of those hoary facts that the more credulous Phoenix Lights fanatics pass around like it's a solid fact: Luke declared Defcon 3, dude!

"Who at Luke told you that?" I asked Fox.

He explained that he'd talked to some girlfriends of some Luke guys at a party that swore it was true.

Wow.

So now, you know what sort of investigative powers you're dealing with when you buy a copy of Fox's "Out of the Blue: The Definitive Investigation of the UFO Phenomenon." (Narrated by Peter Coyote!)

Apparently, the point of calling me up was that Fox wanted me to come on CNN and debate him about the Phoenix Lights in some upcoming show.

What, and help him sell more videotapes? Shya right.

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

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Examining The Files On UFOs
Stephen Hughes

The UK Government recently announced the release of UFO files that have been collected over the past two decades. So the big question is, does this new information contain evidence of alien visitations? Do aliens really exist? Personally, I think that the answer is no.

On close examination many UFOs actually turn into IFOs - Identified Flying Objects, like birds, planes etc. But what about those UFOs that can't be turned into IFOs - are they evidence of alien visitation?

Although people have seen unexplainable lights in the sky throughout history, UFOs are a relatively modern phenomenon.

We need to understand the UFO phenomenon in light of the Cold War where it was common for the US and USSR to send high-flying reconnaissance aircraft across their respective countries, especially regions where nuclear-armed intercontinental ballistic missiles reside.

The American and British military were only interested in UFO reports in terms of threats to national security. In most cases reports were not followed up as soon as it was ascertained that there was no national security threat.

The UFO era officially began on June 24, 1947 when a pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing strange objects shaped like boomerangs flying erratically some distance away from his plane. Soon after, numerous green lights were seen in the vicinity of military weapons establishment in New Mexico, which again were thought to be foreign surveillance craft. The investigation of these green lights was codenamed Project Twinkle.

A report concluded that the strange lights were natural phenomena, some of which may have been related to meteors streaking through the Earth's atmosphere.

The US Air Force collected UFO reports between 1952 and 1969 in an exercise known as Project Blue Book. In 1966 the University of Colorado was contracted to analyse the data which resulted in a report, generally referred to as the Condon Report. In a nutshell, this report concluded that all UFOs have a natural explanation. In 1969 project Blue Book was officially shut.

With the torrent of data collected from numerous types of ground and space-borne telescopes - optical, radio, X-ray, UV, infra-red, high energy - surely a spaceship flying in the vicinity of

the Earth would be detected. How come alien pilots always manage to steer clear of the field of view of every telescope? Do they have some kind of special radar enabling them to know which regions of space are being peered at?

A closely related subject to UFOs is crop circles - these are still UFOs, but in this case they are Unidentified Farm Objects. Many of these are now known to be fakes produced using string, planks of wood and lawn rollers. There are websites that offer a beginners guide to making crop circles. However, some are not fakes and are probably caused by an atmospheric phenomenon akin to mini tornados, rather than the impress of a giant spaceship.

There may be a strong psychological component to UFO sightings. It is well known that people can genuinely misinterpret what they see.

I have personally experience of this. Once I pulled one of my children's mats out from under the bed and "saw" a large spider run down the mat. On closer inspection I saw that the "spider" was in fact a small car made from blocks of Lego. Spiders do often live under beds and I interpreted what I saw based on experience.

Another fact worth noting - in the two years following the Stephen Spielberg film Close Encounters of the Third Kind, the number of reported UFO sightings doubled. Perhaps the same will happen with yesterday's release of the Indiana Jones movie.

Sometimes UFOs are created by the way we process visual information. There is a phenomenon known as autokinesis in which a celestial object, for example, a star, appears to move in the sky when it is virtually stationary. This usually occurs when the object is well away from a reference point such as a tree or building.

The UK reports released are more of the same. There is the case of a group of people at a pub seeing a mysterious object with red and green lights descending from space in the direction of Gatwick Airport.

The reports do contain a very interesting account by two experienced air traffic controllers who saw a brightly lit object land on a runway and take off again, vertically and at high speed.

In recent years fascinating experiments have been done on massive electric sparks that jump between the tops of thunderclouds and space known as sprites and blue jets.

From my research I think that it is possible that many of the true UFOs are manifestations of an electrical discharge phenomenon related to electrical connections between the Earth and space.

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UFOs, Magic and Mysticism In Hollywood =96 May 17th, 2008

Thanks to Jay Weider and Christian Meoli of Sacred Mysteries Live, I was invited as a special guest to their panel discussion entitled UFO's, Magic And Mysticism in Hollywood, last Saturday night. Officially, I was an 'invited guest' along with Yvonne Smith (an expert on UFO abduction cases) and Harijiwan Khalsa, an expert in kundalini yoga. The panel itself consisted of Coast to Coast AM host George Noory, who did a masterful job in moderating the panel, Jordan Maxwell, the patron saint of conspiracy theorists, Dr. Roger Leir, the doctor who has removed scads of alien implants from his patients, Whitley Strieber, the author of "Communion" and numerous other books on the abduction phenomena (and a variety of fictional tales of horror), and Jay Weidner, who runs Sacred Mysteries and is the co-author of The Mysteries of the Great Cross of Hendaye.

I got there a bit after 7:30, mostly because I had to park almost a half mile away because the hotel parking lot was full. When I got there, the place was already quite full (they had over 300 attendees) and buzzing with anticipation. The first person I saw was Tom Danheiser, George's producer on Coast to Coast. We've met before and had a nice chat, and I began to notice it was pretty hot in the room.

After that, I circulated a bit and talked to George. He commented that he didn't remember me having a goatee the last time we met. I thought I did. Oh well.

I was glad to reconnect with Harijiwan, who I first met at the Sacred Mysteries 2012 "Shift Happens" conference last March. He's a really joyful and funny guy, much different than you'd expect him to be given his evolved state of consciousness. As we posed for a picture, I pointed out to him that if I studied with him and became a Yogi, my name would be Yogi Bara. He liked that. I definitely have to attend one of his workshops someday soon.

The start was delayed a few minutes because Christian wanted to give those that had to park far away a chance to get in the door. Strieber, who I had not met, was having none of that. After just a few minutes of waiting, he marched up to the podium, took the microphone and announced to everybody that it was time to start. We all kind of took our cues from him and got into our seats.

What followed was a very interesting and free flowing discussion about the state of the world in general, 2012, and the alien presence, such as it is. I found Dr. Leir to be thoughtful and insightful, Jordan to be a master storyteller as always, and

Strieber to be relentlessly grim. Jay could hardly get a word in edgewise, but I got the impression he was having a great time just listening to the others talk.

The only real problem I really had with any of them was with Whitley Strieber. He's firmly convinced that world is going to hell in a hand basket; that we're running out of oil, that we're running out of food, that the weather is getting worse and spiraling out of control, that we're all about to die in some unimaginable calamity. Now, to be fair, I think something really bad might happen around 2012 or shortly thereafter myself, but most of the rest of what he said was just plain wrong.

For one thing, the world is not running out of oil. Our current inflationary problems are with energy production, not energy supply. There remain vast reserves of oil all throughout the world, enough for centuries yet if choose to continue to be an oil based economy. That's not to mention all the reachable shale oil, coal for liquefaction, and many other means of energy production at our disposal.

As Jack Kemp famously said in the early 1980's, when inflation was far worse and the world was experiencing the Keynesian impossibility of stagflation, "the answer to inflation is production."

The issues we face today are solely of our own making. For three decades, the Democratic Party in this country has done everything it could to stifle the production of new domestic energy, be it drilling for oil in the so-called "Alaskan Wildlife Refuge," loosening the restrictions on safe and clean nuclear power, or "protecting" land where the aforementioned coal liquefaction plants could be built. Bob Brinker, the host of the syndicated radio program "Money Talk," has some great ideas about how to increase our energy supply cheaply, efficiently and with virtually zero impact on the environment. This latter point is important, because environmental impact is the most commonly used excuse for not allowing nuclear plants, oil platforms or gasoline refineries to be built. Check out his monologue from last week's program at <http://www.bobbrinker.com>. It was a real eye opener for me.

One other point on this; there is a growing belief amongst geologists that the whole concept of oil as a "fossil fuel" may be wrong. Led by the late Dr. Thomas Gold, there is mounting evidence that oil may in fact not be a byproduct of biological degradation, but rather a naturally produced component of the Earth itself. If this is true and the Earth is constantly manufacturing new supplies of oil, then the reality is that we will never run out of it, and the perception of scarcity is a major component of the high prices we are seeing today. Gold's theories deserve a fair hearing and an honest test.

The point is, contrary to what Strieber and so many in the anomalist community seem to believe, the world is not crashing down around us. We feed and house more people every year, infant mortality rates decline every year, life spans increase every year, and every year we discover new and effective treatments and cures against the diseases that used to ravage us. In short, the human condition gets better every year that goes by, not worse.

If you're getting the impression I didn't care for Strieber too much, you're correct. Not only did I feel he was misinformed on the state of affairs in the world today, I also felt he hated being up on stage and couldn't wait to get out of there. As soon as George started to wind down the panel, Strieber bolted from his chair, collected his wife and was out the side door so fast he left a vapor trail. Anybody who thought they might get a chance to talk to him during the break was probably disappointed. He struck me as having contempt for his audience, which is something I've never seen from George or Richard, or from most of the authors and researchers I've met over the years. They are always gracious and giving of their time and happy to meet their fans.

To be fair, everybody has bad days, and maybe he just wasn't feeling well or was exhausted from a long trip. I don't know. But he could have done a better job of acting like he cared about being there.

After a short break, we reconvened the panel without Whitley and George, but with me, Harijiwan and Yvonne. We took about 20 questions before the night was over, and I felt bad for kind of dominating the mic at times. It's just that there were a bunch of questions that were right up my alley, so I couldn't just sit back and not say anything.

Afterwards, a bunch of us went out to grab a bite, and I didn't actually get to bed until about 4:00 AM. Still, it was fun night and I'm glad I went.

The only real disappointment is that we didn't get too much into the messages in Hollywood films angle, which was actually the advertised subject of the panel. This happens sometimes with panels.

Richard and I are discussing holding a Hollywood themed event ourselves this fall, and we'll definitely keep it more on the subject if we do.

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:27:04 +0100
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 20:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:59:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>As for in not being possible for a conspiracy to be uncovered, I
>disagree - the Pat Finucaine murder scandal in Northern Ireland,
>and the 'dodgy dossier' debacle in relation to the poor
>intelligence about Iranian weapons of mass destruction are two
>examples that come straight to mind about things which the UK
>government would prefer were not public knowledge.

<snip>

>For a cover-up to be successful requires that a) relatively few
>people know about what is being covered up and b) those that do
>know recognise the need for it.

<snip>

Hello Joe,

Have a feeling that the N.I leaks only happened because one
fairly powerful group had an interest in those facts being
revealed.

Got records of corruption going back more than fifty - sixty
years, and all are usually covered-up by claims of
"incompetence" or "cock-up" and then quickly forgotten.

Take a look at any aspect of government, national or local:-
policing, public-building, education, law-courts, judiciary,
planning - virtually anything. Corruption is always there - and
always covered-up.

Why? Because i) strong-minded corrupt people want positions
of power; ii) weak-minded people are corrupted by being in
positions of power.

For a cover-up to be successful all you need is control of the
media.

You can ignore, or brand as 'cranks', or simply get rid-of any
outsiders who know different.

Cheers

Ray D

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No Need To Feel Alienated

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 20:22:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 23 May 2008 20:22:00 -0400
Subject: No Need To Feel Alienated

Source: The Portland Tribune - Oregon, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/46z9g3>

May 22, 2008

On The Rocks =95 Seen A UFO? No Need To Feel Alienated
By Anne Marie Distefano
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Anyone who studies UFOs will tell you that the mainstream media is not to be trusted.

So I have to hand it to the members of the Oregon chapter of the Mutual Unidentified Flying Object Network (MUFON) for welcoming me to their monthly meeting, and speaking to me candidly about their beliefs.

On Tuesday, May 13, in a bunkerlike conference room in the basement of an obscure office park, about 20 people gathered to discuss UFOs. They are part of a international network that has been investigating lights in the sky since 1969.

The theme tonight is the Trent case. It's one of the most famous UFO sightings of all time, and it took place here in Oregon, on a farm outside of McMinnville.

On a spring day in 1950, Evelyn Trent went outside to check on the rabbit hutch, and saw a saucer-shaped, metallic object in the sky. Her husband snapped two photos, which eventually made their way into Life magazine.

A short film about the Trents is the centerpiece of tonight's meeting, but for most of the people here, the story is old hat - and besides, they have experiences even closer to home to discuss.

"I've had a number of sightings," affirms Keith Rowell, Oregon MUFON's assistant state director. He adds, "As far as I know, I'm only involved in the phenomenon in a sort of an intellectual way."

In other words, he's seeking out the phenomenon, rather than vice versa. That's not always the case, he says; sometimes researchers are drawn to UFOs, only to uncover their own hidden memories of encounters or abductions.

Rowell got interested in UFOs while working as a library clerk for Portland Public Schools. A spate of books on the subject passed through his hands, "some of them," he says, "by people that, if they weren't talking about UFOs, you would believe them. And that got me going.

"I was a college-educated guy," Rowell continues. "I knew a little bit about what science is and I knew a little bit about what scholarship is... I certainly thought that as far as the

physical world goes, the world of establishment science was it - that it described what was really going on. I don't believe that today."

As a certified MUFON investigator, Rowell did full investigations on several of his own sightings.

He also reports tonight on his investigation of a sighting that occurred in George Rogers Park, in Lake Oswego, in February 1977. A young couple (now married) recently contacted MUFON through its Web site (oregonmufon.com).

During their courtship, they had a close encounter while walking in the park one night. A saucer-shaped object appeared about 300 feet from where they were standing.

The man claims to have had telepathic communication with the saucer.

The saucer, Rowell reports, told the man that it was here, "To witness the second coming of Christ."

Some MUFON members chuckle at this, but Rowell notes that the man became a practicing Christian beginning at that time. It's the only tangible result left from this incident, although at the time, the man also developed something like a slight sunburn, he says.

Why would he lie? The credibility of firsthand accounts is ground zero for the battle between UFO researchers and UFO debunkers.

At the scene of a car accident or robbery, I don't think any reporter would hesitate to treat the men and women in this room as eyewitnesses. I know I wouldn't. But instead, the woman sitting next to me tells me about an unexplainable object that she saw in the sky over Plano, Texas, in 1975.

She was a grade school teacher at the time. She was with about 12 other people who were on their way into a PTA meeting, she says, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"All of us knew it was something we had not seen before," she says.

It was shaped like the object in the Trent photos, she recalls, but she could see pulsing lights, and something like windows, very close together, wrapping all the way around.

After watching the object, the group, none of whom knew one another, scattered. As far as my source knows, none of them ever spoke to one another again.

"I just never talked about it," she says, "because I was teaching school and it wasn't a wise thing to do... You just didn't talk about it - I didn't."

There's a stigma attached to believing in UFOs. That is why, although MUFON is primarily a research organization, it doubles as a support group.

"We need to treat the witnesses with respect," explains Tom Bowden, Oregon MUFON's state director, and, by day, a computer analyst for the banking business.

"The opportunity for them to be ridiculed by other people is certainly there," he says, "and they definitely do not need that from us... We want them to feel that it's perfectly reasonable to talk about the subject and that ridicule is unreasonable."

Some people join MUFON because they've read extensively about UFOs, and want to discuss the literature. Some join because they need a safe haven where they can talk about something they have experienced.

During the meeting, one man says: "It gives me a nice, warm feeling to be around people who believe in UFOs.... Here, I can talk if I want to, and I don't get that Spock thing" - referring to the skeptically raised eyebrow of "Star Trek's" Mr. Spock.

Of course everyone knows who Spock is - he's the embodiment of

all that's logical and scientific. And yet, if he were real, he surely wouldn't doubt the existence of aliens, being one himself.

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Re: Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:43:37 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 07:19:49 -0400
Subject: Re: Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 11:14:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull

<snip>
>If a teenager like me can work with pyrex (and later much larger
>optics using other ultra low expansion materials such as quartz
>and cervit) and achieve such amazing levels of perfection, then
>the crystal skulls become little more than crude novelties for
>tourists which have now become, like crop circles, implants and
>lucid dreams (to name a just few), part of UFO popular culture.

Hi Nick,

Seems we've shared a hobby. Was once posted to the far North where you'd be indoors part of the year and was lucky enough to inherit a lapidary kit from a guy who was leaving.

The local strata had marbles, granites and many 'precious' or 'semi-precious' layers in small quantities - way enough for me.

Admittedly it used power tools - lathe and drills - but the same results are obtainable by hand, with patience.

Cheers

Ray

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Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:08:05 +0000
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 07:22:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 13:59:42 -0500
>Subject: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

>I thought I'd let you know about two new articles I've published
>at my Web site:
>http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html
>Unusual Helicopter Activity (Includes Photographs) By Katharina
>Wilson and Linda Murphy

>This article is based on several emails I received from an
>abductee named Linda Murphy from April 23rd through May of 2008.
>Linda was able to take some very good photographs of a
>helicopter that appeared to be following her and possibly
>conducting some type of surveillance activities.

Katharina,

Crucial information is missing from the above cited article.

For example, the exact location of the sightings is not given.

I have helicopter activity directly over my house/area and
know the exact reason why. The copters are unmarked -
either I.C.E. or Border Patrol or exotic experimental UAVs.

I know where the flights originate from, where they are going
and can guess their return flight.

When the Border Patrol and UAVs first started their flights, and
I was outside smoking a cigar late at night, they used the light
from the ash to calibrate the FLIR. Sometimes, if the pilot was
so inclined, the craft would flash their lights and I would wave
back at them.

So, in order to understand and evaluate, Linda needs to provide
her location.

Me? I am downwind D-M and over a few miles from Fort
Huachuca/Sierra Vista. I have seen some very unusual
craft/activity but I would be hard pressed to imagine it is
because of something 'from out there'.

KK

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:12:20 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 07:23:57 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 19:40:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>The timing of this particular embarrassment for the MoD should
>serve as a salutary warning for those who, for whatever reason,
>want to believe that the MoD is telling the truth, the whole
>truth, and nothing but the truth.

Which rather illustrates my point about cover-ups - if the
authorities are so all-powerful, why didn't they just cover this
up?

<snip>

>Joe's proclamation to the effect that 'disclosure is here' is
>somewhat premature. We in Britain are still unable to base our
>pursuit of the truth on any basic statement of our rights as
>citizens in this regard.

But we do have the law, which states in relation to the FoIA
that the presumption is for disclosure unless the department
concerned can legitimately justify retention. Even if the
decision is taken to retain information, this can be appealed
and the Information Commissioner's department can then examine
the retained information and make an adjudication. I should
shortly be getting the result (after 2 years or so of waiting)
of such an appeal against retention on the grounds of national
security.

>On any balanced view you'd have to say that the release of these
>of these files is an important step forward, but we have a long
>way yet to go.

I'm curious to know where you think we can go other than as I
described in a previous post - misplaced records - and appeals
against retentions?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:38:06 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 08:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 20:20:45 +0000
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Roy Hale Wrote:

>>Has ET ever visited earth?

And Kathy Kasten answered:

>Need definition of "ET" before answering the question.

>KK

Hello,

Please stop being pedantic, Stuart knows exactly what I mean.

Roy

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Re: Nick Pope On MoD Files

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 12:14:15 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 07:39:43 -0400
Subject: Re: Nick Pope On MoD Files

>From: Nick Pope <malbooking.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 01:47:48 +0100
>Subject: Nick Pope On MoD Files

<snip>

Thanks, Nick,

I couldn't really ask for a more explicit confirmation of the points I raised in the main 'MoD file release' thread.

By the way, I'm curious - why did you not take up the offer made to you by Dave Clarke at the 'sceptics in the pub' event to hold a joint press conference at TNA?

Regards,

Joe

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:57:24 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 08:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 13:10:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Hello Mike, List,

<snip>

>Certainly in the case of the US government, any incident or data
>that reveals, or even suggests, a vulnerability in some
>component of our strategic infrastructure is going to be
>withheld from the public domain indefinitely, and countered with
>active disinformation as necessary, whether it relates to UFOs
>or not. Don't bother with the FOIA request.

The situation seems to be somewhat different over here. I was concerned that one of the documents we obtained in relation to the Condign report dated May 1997 contained the following paragraph:

"There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity."

Viewed in the context of 9/11, I was concerned that this information might be useful to a terrorist, so much so that I queried it's release with the MoD. The response was as follows:

"...the relevant desk officer confirmed that there was no need to withhold this information."

>The proposition that the government is concealing critical UFO->related material is non-falsifiable (a la Iraq and WMD), and >hence rather pointless to discuss, but proclamations that there >is "no smoking gun", "no positive evidence", that "disclosure >has arrived", etc., do not by any means follow from this purge >of MoD filespace.

My question to anyone who thinks otherwise is where else is there to look? Yes, there may be an odd mis-filed investigation summary, files thought to have been destroyed may be found, redactions may be removed, but the enduring message in all of the documents released so far is that the MoD doesn't know and doesn't want to know what UFOs are.

It would be amazing if the outstanding records, alluded to

above, completely contradicted all of the other available documents, which bracket and in some cases overlap the otherwise missing records.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: The Possibility Of Other Dimensions &

From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 01:06:03 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 08:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Possibility Of Other Dimensions &

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 11:37:57 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: The Possibility Of Other Dimensions & Universes

<snip>

>Commenting on
>an item in an earlier issue of New Scientist dealing with
>infinite multiverses, C. Piney wrote:

>If, as it states, all conceivable universes are possible, this
>infinity of universes must contain at least one in which the
>theory of multiverses is false. The moment this universe
>appears, all other possibilities and options must collapse into
>the immutable reality and, hey presto, multi-universality is no
>more.

>Piney suggests that this collapse has already happened. Let us
>hope so!

>(Piney, Crispin; Physics Porn New Scientist, p. 20, March 8,
>2008)

Piney's argument is fallacious. The falsity of the theory of multiverses would hold only in that one universe, rendering it a unique cosmic cul-de-sac. In all the others where it were not false, diversity would rebound from theoretical extinction instant by instant.

Piney would be right to suggest that this collapse has already happened (infinity, after all, carries its own burden of inevitability), but neglects to observe that, in the broader omniverse, so also would its vertiginous infinity of negations.

There is a potentially tragic consequence of all this. Omniversal tourists from those universes where all things are possible could arrive in Piney's closed universe only to discover that they have nowhere else to go...

Gerald O'Connell

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:24:08 -0300
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 13:10:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 15:20:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

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>hence rather pointless to discuss, but proclamations that there
>is "no smoking gun", "no positive evidence", that "disclosure
>has arrived", etc., do not by any means follow from this purge
>of MoD filespace.

Mike,

It should be noted that in the USA besides the USAF there are
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taken as evidence there is no such data elsewhere.

Do recall General Bolender's comments.

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 02:17:26 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 09:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>Source: Mike Bara's Dark Mission Blog

><http://tinyurl.com/5kgmts>

>UFOs, Magic and Mysticism In Hollywood - May 17th, 2008

Don't think we need to spend time on this - it's fairly clear that Hollywood has been an agency of mis-information and downright propaganda since the 40's.

For a cover-up to be successful all you need is control of the media.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 11:54:57 +0100
Archived: Sat, 24 May 2008 09:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:27:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Hello Ray, List,

<snip>

>Have a feeling that the N.I leaks only happened because one
>fairly powerful group had an interest in those facts being
>revealed.

Yes, the group with the vested interest was the Republican
movement. What other power-base could possibly benefit from
exposing the facts?

>Got records of corruption going back more than fifty - sixty
>years, and all are usually covered-up by claims of
>"incompetence" or "cock-up" and then quickly forgotten.

And how many of your records are media sourced?

>Take a look at any aspect of government, national or local:-
>policing, public-building, education, law-courts, judiciary,
>planning - virtually anything. Corruption is always there - and
>always covered-up.

But not always successfully.

>Why? Because i) strong-minded corrupt people want positions
>of power; ii) weak-minded people are corrupted by being in
>positions of power.

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>media.

Setting aside historical media-driven expos=E9s such as Watergate,
the Iran-contra affair, Monica Lewinski, etc. recent UK media
driven problems for the UK government include the Saudi arms
pay-offs and the MP expenses furore, both of which were fought
against tooth and nail by the government. MP's expenses are now
public knowledge, and I suspect the Saudi dealing will also soon
be - see:

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/7341946.stm>

(note the mixed media reaction there)

There are instances when the media co-operate with the
government, but they require the acceptance of the media that
there is good reason for hiding the facts, such as Prince
Harry's tour of duty in Afghanistan, and some delayed reporting
during the Falklands and Gulf wars.

That is not always the case though, I recall an expose in one of
the Sunday papers during the 1970's revealing how the army in
Northern Ireland was triggering IRA bombs as they were being
built, killing the bomb-makers.

Once it got in the papers, the value of the operation was negated, meaning more bombs reaching their targets and more soldiers and civilians getting killed by them. Thank you, News of the World.

Hardly a controlled media.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 05:52:14 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 06:26:11 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:38:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 20:20:45 +0000
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>Roy Hale Wrote:

>>>Has ET ever visited earth?

>And Kathy Kasten answered:

>>Need definition of "ET" before answering the question.

>>KK

>Hello,

>Please stop being pedantic, Stuart knows exactly what I mean.

Not pedantic, that's showy use of language.

KK is inconsequentially contentuous or, equivocal. All the damn time.

JCH

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Re: MoD File Release

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 09:50:34 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 06:29:07 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:24:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 13:10:04 -0600
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>Mike,

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>such intelligence agencies as the CIA, DIA, NSA, NRO, AFOSI,
>ONI. Some certainly have had UFO collections.

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>data would not be in the not very classified MOD files?

Also, there must be similar exceptions built into the UK disclosure law. In the U.S. a list of 9 sections do not apply and are used routinely to withhold information. Notice the President can just issue an Executive order. If you read the court cases, you will see that these sections have been expanded in practice. The loop holes are so large the act is almost meaningless.

The relevant section is quoted below from (US) THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (5 U.S.C. =A7 552)...

This section does not apply to matters that are:

- (1)(A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;

(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;

(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of a confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of a record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;

(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or

(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

Regards,

Frank

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 16:03:27 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 06:30:37 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:24:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Hello Stan, List,

<snip>

>It should be noted that in the USA besides the USAF there are
>such intelligence agencies as the CIA, DIA, NSA, NRO, AFOSI,
>ONI. Some certainly have had UFO collections.

The situation is a little different in the UK in that there are
fewer agencies, and they have more rigidly-defined terms of
reference.

MI5 and Special Branch could be loosely compared with the FBI.
MI5 is concerned with military intelligence within the UK which
by it's nature is more of a counter-intelligence operation.

Special Branch is mainly concerned with criminal intelligence,
which means there is a slight overlap with MI5 in relation to
hostile espionage with the UK (which is both criminal and of
military intelligence interest). Terrorism is another area of
overlap. Special Branch did take a short-term interest in UFOs
in the past due to concerns that some reports may relate to
terrorist use of helicopters to transport personnel and/or
explosives covertly, but they involved the MoD with their
investigations.

MI6 is comparable to the CIA in that it is concerned with
overseas espionage. They may be able to provide chapter and
verse on Russian or Chinese interest in UFOs, but won't hold any
information on the UK interest.

Other departments relate to SIGINT or ELINT, and unless UFOs are
generating radio transmissions, sending encrypted messages over
the internet, or have been captured on satellite images there
will be little if any relevant information held by them. Even if
there is, the information would most likely have been routed to
DI55 which could possibly account for some of the redactions.
Both types of intelligence are the most closely guarded in the
UK.

One possible exception is NATO - I haven't looked into their
interest or otherwise in UFOs. However, if any department
including NATO was interested in UFO reports for UK controlled
airspace on a regular basis, they would be included on the
distribution list for signalled UFO reports (which incidentally
were classified 'RESTRICTED' or 'CONFIDENTIAL' and their
priority was 'ROUTINE').

>Surely there must be similar low profile groups in the UK whose
>data would not be in the not very classified MOD files?

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>taken as evidence there is no such data elsewhere.

But there have been documents classified 'SECRET' relating to UFOs released in the past - the FSWP, the intelligence minutes relating to it, and the CONDIGN report. They all revealed a lack of any evidence of ET visitation.

In the future scheduled releases it is quite possible that some documents will be classified SECRET or above, but they aren't going to contradict the accumulated already-released material.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 11:11:03 EDT
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 07:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 02:17:26 +0100
>Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>>Source: Mike Bara's Dark Mission Blog

>><http://tinyurl.com/5kgmts>

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>that Hollywood has been an agency of mis-information and
>downright propaganda since the 40's.

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>media.

Don't even get me started on the use of the media for mind and
behavior modification. The old saying about what is not_said
goes a long way here.

Grew up in the media, am in it now. Good news is, the means of
control is going to fall real soon and then there's going to be
a route in Hollywood that'll probably vindicate Joe McCarthy.

Best,

Greg

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Re: Examining The Files On UFOs

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 11:54:23 -0400
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 07:33:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Examining The Files On UFOs

>Source: The Courier-Mail - Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

><http://tinyurl.com/3zvd12>

>May 23, 2008

>Examining The Files On UFOs
>Stephen Hughes

<snip>

>The UFO era officially began on June 24, 1947 when a pilot named
>Kenneth Arnold reported seeing strange objects shaped like
>boomerangs flying erratically some distance away from his plane.

Huh? Boomerangs? First time I've heard that!

>Soon after, numerous green lights were seen in the vicinity of
>military weapons establishment in New Mexico, which again were
>thought to be foreign surveillance craft. The investigation of
>these green lights was codenamed Project Twinkle.

>A report concluded that the strange lights were natural
>phenomena, some of which may have been related to meteors
>streaking through the Earth's atmosphere.

The green fireball sightings began in December, 1948, about a
year and a half after Arnold's sighting.

So, the writer knows about the Project Twinkle report. Don't
know whether he has read it or only read about it.

But clearly he is not aware of the story behind the report: he
does not know about the *cover up* by the report writer, Dr.
Eltermann.

Anyone who wants to know what was not included in that report
should go to

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/WhiteSandsProof/WhiteSandsProof.html>

The technicians at White Sands got the proof.

Then Eltermann covered it up!

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:08:20 - 0300
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 07:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:59:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 15:14:32 - 0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:08:49 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>>The rest of ufology appears to be at a loss

>>Yeah, where did you hear that? We've got enough to deal with over
>>here without worrying about the MOD's thin reports and pablum
>>feeding.

>I didn't hear it anywhere - it is evident from the general lack
>of reaction in some quarters, the frenzied speculation in other
>quarters, and it is only in the quieter backwaters that a few
>people are actually taking steps to do something with the data
>and make the most out of it.

Well actually that's the way it should be. Frenzied? Come on
Joe. I haven't seen that on this list. It sort of fell flat
actually, probably because the boy cried wolf once too often.
Perhaps another reason might be that it has been second nature
to find UFO reports or have them released without fanfare over
on this side of the Atlantic and over a period of years. The
Blue Book files are huge and those in the Canadian archives
number, as I said, around 10,000. Like the MOD files many of
them are not worth viewing while others are very interesting but
you get to see page one and the following page[s] are missing.

><snip>

>>See below.

>>>There are a lot more files to come, and there will be more
>>>interesting reports amongst them, and in a few cases, the MoD
>>>will have carried out superficial investigations (the Cosford
>>>case is a good example). There is no 'secret squirrel' section,
>>>no smoking gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation. Get used
>>>to it, and decide what you want to do to make the best use out
>>>of 'disclosure' - it's arrived.

>>Ah cut the crap, Joe. The conspiracy side is getting a little
>>tired. You wouldn't know in any event if there was anything they
>>>wanted to keep out of the public eye. You state with authority,
>>"There is no 'secret squirrel' section, no smoking gun, no
>>positive evidence of ET visitation."

>I'm not sure what you mean here - by "The conspiracy side is

>getting a little tired", do you mean that it is becoming more
>untenable? If so, I couldn't agree more.

You stated, "There is no secret squirrel section, no smoking
gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation.." and I don't think
you are in any position to know if there are or are not the
above; it is as simple as that.

>As for in not being possible for a conspiracy to be uncovered, I
>disagree - the Pat Finucaine murder scandal in Northern Ireland,
>and the 'dodgy dossier' debacle in relation to the poor
>intelligence about Iranian weapons of mass destruction are two
>examples that come straight to mind about things which the UK
>government would prefer were not public knowledge.

There is a difference about something having occurred in the
public domain and being covered up then some policy begun in
intelligence circles. There is a structure in place from the
beginning that is aimed at keeping certain information out of
not only the public's hands but others in the same intelligence
agency. It is compartmentalized and layered.

>I've looked for signs of a cover up and not found any, though I
>have to say that there could be grounds to suspect that some
>material has been tampered with.

Depends on what is or might be construed as harmful to the
affected agency, whatever that might be. Plus you might be
looking in the wrong place.

>>Why the hell would they tell you? Do you really think you are in
>>the loop? There are plenty of things the government keeps secret
>>that have nothing to do with UFOs that you will never be privy
>>to. They have become masters at it over many centuries.

>See above - they are not as masterful as you would seem to think.

They learn from their mistakes - Guy Burgess, Blount, etc.

>For a cover - up to be successful requires that a) relatively few
>people know about what is being covered up and b) those that do
>know recognise the need for it.

As I stated above. The reason to cover up might be not what we
think it is, however. Things are never what they seem.

>>The Canadian government UFO files have been available for 15 or
>>20 years, even copies of the 16mm copies have been available

>>from the National Archives through the library loaner system

>>_and_ with a lot more detail than is evidenced in the MOD
>>released files, i.e. RCMP reports of their investigations. But
>>there are more there that we can't get at for whatever reason
>>they are holding them back.

As mentioned above, files are obviously missing - whether by
design or due to sloppy filing practices - but on three
occasions in my own right and in a few instances with my
co - author [Dark Object] Chris Styles, we have gone after files
that had to stem from a case and they are denied. The very first
instance was when Chris Styles went to Ottawa and after certain
documents at the National Archives while in Ottawa. They told him
the files were being kept in another location and he had to wait
a day and a half to see the file folder. When the folder showed
up, worn and puffed out as if it had contained dozens of files
there were two papers in there, a UFO document of mundane
interest and a slip of paper that indicated that the files had
been reviewed and sanitized the day before while Chris was
waiting for them.

I receive a thick envelope which I thought was going to contain a
wealth of reports only to discover that it was a couple of
letters crying poor about their lack of resources and how I
couldn't expect them to do all of this work, blah, blah,
blah...They recommended that I go to the capitol and go through
them myself or hire someone there to do so. Expensive either way.
The thickness came from the entire act being included in the
envelope and the procedures needed to resubmit, likely so that I
could get another copy of same.

>How do you know this? Aren't they subject to the Canadian FoIA,
>or don't you have one?

Access to Information Act here in Canada and it has been in place for many years but that doesn't mean they will release the stuff. As in your case in the UK the latest indignity is the blacking out of witness names, investigator's names, department names and location names to protect the privacy of the witnesses, etc. I can understand some civilian witnesses name being blacked out but the RCMP officer's name for example, a public servant who wrote up public documents on the public's budget for a public department? That is cheezy.

>>The Blue Book files have been around for a couple of dozen years
>>as well. Not sure about all of the hype about the MOD files
>>other than they are remarkable for the MOD lying about not
>>having them in the first place and then releasing them bit by
>>bit as if they are the be all and end all of UFO reports. They
>>for the most part are disturbingly amateurish.

>The MoD have never, as far as I am aware denied having files
>containing references to UFOs.

Really?

>They have on occasion either lied probably lied
>or been mistaken about exactly what they hold, for instance, when
>the Rendlesham story broke they said that all they had was Halt's
>memo - we now know that not to have been true.

An oversight no doubt. But these are the same people who should not admit to forgetfulness as it tends to make people a bit antsy about their ability to carry out their jobs gathering intelligence that can mean the ability to win or lose wars.

>I have always maintained that the MoD handling of UFO reports
>has been amateurish - I am glad that you agree.

Not a stretch but I think there is method there for other purposes. It is an extention of their seeming lack of interest. I think there is interest. I can't see how it could be otherwise. The RN , the British Army, the RAF have all had encounters with these things plus police officers commercial pilots and some scientists. How can you ignore that? Doesn't make sense. It would be like ignorin a serial killer because you can't catch him - or these days - her so authority attempts to downplay it of limit the damage it does to image. The serial killer scenario is an extreme anology I agree but you get the point.

>>Was this the last final release of reports - other than the
>>continuation of the most recent - or will their be more do you
>>think?

>It's possible an odd case might turn up here or there, which
>will be due to people either flouting or not being aware of the
>process. We already know of at least one case followed up by
>Ops(GE) without the involvement of Sec(AS), but this was done in
>ignorance and wasn't an especially spectacular case.

>We are also aware of missing files, which contained UFO - related
>information. At the moment the MoD position is that these have
>been destroyed in error, but we are still pursuing them and they
>might ultimately be found.

>>As for Nick, if he was commenting more on the most recently
>>released files you would babbling on about him trying to steal
>>some thunder from you and the others. Which way do you want it,
>>Joe... make up your mind.

>My mind has always been made up - as soon as Nick starts to give
>appropriate credit, I don't care how much he depends on our
>efforts. Can you imagine how Brad Steiger would react if someone
>else claimed to have written his book Maritime UFO Files?

Write it all he wants as long as I get the royalties.

>>Nick worked there. You and the others are just nibbling around
>>the edges.

>I don't think that having worked in what now seems to be

>universally recognised

Now here you use words that presume that which you cannot prove but which you wish to be true. You can't say with any authority or accuracy that it. "now seems to be universally recognised". He would have had access to certain military or government people with information either directly involved with the registering of these objects or to those who had access to such people.

>as an ineffective department is much of a
>recommendation - Tony Blair used to work as our Prime Minister.
>These edges are getting quite large, we had about 10,000 pages
>of MoD material before the current release.

Big difference between a highly public Prime Minister and documents kept out of the limelight because it embarrasses the nations military AN ITS command of it own skies. What you can't deal with you ignore and diminish its importance. "Not a threat to national security."

The government, in this case the UK government, through the CAA has obviously instilled a degree of fear [for their jobs or perhaps the hindering of future advancement] in its air traffic controllers. The case of the three at an eastern airport is an obvious example of this. Normally such a heinous infraction of the air regulations whould have necessitated the most serious of charges against the infractor. This intrusion of a UFO compromised the safety of the tower's control zone which any pilot or air traffic controller is sanctified airspace for one reason - to prevent death. In this case death to a back seat to fear and incredulity. Whatever agency put fear for job security into these controllers did a dis - service to them, the aircraft and passengers using that zone and the area in general. Once this came to the fore, where was the CAA eagerly attempting to track down these controllers. No doubt these same controllers had a good snicker over stories that had heard previously - then it happened to them.

On a lesser scale those who can't disprove the validity of the phenomenon attack witnesses, use buzz words to denigrate the inquirey of others and attempt to put themselves in the position of being on the high intellectual ground when in fact they are coming at this late in the game when much of the ground work had been done in the 40 - 50 years previously.

Don Ledger

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Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 16:34:10 -0300
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 08:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 21 May 2008 06:58:41 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 20 May 2008 13:41:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Russian Orthodox Church Excludes UFOs

>>I would give
>>religion a pass if it would stay out of governance and the
>>teaching of children. It is power based and jealous of it.

>It would thus die in a generation, Don. For religion today
>otherwise has no appeal except to those raised in it and their
>spouses, trying to keep the peace.

>This official pronouncement of the Catholic Church is seen as
>necessary and fitting to the plans it envisions for what role it
>sees to its future. Truth has no value, clarity brought of
>revelation has none. Church historians cannot deny that.

>The value of this new attitude is in the way we will see its
>impact reflected in debunkers and in the most skeptical. How
>many of them, that is, that have been influenced by religion.
>Something, I might add, we've all been conditioned to avoid
>confronting.

>The best example of how such unspoken concerns do shape things
>is in that of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Kept in Jerusalem, carefully
>guarded and never shared to view in an obscure museum by a
>secretive curator for 40 years (who promised to translate them
>in a short 10 years,) when the man died only a lone shopping
>list had been translated.

>Only after his death was it revealed the curator was a devout
>Catholic.

>How many, would you suppose, (even in ufology) feel a compulsion
>to resolve what they uncover/research/confront to some religious
>context?

>JCH

Did I answer this? Think not.

I suspect that some do colour their research due to some
religious leanings. Others won't touch this stuff with a ten
foot pole because they think it anti-religious or the work of
the devil or some such nonsense.

They are threatened by it, I think, because of an ego-centric
view or perhaps a tenuous - at best - hold on their beliefs and
don't want to be tempted.

Don Ledger

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:15:36 -0600
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 08:43:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:57:24 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 13:10:04 -0600
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>The proposition that the government is concealing critical UFO-
>>related material is non-falsifiable (a la Iraq and WMD), and
>>hence rather pointless to discuss, but proclamations that there
>>is "no smoking gun", "no positive evidence", that "disclosure
>>has arrived", etc., do not by any means follow from this purge
>>of MoD filespace.

>My question to anyone who thinks otherwise is where else is
>there to look? Yes, there may be an odd mis-filed investigation
>summary, files thought to have been destroyed may be found,
>redactions may be removed, but the enduring message in all of
>the documents released so far is that the MoD doesn't know and
>doesn't want to know what UFOs are.

>It would be amazing if the outstanding records, alluded to
>above, completely contradicted all of the other available
>documents, which bracket and in some cases overlap the otherwise
>missing records.

Hi Joe,

At the risk of seeming obtuse I must repeat that the concealment hypothesis is non-falsifiable... there's no use appealing to how much effort you've expended, nor to how self-consistent or exculpatory the material is that you have managed to uncover thus far.

This can be applied disingenuously of course, as in the search for WMD in Iraq, where it provided a convenient excuse for open-ended intelligence gathering.

In the case of UFO-related data held by the governments of major strategic powers, there are very plausible reasons to suppose that potentially critical material is being withheld, regardless of any particular government's level of concern regarding the identity or origin of the UFO phenomenon itself.

Consider that the most sophisticated surveillance and tracking systems on earth, themselves virtually unknown to the public, are supporting covert defense programs, generating data that are inherently classified. Whatever anomalous phenomena they may record will be withheld simply to conceal national technical means... we need not postulate a conspiracy on the part of the government to hide the existence of UFOs per se.

None of which necessarily conflicts with your assessment that "MoD doesn't know and doesn't want to know what UFOs are",

although I must say that the first part would seem true by definition, while the second would border on a pathology.

Regards,

Mike

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 03:56:51 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 08:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:59:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Joe, forgive the snip.

On the nitty-gritty of 'money and power' the mainstream media simply can't afford to tell the whole truth - IMHO.

Example 1 - money. Quite a while ago I'd occasionally chat to an editor on a UK broadsheet and was talking on the phone during a pre-election period when he said (paraphrased) - "Hey - how about you sending me a clear concise 'letter from a reader' on tax matters - the election is near and I'm not getting anything usable from the readership."

I said (paraphrased again) - "OK - if you'll print it complete, with details of the sliding tax-scale which profits the very rich, and also of the unfair allowances which keep middle-management in line". He's a very intelligent chap (Irish I believe) and immediately replied "You know I won't be able to print that particular stuff." Result - I didn't write the letter, even though I had done similar favors in the past.

So the 'Independent', a so-called crusading UK broadsheet, couldn't print the full story about taxes (even as a reader's letter) under a conservative regime and more than a decade later, still can't print the truth under a socialist regime.

Example 2 - power. Going back a way, this comes via a seventies book. A 'Sunday Times' team - Chester, Leitch & Simpson - couldn't run it in the paper (I believe) so published it in a book - "The Cleveland Street Affair". Even today the details are still not openly discussed. The Press (and Wiki) still talk about a "male brothel" without admitting it was an elite pedophile-kidnapping conspiracy. The one editor who printed the truth, in a north London radical journal, was immediately jailed for "libel" (c 1889).

Details at www.perceptions.couk.com/promise.html

BTW - even today rich criminals called 'libel tourists' come to the UK to have the truth about them suppressed by corrupt English libel courts.

I'm sorry to say that all talk of an open Press is just a pious dream - definitely not reality.

The mainstream Press has owners.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 11:51:24 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Franklin D. Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 09:50:34 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:24:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>such intelligence agencies as the CIA, DIA, NSA, NRO, AFOSI,
>>ONI. Some certainly have had UFO collections.

>>Surely there must be similar low profile groups in the UK whose
>>data would not be in the not very classified MOD files?

>Also, there must be similar exceptions built into the UK
>disclosure law.

<snip>

Here are details of the UK FOI exemptions, which include
areas such as defense, national security and information
supplied by, or related to, bodies dealing with security
matters:

<http://www.foi.gov.uk/guidance/exguide/index.htm>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 12:56:04 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 10:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:08:20 - 0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>The RN, the British Army, the RAF have all had
>encounters with these things plus police officers commercial
>pilots and some scientists. How can you ignore that? Doesn't
>make sense. It would be like ignorin a serial killer because you
>can't catch him - or these days - her so authority attempts to
>downplay it of limit the damage it does to image.

Don,

In some UFO quarters getting the 'truth' out may not be the
purpose of all this, closing the subject down permanently may
be more the route.

Roy

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Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 09:04:32 -0500
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 10:48:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 11:11:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 02:17:26 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>Grew up in the media, am in it now. Good news is, the means of
>control is going to fall real soon and then there's going to be
>a route in Hollywood that'll probably vindicate Joe McCarthy.

What in the world is that supposed to mean? That Hollywood is
indeed a hotbed of subversion and Islamofascistcommunism?

Jerry Clark

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On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 16:45:29 -0400
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 16:45:29 -0400
Subject: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

Source: The Discovery Channel - Toronto, Ontario, Canada

<http://tinyurl.com/4fqgf2>

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Re: MoD File Release

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 14:39:50 -0300
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 16:59:34 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 16:03:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:24:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>Hello Stan, List,

><snip>

>>It should be noted that in the USA besides the USAF there are
>>such intelligence agencies as the CIA, DIA, NSA, NRO, AFOSI,
>>ONI. Some certainly have had UFO collections.

>The situation is a little different in the UK in that there are
>fewer agencies, and they have more rigidly-defined terms of
>reference.

>MI5 and Special Branch could be loosely compared with the FBI.
>MI5 is concerned with military intelligence within the UK which
>by it's nature is more of a counter-intelligence operation.

>Special Branch is mainly concerned with criminal intelligence,
>which means there is a slight overlap with MI5 in relation to
>hostile espionage with the UK (which is both criminal and of
>military intelligence interest). Terrorism is another area of
>overlap. Special Branch did take a short-term interest in UFOs
>in the past due to concerns that some reports may relate to
>terrorist use of helicopters to transport personnel and/or
>explosives covertly, but they involved the MoD with their
>investigations.

>MI6 is comparable to the CIA in that it is concerned with
>overseas espionage. They may be able to provide chapter and
>verse on Russian or Chinese interest in UFOs, but won't hold any
>information on the UK interest.

>Other departments relate to SIGINT or ELINT, and unless UFOs are
>generating radio transmissions, sending encrypted messages over
>the internet, or have been captured on satellite images there
>will be little if any relevant information held by them. Even if
>there is, the information would most likely have been routed to
>DI55 which could possibly account for some of the redactions.
>Both types of intelligence are the most closely guarded in the
>UK.

>One possible exception is NATO - I haven't looked into their
>interest or otherwise in UFOs. However, if any department
>including NATO was interested in UFO reports for UK controlled
>airspace on a regular basis, they would be included on the
>distribution list for signalled UFO reports (which incidentally
>were classified 'RESTRICTED' or 'CONFIDENTIAL' and their
>priority was 'ROUTINE').

>>Surely there must be similar low profile groups in the UK whose
>>data would not be in the not very classified MOD files?

>>Absence of high security cases in these MOD files cannot be
>>taken as evidence there is no such data elsewhere.

>But there have been documents classified 'SECRET' relating to
>UFOs released in the past - the FSWP, the intelligence minutes
>relating to it, and the CONDIGN report. They all revealed a
>lack of any evidence of ET visitation.

>In the future scheduled releases it is quite possible that some
>documents will be classified SECRET or above, but they aren't
>going to contradict the accumulated already-released material.

Joe,

Yes, the CIA released 900 pages of UFO materials none rated
above SECRET... And all prior to about 1980. But when I pursued
the NSA which had listed a bunch of UFO documents from other
agencies, including about 25 from the CIA, when first asked to
release 18 UFO documents noted by the CIA, it took me 2 years to
get 11 CIA UFO documents which were unclassified press abstracts
of Eastern European Newspaper articles about UFOs. I appealed
and it took 3 more years to get very highly redacted copies of
only 4 of the remaining 14 CIA documents. They had been
classified TOP SECRET Code word. The other 10 were not released
at all.

The 1997 release of 160 pages of NSA UFO documents was very
enlightening. One could read 1 or 2 sentences per page. Wite-out
was used on the rest. The standard USAF (false) statement about
UFOs has for decades indicated that, aside from the National
Archives they were not aware of any other government agency
holding UFO documents! We know the FBI, CIA, and NSA and DIA etc
were. They lied. I wonder if the MOD has stated flatly that no
other agency is holding UFO materials??

Let us also note that the Condign author claimed falsely that
his report was only the 2nd English Language large study of
UFOs, besides the Condon Report. He was ignorant. Blue Book
Special Report 14 Had 240 charts tables, graphs, maps. The
Congressional Symposium of July 29, 1968, has testimony from 12
Scientists.. all in English. He was woefully uninformed about
the subject of plasmas and UFOs. Certainly here is one case
where absence of evidence in UK MOD UFO files cannot be taken as
evidence for overall absence. Are the intelligence agency UFO
files covered by FOIA in the UK?

Stan Friedman

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From: **Gerald O'Connell** <gac.nul>
Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 19:03:04 +0100
Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 16:59:34 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:12:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 19:40:25 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>The timing of this particular embarrassment for the MoD should
>>serve as a salutary warning for those who, for whatever reason,
>>want to believe that the MoD is telling the truth, the whole
>>truth, and nothing but the truth.

>Which rather illustrates my point about cover-ups - if the
>authorities are so all-powerful, why didn't they just cover this
>up?

I can't imagine a more crass comment in this context. You appear to be of the view that because some things have come to light, then that must mean that everything has come to light, and there is no more to be concealed. And where did you get the idea that anybody is suggesting that the authorities are omnipotent?

<snip>

>I'm curious to know where you think we can go other than as I
>described in a previous post - misplaced records - and appeals
>against retentions?

Well Joe, let's try to satisfy your curiosity as to the mechanics of an Open Society. We could have new laws relating to FOI, and they could be more strongly biased in favour of public scrutiny of government or civil service activities and decisions. And then we could have a much more open system of appeal. Instead of having a process whereby the burden of work is on researchers, journalists and busybodies to extract material, we could have a system whereby records are automatically made public and officials have to do the work and justify non-disclosure. We could ensure that any significant decisions on non-disclosure have to be taken by a jury, rather than by paid public officials. Like I said, it's a long journey!

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Gerald O'Connell

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 25 May 2008 18:58:57 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Right, The Spy And His Masters is still regarded as a good
CIA/MI-5 handbook.

Quote - "several points about cover stories in general; they
should not be too precise, nor too detailed, and they should not
be forthcoming too quickly, nor all at once."

http://www.xenu.net/archive/go/felix/ch_i4.htm

go 'find' for 'Bulganin'...

The 1956 cover-up discussed there was extremely successful -
some further, but probably not full or final details of the
illicit operation were only revealed by the British M.o.D in the
last year or so. So they've been carefully covering-up for more
than fifty years.

Cheers

Ray D

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British UFO Shocker!

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
Archived: Mon, 26 May 2008 06:56:35 -0400
Subject: British UFO Shocker!

British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

<http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

Okay, if this story is true that the British Government's assessment of the UFO situation is true, then that means that no alien craft were involved in any close encounters so that leaves us with terrestrial beings of odd shapes and sizes engaging in the activities?

It's either/or...

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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British UFO shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth
By Sarah Lyall

LONDON: They were shaped like cigars, saucers, coffins and amorphous blinking blobs. They hovered in a menacing manner, traveled at impossible speeds and vanished into the netherworld, or, in one instance, a hedge in Cornwall.

A few carried humanoid life forms, or so it seemed. A few materialized courtesy of the observers' possibly having had a drink too many, as in the case of an unidentified flying light cluster witnessed loitering in the sky by the patrons of a pub in Kent.

Whatever they were, these phenomena reported to Britain's Ministry of Defense over the years and made public this month were almost certainly not actual alien aircraft piloted by actual alien beings.

"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

Which is, frankly, a letdown, as is the government's prosaic explanation of why, for decades, it has meticulously documented reports of UFO sightings. "We only check the sightings from the perspective of making sure that our military airspace has not been breached, and we pretty much never have airspace breaches," a Defense Ministry spokeswoman said.

The spokeswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity =97 not because she works with Agent Mulder in some shadowy basement office, but because that is government policy =97 said the ministry had begun making the files public because it had been inundated with UFO-related requests under Britain's Freedom of Information Act.

The files from 1978 to 2002 were released this month. Some older files have already been declassified and made public; the rest will be released over the next few years. Available on the Web from the National Archives at ufos.nationalarchives.gov.uk, they cover hundreds of sightings but are hardly the X-Files. Much of the material consists of one-page forms carrying details like how big the supposed aircraft was and what, if anything, it seemed to be doing.

A citizen who gives her profession as "meals on wheels operator" describes her shock and awe at the sight of a smallish "Vulcan-shaped object" hovering in the sky. Another witness says she was roused from bed by a brilliant light emanating from a UFO "the size of a milk-bottle base."

"Some time on a Monday evening during the break in watching 'Quincy' =97 I checked my watch =97 I noticed an unusual happening in the sky," one correspondent wrote. And from Cornwall, a report arrived from a 28-year-old motorist who observed a bright yellow light "which bobbed and weaved" over the road, an image recalling Tinkerbell's mode of travel in "Peter Pan."

"The light changed to a purplish color, prior to its exit into a thick hedgerow," the report reads.

The files include random newspaper clippings of questionable journalistic rigor. A 1986 Daily Mirror article reports that the light "from a glowing red object" suffused the cockpit of a Royal Air Force jet carrying Prince Charles, seriously unnerving the pilot. As an aside, the newspaper noted that "Prince Philip has been a keen UFO follower for the past 36 years."

There are long letters asking big questions. "When is a flying saucer not a flying saucer?" muses one correspondent. "And is the mothership man-made or from a distant planet?"

In the old days, the United States systematically compiled reports of UFO sightings, too. But its last program, known as Project Blue Book, was closed down in 1969 after government officials concluded that if something was out there, it was not anything they wanted to investigate.

Some UFO enthusiasts said last week that they believed the British government had not released all of its files and was concealing the truth about a massive cover-up it had long perpetrated on the British people.

But Joe McGonagle, a self-described UFO researcher here, said the documents showed that far from concealing anything, the government had failed to investigate the sightings properly in the first place.

"A lot of people imagined that there was this vast UFO project with lots of people working on it, when in reality it was a civil servant spending 25 percent of his time on it, filing reports," he said.

It is not as if the authorities have always failed to take the issue seriously. In 1950, the government convened a secret committee, the Flying Saucer Working Party, to investigate sightings of UFOs. It concluded that UFOs were optical illusions, weather phenomena, airplanes seen from strange angles and the like, which has been the government's line ever since.

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Re: MoD File Release

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>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 19:03:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:12:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>Which rather illustrates my point about cover-ups - if the
>>authorities are so all-powerful, why didn't they just cover
>>this up?

>I can't imagine a more crass comment in this context. You appear
>to be of the view that because some things have come to light,
>then that must mean that everything has come to light, and there
>is no more to be concealed. And where did you get the idea that
>anybody is suggesting that the authorities are omnipotent?

Right, The Spy And His Masters is still regarded as a good
CIA/MI-5 handbook.

Quote - "several points about cover stories in general; they
should not be too precise, nor too detailed, and they should not
be forthcoming too quickly, nor all at once."

http://www.xenu.net/archive/go/felix/ch_i4.htm

go 'find' for 'Bulganin'...

The 1956 cover-up discussed there was extremely successful -
some further, but probably not full or final details of the
illicit operation were only revealed by the British M.o.D in the
last year or so. So they've been carefully covering-up for more
than fifty years.

Cheers

Ray D

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Fatima Revisited Press Release

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Dear Listers,

I'm forwarding this press-release for the international anthology Fatima Revisited - The Apparition Phenomenon In Ufology, Psychology And Science, which is now published, in English, by Anomalist Books as the third part of the Fatima Trilogy.

I hope it of interest to you.

For Immediate Release
Subject: What Really Happened At Fatima?

Just who was the brilliant entity that appeared to three young children at Fatima in 1917? Was she the Virgin Mary, as the Catholic Church would have us believe, sharing divine secrets with believers?

Was she an angel, bringing a message of peace to a world at war?

Or was she an alien being, inspiring humanity to look up and contemplate the mystery of the Cosmos?

Believers and skeptics have long pondered the identity of Our Lady of Fatima.

Now, in a newly published book entitled Fatima Revisited: The Apparition Phenomenon In Ufology, Psychology And Science - Anomalist Books, 2008 - an international panel of leading scholars subjects the legendary apparitions to the scrutiny of modern scientific analysis; explores the connections between contact with apparitions, angels, and aliens; and proposes a new paradigm for such unexplained phenomena.

This is the third volume of the acclaimed Fatima Trilogy, which includes the definitive histories of the Fatima case entitled Heavenly Lights (Anomalist Books, 2007) and Celestial Secrets - Anomalist Books, 2007. The Fatima Trilogy grew from an exchange of emails between a Portuguese researcher and an American journalist into a multi-disciplinary collaboration involving 35 individuals from 10 countries.

Andrew D. Basiago, who led efforts in the U.S. to bring the trilogy into English, observed: "In The Fatima Trilogy, the Fatima Incident of 1917 is forever redefined, from the most famous religious event of the 20th century to its first major close encounter case."

The papers gathered in this volume have appeared in both peer-reviewed journals and original works inspired by the intense and productive process of brainstorming about the visionary phenomena of Fatima in 1917 that has taken place under the aegis of the Multicultural Apparitions Research International Academic Network - Project MARIAN - which is coordinated by the Center for Transdisciplinary Studies in Consciousness (CTEC) at the University Fernando Pessoa, in Porto, Portugal. This

international project seeks to create a forum in which the great mysteries of human existence might be solved.

This groundbreaking anthology was compiled by Portuguese researchers Fernando Fernandes, Joaquim Fernandes and Raul Berenguel, and edited and translated by American writers Andrew D. Basiago and Eva M. Thompson.

Contributors include anthropologist Scott Atran, psychologist Irene Blinston, psychotherapist Janet Elizabeth Colli, anthropologist Ryan J. Cook, physicist Eric Davis, historian David M. Jacobs, human consciousness pioneer Stanley Krippner, and astrophysicist Jacques F. Vallee =96 all from the U.S.; engineer Fernando Fernandes, historian Joaquim Fernandes, psychologist Vitor Rodrigues, psychiatrist Mario Simoes, and researcher Raul Berenguel =96 all from Portugal; as well as the British neurophysiologist Frank McGillion, the Belgian physicist Auguste Meessen, the Brazilian psychotherapist Gilda Moura, and the Canadian neuroscientist Michael A. Persinger.

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>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

And so says David Clarke!

Well never mind, it means we can now all go and move onto
different subjects as the matter has now be clearly resolved.

Yeah right!

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>
--Sean Jones

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New Sightings Lead To UFO Believers
by
Tom Lloyd

Hot on the heels of the Flying Dorito and Inverted Meat Dish, spaceship spotters have been contacting the Express & Star in their droves to share their strange stories of the skies.

Tales have included a =93hyperspeed bright light=94 darting across the Moxley skyline and three bright oranges orbs hanging silently over Bloxwich. Thomas Lloyd, aged 69, of Great Bridge Road, Moxley, said he was converted into a believer after seeing a bright light in the sky.

Mr Lloyd, a retired upholsterer, spotted the object two years ago outside the Moxley =92s Red Lion pub. He said: =93It was too bright to be a star and definitely wasn=92t a plane. It started off quite slowly but then suddenly went into hyperspeed. It stopped for a moment, came down and formed a triangle shape. Then it sped away again. It was a single bright light, and it was moving too fast to be anything of this earth. The way it moved and changed speeds and direction was very odd.

=93I told my drinking buddies in the pub but they just looked at me like I=92d had one too many, but I=92d only had a few shandies.

=93I know what I saw was not of this world.=94

Margaret Bull, of Ashbourne Road, Bloxwich, saw three bright orange globes above her house at 9.30pm on February 10.

Mrs Bull, a retired sales worker, said: =93It was a beautifully clear night, and they were just hanging there in the air silently. The globes were very, very bright. The balls were moving really slowly and headed in the direction of Cannock. My only regret is that I didn=92t take a picture but I couldn=92t move. My husband saw them too, and we are sure it was a UFO. I=92ve never seen anything like it and probably never will again.

=93We are not the sort of people to make things up or be silly =96 I am a believer now.=94

This month the Express & Star told how a policeman spotted an =93inverted meat dish flying through the air=94 above Wolverhampton=92s New Cross Hospital in 1981. The tale came to light after the Ministry Of Defence released its very own X Files to the public for the first time.

Experts have branded the Black Country, and Wolverhampton in particular, a UFO hotspot.

Last December, scores of people reported seeing an orange triangle, dubbed the Flying Dorito, in the skies over Wednesfield and Dudley.

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NASA'S Phoenix Spacecraft Lands At Martian Arctic Site

PASADENA, California -- NASA's Phoenix spacecraft landed in the northern polar region of Mars Sunday to begin three months of examining a site chosen for its likelihood of having frozen water within reach of the lander's robotic arm.

Radio signals received at 4:53:44 p.m. Pacific Time (7:53:44 p.m. Eastern Time) confirmed the Phoenix Mars Lander had survived its difficult final descent and touchdown 15 minutes earlier. The signals took that long to travel from Mars to Earth at the speed of light.

Mission team members at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena, Calif.; Lockheed Martin Space Systems, Denver; and the University of Arizona, Tucson, cheered confirmation of the landing and eagerly awaited further information from Phoenix later Sunday night.

Among those in the JPL control room was NASA Administrator Michael Griffin, who noted this was the first successful Mars landing without airbags since Viking 2 in 1976.

"For the first time in 32 years, and only the third time in history, a JPL team has carried out a soft landing on Mars," Griffin said. "I couldn't be happier to be here to witness this incredible achievement."

During its 422-million-mile flight from Earth to Mars after launching on Aug. 4, 2007, Phoenix relied on electricity from solar panels during the spacecraft's cruise stage. The cruise stage was jettisoned seven minutes before the lander, encased in a protective shell, entered the Martian atmosphere. Batteries provide electricity until the lander's own pair of solar arrays spread open.

"We've passed the hardest part and we're breathing again, but we still need to see that Phoenix has opened its solar arrays and begun generating power," said JPL's Barry Goldstein, the Phoenix

project manager. If all goes well, engineers will learn the status of the solar arrays between 7 and 7:30 p.m. Pacific Time (10 and 10:30 p.m. Eastern Time) from a Phoenix transmission relayed via NASA's Mars Odyssey orbiter.

The team will also be watching for the Sunday night transmission to confirm that masts for the stereo camera and the weather station have swung to their vertical positions.

"What a thrilling landing! But the team is waiting impatiently for the next set of signals that will verify a healthy spacecraft," said Peter Smith of the University of Arizona, principal investigator for the Phoenix mission. "I can hardly contain my enthusiasm. The first landed images of the Martian polar terrain will set the stage for our mission."

Another critical deployment will be the first use of the 7.7-foot-long robotic arm on Phoenix, which will not be attempted for at least two days. Researchers will use the arm during future weeks to get samples of soil and ice into laboratory instruments on the lander deck.

The signal confirming that Phoenix had survived touchdown was relayed via Mars Odyssey and received on Earth at the Goldstone, Calif., antenna station of NASA's Deep Space Network.

Phoenix uses hardware from a spacecraft built for a 2001 launch that was canceled in response to the loss of a similar Mars spacecraft during a 1999 landing attempt. Researchers who proposed the Phoenix mission in 2002 saw the unused spacecraft as a resource for pursuing a new science opportunity. Earlier in 2002, Mars Odyssey discovered that plentiful water ice lies just beneath the surface throughout much of high-latitude Mars. NASA chose the Phoenix proposal over 24 other proposals to become the first endeavor in the Mars Scout program of competitively selected missions.

The Phoenix mission is led by Smith at the University of Arizona with project management at JPL and development partnership at Lockheed Martin, Denver. International contributions come from the Canadian Space Agency; the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland; the universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus, Denmark; Max Planck Institute, Germany; and the Finnish Meteorological Institute. For more about Phoenix,

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Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

This is an issue worth bringing up. Not to start some volatile diatribe but because of some conduct and history regarding UFOs and UFOlogy.

First let me start off focusing on some issues that are constantly in debate regarding UFO history. We've all read and seen data pertaining to the NAZIs. This data goes from one end of the spectrum to the other. Some claim NAZIs had flying saucer technology and others disagree vehemently. It even goes as far as claiming aliens and the NAZIs collaborated. Without solid proof these stories are just entertainment. We do have proof of funding of NAZIs by Americans and prominent ones at that. We do have historical proof of rescued, escaped, and captured scientists who worked for and under the NAZIs. I remember meeting many growing up. They were all around the IBM plant back home during the Space Race. Even the late Dr. Walter Horten of flying wing fame surfaced some years ago on another list and he discussed with us those days when even though people hated Hitler and the NAZIs they were forced into service under the threat of death.

Those days of WWII were full of courage and bravery but the spectre of racial hatred was still in full bloom. Blacks weren't allowed to serve in combat and were often attacked. Groups like the Ku Klux Klan were allowed to march in parades and attend celebrations alongside military and elected officials. I know because we have home movies of those days. So do many other Americans.

On many occasions while field investigating a sighting or interviewing a witness racial events would occur.

Even some UFO investigators have engaged in some unsavory behavior over the years and then some.

I grew up in the 1960's and the racial riots and fights were horrendous. The Blacks and Jews had to often hide their entire families in my region of upstate NY and there were Klan and Fascists a-plenty and still are there.

The most disturbing thing about UFOlogy to me was when the bigots I've known in news, media, military, and politics would get the 'real deal' on UFOs and go ballistic. Vitriolic would be an understatement.

So what is it about UFOlogy that pisses off the racists?

Something must be up.

Best,

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>By Sarah Lyall

<snip>
>"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David
>Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam
>University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of
>weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but
>there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

<snip>

Bravo to the New York Times for giving us an almost perfect
exemple of pure skepticism, with the help of expert hands such
as David Clarke and Joe McGonagle.

There is no worse deaf man than the one who does not want to
hear, which is still the case of many in the intellectual and
scientific world.

But this kind of writing is going to look more and more behind
the times. Sorry for the New York Times!

Gildas Bourdais

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<snip>

I am truly shocked.

If we are to believe the NY times, Dave Clarke and Joe, Britain, unlike the US and Russia and China etc, does not monitor the skies above and around it 24/7 to detect intruding aircraft, missiles, etc. They also do not have interceptors ready to be sent aloft to respond to intruders immediately.

Instead any such manifestations are mentioned casually to a desk manned perhaps 10 hours a week and responses are filed long after.

In the USA there was essentially no connection between Project Blue Book which depended on unsecure telephone and the mails as its source of 'vital national defense data' and the Air Defense Command. Pilots are instructed to file CIRVIS reports in response to Uncorrelated Radar and visual Targets.

These reports are born classified. Does the UK ADC publish unclassified weekly reports of such targets and actions taken? Or are there no interceptors on ready alert status 24/7.

The picture makes no senses, which may explain the NYT willingness to publish such naive material. Vital Intelligence data is TOP SECRET, not confidential.

When Nick was at the UFO desk, was he immediately contacting interceptors? And getting out of the loop?

Every potential enemy wants to know responses to intruders... how quick, how effective, mode of communication, radar and flight capabilities. It is not public material.

Stan Friedman

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>>Date: Thu, 22 May 2008 13:59:42 -0500
>>Subject: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

>>I thought I'd let you know about two new articles I've published
>>at my Web site:

>>http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html

>>Unusual Helicopter Activity (Includes Photographs) By Katharina
>>Wilson and Linda Murphy

>>This article is based on several emails I received from an
>>abductee named Linda Murphy from April 23rd through May of 2008.
>>Linda was able to take some very good photographs of a
>>helicopter that appeared to be following her and possibly
>>conducting some type of surveillance activities.

>Crucial information is missing from the above cited article.

>For example, the exact location of the sightings is not given.

>I have helicopter activity directly over my house/area and
>know the exact reason why. The copters are unmarked -
>either I.C.E. or Border Patrol or exotic experimental UAVs.

>I know where the flights originate from, where they are going
>and can guess their return flight.

>When the Border Patrol and UAVs first started their flights, and
>I was outside smoking a cigar late at night, they used the light
>from the ash to calibrate the FLIR. Sometimes, if the pilot was
>so inclined, the craft would flash their lights and I would wave
>back at them.

>So, in order to understand and evaluate, Linda needs to provide
>her location.

>Me? I am downwind D-M and over a few miles from Fort
>Huachuca/Sierra Vista. I have seen some very unusual
>craft/activity but I would be hard pressed to imagine it is
>because of something 'from out there'.

From the Introduction of the article titled Unusual Helicopter
Activity:

"What follows is Linda's description of what happened to her
over a period of several days. I have deleted specific names and
locations in order to protect Linda's privacy."

Linda's helicopter was not equipped with a FLIR as far as we
know.

Border patrol activity was ruled out immediately.

>So, in order to understand and evaluate, Linda needs to provide>her location.

Linda has provided all the information I need to determine where this occurred and when.

As an FYI: Two attack helicopters flew over her house the day after this article was posted. They were flying so low, she could see nothing but the bottoms of the helicopters and the protrusions of the weapons, or devices that held weapons, from the sides of the choppers. It may or may not be related... but again, it is _Unusual Helicopter Activity_

I clearly state in the article that the unknown object will probably remain an 'unknown.' I didn't call it a UFO or anything from 'out there.'

Linda, however, did write:

"I was noticing in one of the frames, there appeared to be a possible UFO in along with the helicopter. It doesn't look like a plane or a bird. It is quite small so it is possible it is something explainable."

The investigation is continuing and if we learn more about this, the information will be added in an addendum.

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:04:08 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:04:08 -0400
Subject: UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

Source: KTRK-TV - Houston, Texas, USA

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=6166532>

Monday, May 26, 2008

[Video at site]

UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

HOUSTON (KTRK) -- We have an update on a mysterious object seen by a Continental Airlines pilot on a flight from Bush Intercontinental Airport. That pilot called federal authorities, who launched an investigation.

Though federal officials don't know for sure what that mysterious object in the sky was, they think it could have been some sort of model rocket.

Continental flight 1544 was bound for Cleveland out of Bush airport. It had just taken off around 10:15am Monday, when according to the FBI, the pilot reported an object near the plane.

One-hundred-and-forty-eight passengers and 6 crew members were onboard the Boeing 737. Continental tells us the flight landed in Cleveland with no problem. No emergency was declared. But we do know the FBI is investigating this incident.

The FAA thinks the incident Monday involved a high powered model rocket. Some can fly as high as 10,000 feet. But you need FAA clearance to do so.

The FAA and the FBI are trying to find who was behind this flying object. An FBI spokeswoman says it was several miles from the plane, still close enough to prompt some serious safety concerns.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:28:59 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:07:08 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 12:44:46 -0300
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

Hello Stan,

<snip>

>If we are to believe the NY times, Dave Clarke and Joe, Britain,
>unlike the US and Russia and China etc, does not monitor the
>skies above and around it 24/7 to detect intruding aircraft,
>missiles, etc. They also do not have interceptors ready to be
>sent aloft to respond to intruders immediately.

Perhaps you missed my post at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/updates/subscribers/2008/may/m24-006.shtml>

Where I wrote:

The situation seems to be somewhat different over here. I was concerned that one of the documents we obtained in relation to the Condrign report dated May 1997 contained the following paragraph:

"There is considerable difficulty, therefore, in assessing and prioritising these reports sufficiently quickly to provide, where warranted, an active response. Moreover, when interceptions may be needed, we are constrained by reduced readiness following drawdowns at the end of the Cold War and the considerable time lag in responding from northern bases in the event of incidents in the south, especially if access is needed to intensively used civil airspace. Inevitably, interceptions are infrequently attempted against knowledge that, in the present benign environment, most sightings are unlikely to be associated with threatening activity."

>Instead any such manifestations are mentioned casually to a desk
>manned perhaps 10 hours a week and responses are filed long
>after.

I suggest you revisit my 'Cosford' pages:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/cosford/sightings.html>

or the MoD Cosford file if you kept a copy and examine some of the signals. These were received by AFOR (the Air Force Operations Room) out of office hours. See also the loose minutes relating to the radar tracks. There is no hint of any attempted interception, or even a 'blink' from the AFOR. Not even Nick Pope has suggested that there was any interception attempt in this case.

Finally, my outstanding appeal to the Information Commissioner relates to an FoIA touching on the subject of attempted intercepts. When the decision has been made, I'll let the List know the outcome.

Regards ,

Joe

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 07:40:23 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:10:11 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>This is an issue worth bringing up. Not to start some volatile
>diatribe but because of some conduct and history regarding UFOs
>and UFOlogy.

<snip>

>Those days of WWII were full of courage and bravery but the
>spectre of racial hatred was still in full bloom. Blacks weren't
>allowed to serve in combat and were often attacked. Groups like
>the Ku Klux Klan were allowed to march in parades and attend
>celebrations alongside military and elected officials. I know
>because we have home movies of those days. So do many other
>Americans.

<snip>

I'm sure this will come as a big surprise to the Tuskegee
Airmen, among many others, that they were not allowed to serve
in combat!

Dick

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Believing In ETs Is Not In Conflict With

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:12:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:12:00 -0400
Subject: Believing In ETs Is Not In Conflict With

Source: The Philippine Daily Inquirer - Makati, Phillippines

<http://tinyurl.com/6797n4>

05/26/2008

Believing In ETs Is Not In Conflict With Christianity

By Jaime Licauco
Philippine Daily Inquirer

MANILA, Philippines--Two successive news items in last week's Philippine Daily Inquirer caught my attention. The first was on May 15 where the Vatican's chief astronomer declared that believing in the existence of extraterrestrial creatures - ETs - is not in conflict with Christianity.

The second was the news item the following day, May 16, saying the British defense department released a formerly classified file showing that aliens from outer space have been visiting the earth for many years now.

In an interview with the Vatican newspaper, Rev. Jose Gabriel Funes, a 45-year-old Jesuit priest who heads the Vatican Observatory was quoted as saying, "How can we exclude that life has developed elsewhere... certainly, in a universe this big, you can't exclude this hypothesis. Just as there is a multiplicity of creatures on earth, there can be other beings, even intelligent, created by God."

The declassified UFO files of the British defense department, according to the Philippine Daily Inquirer news item, included a 1983 report from a 78-year-old man out fishing at midnight who followed aliens in green overalls to their spaceship and was told to go away because he was too old and decrepit for their purpose. The ministry has files of 11,000 sightings dating back to 1950's. The existence of aliens from outer space visiting earth has consistently been officially denied by the US military establishment up to now, despite massive evidence to the contrary. This, despite the opinion of some highly respected American astronomers, like Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Yale University who believes in the possibility of intelligent alien life forms in other galaxies.

I believe in UFOs because I've personally seen several such space crafts myself. And I have read about very credible stories told by authorities and professional people who have no reason to make up such stories about them. Some of the opposition for such belief in alien existence is religious in nature. Now that a Vatican astronomer himself has expressed belief in aliens, this should dispel some doubts about their reality.

Actually, even the Christian Bible itself gives a very vivid account of an alien encounter by the prophet and priest Ezekiel which is related in the very first chapter of this part of the Bible.

ET in America

About 15 years ago, an American graduate student in San Francisco wrote a Ph.D. thesis showing that aliens have been living on earth for hundreds of thousands of years now and have adopted earth personalities and habits. In his book *From Elsewhere Being ET In America*, researcher Scott Mandelkar even included a questionnaire which would indicate whether one is an alien or not.

In my *Soulmates, Karma And Reincarnation* seminar, I have come across at least two students of mine whose past lives were not from earth but from some other galaxies in outer space. Many times, such aliens among us have contributed new knowledge or invented new products that would help ease life on the planet.

I have been told that the Vatican keeps in its secret vaults a skull of an alien with big head and diamond-shaped eyes. Somebody in fact had sent me a picture of such mysterious skull through my cell phone. It is of course very difficult to verify the veracity of such a picture but it looks like the usual image we have of ETs.

Erich Von Daniken in the 1950's or 60's was the first to popularize belief of alien visitation of earth through his very popular books, beginning with *Chariots Of The Gods*. The book was even made into a movie and created a cult following. But Daniken was later criticized by serious scholars for his questionable research, methodology and for his tendency to exaggerate his findings to fit his preconceived theories.

Other authors followed suit and made their own research. One of them was Andrew Thomas who wrote the book *We Are Not The First* which showed that some ancient peoples already had invented computers, batteries, electricity and even airplane models.

Alien abduction stories began appearing in the west. They tell of how creatures from outer space abducted them, examined them in their laboratories and then erased their memories of the abduction. Through hypnosis, they remembered everything. One of the most celebrated alien abductions was that of Betty and Barney Hill. Their story is told in a book, *Interrupted Journey*, by John G. Fuller. Then came journalist Whitely Strieber's books on the same theme, beginning with *Communion*, about his close encounters with alien creatures who had abducted him and brought him to their spaceships.

In the Philippines there are also numerous sightings of UFOs in the sky but rarely do I hear of alien abduction of Filipinos. It seems the aliens visiting the west are different from those visiting the Philippines and other Asian countries. Here we do not experience cattle mutilations or aliens experimenting on humans. We are lucky in this sense.

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 14:10:32 -0300
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:14:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/4ksb3m>

>May 26, 2008

>[Illustrations at site]

>British UFO shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth
>By Sarah Lyall

More childish reporting from the New York Times. Sarah comes across as a teenager in this piece. Talk about spin.

>LONDON: They were shaped like cigars, saucers, coffins and
>amorphous blinking blobs. They hovered in a menacing manner,
>traveled at impossible speeds and vanished into the netherworld,
>or, in one instance, a hedge in Cornwall.

>A few carried humanoid life forms, or so it seemed. A few
>materialized courtesy of the observers' possibly having had a
>drink too many, as in the case of an unidentified flying light
>cluster witnessed loitering in the sky by the patrons of a pub
>in Kent.

Not much critical thinking there.

>Whatever they were, these phenomena reported to Britain's
>Ministry of Defense over the years and made public this month
>were almost certainly not actual alien aircraft piloted by
>actual alien beings.

Almost certainly ,eh. Says who? Where's the authority for this
"almost" conclusion

>"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David
>Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam
>University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of
>weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but
>there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

They forgot to put Doctor in front of Clarke's name. They slipped up there by not getting their credentials in order. Wasn't it mentioned to the press? I assume that Clarke is their authority on this story. Clarke can't be held accountable for the NYT picking this up as a line story and then putting their own negative spin on it but he has to take some responsibility for its negative flavor.

As for his claim that "there is not a shred of evidence" I disagree. So there you have it. The difference between me saying there is a shred and Clarke saying there isn't a shred is that he has the ear of the meadia on a daily basis. I have no real resource in that regard.

Clarke is clever with the media; it was he who engineered the release of the badly flawed Condign Report through the Sheffield

Hallam media center. As mentioned Clarke lectures on Journalism at Sheffield Hallam, those at the media center are students at Hallam. Clarke writes a mean FOIA but has he ever been in the field; not twenty years later but the first or second onscene at a current UFO report site or with the witnesses? I've seen no evidence of it.

But whatever, it works for him.

>Which is, frankly, a letdown, as is the government's prosaic >explanation of why, for decades,

Very true, Joe. Cudos to you for pointing that out.

>it has meticulously documented reports of UFO sightings.

Now that is pure nonsense. Journalistic spin? Meticulously? Come on. I can see why Joe would be upset.

>"We only check the sightings from the >perspective of making sure that our military airspace has not >been breached, and we pretty much never have airspace breaches," >a Defense Ministry spokeswoman said.

They have airspace breeches all of the time according to the "meticulously documented" reports. That is what is so embarrassing for the MOD. This is a critical point around which the actions of the MOD and every other governing agency on the planet investigating these events must revolve. It is nonsense to claim that these things don't breach security when in fact they do and the 'authorities' can't do a damn thing about them.

>The spokeswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity =97 not >because she works with Agent Mulder in some shadowy basement >office, but because that is government policy

Sure. Not identified then not of journalistic worth. Would Sarah go to jail to protect this source?

> =97 said the >ministry had begun making the files public because it had been >inundated with UFO-related requests under Britain's Freedom of >Information Act.

Unlike their North American counterparts who released them years ago without being "forced" to.

>The files from 1978 to 2002 were released this month. Some older >files have already been declassified and made public;

Why was so much of this junk classified?

>the rest >will be released over the next few years. Available on the Web >from the National Archives at ufos.nationalarchives.gov.uk, they >cover hundreds of sightings but are hardly the X-Files. Much of >the material consists of one-page forms carrying details like >how big the supposed aircraft was and what, if anything, it >seemed to be doing.

Our teenaged reporter from the Times compares the imaginary MOD files with the real thing from the "X-files". Sheesh!

>A citizen who gives her profession as "meals on wheels operator" >describes her shock and awe at the sight of a smallish "Vulcan- >shaped object" hovering in the sky. Another witness says she was >roused from bed by a brilliant light emanating from a UFO "the >size of a milk-bottle base."

Note how Sarah makes sure she gets the profession of the witness in, in this case quotes. This is reporting at its best... for the New York Times.

<snip>

>The files include random newspaper clippings of questionable >journalistic rigor.

Unlike this candidate for the self serving "Courage in Journalism Award".

>A 1986 Daily Mirror article reports that the
>light "from a glowing red object" suffused the cockpit of a
>Royal Air Force jet carrying Prince Charles, seriously unnerving
>the pilot. As an aside, the newspaper noted that "Prince Philip
>has been a keen UFO follower for the past 36 years."

Ah, so obviously for that reason it could not have happened. The pilots have been tainted by their passenger's interest in UFOs.

>There are long letters asking big questions. "When is a flying
>saucer not a flying saucer?" muses one correspondent. "And is
>the mothership man-made or from a distant planet?"

>In the old days, the United States systematically compiled
>reports of UFO sightings, too. But its last program, known as
>Project Blue Book, was closed down in 1969 after government
>officials concluded that if something was out there, it was not
>anything they wanted to investigate.

At least she got this right. It's called ignoring the huge wart on your nose because it's embarrasssing and you can't do anything about it.

>Some UFO enthusiasts said last week that they believed the
>British government had not released all of its files and was
>concealing the truth about a massive cover-up it had long
>perpetrated on the British people.

I don't think it was massive. I haven't actually seen news reports stating that. If it was a massive cover-up it would be easier to spot.

>But Joe McGonagle, a self-described UFO researcher here, said
>the documents showed that far from concealing anything, the
>government had failed to investigate the sightings properly in
>the first place.

Which contradicts this statement from above; "Which is, frankly, a letdown, as is the government's prosaic explanation of why, for decades, it has meticulously documented reports of UFO sightings." But Joe is right-on in this regard. If the reports I've seen are meticulous then I don't know how the MOD gets anything done. Amateurish might be a better word.

>"A lot of people imagined that there was this vast UFO project
>with lots of people working on it, when in reality it was a
>civil servant spending 25 percent of his time on it, filing
>reports," he said.

Maybe the people in the UK thought that, most people over here don't think of it at all, and very few think that the government takes an interest. In reality the UK is behind about 20 years, perhaps more, with these releases and now they are taking very little heat for not just putting the reports "out there" and letting the chips fall where they may. Their reluctance strikes me more as "If we aren't forced to release, why bother?" Governments are lazy that way.

>It is not as if the authorities have always failed to take the
>issue seriously. In 1950, the government convened a secret
>committee, the Flying Saucer Working Party, to investigate
>sightings of UFOs. It concluded that UFOs were optical
>illusions, weather phenomena, airplanes seen from strange angles
>and the like, which has been the government's line ever since.

Which apparently the media bought hook, line and sinker. It seems to be a mantra with the NYT. But all we get from them is just a 'line'; or a load.

Don Ledger

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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:08:20 - 0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:59:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

Hi Don, List,

I am going to apply some severe snippage, though I will do my best to keep the context. Apologies in advance.

<snip>

>Well actually that's the way it should be. Frenzied? Come on >Joe. I haven't seen that on this List. It sort of fell flat >actually, probably because the boy cried wolf once too often.

I deliberately used the term "in some quarters" to indicate that reaction was different in different fora. For an example of frenzied speculation, visit:

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread356921/pg1>

I don't suggest that you read all 297 posts (as I write this).

<snip>

>You stated, "There is no secret squirrel section, no smoking >gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation.." and I don't think >you are in any position to know if there are or are not the >above; it is as simple as that.

Just who would be in such a position, in your view? I think that I am amongst the best-placed to make that judgement call.

<snip>

>There is a difference about something having occurred in the >public domain and being covered up then some policy begun in >intelligence circles. There is a structure in place from the >beginning that is aimed at keeping certain information out of >not only the public's hands but others in the same intelligence >agency. It is compartmentalized and layered.

Regardless of compartmentalisation, any agency would still need access to the raw, unprocessed material. Other agencies would have to know what to send and who to send it to.

In the case of UFOs, that means that the the Police, the CAA, the military services, Sec(AS) (under it's various names at different times), and DIS would have to know about the existence of the secret squirrel project - or else, just Sec(AS) or DI55 would know how to pass on the information they received to the

secret squirrels.

Clearly, the 'reporting agencies' listed above were only aware of Sec(AS). There are several examples (totally unredacted, and with dates spanning decades) describing the UFO reporting process in the DAS and DI55 files. None of these suggest, even in circumspect terms that any other agency is involved. Nick Pope and other previous incumbents of his role have been interviewed and all of them deny any interest from outside the network we already know about. The same goes for DI55 desk officers interviewed by Dave Clarke.

So how would the secret squirrels get access to the raw data? Perhaps they would use their well-documented remote viewing skills, as revealed by Timothy Good?

>>I've looked for signs of a cover up and not found any, though I
>>have to say that there could be grounds to suspect that some
>>material has been tampered with.

>Depends on what is or might be construed as harmful to the
>affected agency, whatever that might be. Plus you might be
>looking in the wrong place.

I would be delighted to know where else to look, especially in the light of my comments above.

<snip>

>Access to Information Act here in Canada and it has been in
>place for many years but that doesn't mean they will release the
>stuff. As in your case in the UK the latest indignity is the
>blacking out of witness names, investigator's names, department
>names and location names to protect the privacy of the
>witnesses, etc. I can understand some civilian witnesses name
>being blacked out but the RCMP officer's name for example, a
>public servant who wrote up public documents on the public's
>budget for a public department? That is cheezy.

A couple of things worth commenting on (some of it relevant to the large section snipped above, but I don't think it is strictly necessary to include the original text in this instance).

It sounds as though there are significant differences between the UK FoIA and the Canadian AIA. My remarks in response to Gerald O'Connell should cover the UK FoIA process sufficiently.

As for the redaction of names, that is an issue to an extent in the UK as well. In the UK we have the Data Protection Act which is intended to protect the rights of individuals in regard to information held about them. That legitimately accounts for the retention of witness details.

The MoD has been applying the DPA to retain the names of officials as well, but this is against guidance from the Information Commissioner. We are appealing against the MoD and awaiting the outcome, which we expect to be in our favour.

I do think there are grounds for retaining the identities of 'official', ie military and police _witnesses_ though - if they made their report to a reputable UFO group, I would expect them to respect witness confidentiality regardless of the occupation of the witness.

Furthermore, in the UK after 30 years the Public Records Act applies to official records. This means that (currently, at least) redactions of names _can_ be legally removed. There are exceptions, and the redaction/retention policy can be extended to 50 or 100 years, but this can also be appealed against.

<snip>

>>The MoD have never, as far as I am aware denied having files
>>containing references to UFOs.

>Really?

Yes - are you aware of evidence to the contrary?

>>They have on occasion either lied probably lied

>>or been mistaken about exactly what they hold, for instance, when
>>the Rendlesham story broke they said that all they had was Halt's
>>memo - we now know that not to have been true.

>An oversight no doubt. But these are the same people who should
>not admit to forgetfulness as it tends to make people a bit
>antsy about their ability to carry out their jobs gathering
>intelligence that can mean the ability to win or lose wars.

I am actually somewhat dubious that this specific instance was
just an oversight, I think it was a deliberate lie in order to
'play down' MoD interest in UFOs. I entirely agree with your
other remarks, which I feel especially apply to the Condign
report.

<snip>

>I think there is interest. I can't see how it could be
>otherwise. The RN , the British Army, the RAF have all had
>encounters with these things plus police officers commercial
>pilots and some scientists. How can you ignore that? Doesn't

I agree that the lack of interest is unjustified, but I am
satisfied that there was (is) indeed a lack of interest. The MoD
justification is based on the lack of evidence of hostile intent
and the potential cost of 'doing it properly'.

<snip>

>>My mind has always been made up - as soon as Nick starts to give
>>appropriate credit, I don't care how much he depends on our
>>efforts. Can you imagine how Brad Steiger would react if someone
>>else claimed to have written his book Maritime UFO Files?

>Write it all he wants as long as I get the royalties.

As far as I am concerned there are no royalties involved, just
the effort and expense. Is it too much to expect some
recognition for that, especially when someone else is making an
income from my and others' efforts?

>>I don't think that having worked in what now seems to be
>>universally recognised

>Now here you use words that presume that which you cannot prove
>but which you wish to be true. You can't say with any authority
>or accuracy that it. "now seems to be universally recognised".

I came across a single compliment for the MoD amongst the
recently released files from a witness on page 329 of DEFE31-
174. This was a pretty bizarre case. There was nothing
especially remarkable about the report itself, other than that
it was made by an ex-RAF navigator and amateur astronomer, but
the witness had spoken directly with the Air Force Operations
Room, received a call from, presumably, Sec(AS), and somehow
engaged in a dialogue with the low flying complaints flight of
the RAF Provost and Security Services, so it is unsurprising
that he was impressed in this very rare instance.

In the same file on page 322 is another report, from an RAF Air
Traffic Controller, someone who you would expect to be 'in the
know' to some extent. The report includes the following comment;

"not reported - to the police or military - due to lack of
interest from the authorities in the past".

There is also a classic dialogue between Sec(AS) and DI55 in
relation to an interesting-sounding photographic case in
DEFE31-173 p.398:

Sec(AS):"Do you think we should obtain the photo!"

DI55: "Probably not worth it - no-one to one to carry out
analysis of UFO sightings."

On the comedy show Have I Got News For You, which pokes fun at
recent news items, Charlie Higson (comedian) said:

"They've looked at the files, and they've seen that the MoD
haven't investigated a single one of them. A special department
was set up to investigate this, and it came in, and thought

...'err, put it in the shredder'. It's like a great British version of the X-Files,.." at which point, Paul Merton (another comedian) interjects with "The Why Bother Files...".

In contrast, I haven't seen any comments saying what a wonderful job the MoD have done in relation to UFOs - have you? Do you think they did an effective job?

I have even noticed a 'toning down' by Nick Pope of his past role in preparation for the inevitable realisation when all the documents are published that the department was not all that he has cracked it up to be, a move which I approve of. By the time all of the documents are released, people will have forgotten about his more exaggerated claims.

>He would have had access to certain military or government people
>with information either directly involved with the registering of
>these objects or to those who had access to such people.

Dave Clarke has probably spoken with more people 'in the know' than Nick has. All of them without exception consider that their time spent logging or evaluating UFO reports was largely wasted.

<snip>

>fear and incredulity. Whatever agency put fear for job security
>into these controllers did a dis - service to them, the aircraft
>and passengers using that zone and the area in general. Once this
>came to the fore, where was the CAA eagerly attempting to track
>down these controllers. No doubt these same controllers had a
>good snicker over stories that had heard previously - then it
>happened to them.

There is more information yet to emerge about this particular report, which was reported to, and investigated by ufologists at the time. In fact, it was an ufologist who reported the matter to the MoD in it's anonymised form.

You will find several examples in the files already released, and no doubt amongst those due to be released of reports witnessed by both ATC and pilots. There was no systemic suppression of the reports or corporate intimidation, but individuals possibly thought there might have been or like the military ATC mentioned previously, thought "why bother - no-one's going to do anything about it anyway".

<snip>

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:10:44 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:15:36 -0600
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:57:24 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>It would be amazing if the outstanding records, alluded to
>>above, completely contradicted all of the other available
>>documents, which bracket and in some cases overlap the otherwise
>>missing records.

>At the risk of seeming obtuse I must repeat that the concealment
>hypothesis is non-falsifiable... there's no use appealing to how
>much effort you've expended, nor to how self-consistent or
>exculpatory the material is that you have managed to uncover
>thus far.

You are absolutely right, of course. In order to reach the same
conclusions that I have requires either that people familiarise
themselves as much as I and others have with the contents of the
already released material or accept that my description of it is
accurate and apply common sense. Many people do not do any of
those three.

<snip>

>None of which necessarily conflicts with your assessment that
>"MoD doesn't know and doesn't want to know what UFOs are",
>although I must say that the first part would seem true by
>definition, while the second would border on a pathology.

I think I need to refer back to my posts identifying the
intelligence services active in the UK, expressing my view that
GCHQ, MI5, and MI6 have no vested interest in UFOs, and also
that for a cover-up to be successful requires minimum
circulation of the withheld knowledge coupled with a genuine
acceptance of the need for it's retention.

As for "MoD doesn't want to know what UFOs are", I will happily
concede that that is an exaggeration - if the MoD could discover
with no expense what UFOs are, they would indeed welcome the
knowledge. They don't however want to invest effort or money in
discovering what UFOs are unless there is unambiguous evidence
of hostile intent.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:33:20 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:19:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 14:39:50 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 16:03:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>The 1997 release of 160 pages of NSA UFO documents was very
>enlightening. One could read 1 or 2 sentences per page. Wite-out
>was used on the rest. The standard USAF (false)statement about
>UFOs has for decades indicated that, aside from the National
>Archives they were not aware of any other government agency
>holding UFO documents! We know the FBI, CIA, and NSA and DIA etc
>were. They lied. I wonder if the MOD has stated flatly that no
>other agency is holding UFO materials??

They effectively have, but in the inverse sense - they say that
the only department directly concerned with UFOs is Sec(AS) (now
DAS).

The problem with interpreting redactions in documents which
mention UFOs as evidence of some kind of concealment of
information which would reveal positive knowledge of ET
visitation is that the content of the redactions is unknown. For
instance, it could relate to sabotage of hostile satellites
under the cover of 'created' UFO activity. This technically is
UFO related, but there is good reason for not revealing it.
Until those redactions are ultimately disclosed (probably not in
our lifetimes), one can only speculate what might be behind
them.

>Let us also note that the Condrign author claimed falsely that
>his report was only the 2nd English Language large study of
>UFOs, besides the Condon Report. He was ignorant. Blue Book
>Special Report 14 Had 240 charts tables, graphs, maps. The
>Congressional Symposium of July 29, 1968, has testimony from 12
>Scientists.. all in English. He was woefully unin formed about
>the subject of plasmas and UFOs. Certainly here is one case
>where absence of evidence in UK MOD UFO files cannot be taken as
>evidence for overall absence. Are the intelligence agency UFO
>files covered by FOIA in the UK?

MI5, MI6, and GCHQ are exempt from FoIA at least for the time
being. However, for reasons given in previous posts, I am
convinced that any interest these have or had in UFOs was, a)
transient and b) related to their specifically defined areas of
responsibility. Their function would primarily be as channels
supplying information to any interested parties in the MoD.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:43:55 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 10:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 19:03:04 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:12:20 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>>The timing of this particular embarrassment for the MoD should
>>>serve as a salutary warning for those who, for whatever reason,
>>>want to believe that the MoD is telling the truth, the whole
>>>truth, and nothing but the truth.

>
>>Which rather illustrates my point about cover-ups - if the
>>authorities are so all-powerful, why didn't they just cover this
>>up?

>
>I can't imagine a more crass comment in this context. You appear
>to be of the view that because some things have come to light,
>then that must mean that everything has come to light, and there
>is no more to be concealed. And where did you get the idea that
>anybody is suggesting that the authorities are omnipotent?

I refer you back to Don Ledgers words from his post on 20th May:

"Why the hell would they tell you? Do you really think you are in the loop? There are plenty of things the government keeps secret that have nothing to do with UFOs that you will never be privy to. They have become masters at it over many centuries."

>>>I'm curious to know where you think we can go other than as I
>>>described in a previous post - misplaced records - and appeals
>>>against retentions?

>Well Joe, let's try to satisfy your curiosity as to the
>mechanics of an Open Society. We could have new laws relating to
>FOI, and they could be more strongly biased in favour of public
>scrutiny of government or civil service activities and
>decisions. And then we could have a much more open system of
>appeal. Instead of having a process whereby the burden of work
>is on researchers, journalists and busybodies to extract
>material, we could have a system whereby records are
>automatically made public and officials have to do the work and
>justify non-disclosure. We could ensure that any significant
>decisions on non-disclosure have to be taken by a jury, rather
>than by paid public officials. Like I said, it's a long journey!

If I understand you correctly, you are advocating divulging every scrap of paper generated by the government. If that were so, the entire population would be involved in sanitising and publishing the information, and most of it would go unread. I think there are already too many people employed by the government, and too much unread material published.

It would however be an excellent way of concealing information -

just bury it in a mountain of other information which no-one would have the time to sift through.

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: British UFO Shocker!

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:49:00 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 10:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 12:09:09 +0100
>Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
>>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

Hello Greg, Sean,

>>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

>And so says David Clarke!

>Well never mind, it means we can now all go and move onto
>different subjects as the matter has now be clearly resolved.

That certainly isn't my perspective.

Just because the MoD didn't do a good job doesn't mean that we
shouldn't. The sad fact is that contrary to many people's
expectations, the authorities don't have the answers.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: British UFO Shocker!

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:34:46 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 10:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

>Okay, if this story is true that the British Government's
>assessment of the UFO situation is true, then that means that no
>alien craft were involved in any close encounters so that leaves
>us with terrestrial beings of odd shapes and sizes engaging in
>the activities?

>It's either/or...

Greg, if you really believe that I think you've missed the whole point of ufology.

John Rimmer
<j.rimmer.nul>

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Re: British UFO Shocker!

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:52:17 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 11:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

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><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

<snip>

>It's either/or...

Right Greg,

Stupid arrogance - like the 'decision' of the Robertson panel
- Google "So the Robertson Panel lied to us".

If they don't know what they are - how can they 'decide' what
they're not?

Cheers

Ray

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Re: British UFO Shocker!

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 22:00:03 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 11:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>
<snip>

Apologies for re-send - just joining up some dots ...

Like the Robertson Panel, the M.o.D (and Dave Clarke) have asserted a negative - without any evidence.

I.e. - a statement of belief - but no evidence.

I think we should know where that 'elief' comes from - meditation? Magical rites? Or directly from a higher power?

Such 'knowledge' might be useful.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 14:33:02 -0700
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 11:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 11:11:03 EDT
>Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 02:17:26 +0100
>>Subject: Re: UFOs Magic & Mysticism In Hollywood

>>>Source: Mike Bara's Dark Mission Blog

>>><http://tinyurl.com/5kgmts>

>>>UFOs, Magic and Mysticism In Hollywood - May 17th, 2008

>>Don't think we need to spend time on this - it's fairly clear
>>that Hollywood has been an agency of mis-information and
>>downright propaganda since the 40's.

>>For a cover-up to be successful all you need is control of the
>>media.

>Don't even get me started on the use of the media for mind and
>behavior modification. The old saying about what is not_said
>goes a long way here.

>Grew up in the media, am in it now. Good news is, the means of
>control is going to fall real soon and then there's going to be
>a route in Hollywood that'll probably vindicate Joe McCarthy.

What exactly is that supposed to mean?

David Rudiak

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Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

From: Dave Vetterick <veterick.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:53:23 -0500
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:30:00 -0400
Subject: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

Congratulations to NASA!

Let's play Richard Hoagland and see who can ID the shinny object
in the center first, at:

<http://tinyurl.com/6cnomy>

and zoom...

Dave Vetterick

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Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State Service

From: **Stepen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 17:57:39 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:32:00 -0400
Subject: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State Service

>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

International Herald Tribune / New York Times articles

Regarding this paragraph:

"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

Side interest? If David Clarke is not receiving a regular check from the British government for services rendered he is being grossly abused by his country. In lieu of appropriate compensation for his steadfast support of the United Kingdom's version of the Truth Embargo, he is hereby given the Judith Miller - The Government Would Never Lie About Something as Important as a Pending War (or Extraterrestrial Reality) - Award for Gullibility (pretend or honest).

Keep it up David. The Phil Klass Award for Cynical Compliance with Emerging Fascism, the Michael Shermer Award for Smug Detachment from Reality and the James McGaha Award for Sheer Stupidity on Camera are still within your reach.

SB

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Re: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 22:14:59 +0000
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

>Source: The Discovery Channel - Toronto, Ontario, Canada
><http://tinyurl.com/4fqgf2>
>05/25/2008

>Live Tonight - Phoenix Landing Near Martian North Pole

>All eyes are on NASA's latest citizen of the solar system, as
>the engineers and scientists behind the space agency's Phoenix
>craft get ready to attempt a first-ever landing near the polar
>ice cap of another world.

>Watch Live -- Click Here:

>Live web stream will begin 7 pm ET

>Gallery: First Images

Listers:

The aliens (Earthlings) have landed on Mars. It is reported that live photos of the surface are being beamed back to the originating planet. Mars has been invaded.

Martians are trying to determine whether the creatures are controlled from somewhere else in the solar system. Confusion is the emotion of the day as Martians try to understand where these creatures came from and why they have landed on Mars.

KK

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:42:11 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 13:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 12:44:46 -0300
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>>Source: The New York Times - New York, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/4ksb3m>

>>May 26, 2008

>>[Illustrations at site]

>>British UFO shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth
>>By Sarah Lyall

><snip>

>I am truly shocked.

>If we are to believe the NY times, Dave Clarke and Joe, Britain,
>unlike the US and Russia and China etc, does not monitor the
>skies above and around it 24/7 to detect intruding aircraft,
>missiles, etc. They also do not have interceptors ready to be
>sent aloft to respond to intruders immediately.

>Instead any such manifestations are mentioned casually to a desk
>manned perhaps 10 hours a week and responses are filed long
>after.

Stanton,

I feel a picture of unmanned UK bases has been painted by those
who really want the subject of UFOs removed from the agenda.

You are correct in your assumption, no country would leave their
skies open to unmanned intrusion by any airborne object, it is
bordering on the ridiculous to even consider this as a serious
viewpoint.

I would imagine that every RAF base in the UK, every listening
station like that one of Baldock are happily monitoring our
skies for all kinds airborne data requirements.

A classic line I was told when inquiring to the London Weather
Centre about a UFO that was seen and filmed in Aldgate East of
London 4 years ago, was when I mentioned the word UFO to the guy
I was on the phone to, his reply still makes me chuckle "Look,
I am near retirement and I am not carrying on this chat any
longer, with that the phone call ended!"

Can you imagine someone writing "Fortean & cryptozoology is dead
and all false!" I can feel the reverberations now!

Roy

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 08:42:04 EDT
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 13:58:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 07:40:23 -0400
>Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>This is an issue worth bringing up. Not to start some volatile
>>diatribe but because of some conduct and history regarding UFOs
>>and UFOlogy.

><snip>

>>Those days of WWII were full of courage and bravery but the
>>spectre of racial hatred was still in full bloom. Blacks weren't
>>allowed to serve in combat and were often attacked. Groups like
>>the Ku Klux Klan were allowed to march in parades and attend
>>celebrations alongside military and elected officials. I know
>>because we have home movies of those days. So do many other
>>Americans.

><snip>

>I'm sure this will come as a big surprise to the Tuskegee
>Airmen, among many others, that they were not allowed to serve
>in combat!

>Dick

Sure they were allowed to serve after going through hell to get
there. It wasn't like they were first draft choices. Same with
other black soldiers. Many fought to be able to serve and didn't
get the chance til end round. But thanks for bringing that up. I
knew you would.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:52:23 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 14:00:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 12:44:46 -0300
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

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>missiles, etc. They also do not have interceptors ready to be
>sent aloft to respond to intruders immediately.

A side issue....

Do we and Russia/China really have monitoring equipment to cover the skies above and around the countries? I mean_all_the skies? I have seen the stories for equipment to monitor satellites, but satellites seem to have to pass through a radar "line" (or two) to gather data. Optical tracking is used too, but only at certain specific locations.

We have a bunch of aircraft tracking radars which have different coverages, look angles, but for military defense, they are looking for travel from hostile countries, not from straight up.

We don't have a radar aiming straight up to monitor our entire airspace. Or do we?

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Re: 'Glowing Little Man' Spreads Panic In Argentina

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:49:16 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 14:04:28 -0400
Subject: Re: 'Glowing Little Man' Spreads Panic In Argentina

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
May 27, 2008

Source: ERF.com.ar - Diario ERF

http://www.derf.com.ar/despachos.asp?cod_des0734&ID_Seccion=65

Date: 05/21/08 - 21:04 hrs

Argentina: "Glowing Little Man" Spreads Panic in Salta

*** Once again, Salta becomes the site for weird events ***

Residents of the town of San Carlos now claim seeing a strange being, standing some 40 cm tall, with a magnetic field that kept people from approaching it.

Two people, mechanic Walter Lopez and Omar Ferlatti, informed police about the sighting of the diminutive creature whom they described in detail: the being was small, glowing and wore pants. It appeared it be protected by a magnetic field.

This incident increased the collective fear of the residents of this community of the Valles Chachalacas even further. In recent days, a luminous object was seen in the vicinity of their town.

"Kids aren't going out at night out of fear of the strange creature and the UFO," claimed a resident of San Carlos in a statement to the Copenoa news agency.

Ferlatti and Lopez's account dovetails with the one given by a shepherdess on the hills, who was startled by the strange visitor.

Police have stated that both stories coincide and that local residents are indeed frightened. "It hasn't been seen again. It would be good for it to return, to ascertain that the events were indeed as described," said deputy sheriff Luis Comenares.

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Re: Aliens in San Carlos Argentina?

From: Scott Corrales <lornis1.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:50:36 -0400
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:06:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Aliens in San Carlos Argentina?

INEXPLICATA
The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
May 27, 2008

Source: COPENOA - Colectivo Periodistico del NOA
Date: Wednesday, 21 May 2008

Argentina: Salta - Aliens in San Carlos?

Residents of the town of San Carlos in the province of Salta claim having seen a strange entity, standing some forty centimeters tall, and seemingly protected by a magnetic field. The story given by Omar Ferlatti, who saw the strange being, is brief and starttling due to the certainty of the details offered on the strange visitor's physiomy.

Ferlatti was in the company of Walter Lopez when he saw the strange entity. The townsmen's story coincides with the account given by a shepherdess from the Valles Chalchaquies. The shepherdess was startled by the strange visitor while tending her flock.

A news team from the Copenoa news agency interviewed residents of San Carlos. These will be issued in video format and will surprise viewers with accounts of UFOs witnessed in this historic community, nestled in the Valles Chalchaquies of Salta Province.

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:52:47 +0100
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:14:15 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:37:34 +0200
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

<snip>

>Bravo to the New York Times for giving us an almost perfect
>example of pure skepticism, with the help of expert hands such
>as David Clarke and Joe McGonagle.

>There is no worse deaf man than the one who does not want to
>hear, which is still the case of many in the intellectual and
>scientific world.

Hello Gildas,

I think that your remark above applies more to supporters of
conspiracy theories than to sceptics.

All I have said is that the MoD have not conducted an effective
investigation of UFOs - are you disagreeing with that?

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 13:19:28 -0300
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:17:57 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:33:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 14:39:50 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 16:03:27 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

><snip>

>>The 1997 release of 160 pages of NSA UFO documents was very
>>enlightening. One could read 1 or 2 sentences per page. Wite-out
>>was used on the rest. The standard USAF (false)statement about
>>UFOs has for decades indicated that, aside from the National
>>Archives they were not aware of any other government agency
>>holding UFO documents! We know the FBI, CIA, and NSA and DIA etc
>>were. They lied. I wonder if the MOD has stated flatly that no
>>other agency is holding UFO materials??

>They effectively have, but in the inverse sense - they say that
>the only department directly concerned with UFOs is Sec(AS) (now
>DAS).

>The problem with interpreting redactions in documents which
>mention UFOs as evidence of some kind of concealment of
>information which would reveal positive knowledge of ET
>visitation is that the content of the redactions is unknown. For
>instance, it could relate to sabotage of hostile satellites
>under the cover of 'created' UFO activity. This technically is
>UFO related, but there is good reason for not revealing it.
>Until those redactions are ultimately disclosed (probably not in
>our lifetimes), one can only speculate what might be behind
>them.

>>Let us also note that the Condign author claimed falsely that
>>his report was only the 2nd English Language large study of
>>UFOs, besides the Condon Report. He was ignorant. Blue Book
>>Special Report 14 Had 240 charts tables, graphs, maps. The
>>Congressional Symposium of July 29, 1968, has testimony from 12
>>Scientists.. all in English. He was woefully unin formed about
>>the subject of plasmas and UFOs. Certainly here is one case
>>where absence of evidence in UK MOD UFO files cannot be taken as
>>evidence for overall absence. Are the intelligence agency UFO
>>files covered by FOIA in the UK?

>MI5, MI6, and GCHQ are exempt from FoIA at least for the time
>being. However, for reasons given in previous posts, I am
>convinced that any interest these have or had in UFOs was, a)
>transient and b) related to their specifically defined areas of
>responsibility. Their function would primarily be as channels
>supplying information to any interested parties in the MoD.

Thanks Joe.

Perhaps I missed it, but I have not seen any evidence that you and Dave Clarke have high level security clearances and a need to know for all or any classified UK military or intelligence agency information about UFOs, alien spacecraft, anomalous aerial vehicles, flying saucers, etc.

For years , until a court case, the CIA denied having any involvement other than the Robertson Panel. J.Edgar Hoover of the FBI denied for years that the FBI had any involvement until Bruce Maccabee used FOIA to find over 1500 pages of UFO material. Would all RAAF UFO reports be in the MOD files? Certainly in the USA military records are maintained separately for the USAF, Navy, Army, CIA, FBI, NSA, etc.

I guess what I am suggesting is that you both seem to feel that absence of evidence is evidence for absence and that, for reasons unknown, you would know about everything that was there. Are there really no black budget agencies in the UK??

Stan Friedman

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Re: UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 13:24:04 -0300
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 16:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

>Source: KTRK-TV - Houston, Texas, USA

><http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/local&id=6166532>

>Monday, May 26, 2008

>[Video at site]

>UFO Reported Near Bush Airport

>HOUSTON (KTRK) -- We have an update on a mysterious object seen
>by a Continental Airlines pilot on a flight from Bush
>Intercontinental Airport. That pilot called federal authorities,
>who launched an investigation.

<snip>

>The FAA and the FBI are trying to find who was behind this
>flying object. An FBI spokeswoman says it was several miles from
>the plane, still close enough to prompt some serious safety
>concerns.

It is notable that the FBI and probably the NTSB will be looking
into this event. Had there not been a smoke trail there would
have been nothing done at all. Note the FAA spokesman's non-
informed and too quick claim of a model rocket. A not too
detailed cover story? As for the media story, could there be a
greater lack of detail?

Don Ledger

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Re: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

From: **Terry Groff** <terrygroff.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 12:17:30 -0500
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 16:23:02 -0400
Subject: Re: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:53:23 -0500
>Subject: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

>Congratulations to NASA!

>Let's play Richard Hoagland and see who can ID the shinny object
>in the center first, at:

><http://tinyurl.com/6cnomy>

>and zoom...

>Dave Vetterick

Interesting.

Probably a photographic artifact, but if not...

I wonder if it could be one of our many lost objects, perhaps
one that landed successfully but had lost the ability to
transmit.

I'd like to see a second photo with the object still there.

Terry Groff

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Re: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 14:41:21 -0300
Archived: Tue, 27 May 2008 16:25:21 -0400
Subject: Re: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 22:14:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: On-Line Tonight - Phoenix Mars Landing

>>Source: The Discovery Channel - Toronto, Ontario, Canada
>><http://tinyurl.com/4fqgf2>
>>05/25/2008

>>Live Tonight - Phoenix Landing Near Martian North Pole

>>All eyes are on NASA's latest citizen of the solar system, as
>>the engineers and scientists behind the space agency's Phoenix
>>craft get ready to attempt a first-ever landing near the polar
>>ice cap of another world.

>>Watch Live -- Click Here:

>>Live web stream will begin 7 pm ET

>>Gallery: First Images

>Listeners:

>The aliens (Earthlings) have landed on Mars. It is reported that
>live photos of the surface are being beamed back to the
>originating planet. Mars has been invaded.

>Martians are trying to determine whether the creatures are
>controlled from somewhere else in the solar system. Confusion is
>the emotion of the day as Martians try to understand where these
>creatures came from and why they have landed on Mars.

A Martian walks up to a parking meter and says, "Have you got
change for a Hern?" Red Skelton on his show sometime in the late
50s.

Could be they would be disturbed by NASA/JPL landing on their
only source for CO2 ice cubes for their Martian Slushies.

Don Ledger

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Re: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 19:44:58 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 05:31:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

>From: Dave Vetterick <veterick.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:53:23 -0500
>Subject: Pictures From Mars Phoenix Lander

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Listers:

Peter Smith made the front page (in color) of the Arizona Daily Star playing air guitar while being cheered on by colleagues. He looked like an aging rock star. Yahoo! The HIRISE shot of the descending Phoenix was absolutely spectacular.

May we live in interesting times.

KK

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Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 20:26:38 +0000
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 05:35:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:58:33 -0500
>Subject: Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 21:08:05 +0000
>>Subject: Re: Alien Jigsaw Updates May 22 2008

<snip>

>From the Introduction of the article titled Unusual Helicopter
>Activity:

>"What follows is Linda's description of what happened to her
>over a period of several days. I have deleted specific names and
>locations in order to protect Linda's privacy."

Katharina:

Protect Linda's privacy? I don't understand.

She is claiming she is being "harassed" by helicopters.

According to her report, someone knows where she is and they are bothering her. I have a problem with 'witnesses' who provide reports but are unwilling to provide details.

Sorry, but I will have to write this 'witness' off as unreliable and living out some fantasy not rooted in reality.

A witness who does not provide details means they are unwilling to have their report either validated or eliminated.

I shared with you and this List, details of my sightings. I expected the same from you.

Oh well,

KK

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 22:35:18 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 05:37:49 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:43:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 25 May 2008 19:03:04 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 00:12:20 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>>>The timing of this particular embarrassment for the MoD should
>>>>serve as a salutary warning for those who, for whatever reason,
>>>>want to believe that the MoD is telling the truth, the whole
>>>>truth, and nothing but the truth.

>>>Which rather illustrates my point about cover-ups - if the
>>>authorities are so all-powerful, why didn't they just cover this
>>>up?

>>I can't imagine a more crass comment in this context. You appear
>>to be of the view that because some things have come to light,
>>then that must mean that everything has come to light, and there
>>is no more to be concealed. And where did you get the idea that
>>anybody is suggesting that the authorities are omnipotent?

>I refer you back to Don Ledgers words from his post on 20th May:

>"Why the hell would they tell you? Do you really think you are in
>the loop? There are plenty of things the government keeps secret
>that have nothing to do with UFOs that you will never be privy
>to. They have become masters at it over many centuries."

But Don is merely pointing out that the authorities have had a
lot of experience in concealing information and have become very
good at it. That's not the same as being omnipotent. Far from
it. Accidents happen.

As it happens, the revelation that I referred to occurred
'accidentally' - the consequence of a particular type
(investigative and not adversarial) of court case and of a judge
who was prepared to criticise the establishment. That doesn't
happen very often, but when it does we see that the MOD lied.
Readers can draw their own conclusions from this.

>>>I'm curious to know where you think we can go other than as I
>>>described in a previous post - misplaced records - and appeals
>>>against retentions?

>>Well Joe, let's try to satisfy your curiosity as to the
>>mechanics of an Open Society. We could have new laws relating to
>>FOI, and they could be more strongly biased in favour of public
>>scrutiny of government or civil service activities and

>>decisions. And then we could have a much more open system of
>>appeal. Instead of having a process whereby the burden of work
>>is on researchers, journalists and busybodies to extract
>>material, we could have a system whereby records are
>>automatically made public and officials have to do the work and
>>justify non-disclosure. We could ensure that any significant
>>decisions on non-disclosure have to be taken by a jury, rather
>>than by paid public officials. Like I said, it's a long journey!

>If I understand you correctly,

I'm sorry but you don't.

>you are advocating divulging every
>scrap of paper generated by the government. If that were so, the
>entire population

A gross exaggeration.

>would be involved in sanitising

In an open system 'sanitisation' as you put it would be a simple task.

>and publishing the information,

No, I'm not suggesting that it should be published. I'm
suggesting that it should be accessible to adults of sound mind
who wish to see it.

>and most of it would go unread. I think there
>are already too many people employed by the government, and too
>much unread material published.

>It would however be an excellent way of concealing information -
>just bury it in a mountain of other information which no-one
>would have the time to sift through.

Technology, in the form of digitisation and search capabilities,
has already defeated that argument in principle. And the 'too
much work' argument is downright sinister: it assumes that
secrecy is and should be the norm, and that, therefore, the most
labour-intensive scrutiny of documentation is required before it
can be released. My suggestion was that this is perversion of
the spirit of governmental openness, and that the assumption
should be turned on its head: secrecy should be the exception,
not the rule, and its justification should be via open legal
scrutiny.

The general drift of your remarks, Joe, seems to be that you are
happy to see the current level of disclosure, but would be
uncomfortable to see any substantial improvement on the status
quo. I can't believe that is really the case, but it is
certainly what comes across.

Gerald O'Connell

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Re: Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Network 'The Rising'

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 18:21:04 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 05:42:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Network 'The Rising'

>Source: The Washington Post - USA

><http://tinyurl.com/5zvkek>

>Wednesday, May 21, 2008

>Steven Spielberg's Ghost/UFO Social Network To Be Called The Rising
>by
>Michael Arrington
>TechCrunch.com

Why on Earth or off Earth, given all that Spielberg certainly knows about the research that has been conducted on UFO/ET-related phenomena - 60 years of studies, books, testimony, documentaries, etc, etc., etc. - he would create a major Web network and equate UFOs with ghosts, I cannot imagine?

Or perhaps I can. Steven Spielberg has been a spectacular success in generating billions of dollars in revenue from the public interest in the extraterrestrial reality unfolding. He has been a colossal disappointment as a citizen responding to the greatest distortion of reality by any government at any time since humans formed the first committee and picked a leader.

Five years ago I wrote an open letter to Mr. Spielberg. He did not respond. He was too busy counting his money.

SB

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Mysterious Images Emerge From Mars

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 06:53:50 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 06:53:50 -0400
Subject: Mysterious Images Emerge From Mars

Source: WESH-TV - Orlando, Florida, USA

<http://www.wesh.com/spacenews/16400176/detail.html>

May 27, 2008

Mysterious Images Emerge From Mars

Ground controllers at NASA observed some unexplainable images which prompted the question: could there be intelligent life on Mars?

The pictures sent from the Phoenix Lander depicted images of strange phenomena, including a distant white entity unlike anything else on the red planet's surface. Dismissive scientists believe it to be simply another large rock, but others aren't so quick to discount all possibilities.

"We'll take a closer look at it," said Peter Smith of the University of Arizona.

NASA is prepared for anything, officials said. The new Mars lander is equipped with the ability to communicate with extraterrestrials. Attached to the probe are computer disks that contain messages from Earth, including songs, pictures and poems.

The disks can be seen in some of the images sent back by the space probe.

Phoenix's claw is now poised to dig into the icy dust. It is 30 degrees below zero at the landing site, which is near the planet's north pole. NASA is trying to determine whether ice below the surface has ever been liquid water.

"That would be a major discovery," Smith said.

The theory is that Mars was once warmer, and that the ice on the north pole was once water. The now-frozen liquid could have possibly preserved organic molecules, which are the building blocks of life.

"We're not roving over the surface, we're digging into the surface," Smith said. "That's where the science discoveries are likely to be made."

The digging is slated to begin in about one week, NASA officials said.

Officials said the Phoenix Lander should be able to operate for about three months. Afterward, Mars will become so cold that the air will freeze, and the probe will be locked inside solid carbon dioxide.

[Thanks to Chaz Stuart for the lead]

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Mars Mystery Object ID'd

From: Dave Vetterick <veterick.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 01:17:25 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 06:56:23 -0400
Subject: Mars Mystery Object ID'd

Here's the answer from the Phoenix team.

Dave

From: Melissa Lamberton<mllamb.nul>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 4:40 PM
Subject: Phoenix Mars Mission

Hello,

Thank you for your inquiries and well wishes to the Phoenix Team. I apologize for not responding to each of you individually; we are making every effort to keep up with the volume of requests coming in over the last 48 hours.

You inquired about the white, vertical object in one of the early landing photos. At a press conference earlier today, Peter Smith identified this object as the backshell and parachute, as many of you already guessed. Although we still don't have high resolution pictures of the object, we surmised its identity based on a HiRISE image. The image shows the backshell/parachute lying 300 meters south of Phoenix. The heat shield landed 200 meters to the south-southeast. You can find that image online at

Thank you for your interest in the mission! Keep checking our website for daily updates, including new photos and the weather on Mars.

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 07:51:50 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 06:57:52 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>This is an issue worth bringing up. Not to start some volatile
>diatribe but because of some conduct and history regarding UFOs
>and UFOlogy.

<snip>

>Even some UFO investigators have engaged in some unsavory
>behavior over the years and then some.

<snip>

I agree there's an issue here. In the UK there's been some
suggestion of links between certain ufologists and the Far
Right.

A related issue is the implied anti-Semitism in many conspiracy
theories, where phrases such as "cabal of international
financiers" can have a rather more unpleasant meaning.

A contentious area, but an important one, I think.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 10:06:34 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 08:08:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>This is an issue worth bringing up.

<snip>

>So what is it about ufology that pisses off the racists?

>Something must be up.

Hey Listers & Greg,

Interesting thought, but I don't think we can say that UFOs piss-off racists... otherwise you'd never see UFO posts on Rense's site. Although in Rense's case, I may be confusing racism with being a Jew-baiting, goose-stepping, Nazi wannabe.

Mike Woods

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Brad SSparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 08:09:57 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 19:53:18 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 24 May 2008 14:08:20 - 0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 23 May 2008 02:59:11 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>You stated, "There is no secret squirrel section, no smoking
>>gun, no positive evidence of ET visitation.." and I don't think
>>you are in any position to know if there are or are not the
>>above; it is as simple as that.

>Just who would be in such a position, in your view? I think that
>I am amongst the best-placed to make that judgement call.

<snip>

>>There is a difference about something having occurred in the
>>public domain and being covered up then some policy begun in
>>intelligence circles. There is a structure in place from the
>>beginning that is aimed at keeping certain information out of
>>not only the public's hands but others in the same intelligence
>>agency. It is compartmentalized and layered.

>Regardless of compartmentalisation, any agency would still need
>access to the raw, unprocessed material. Other agencies would
>have to know what to send and who to send it to.

Access to what "raw" data? Garbage? This is the fatal flaw in
all futile efforts to follow a paper trail to find some
conspiracy agency or conversely to argue there is no paper trail
and no secret UFO agency. You're both wrong. No one wants your
garbage UFO cases from housewives and truck drivers, when they
have billion-dollar classified global sensor systems to rely on
instead.

This is the flawed "vacuum cleaner" methodology whereby every
scrap of info no matter how unreliable is collected in some
futile hope that someone can extract a gawdalmighty "pattern"
from it.

As long ago as July 28, 1952, the USAF adopted a policy of
disregarding anecdotal UFO reports, including the precious
"pilot" anecdotes by both military pilots and civilian pilots.
This was part of a broader policy following a highly classified
study of AF intelligence methodology at MIT that agreed with top
AF officers that intelligence analysts were being swamped with
low-grade anecdotal reports. Not just on UFO's but on MiG's,
nuclear bombs, radars, etc.

From then on the AF policy was to emphasize instrument data. Attempts were made to reject anecdotal reports of UFO's altogether, but sensor systems were not ready and deployed yet. So as a compromise, the AF kept collecting anecdotes until such time as sensor systems could take over, but not to spend much analyst time on them. Hence the years of whining about why the USAF was not doing more on UFO's than the very minimal if not pathetic Project Blue Book. They had bigger plans than file clerks and desk jockeys.

So you can't expect to find a paper trail of anecdotal UFO reports and follow it to some supersecret agency. They're not interested, not because UFO's don't exist but because they don't want worthless reports where witnesses can't tell if the UFO was 10 feet in size, or 100 feet, or 1 foot, or somewhere in between, etc. And you can't use that lack of interest in non-scientific non-instrumented UFO reports as proof of no interest at all in the subject.

Furthermore, however much you Brits think you're the hottest thinkers around, the US doesn't share its billion-dollar sensor feeds with you Brits. You get crumbs from the intelligence table that's all. And Kim Philby, Fuchs, Burgess and McLean, and many others are still remembered even if there is a moment of weakness about sharing the most expensive and highly classified intelligence, which you didn't pay a dime for.

Brad Sparks

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Re: British UFO Shocker!

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 11:35:56 +0200
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 08:12:47 -0400
Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 20:49:00 +0100
>Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>>From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 12:09:09 +0100
>>Subject: Re: British UFO Shocker!

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: sightings.nul, ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 02:28:49 EDT
>>>Subject: British UFO Shocker!

>Hello Greg, Sean,

>>>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The
>>>Truth

>>><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

>>And so says David Clarke!

>>Well never mind, it means we can now all go and move onto
>>different subjects as the matter has now be clearly resolved.

>That certainly isn't my perspective.

>Just because the MoD didn't do a good job doesn't mean that we
>shouldn't. The sad fact is that contrary to many people's
>expectations, the authorities don't have the answers.

Joe,

If some secret service knows things it does not want you to
know, it won't tell you.

Mr de la Palice understands that.

Gildas Bourdais

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Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:04:11 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 09:18:27 -0400
Subject: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

Most Listers know I don't do investigation or even compiling, being at one remove and liking to step back and look at the more impressive cases on record.

That's written records from the past - Fortean stuff - and the best investigated & presented stuff from the present. Among others that'll be Shag Harbour, the Black Box Cockpit series, Serling & Vallee's 1976 'It Has Begun', some of Jaime Maussan's Conference presentations, and Birdsall & Stubbs 'NASA Smoking Gun' series and follow-up, etc.

Looking at mainstream media responses, something hits home.

As Jaime Maussan complained about the Mexican military FLIR film, in each case a dozen or so ridiculous debunking 'explanations' are immediately floated and, more significantly, these are written into the record without serious question by the media - or Wiki.

It strikes me that Ufology isn't doing all of its job. It's surely part of Ufology's task to expose fake 'ridiculous debunking' and to name and shame the culprits. Also - it seems there aren't too many of those propagandists; i.e. most fake 'explanations' emanate from just a few sources. And I'm sure most of you know those sources better than me.

So how about it?

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 04:14:28 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 09:20:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: James Smith <lunartravel.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 09:52:23 -0400 (GMT-04:00)
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>We don't have a radar aiming straight up to monitor our entire
>airspace. Or do we?

The satellite array that covers every square foot of earth
simultaneously, surveils the other way too.

JCH

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Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 09:20:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:52:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>All I have said is that the MoD have not conducted an effective
>investigation of UFOs - are you disagreeing with that?

You don't know what they've done. Basing such a statement on
obviously limited release of information - no matter what you
wish to call it - is untenable.

JCH

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From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:48:48 +0100
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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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<snip>

>Do we and Russia/China really have monitoring equipment to cover
>the skies above and around the countries? I mean_all_the skies?
>I have seen the stories for equipment to monitor satellites, but
>satellites seem to have to pass through a radar "line" (or two)
>to gather data. Optical tracking is used too, but only at
>certain specific locations.

>We have a bunch of aircraft tracking radars which have different
>coverages, look angles, but for military defense, they are
>looking for travel from hostile countries, not from straight up.

>We don't have a radar aiming straight up to monitor our entire
>airspace. Or do we?

Check out the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System - BMEWS:

<http://www.fas.org/spp/military/program/nssrm/initiatives/bmews.htm>

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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>From: Brad SSparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
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>and no secret UFO agency. You're both wrong. No one wants your
>garbage UFO cases from housewives and truck drivers, when they
>have billion-dollar classified global sensor systems to rely on
>instead.

Well how about a report, with radar contact, by a Vulcan nuclear bomber crew? I know you are familiar with this case through Dave Clarke. Or else, how about an instrumental report from Navy helicopter pilots, as was released in the current batch? There are many more examples, some already known about, and I am sure, some yet to be released.

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>scrap of info no matter how unreliable is collected in some
>futile hope that someone can extract a gawdalmighty "pattern"
>from it.

You seem to be saying that the data is worthless. I disagree. It is valuable at the very least in order to evaluate what generates IFOs, what witness descriptions of IFOs are like, how accurate are estimates of time, height, size, direction etc in witness reports - especially 'expert' report - how fallible are the operators composing and sending the military signals. I have already identified a number with incorrect dates or times in the current release.

People have been trying to get the government to make their files available for decades - well now they have, in the UK and some people just don't like what they see in them.

<snip>

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>scientific non-instrumented UFO reports as proof of no interest
>at all in the subject.

I refer you again to the instrumented reports in the released
- or due to be released - files. Why don't they count?

Also, how do these instrumented reports reach the 'secret' department? Take the hypothetical example of Captain Igor Androvich, piloting his Ilyushin 96-300 from Moscow to Gatwick. Over Kent, his collision avoidance system is triggered, he looks outside and sees a missile-shaped object passing 100 feet from

his aircraft. Does he think 'I'd better not report this through normal channels, I had better use the MoD secret channel'?

>Furthermore, however much you Brits think you're the hottest >thinkers around, the US doesn't share its billion-dollar sensor >feeds with you Brits. You get crumbs from the intelligence table >that's all. And Kim Philby, Fuchs, Burgess and McLean, and many >others are still remembered even if there is a moment of >weakness about sharing the most expensive and highly classified >intelligence, which you didn't pay a dime for.

I never claimed that the UK is privy to US technology, or all of the available US intelligence. All I have said is that the MoD are not concerned about UFOs. What is your problem with that?

Regards,

Joe

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>and Dave Clarke have high level security clearances and a need
>to know for all or any classified UK military or intelligence
>agency information about UFOs, alien spacecraft, anomalous
>aerial vehicles, flying saucers, etc.

Not that it's relevant, but I hold an SC clearance due to
involvement in a sensitive communications contract. Dave
Clarke's clearance is so high, he hasn't divulged it to me :-).

For information about UK MoD security clearance, visit the MoD
web site at:

<http://tinyurl.com/yvd6o7>

For three years during my army service I was working in Corps
Headquarters at 1(BR) Corps in Germany and was privy to TOP
SECRET material on a regular basis - none of which related to
UFOs, but Air Defence was a topic which was discussed at Corps
Commander's briefings which I was effectively present at (I
managed the video and audio switching for the briefings), and
UFOs never came up, even during heightened tension during the
cold war.

>For years , until a court case, the CIA denied having any
>involvement other than the Robertson Panel. J.Edgar Hoover of
>the FBI denied for years that the FBI had any involvement until
>Bruce Maccabee used FOIA to find over 1500 pages of UFO
>material. Would all RAAF UFO reports be in the MOD files?
>Certainly in the USA military records are maintained separately
>for the USAF, Navy, Army, CIA, FBI, NSA, etc.

I wouldn't state categorically that all RAF reports will be in
the MoD files, it is quite possible that some reports were
misrouted and didn't reach the appropriate department, but I am
positive that the majority of reports did do so. I have seen a
few, two memorable ones are the 1990 Tornado case (which is
included in Timothy Good's book 'Need to Know' along with the
'Cosford' incident as unexplained reports). Details of the 1990
case can be found at:

<http://www.ufonet.nl/nieuws/tornado/index2.html>

The other memorable report was made by the crew of a Vulcan
nuclear bomber on a training flight over the North Atlantic. I
just remembered another one involving a Vulcan of the coast of
Wales. These all appeared in the MoD files, and again, there was
little evidence of substantial investigation.

It is also worth mentioning that if any government department or
individual retains information requested under the FoIA contrary
to the provisions of the Act, they are liable for prosecution. I

don't think many Civil Servants or servicemen would risk their pensions by doing so, especially if they couldn't justify retention in their own minds.

>I guess what I am suggesting is that you both seem to feel that
>absence of evidence is evidence for absence and that, for
>reasons unknown, you would know about everything that was there.
>Are there really no black budget agencies in the UK??

Obviously I can't state categorically that there are no 'black budget' agencies in the UK. What I can say is that our Armed Services are impoverished, having suffered many cutbacks since the Cold War, and that all Government spending is carefully scrutinised and reported on. For comparison, the MoD budget for the UK in 2007/2008 was approximately 65 billion USD, and the National Health Service budget approximately 180 billion USD. Compare our defence budget to that of the US (nearly 440 billion USD) and there isn't much scope for any slack.

The 'absence of evidence' argument isn't my position - I argue that there is abundant evidence that the MoD have negligible interest in UFOs.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:41:33 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 10:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>intelligence, which you didn't pay a dime for.

An inaccurate and one-sided view of a complex issue.

Robert Hanssen and Aldrich Ames are still remembered too.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 14:46:54 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:12:17 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State

>From: Stephen Bassett <PRG.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 17:57:39 -0400
>Subject: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In Service Of State

>>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

>International Herald Tribune / New York Times articles

>Regarding this paragraph:

>"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David
>Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam
>University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of
>weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but
>there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

>Side interest? If David Clarke is not receiving a regular check
>from the British government for services rendered he is being
>grossly abused by his country. In lieu of appropriate
>compensation for his steadfast support of the United Kingdom's
>version of the Truth Embargo, he is hereby given the Judith
>Miller - The Government Would Never Lie About Something as
>Important as a Pending War (or Extraterrestrial Reality) - Award
>for Gullibility (pretend or honest).

>Keep it up David. The Phil Klass Award for Cynical Compliance
>with Emerging Fascism, the Michael Shermer Award for Smug
>Detachment from Reality and the James McGaha Award for Sheer
>Stupidity on Camera are still within your reach.

Hello Stephen,

As you will know, the Mars Phoenix Lander is currently up on the
Red Planet and barring technical difficulties, it will discover
extraterrestrial life. When it does, NASA and the U of AZ will
announce this.

How then will you resolve the issue of the government on the
one hand continuing with a conspiracy of silence regarding the
existence of ET and on the other hand revealing the existence of
ET.

Stuart Miller
Alien Worlds magazine
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Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:09:39 +0200
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:15:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 15:52:47 +0100
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 16:37:34 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

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>>Bravo to the New York Times for giving us an almost perfect
>>example of pure skepticism, with the help of expert hands such
>>as David Clarke and Joe McGonagle.

>>There is no worse deaf man than the one who does not want to
>>hear, which is still the case of many in the intellectual and
>>scientific world.

>Hello Gildas,

>I think that your remark above applies more to supporters of
>conspiracy theories than to sceptics.

>All I have said is that the MoD have not conducted an effective
>investigation of UFOs - are you disagreeing with that?

Hello, Joe,

I have given a short comment in my previous post. Let me repeat
it, and add an exemple:

If some secret service knows things it does not want you to know,
it won't tell you.

All military secrets work that way. In 1944, when Allies decided
to land in Normandy, they did not call Hitler and they did not
announce it in advance in the press.

Now, good spies may learn things before everybody. The
preparation of the atomic bomb in Los Alamos, for instance.

Stalin was informed before Truman!

So, there may be leaks. But they may be covered up by false
information. Surely, you know all that.

The big question, it seems to me, is whether it is appropriate or
not to maintain UFO secrecy, and how long, for the sake of
everybody?

I guess that, if you know the answer, you won't tell me.

Cordially,

Gildas Bourdais

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David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:16:57 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:18:18 -0400
Subject: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 11:32:12 EDT
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 14:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 10:06:34 -0400
>Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>This is an issue worth bringing up.

><snip>

>>So what is it about ufology that pisses off the racists?

>>Something must be up.

>Hey Listers & Greg,

>Interesting thought, but I don't think we can say that UFOs
>piss-off racists... otherwise you'd never see UFO posts on
>Rense's site. Although in Rense's case, I may be confusing
>racism with being a Jew-baiting, goose-stepping, Nazi wannabe.

>Mike Woods

Don't even get me started on anti-Semitism. Well, actually I should get started on it. That would be a thread the length of the Mississippi.

I've known Rense and his fam for years and years. In all that time he's never, never, said a disparaging remark against any race. I don't always agree on everything he says or presents but he's got a method to his madness.

As for anti-Semitism in ufology I've yet to see all the blogs and websites and make an evaluation. In the field however that's a different story. It never ceases to amaze me how when out doing an investigation how a group of people who've claimed to have met aliens from another world will sit there in the same breath and spout racial hatred against someone else. Especially in my own neighborhood and stomping grounds of New York and especially upstate New York.

I could go on for days and days about what I've seen, heard, and been through.

We must take into account the early UFO history did indeed have to deal with racism. How much did that affect dissemination of the truth to the public? I've been_told_ some stories regarding some events including Roswell. I've seen first-hand discrimination at the sites of several UFO investigations. Government files are so blacked out and I was told on more than one occasion that it was because in today's world those statements would be inflammatory although not intentional by noted government officials.

Considering the Nixon tapes where he used racial epithets quite regularly it wouldn't surprise me. I'm sure a Nixon UFO report would make the fictional Archie Bunker look like a priest.

It's an issue we need to investigate. There's something there.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:50:27 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 14:23:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Joe, you don't think our transatlantic cousins are just a little
bit jealous that British ufologists have managed to open up more
or less all of the UK Government's UFO files?

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I just don't accept that 'ufology pisses off the racists'. In fact I would say that ufology attracts racists.

There have been a significant number of people connected with far right/racist politics who have been connected with ufology on both sides of the Atlantic, and a number of acrimonious debates about them have appeared on this very forum in the past.

For fear of starting off another acrimonious debate I won't mention names, but it's all there in the archive.

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From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:29:49 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 15:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:16:57 +0100
>Subject: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

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And I'm sure I had it coming.

Jerry Clark

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From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:40:13 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 15:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

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Hi, Stuart,

And not just better UFO documentaries, but a better brand of
documentary in general. Their UFO podcasters aren't all that
bad either.

So, add those two items to the list that includes better beer,
lower cost pharmaceuticals, and Don Ledger. It's hard to believe
we're not all Canadians.

There is no justice, and those Canadians are a pretty shrewed
species.

Bill

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'Captain Igor Androvich' case in my reply to Brad Sparks.

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Joe

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 14:10:32 -0300
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

<snip>

>As for his claim that "there is not a shred of evidence" I
>disagree. So there you have it. The difference between me saying
>there is a shred and Clarke saying there isn't a shred is that
>he has the ear of the media on a daily basis. I have no real
>resource in that regard.

I am with Dave on this - there is no evidence in the released UK
MoD UFO files that any UFOs are of extraterrestrial origin - if
you think otherwise, perhaps you can direct me to what persuades
you that there is?

>Clarke is clever with the media; it was he who engineered the
>release of the badly flawed Condign Report through the Sheffield
>Hallam media center. As mentioned Clarke lectures on Journalism
>at Sheffield Hallam, those at the media center are students at
>Hallam. Clarke writes a mean FOIA but has he ever been in the
>field; not twenty years later but the first or second onscene at
>a current UFO report site or with the witnesses? I've seen no
>evidence of it.

Ironically, the fact that he was often first on the scene was
cited as evidence that he worked for MI5 by at least one
ufologist! The fact that he was working as a journalist at the
time had nothing to do with it.

Dave has been active in ufology as an an investigator and
researcher for a very long time - his earliest MoD
correspondence can be read in DEFE31/175 p.51 from September
1987 - the start of a dialogue with the MoD lasting over 20
years.

Recently, he was the first person within ufology to contact
pilot Ray Bowyer, pilot of the aircraft involved in the Guernsey
incident on 23rd April last year.

<snip>

>They have airspace breeches all of the time according to the
>"meticulously documented" reports. That is what is so
>embarrassing for the MOD. This is a critical point around which
>the actions of the MOD and every other governing agency on the
>planet investigating these events must revolve. It is nonsense
>to claim that these things don't breach security when in fact
>they do and the 'authorities" can't do a damn thing about them.

I agree entirely.

>>The spokeswoman, who spoke on condition of anonymity =97 not
>>because she works with Agent Mulder in some shadowy basement
>>office, but because that is government policy

>Sure. Not identified then not of journalistic worth. Would Sarah

>go to jail to protect this source?

Standard practice with the MoD press department, I'm afraid.

<snip>

>>The files from 1978 to 2002 were released this month. Some older
>>files have already been declassified and made public;

>Why was so much of this junk classified?

The bulk was classified 'CONFIDENTIAL' or 'RESTRICTED' - the lowest classification available - simply to protect the witness identities.

<snip>

>>"A lot of people imagined that there was this vast UFO project
>>with lots of people working on it, when in reality it was a
>>civil servant spending 25 percent of his time on it, filing
>>reports," he said.

>Maybe the people in the UK thought that, most people over here
>don't think of it at all, and very few think that the government
>takes an interest. In reality the UK is behind about 20 years,
>perhaps more, with these releases and now they are taking very
>little heat for not just putting the reports "out there" and
>letting the chips fall where they may. Their reluctance strikes
>me more as "If we aren't forced to release, why bother?"
>Governments are lazy that way.

You are exactly right - the MoD were reluctant to expend the effort to sanitise and release the documents because of the labour involved. There was a time in the 1970's when they felt that such disclosure was inevitable, and they prepared redacted copies of reports for release. They also 'accidentally' destroyed the unredacted original versions, so all that we have from that period are the redacted copies (which they didn't in fact release until they were obliged to under the Public Records Act after 30 years).

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State

From: **Paradigm Research Group** <PRG.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 14:39:57 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 20:16:14 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 14:46:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In State Service

>>From: Stephen Bassett <PRG.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 17:57:39 -0400
>>Subject: Another Side-Order Of Ignorance In Service Of State

>>>British UFO Shocker! Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>>><http://www.iht.com/articles/2008/05/26/europe/26london.php>

>>International Herald Tribune / New York Times articles

>>Regarding this paragraph:

>>"The government has been telling us the truth," declared David
>>Clarke, a senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam
>>University, who has a side interest in UFOs. "There are a lot of
>>weird things in the sky, and some of them we can't explain, but
>>there's not a shred of evidence for a single alien visitation."

>Hello Stephen,

>As you will know, the Mars Phoenix Lander is currently up on the
>Red Planet and barring technical difficulties, it will discover
>extraterrestrial life. When it does, NASA and the U of AZ will
>announce this.

>How then will you resolve the issue of the government on the
>one hand continuing with a conspiracy of silence regarding the
>existence of ET and on the other hand revealing the existence of
>ET?

There is nothing to resolve. The Truth Embargo will end when it
ends. What remains to be determined is how and when.

As it happens, I, too, believe that 'surprise, surprise', the
Phoenix lander will confirm basic life on Mars - past or
present. I also believe NASA knew this several decades ago, just
as NASA knew the disposition of water on that planet long before
it provided that info to us peons.

Regarding all things living and not of this Earth, NASA does
not serve the American people, it serves the Department of
Defense. The timing of such matters has little to do with
science.

I have a strong suspicion that a Disclosure event is planned for
the first few months of the next administration, which will
almost certainly be Democratic.

An announcement of confirmation of life on Mars in the next few
months by NASA fits nicely into that scenario and will be a big
clue something much bigger is in the works.

SB

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:49:58 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 20:17:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 26 May 2008 10:24:10 EDT
>Subject: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>This is an issue worth bringing up. Not to start some volatile
>diatribe but because of some conduct and history regarding UFOs
>and Ufology.

<snip>

>Even some UFO investigators have engaged in some unsavory
>behavior over the years and then some.

<snip>

I agree there's an issue here. In the UK there's been some
suggestion of links between certain ufologists and the Far
Right.

A related issue is the implied anti-Semitism in many conspiracy
theories, where phrases such as "cabal of international
financiers" can have a rather more unpleasant meaning.

A contentious area, but an important one, I think.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

<http://www.nickpope.net>

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Re: MoD File Release

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:51:41 -0500
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 21:19:26 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:50:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>Joe, you don't think our transatlantic cousins are just a little
>bit jealous that British ufologists have managed to open up more
>or less all of the UK Government's UFO files?

"Open all, more or less." Gullible truly is a word not in the
dictionary?

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:53:55 +0100
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 21:21:25 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:50:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Hi John,

<snip>

>Joe, you don't think our transatlantic cousins are just a little
>bit jealous that British ufologists have managed to open up more
>or less all of the UK Government's UFO files?

No I don't think so - I think that a lot of people's expectations have been shattered and they haven't adjusted to the reality of the situation yet. To invoke the satanic Andy Roberts - last time I did that, he materialised on my List after he had been exorcised for a period of time - and quote him from a personal email:

- The government have files
- We want them released
- Any files that are released aren't the real files
- The government have files
- We want them released

Cheers,

Joe

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:29:33 EDT
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 21:23:34 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:41:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>Furthermore, however much you Brits think you're the hottest
>>thinkers around, the US doesn't share its billion-dollar sensor
>>feeds with you Brits. You get crumbs from the intelligence table
>>that's all. And Kim Philby, Fuchs, Burgess and McLean, and many
>>others are still remembered even if there is a moment of
>>weakness about sharing the most expensive and highly classified
>>intelligence, which you didn't pay a dime for.

>An inaccurate and one-sided view of a complex issue.

All the jawboning in the world will not change the electronic
circuits from US sensor systems that completely bypass the UK
- and I'm not talking about the one-way feed from Fylingdale
BMEWS which goes TO the US and nothing comes back to the UK).
The US does take a very "one-sided" view of its black budget
programs and pointing that out on UFO UpDates (of all places!)
will not influence US policymakers to change that "one-sided"
view by one iota.

>Robert Hanssen and Aldrich Ames are still remembered too.

But they're not from the US agencies in charge of the black
budgets for the global sensor systems. If you were in charge of
those black budget programs in the US would you say to yourself?
"Oh golley we had Hanssen and Ames in other departments
completely unrelated to mine! Now I feel guilty and must spend
millions to give away all my department's secrets to the Brits!"
Not bloody likely my friend!

And anyway, none of this verbiage here changes the circuits
that bypass you Brits.

Best,

Brad

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Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:15:42 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 22:30:09 -0400
Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:40:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

<snip>

>And not just better UFO documentaries, but a better brand of
>documentary in general. Their UFO podcasters aren't all that
>bad either.

>So, add those two items to the list that includes better beer,
>lower cost pharmaceuticals, and Don Ledger. It's hard to believe
>we're not all Canadians.

>There is no justice, and those Canadians are a pretty shrewed
>species.

Our woman are pretty hot, too, check out the Playmate of the
Year. On the other hand, our politicians are so dumb they
couldn't pour pee out of a boot if you printed instructions on
the bottom of the heel. In fact, when Canadian politicians see a
yellow sign at the mall that reads, "Wet Floor", they do.

And The Politics of Reality will stand as one of the all time
great UFO documentaries.

Mike woods

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Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

From: **Franklin D. Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:17:41 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 22:32:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:04:11 +0100
>Subject: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

<snip>

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>surely part of Ufology's task to expose fake 'ridiculous
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>there aren't too many of those propogandists; i.e. most fake
>'explanations' emanate from just a few sources. And I'm sure
>most of you know those sources better than me.

>So how about it?

No doubt about it, there are debunkers that have agendas and work for the sole purpose of keeping the truth hidden. There is an information psychological operation - PsyOp - in the works.

Researching and flushing out the psyop aspect of this problem might be the best way to resolve it.

Putting a list of suspect individuals and agencies together is a great idea.

Frank

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Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 15:03:10 -0700
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 22:34:45 -0400
Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:40:13 -0400
>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:16:57 +0100
>>Subject: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>Having just had the privilege of a screening of David Cherniak's
>>superb documentary UFOs And The Politics Of Reality, or, as it's
>>likely to be retitled, UFOs - The Secret History, I most
>>strongly commend this film to the List. It is to be broadcast in
>>July on the Canadian History Channel and I sincerely hope it
>>reaches a much wider international audience.

>>Thoroughly researched and made with great wit and charm, the
>>talking heads are excellent, although I admit I shouted at Jerry
>>Clark more than once.

>>Alas it seems that only the Canadians can make great UFO
>>documentaries. Where is the justice?

>Hi, Stuart,

>And not just better UFO documentaries, but a better brand of
>documentary in general. Their UFO podcasters aren't all that
>bad either.

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>lower cost pharmaceuticals, and Don Ledger. It's hard to believe
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>species.

Gee, Bill, if given all of the above is true, can one apply for
honorary Canadian citizenship? Or does one have to be nominated
first? 8^}

Steve

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 18:10:24 -0400
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 22:36:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:04:11 +0100
>Subject: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

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>'explanations' emanate from just a few sources. And I'm sure
>most of you know those sources better than me.

>So how about it?

Hint, hint, David Cherniak and other producers.

How about a documentary comprising, entirely, clips from the
many past docs in which the debunkers gave their spiel, followed
by current-day responses from ufologists which should have been
in the originals but were left out?

That'd be a good start.

Eleanor White

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>existence of ET and on the other hand revealing the existence of
>ET.

Welllll, Stuart, a few frozen microbes are a huge ways away from
intelligent ET flying spacecraft. But...

I'm betting Wehrner von Braun's colleague Dr. Carol Rosin had it
right when she said UFOs will be 'disclosed' in a very distorted
sort of way, on a schedule set by the ruling elite. Intelligent
ET with craft will be 'disclosed' when they want us Earthlings
convinced we are about to be attacked by ETs, so we will beg the
ruling elite to take all our rights away and 'save' us.

That's why, in my guesstimation, we've had stonewalling on the
UFO issue for decades. It wasn't 'time' yet.

Eleanor White

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From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:47:54 -0300
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 23:41:33 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:50:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>><snip>

>>>Perhaps I missed it, but I have not seen any evidence that you
>>>and Dave Clarke have high level security clearances and a need
>>>to know for all or any classified UK military or intelligence
>>>agency information about UFOs, alien spacecraft, anomalous
>>>aerial vehicles, flying saucers, etc.

>Joe, you don't think our transatlantic cousins are just a little
>bit jealous that British ufologists have managed to open up more
>or less all of the UK Government's UFO files?

John,

In case you hadn't noticed it, the Blue Book Files with more
than 12,000 cases have been open for more than 30 years. What is
to be jealous of?

Also in case you hadn't noted it, it is clear that many other
agencies besides the Air Force's Blue Book were heavily into UFO
data collection.

Also as General Bolender noted "reports which could affect
National security were not part of the Blue Book System."

You guys have not provided any reason for concluding that the
paltry, poorly investigated MOD files are all there was.

I think it is time to come down from your high horses, don't
you?

Stan Friedman

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 20:49:38 -0300
Archived: Wed, 28 May 2008 23:47:52 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:57:19 +0100
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>>From: Brad SSparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
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>>Access to what "raw" data? Garbage? This is the fatal flaw in
>>all futile efforts to follow a paper trail to find some
>>conspiracy agency or conversely to argue there is no paper trail
>>and no secret UFO agency. You're both wrong. No one wants your
>>garbage UFO cases from housewives and truck drivers, when they
>>have billion-dollar classified global sensor systems to rely on
>>instead.

>Well how about a report, with radar contact, by a Vulcan nuclear
>bomber crew? I know you are familiar with this case through Dave
>Clarke. Or else, how about an instrumental report from Navy
>helicopter pilots, as was released in the current batch? There
>are many more examples, some already known about, and I am sure,
>some yet to be released.

>>This is the flawed "vacuum cleaner" methodology whereby every
>>scrap of info no matter how unreliable is collected in some
>>futile hope that someone can extract a gawdalmighty "pattern"
>>from it.

>You seem to be saying that the data is worthless. I disagree.
>It is valuable at the very least in order to evaluate what
>generates IFOs, what witness descriptions of IFOs are like, how
>accurate are estimates of time, height, size, direction etc in
>witness reports - especially 'expert' report - how fallible are
>the operators composing and sending the military signals. I have
>already identified a number with incorrect dates or times in the
>current release.

>People have been trying to get the government to make their
>files available for decades - well now they have, in the UK and
>some people just don't like what they see in them.

><snip>

>>So you can't expect to find a paper trail of anecdotal UFO
>>reports and follow it to some supersecret agency. They're not
>>interested, not because UFO's don't exist but because they don't
>>want worthless reports where witnesses can't tell if the UFO was
>>10 feet in size, or 100 feet, or 1 foot, or somewhere in
>>between, etc. And you can't use that lack of interest in non-
>>scientific non-instrumented UFO reports as proof of no interest
>>at all in the subject.

>I refer you again to the instrumented reports in the released
>- or due to be released - files. Why don't they count?

>Also, how do these instrumented reports reach the 'secret'
>department? Take the hypothetical example of Captain Igor
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>outside and sees a missile-shaped object passing 100 feet from
>his aircraft. Does he think 'I'd better not report this through
>normal channels, I had better use the MoD secret channel'?

Boy, Joe... you have really mixed together a desperate
hypothetical here.

Can I ask the following questions?

Why a Russian pilot/aircraft over Kent?

Why a missile shaped object?

Why a TCAS alert?

I get your point when you question who he should report it to.
My guess is his own people when he got home as well at CAA's ATC
sector controlling airspace over Kent and at the time it
happened. If some 'interested' agency in the UK wanted to get
involved then it would happen after the fact and quietly I
suspect. But I tke your point re. the budget restrictions. Same
apply here.

Your example BTW sounds not-hypothetical.

A missile - if it was a missile - is unlikely to trigger TCAS.
But you mentioned missile shaped so back to UFO. I have a
personal interest in TCAS alerts and they seem to trigger TCAS
often. Was there a resolution advisory in your hypothetical?

Does the CAA have compulsory daily incident reports involving UK
carriers? Such incident reports cover everything from bird
strikes to toilet failures on airliners, not just reports of
anomalies. But they show up too here in Canada's compulsory
daily incident reports. The US doesn't have a federal
requirement in this area. It is a voluntary thing.

To respond to your response to my response a couple of days
ago...

I don't believe that you can know all of what the MOD or RAF
knows about this phenomenon. But, like other country's
intelligence gatherers and black ops agencies that is probably
not much when it comes down to it.

If they do know something it is likely performance figures,
interception ability of of ours verses theirs - which is
embarrassing to us - that there are certain side effects to be
considered and perhaps avoided. My real concern is their effect
on civilian carriers and private aircraft.

Don Ledger

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Mixed Results For MUFON

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May 28, 2008

Mixed Results For MUFON
Billy Cox

There's probably a story on human psychology to be written about January's UFO furor over Stephenville, Tex. But Ken Cherry won't touch it with a 10-foot cliché.

As director of the Texas Mutual UFO Network, Cherry spearheaded the investigation of the incident that lured media hordes into north Texas cow town. On May 19, the Associated Press reported how MUFON didn't find a smoking gun. But a week later, Cherry says MUFON's critics are slamming the results.

"There are people out there who have a vested interest in keeping this story alive", Cherry says from his home in Keller, Tex. "But I'm not going to waste my time and energy trying to defend our report. The results speak for themselves."

Among MUFON's most contentious findings: video footage of a nighttime UFO was simply a star being jiggled by an unsteady hand working the viewfinder. That sequence made the YouTube rounds and was being seriously analyzed as evidence of symbolic alien communication.

"We went to the exact location where the guy shot it, and since it had the date and the time on the bottom, it was pretty easy to determine it was a star", Cherry says. "It was something a kid with a star map could do."

Then there was the real-time manifestation of Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, the idea that observing an event alters the event:

Cherry says the media circus that swamped Stephenville impeded MUFON's efforts. MUFON began receiving UFO reports from the region in December, but the network coverage immediately created what Cherry charitably describes as a collective "heightened state of awareness." Not to mention mercenary incentives.

"There are still videos and photos out there we continue to hear about, but some owners expect to be paid", Cherry says. "This place was descended upon by production companies looking for footage. The asking price would start at \$5,000 and it went up from there."

The MUFON report's closest approximation of a smoking gun was buried in the tenth graph of the AP piece. MUFON's Freedom of Information Act queries produced Federal Aviation Administration documents indicating its radar tracked a large object zipping along at 700 mph at 6:35 p.m. on January 8. More ominously in

this post-9/11 era, the blip had no transponder.

"Apparently, there was a phenomenon of some sort going on", says Cherry. "There have always been significant military bases in this area, so the folks who live out there are used to seeing military aircraft. They're not suddently going to start misidentifying military jets as UFOs.

"The timing (of the radar hit) is important because it comes within 10 minutes of when (freight company operator/pilot Steve Allen) said he first saw it", Cherry says. Allen described an object of nearly mile long and half a mile wide.

Finally, as Cherry learned from old-timers, that rural tract of Texas has been the scene of UFO events going back decades. Meaning that theories concerning the object's 60-mile proximity to the Bush ranch in Crawford are irrelevant.

Cherry says the real lesson behind the Stephenville Incident is for the Air Force, which initially denied it had planes in the air that night, only to reverse itself a week or so later.

"If you don't know the answer to something", Cherry says, "then just say you don't know the answer."

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:57:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 03:22:44 EDT
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>Access to what "raw" data? Garbage? This is the fatal flaw in
>>all futile efforts to follow a paper trail to find some
>>conspiracy agency or conversely to argue there is no paper trail
>>and no secret UFO agency. You're both wrong. No one wants your
>>garbage UFO cases from housewives and truck drivers, when they
>>have billion-dollar classified global sensor systems to rely on
>>instead.

>Well how about a report, with radar contact, by a Vulcan nuclear
>bomber crew? I know you are familiar with this case through Dave
>Clarke. Or else, how about an instrumental report from Navy
>helicopter pilots, as was released in the current batch? There
>are many more examples, some already known about, and I am sure,
>some yet to be released.

We're not talking about what kinds of cases I am personally
interested in, but whether those running billion-dollar
classified sensor systems in the US are even interested in
"cases" as "cases" when they have almost infinitely better
sensor data. The cases you mention I do not recall, are they
from the 70's or 80's? When the USAF adopted the policy in 1952
of de-emphasizing or disregarding anecdotal reports they adopted
an anti-case attitude. Cases from decades later won't change
what happened in 1952.

>>This is the flawed "vacuum cleaner" methodology whereby every
>>scrap of info no matter how unreliable is collected in some
>>futile hope that someone can extract a gawdalmighty "pattern"
>>from it.

>You seem to be saying that the data is worthless. I disagree.

I am not saying anything about what my interests are or how I
personally judge the value of certain types of data. I am
telling you what actually happened, what actual policies were
adopted at a specific date, on July 28, 1952, when USAF Director
of Intelligence adopted the anti-anecdotes, anti-case, anti-
"vacuum cleaner" intelligence policy that had been worked out by
his Pentagon staff and by his ATIC staff in Dayton over some
months.

The USAF said quite specifically then that military pilot and
civilian pilot sightings were deemed of "little or no worth"
under the new policy. And they applied that attitude generally
to other anecdotal reports. This explains why the USAF had such
a cavalier attitude towards UFO "cases" for years afterward.
They had something better in the works than collecting

anecdotes.

>It is valuable at the very least in order to evaluate what
>generates IFOs, what witness descriptions of IFOs are like, how
>accurate are estimates of time, height, size, direction etc in
>witness reports - especially 'expert' report - how fallible are
>the operators composing and sending the military signals. I have
>already identified a number with incorrect dates or times in the
>current release.

That's what you say and what you think in 2008, not what the
USAF said in 1952 and has followed ever since. You can argue the
USAF was mistaken in adopting that policy and the anti-case
mentality that goes with it but it doesn't change what was
actually decided by US intelligence policymakers.

>People have been trying to get the government to make their
>files available for decades - well now they have, in the UK and
>some people just don't like what they see in them.

<snip>

>>So you can't expect to find a paper trail of anecdotal UFO
>>reports and follow it to some supersecret agency. They're not
>>interested, not because UFO's don't exist but because they don't
>>want worthless reports where witnesses can't tell if the UFO was
>>10 feet in size, or 100 feet, or 1 foot, or somewhere in
>>between, etc. And you can't use that lack of interest in non-
>>scientific non-instrumented UFO reports as proof of no interest
>>at all in the subject.

>I refer you again to the instrumented reports in the released
>- or due to be released - files. Why don't they count?

Because your "instrument" cases involve extremely limited data
collection of little or no value to those running billion-
dollar classified sensor systems. It's like you are trying to
plead with modern day navigators that they should use 19th
century British Admiralty charts instead of satellite maps and
GPS because you say that the Admiralty sometimes had some
accurate soundings or whatever. It's a historical curiosity to
them, at best, but you think it's the greatest and best data.
Those in charge won't be distracted for a second.

>Also, how do these instrumented reports reach the 'secret'
>department?

Strawman! First you set it up that any "secret department" must
be collecting your garbage UFO cases, then you turn around and
demand to know how they would get the data! If the "secret
department" doesn't give a rat's ass about your junk data
because they have something far better, then there is no problem
to solve here.

>Take the hypothetical example of Captain Igor
>Androvich, piloting his Ilyushin 96-300 from Moscow to Gatwick.
>Over Kent, his collision avoidance system is triggered, he looks
>outside and sees a missile-shaped object passing 100 feet from
>his aircraft. Does he think 'I'd better not report this through
>normal channels, I had better use the MoD secret channel'?

Huh? Again you assume because you and I might be keenly
interested in such reports that those in charge of secret sensor
networks would also be interested.

>>Furthermore, however much you Brits think you're the hottest
>>thinkers around, the US doesn't share its billion-dollar sensor
>>feeds with you Brits. You get crumbs from the intelligence table
>>that's all. And Kim Philby, Fuchs, Burgess and McLean, and many
>>others are still remembered even if there is a moment of
>>weakness about sharing the most expensive and highly classified
>>intelligence, which you didn't pay a dime for.

>I never claimed that the UK is privy to US technology, or all of
>the available US intelligence. All I have said is that the MoD
>are not concerned about UFOs. What is your problem with that?

At least you admit that the UK doesn't have access to the data
streams from the highly classified worldwide US sensor networks.
What the MoD is or is not interested in has nothing to do with
what the analysts using the US sensor networks are interested

in, since MoD has no access to the networks. Thus you can't magnify this into a universal proof there is no secret agency investigating UFO's especially when you ignore the USAF intelligence policy directly affecting all such arguments.

Brad Sparks

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Video Of 'Real Alien' Screens Friday

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 29 May 2008 06:01:51 -0400
Subject: Video Of 'Real Alien' Screens Friday

Okay, just when you thought it was safe to go back and enjoy Ufology another video of another alien that is somehow associated to a documentary is due out.

Surprisingly the story is at the top of Matt Drudge's website the Drudge Report so one can rest assured that tens of millions of people will be sitting with baited breath awaiting this new documentary.

<http://tinyurl.com/5jf6xb>

I'm sure it will be years of debate about it's authenticity and a cottage industry will emerge around it.

We'll have to wait til Friday though. All the elements are there.

Best,

Greg
www.ufomafia.com/blog

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UFO Blamed For Mystery Explosion In Vietnam

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[Wreckage picture at site]

UFO Blamed For Mystery Explosion In Vietnam
By John Bingham

Islanders on Phu Quoc, close to the coast of Cambodia, heard a loud bang and saw shards of metal up to 5ft-long raining down on them on Tuesday morning.

Local armed forces and volunteers were mustered to help rescue any survivors, believing there had been a disaster.

Officials estimated that the incident had happened around five miles up but airlines in Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand were contacted and all said they had not lost a plane.

The island's military chief Col Nguyen Van Qui described the craft as an "unidentified flying object" according to Vietnam's state news agency.

Amid confusion over what had happened, the deputy commander of the Cambodian Air Force Kung Mony said he understood that a foreign plane had crashed in the Cambodian province of Kampot but later retracted the suggestion.

Villagers in Kampot said they had also heard a loud explosion and found small chunks of metal near the coast.

One possibility is that a military aircraft taking part in a secret mission exploded but its country of origin has not claimed it.

The theory was given some weight by the Vietnam News Agency (VNA) report which said: "The explosion happened at about 8 km above the ground, and perhaps it was a plane, but authorities could not identify whether it was a civil or military aircraft."

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 20:27:57 EDT
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>interested in, but whether those running billion-dollar
>classified sensor systems in the US are even interested in
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>sensor data.

Funny, I thought the thread was about the MoD file release, not
US sensor systems.

That being the case, we are obviously talking at crossed
purposes.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 11:13:27 -0400
Archived: Thu, 29 May 2008 18:51:17 -0400
Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>From: Michael Woods <mike.woods.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:15:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:40:13 -0400
>>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

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>>documentary in general. Their UFO podcasters aren't all that
>>bad either.

>>So, add those two items to the list that includes better beer,
>>lower cost pharmaceuticals, and Don Ledger. It's hard to believe
>>we're not all Canadians.

>>There is no justice, and those Canadians are a pretty
>>shrewed species.

>Our woman are pretty hot, too, check out the Playmate of the
>Year. On the other hand, our politicians are so dumb they
>couldn't pour pee out of a boot if you printed instructions on
>the bottom of the heel. In fact, when Canadian politicians see a
>yellow sign at the mall that reads, "Wet Floor", they do.

Hi, Mike,

I'm spoken for, but given Dear Leader likes to dress up as a
cowboy, has the IQ of a tumbleweed and hasn't been able to put a
three word sentence together in seven years time, what you
describe politically sounds like an upgrade. I'm intrigued.
Put in a good word for me at boarder control.

>And The Politics of Reality will stand as one of the all time
>great UFO documentaries.

I can't wait to see it.

Bill

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Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 15:03:10 -0700
>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>From: Bill Weber <wweber1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:40:13 -0400
>>Subject: Re: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 16:16:57 +0100
>>>Subject: David Cherniak And The Politics Of Reality

>>>Having just had the privilege of a screening of David Cherniak's
>>>superb documentary UFOs And The Politics Of Reality, or, as it's
>>>likely to be retitled, UFOs - The Secret History, I most
>>>strongly commend this film to the List. It is to be broadcast in
>>>July on the Canadian History Channel and I sincerely hope it
>>>reaches a much wider international audience.

>>>Thoroughly researched and made with great wit and charm, the
>>>talking heads are excellent, although I admit I shouted at Jerry
>>>Clark more than once.

>>>Alas it seems that only the Canadians can make great UFO
>>>documentaries. Where is the justice?

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>>documentary in general. Their UFO podcasters aren't all that
>>bad either.

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>>lower cost pharmaceuticals, and Don Ledger. It's hard to believe
>>we're not all Canadians.

>>There is no justice, and those Canadians are a pretty shrewed
>>species.

>Gee, Bill, if given all of the above is true, can one apply for
>honorary Canadian citizenship? Or does one have to be nominated
>first? 8^}

Hi, Steve,

I read on the blogs somewhere it has something to do with
memorizing all Gretzky's stats for his first three years as a
pro.

Best,

Bill

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Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 11:29:35 -0400
Archived: Thu, 29 May 2008 19:58:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 18:10:24 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 12:04:11 +0100
>>Subject: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

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>>It strikes me that Ufology isn't doing all of its job. It's
>>surely part of Ufology's task to expose fake 'ridiculous
>>debunking' and to name and shame the culprits. Also - it seems
>>there aren't too many of those propagandists; i.e. most fake
>>'explanations' emanate from just a few sources. And I'm sure
>>most of you know those sources better than me.

>>So how about it?

>Hint, hint, David Cherniak and other producers.

>How about a documentary comprising, entirely, clips from the
>many past docs in which the debunkers gave their spiel, followed
>by current-day responses from ufologists which should have been
>in the originals but were left out?

>That'd be a good start.

That would be a start, but it wouldn't really change the situation.

Ufologists don't have the resources to properly investigate good cases in a timely and rational manner, so I'm not sure where resources to investigate cases that are thought to be frauds would come from.

There is actually a conscious effort to not waste efforts debunking the nonsense they believe to be faked.

I think it could be argued that many of the long-time researchers have given up on trying to sway the public one way or another, since the Internet seems to have taken over the field and everyone is their own 'expert'.

With the media producing hours of documentaries, which grab every expert they can get for free, most good researchers are frustrated with how their information has been handled and so many of the 'experts' we see quoted are unrecognizable as Producers are forced to look elsewhere.

Taking a few cases and debunking the debunkers would be interesting, but wouldn't reach too many people and wouldn't change their stance. There seems to be some idea that there's a tipping point at which everyone suddenly understands the "truth", but I suspect that will take far more than words and pictures.

Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

Ufologists have an obligation to do all they can to support good research, but that's difficult in a world where there is no organization or scientific recognition. It's a very popular subject with the masses, but the line between scientific curiosity and entertainment is terribly blurred.

Steve

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From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 13:24:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 27 May 2008 13:19:28 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>Perhaps I missed it, but I have not seen any evidence that you
>>and Dave Clarke have high level security clearances and a need
>>to know for all or any classified UK military or intelligence
>>agency information about UFOs, alien spacecraft, anomalous
>>aerial vehicles, flying saucers, etc.

>Not that it's relevant, but I hold an SC clearance due to
>involvement in a sensitive communications contract. Dave
>Clarke's clearance is so high, he hasn't divulged it to me :-).

>For information about UK MoD security clearance, visit the MoD
>web site at:

><http://tinyurl.com/yyd6o7>

>For three years during my army service I was working in Corps
>Headquarters at 1(BR) Corps in Germany and was privy to TOP
>SECRET material on a regular basis - none of which related to
>UFOs, but Air Defence was a topic which was discussed at Corps
>Commander's briefings which I was effectively present at (I
>managed the video and audio switching for the briefings), and
>UFOs never came up, even during heightened tension during the
>cold war.

>>For years , until a court case, the CIA denied having any
>>involvement other than the Robertson Panel. J.Edgar Hoover of
>>the FBI denied for years that the FBI had any involvement until
>>Bruce Maccabee used FOIA to find over 1500 pages of UFO
>>material. Would all RAAF UFO reports be in the MOD files?
>>Certainly in the USA military records are maintained separately
>>for the USAF, Navy, Army, CIA, FBI, NSA, etc.

>I wouldn't state categorically that all RAF reports will be in
>the MoD files, it is quite possible that some reports were
>misrouted and didn't reach the appropriate department, but I am
>positive that the majority of reports did do so. I have seen a
>few, two memorable ones are the 1990 Tornado case (which is
>included in Timothy Good's book 'Need to Know' along with the
>'Cosford' incident as unexplained reports). Details of the 1990
>case can be found at:

><http://www.ufonet.nl/nieuws/tornado/index2.html>

>The other memorable report was made by the crew of a Vulcan
>nuclear bomber on a training flight over the North Atlantic. I
>just remembered another one involving a Vulcan of the coast of
>Wales. These all appeared in the MoD files, and again, there was

>little evidence of substantial investigation.
>
>It is also worth mentioning that if any government department or
>individual retains information requested under the FoIA contrary
>to the provisions of the Act, they are liable for prosecution. I
>don't think many Civil Servants or servicemen would risk their
>pensions by doing so, especially if they couldn't justify
>retention in their own minds.
>
>>I guess what I am suggesting is that you both seem to feel that
>>absence of evidence is evidence for absence and that, for
>>reasons unknown, you would know about everything that was there.
>>Are there really no black budget agencies in the UK??
>
>Obviously I can't state categorically that there are no 'black
>budget' agencies in the UK. What I can say is that our Armed
>Services are impoverished, having suffered many cutbacks since
>the Cold War, and that all Government spending is carefully
>scrutinised and reported on. For comparison, the MoD budget for
>the UK in 2007/2008 was approximately 65 billion USD, and the
>National Health Service budget approximately 180 billion USD.
>Compare our defence budget to that of the US (nearly 440 billion
>USD) and there isn't much scope for any slack.
>
>The 'absence of evidence' argument isn't my position - I argue
>that there is abundant evidence that the MoD have negligible
>interest in UFOs.

Thanks, Joe, for clarifying familiarity with security
procedures. We still have the problem of Need-to-know for
compartmented information about UFOs, and whether Dave Clarke
had a clearance of any kind.

You pointed out that MI5 and MI6 aren't covered by FOIA, right?

Stan Friedman

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Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 17:41:15 +0100
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 14:11:03 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:53:55 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>for the MOD might have done a thorough investigation into some
>of them. Nick did so in some cases [Cosford?] when he was
>involved but the earlier cases were basically just shelved.

Hi Don

I'm afraid the MoD document file on Cosford actually does not reveal anything like a "thorough investigation". Almost all of it is copies of report forms, no different from the thousands of others released and containing embarrassingly little information. The investigation was really limited to a few phone calls and a couple of memos.

The RAF Shawbury Met Officer was interviewed by phone, but (IIRC) none of the other witnesses were, and the account of that one phone interview contains discrepancies with RAF Police accounts of the same event which were not followed up (perhaps not even noticed).

The Cosmos booster re-entry was completely disregarded with, it would appear, scarcely a second thought because the reported sighting times were widely scattered and because a rough sketch map of reported object headings showed a confusion of directions. It took Joe and Gary to show that when you isolate the core of reports coinciding approximately in time with the Cosmos booster re-entry (remembering the hour ambiguity caused by the date being on the cusp of the change from GMT to BST) the map of object directions appears considerably cleaned up, the average direction now consistent with the known booster trajectory - imperfectly of course, but pretty convincingly.

If these descriptions were not of the Cosmos booster, then why not? - when people were looking at the sky at about the right time. Contrarily, if there was a UFO as well as a booster re-entry then where are the reports in the news from people who saw both a UFO and the booster? And it appears that with the exception of a hearsay report from a N Ireland amateur astronomer there are no stories of people seeing the booster re-entry. Yet we know the booster was there in the right place at the right time. This only makes sense if we assume that the booster re-entry was widely seen, and was reported as the UFO.

Now there were a number of other reports which, depending on your point of view, are either just background noise or an obscured signal. Some of these were made through official

routes, some were submitted to MoD in a collection made by an assiduous west country ufologist. Most of them are almost totally lacking in substantive information because none was ever sought, leaving open the possibility that they are just sediment stirred up by the excitement. But there are tantalising anomalies in these reports, as I have maintained strongly in the past. In particular, there's a hint of a pattern of early sightings, hours before the re-entry time, which are in general very sketchily reported and could contain timing errors on the part of witnesses - except that one of these sightings turns out to have been logged in police records as reported long before the re-entry time as well. Possibly just coincidence, possibly not. Intriguing, at least. The point is that no attempt at all was made by MoD to resolve such questions by so much as a phone call.

I feel sure that if you find the time to study the whole MoD file you'll agree that it was not what an experienced "field ufologist" would consider a thorough investigation. Joe McGonagle's web pages expose in detail how shallow and misleading it was. In contrast, look at the depth and sophistication and perseverance shown in investigations by some members of this list - check Bruce Maccabee's studies of McMinnville, Kaikoura, Phoenix just for example. No comparison. If Cosford does represent a high-water mark of MoD investigation then it says little for the rest.

But I think it's quite certain that a great deal more data has been generated and a lot more technical and intelligence sophistication has been brought to bear on some cases, particularly unusual cases from military sources. We are not seeing all of this, partly because some of it was recorded in attachments which are no longer extant (shown by document titles or disclosed by inference), partly because we are not seeing what we might call the "workings out" but only the bald answer considered requisite for UFO filing purposes (most often this answer being mere silence), and partly (more generally I'd say) because of a semantic issue:

The more tractable, hard quantitative data there is associated with an unusual incident, then the less likely it is to enter the UFO report chain in the first place, and if it does, the less likely it is that further information generated as a result will remain there. An example is radar angels. Of course a huge amount of research and analysis has been done under MoD auspices that bears very directly on what, to us, is the UFO issue, but which is not accessible to us because it is not recorded under that keyword. None of this work is likely ever to have been routed via Sec(AS), and to the extent that it comes to the notice of (say) DI55 then it will tend to do so under various different technical and operational headings that have nothing to do with the UFO reporting chain as such. So far as I am aware, nothing would oblige technical intelligence people to cross-reference these different inputs and make sure that files relating to the latter are scrupulously updated with all information generated via the former.

Clearly this did not happen, and this is why the UFO files appear to exist (with rare exceptions) in a strange technical intelligence vacuum. Reports submitted through UFO channels were rarely if ever "followed up" via UFO channels because there was rarely if ever any need to do so: Those channels were crude, slow and hopeless. To the extent that they were interesting the issues could better be explored through other channels. The fact that UFOs were in general a side issue does not mean that elements of UK technical intelligence have not from time to time taken an interest in anomalous phenomena, of various kinds. On the contrary, "UFO reports" is the catch-all category for what is generally not of interest, and where an overlap occurs with some other administrative category ("radar angels", "plasma risk to aircraft safety", "the problem of unexplained aerial phenomena masking hostile incursions", whatever) it is through that other category that substantive information is likely to have been developed, distilled into some useful technical intelligence product, disseminated to specialist end-users under an appropriate title, and to large extent then eventually filed and discarded as redundant raw data.

So realistically a release of "UFO" holdings is just not going to reflect this activity, and even if we knew exactly how to ask for it a) much of it would probably be protected from disclosure

by its very nature and b) much of it would probably be largely incomprehensible anyway, reams of meaningless data sets and in-house jargon with no obvious relevance to anything. Yes there could very well be some "good stuff" in there for the likes of us, and there even may be end-users who (either in the govt's time or their own) think about the same sorts of questions we do (and wonder what to do about them, as we do). But at the same time it would clearly be a mistake to roll all of this up into one lump under the umbrella of a monolithic "govt UFO project " with a dynamite secret. Anyway, that's my opinion at the moment, based on the history and reading the files

Martin Shough

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>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 14:11:03 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:53:55 +0100
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>No I don't think so - I think that a lot of people's
>>expectations have been shattered and they haven't adjusted to
>>the reality of the situation yet.

>Joe you have a hard time restraining yourself from using silly
>phrases such as 'expectations have been shattered' and 'they
>haven't adjusted to the reality of the situation yet'.

>Who are you referring to? What is the reality of the situation?

I'm referring to those people who have been screaming for
disclosure, but don't recognise it when it has arrived. The
reality in the UK is that disclosure has arrived, just that there
are no captured spaceships or dead alien bodies.

>In the scheme of things do you really think the MOD's release of
>these files most of which are pretty lame is/was Earth shaking
>to anyone but the media looking for stories on a slow day? If
>anything I was hoping the MOD or whoever looked into these cases
>for the MOD might have done a thorough investigation into some
>of them. Nick did so in some cases [Cosford?] when he was
>involved but the earlier cases were basically just shelved.

I take that the Cosford reference was tongue-in-cheek - I regard
it as a perfect example of how not to investigate a UFO case -
no site visits, no confirmation of witness provided times,
directions, heights, and the total failure to incorporate the
re-entry event which we know took place into the picture.

In all fairness to Nick, he had not been provided with the
resources or training to make a good job of it, but
retrospectively, he can have no excuse for not acknowledging the
part played by the re-entry.

I think the release when completed, will provide enough
information for people to assess the evidence and apply common
sense and ultimately reach the same conclusions as many UK
researchers that the MoD genuinely know less about UFOs than we
do. This will undermine the tenets of conspiracy theorists, and
hopefully redirect the attention where it belongs - either to
conduct our own research, or to apply political pressure for the
authorities to conduct a real and effective investigation into
the UFO phenomena. My preference is the latter, because
ufologists don't have the resources to be as effective as a
properly resourced and directed 'official' investigation.

<snip>

>That's strange, wasn't it David Clarke, Andy Roberts, Gary
>Anthony who were sending in those FOIAs with exactly those same
>words:
>
>- The government have files
>- We want them released

>then the second time around:

>- Any files that are released aren't the real files
>- The government have files
>- We want them released

No, our approach is radically different from what you describe,
but to describe it in any detail would take too long.

Taking the FSWP as an example:

- Read the existing released files
- determine that the FSWP was produced
- Ask the MoD for the FSWP
- The MoD can't find it
- Ask the MoD why they can't find it
- They think it was destroyed
- Ask the MoD why they think it was destroyed
- Because they can't find it
- Ask the MoD to look harder
- Oh, we found it!

The circumstances were quite different for the Condign and
Rendlesham releases, and other requests under the CoP and FoIA.

For an account of how the Condign report came to light, I refer
you to Clarke and Anthony's article from IUR at:

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/downloads/condign%20IUR%20article.pdf>

<snip>

>The difference between the Canadian release and the UK release
>was the media hype that was generated by a clever manipulator at
>Sheffield Hallam. No problem there, the documents at least
>finally got to see the light of day, flawed as most were.

The media circus was planned by the TNA regardless of Clarke or
the rest of us. Because the TNA realised they did not have the
specific UFO-related knowledge to deal with all of the media
enquiries, they recruited Dave's assistance. The TNA drove the
media campaign, Dave dealt with the resulting enquiries.

>David Clarke and Gary Anthony often said that they had to prod
>the MOD to release these documents through FOIA for nearly a
>couple of years. The emails posted by Clarke made it clear that
>it was a huge effort to gain the document releases and it
>eventually came with the media fanfare.

No dispute there - I still have an outstanding appeal for a
request made in May, 2005. I have also requested a review of
another FoIA today, which I expect will go to the Information
Commissioner and could take just as long to resolve. Contrary to
speculation at the time of the Condign release, the MoD do not
just hand us what we ask for on a plate, but in many instances
we have to fight to get the information.

>Over on this side of the Atlantic our files were just there. We
>asked the right questions and they sent them out.

>Canada's AIA didn't come into being until about 1999.

>My point is that the perceived frenzy around the release of the
>various incarnations of MoD files is of your own making. A date
>was picked for release then the media was lined up through
>Sheffield Hallam. This at least put the phenomenon in the
>limelight for a couple of weeks.

There are two different aspects here. I have already pointed out
that with or without Dave's participation, the TNA were going to
stir the media up.

The other aspect is within ufology, no doubt fuelled by the

media, but longer lasting, for example, the link I posted earlier which has grown from 297 replies when I wrote the last message to 337 as I write this.

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread356921/pg1>

The ironic thing is that I doubt many of the respondents on that thread have actually read the contents of the MoD files.

There are other threads around the internet, most of them more muted, but some displaying the same enthusiasm. On my own List, there is relatively little comment though I have tried to stimulate discussion of some of the specific and in some cases, interesting reports or comments in the released files. I think that is possibly because most people on the List were already aware of the sort of things to expect in the file and are not surprised by the ineffectiveness of the MoD in assessing UFOs.

>Reserchers new to the game might have considered this release as >a boost to 'Ufology' but to me and others of my ilk this was >just another batch of documents and the MOD - or some other >ministry/agency - finally 'fessing up to the fact that they had >them. And that was no surprise.

It was already common knowledge in the UK that these files existed - people have been trying to persuade the MoD (or Air Ministry as it was then) to release them since the 1960's, including MPs.

For me the significance is that anyone who takes the trouble to examine them properly and apply common sense will realise that the premise that the UK hold positive knowledge of ET visitation is untenable. The effect hopefully will be a refocussing of efforts in more productive directions than simply squeezing the government's balls to make them disclose what they do not know.

>Additionally there would have have been some interest in seeing >if yours was the same sort of stuff as ours, so they could be >slotted into the proper places in various databases.

Yes, that would be interesting, a cultural comparison.

>And some are, but the quality of the reports in many cases - >speaking of Condign for example - is low. I'm sure you know >that.

Oh yes, no disagreement there!

Regards,

Joe

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 18:06:21 +0100
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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 10:28:04 -0300
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>Thanks, Joe, for clarifying familiarity with security
>procedures. We still have the problem of Need-to-know for
>compartmented information about UFOs, and whether Dave Clarke
>had a clearance of any kind.

If we are going to have to wait for a ufologist with the need-
to-know together with an appropriate security clearance, we are
going to be waiting for a very long time.

On the other hand, if a request for information is turned down,
and appealed through the Information Commissioner, the IC or one
of his agents then has the need-to-know and the appropriate
security clearance to access the information and adjudicate on
the public interest vs. need for secrecy.

>You pointed out that MI5 and MI6 aren't covered by FOIA, right?

Indeed I did, also GCHQ is not covered under FoIA. I also
pointed out my rationale as to why they would have little if any
interest in UFOs.

It seems to me that I can contribute little more of any value to
this thread, I seem to be going round in circles, so I will bow
out and allow Nick Pope to take centre stage at this point, I am
sure that there is little variance between our views in spite of
other disagreements.

Regards,

Joe

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C2C UFOs Cases & Confrontations

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 30 May 2008 19:25:11 -0400
Subject: C2C UFOs Cases & Confrontations

Dear Colleagues,

This message is for researcher purposes and your private usage.

I have uploaded for my colleagues C2C show from May 28th where the guests were Richard Dolan and James Fox.

You can find many great updates there - Dolan's progress on his new book, Fox about Beyond The Blue, etc... more details below.

Download links:

Part 1:

<http://tinyurl.com/3n7spe>

Part 2

<http://tinyurl.com/4mvfaz>

Part 3

<http://tinyurl.com/4xddt9>

Background info:

UFOs: Cases & Confrontations

In a UFO Special, researcher & filmmaker James Fox and author Richard Dolan appeared separately and together to discuss disclosure, notable UFO cases and confrontations. Appearing during the second hour, Fox was joined by Stephenville, Texas UFO witness Ricky Sorrells, a metalworker who encountered a huge craft at close range. The object had a dull gray finish with inverted cone shapes coming out of its undersides, Sorrells recalled. It was large enough that a plane could have landed on it, he previously told Fox.

For his upcoming film, tentatively titled Beyond the Blue, Fox interviewed airline pilot Ray Bowyer who witnessed a huge craft over the Channel Islands during a flight in 2007. The film will also include FAA tapes from the 2006 O'Hare Airport incident. He noted two photos of this UFO are said to exist, but he hasn't been able to access them.

Dolan joined Fox during the third hour, and spoke about confrontational episodes in which the military displays an adversarial relationship to UFOs, such as scrambling jets after them. Accordingly, disclosure might reveal "trouble in paradise," i.e. the ETs are not our "space brothers," Dolan said. At least one species is creating a hybrid race to meld into our society in order to do their work for them, such as facilitating abductions, he added. Fox shared an account of viewing a video (not made public) shot near Rachel, NV that showed an illuminated disc-shaped craft hovering over a car. He called it the "most impressive footage I've ever seen." During

the last hour, Dolan fielded calls from listeners.

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Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 30 May 2008 19:31:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

Thanks to All for the comments. Bearing them in mind, I suggest a minimalist approach.

Any Lister, or friend-of, with a web-site can put a panel on their page(s), titled 'Deceptive Debunkers' or something like that - so when a case occurs and is posted on the List, we can all simply enter the details on our web-pages, like so - (hypothetical entry - he already confessed)

"J.A Hynek Ph D, speaking for the USAF, apparently thinks 'swamp-gas' can perfectly imitate a fairground carousel for hours on end, fly at 300 mph etc., freely relocate to other places while steadily illuminating both itself and the surrounding area."

I don't remember the real details - just made that up - with links to the most accurate Press reports, or our own reports.

In other areas have found that cover-ups and deflections of public concern are usually achieved by the guilty parties, simply by inserting what looks like an 'instant rebuttal' in the media and relying on our faulty human memory to create the impression that 'Oh yes - that was all solved wasn't it'.

What they really don't want is the full facts kept in the public mind, with the ridiculousness of those 'explanations' exposed and preserved for all to see.

If we keep it short, sharp and truthful, with no digressions into rants or private feuds etc, think it can serve as a just punishment and a warning to others. Scientists tend not to want their name associated with ridicule in the public mind.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:40:06 -0400
Archived: Fri, 30 May 2008 19:32:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 11:29:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Is Ufology Doing All Of Its Job?

<snip>

>It's a very popular subject with the masses, ...

That's why I'm suggesting a debunk-the-debunkers documentary.

I think it really would generate a lot of interest due to it's novelty and uniqueness, and could be a great tool for truth seekers to have on DVD when dealing with naysayers.

Don't over look that post-airing tool aspect.

As to the copyright problems, the original clips could be re-enacted using the original wording, with captions saying this is a re-enactment.

Eleanor White

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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 16:04:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 20:27:57 EDT
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>>We're not talking about what kinds of cases I am personally
>>interested in, but whether those running billion-dollar
>>classified sensor systems in the US are even interested in
>>"cases" as "cases" when they have almost infinitely better
>>sensor data.

>Funny, I thought the thread was about the MoD file release, not
>US sensor systems.

>That being the case, we are obviously talking at crossed
>purposes.

Actually you went off the thread of the "MoD Release" by trying
to argue this proves there is no paper trail leading to any "secret
department" investigating UFOs, and you made that an argument
with US UFO researchers as if it applied as a universal principle.
You implied that this was some sort of strong evidence against
the existence of any such secret UFO agency.

I pointed out that the UK has no need-to-know for highly
classified US sensor data and that US policy since 1952 has been
to go after sensor data not case by case studies of anecdotal
quality.

You agreed last post that the UK does not have access to this US
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Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:52:12 -0400
Archived: Fri, 30 May 2008 20:41:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 18:29:18 +0000
>Subject: Re: Government Officials Were Telling The Truth

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>Just to make sure the taxpayers believe their borders are
>protected, once every so often the media reports the capture of
>illegals. However, those of us who live along the trails know
>that the methods to stop breeches don't work.

Border Patrol agents have reported that there are stretches of
the border they are under orders to not patrol, so it's not
necessarily not working, but intentional failure.

Eleanor White

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 18:06:21 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 10:28:04 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>Thanks, Joe, for clarifying familiarity with security
>>procedures. We still have the problem of Need-to-know for
>>compartmented information about UFOs, and whether Dave Clarke
>>had a clearance of any kind.

>If we are going to have to wait for a ufologist with the need-
>to-know together with an appropriate security clearance, we are
>going to be waiting for a very long time.

>On the other hand, if a request for information is turned down,
>and appealed through the Information Commissioner, the IC or one
>of his agents then has the need-to-know and the appropriate
>security clearance to access the information and adjudicate on
>the public interest vs. need for secrecy.

>>You pointed out that MI5 and MI6 aren't covered by FOIA, right?

>Indeed I did, also GCHQ is not covered under FoIA. I also
>pointed out my rationale as to why they would have little if any
>interest in UFOs.

>It seems to me that I can contribute little more of any value to
>this thread, I seem to be going round in circles, so I will bow
>out and allow Nick Pope to take centre stage at this point, I am
>sure that there is little variance between our views in spite of
>other disagreements.

Joe:

Thanks for your comments. I am certainly not suggesting we need
a ufologist with a need to know. Obviously he wouldn't legally
be able to divulge what he had learned.

My point, which I have apparently not made clear, is that I do
not understand how you and Dave conclude that the MOD UFO files
are the only UK UFO data files.

I realize that the US and the UK are two countries separated by
a common language. But the analogy is that Project Blue Book was
not the only official game in town despite feverish oft repeated
US Air Force claims to that effect... furthermore, the other
agencies apparently involved in the best cases involving
national security, denied their involvement.

I cannot forget that the best equipment for monitoring the skies

is that operated by the government and that the data is born SECRET. Why would anybody expect outsiders to know about it? Secrets are not kept by telling them to everybody, but by telling as few people as possible.

I prove that there is a Cosmic Watergate in the USA in Flying Saucers And Science. We need some UK researchers to do the same thing there.

Stan Friedman

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Denver Alien Video Puppet Or Real ET?

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[Video & images at site]

Alien Video: Puppet Or Real ET?
By Kirk Mitchell
The Denver Post

A few minutes of grainy, black and white video show a shadowy creature with big eyes peeping over a windowsill. But does it show a puppet or an alien from outer space?

The video, purportedly capturing proof of alien life, was released this morning during a press conference at the Tivoli Student Union on the Auraria campus in downtown Denver.

Over the course of three minutes or so, the footage shows a white creature with a balloon-shaped head that keeps popping up and down in a windowsill that was 8 feet above ground. The face was white, with large black eyes that seemed to blink.

"If it was a puppet, it would be a very elaborate and sophisticated puppet," said Alejandro Rojas, education director of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network, who spoke at the press conference.

Rojas said the video was taken on July 17, 2003, in Nebraska by Stan Tiger Romanek, who set up the camera because he thought peeping Toms had been looking into his house at his two teenage daughters. Romanek did not appear at the news conference.

The creature would slowly pop its head up and peer through the window then drop suddenly down, apparently trying to avoid detection. It raised its head up about a half dozen times. The alien's other body parts were not visible.

It was unclear whether the creature was taller than 8 feet and was crouching to avoid detection or whether it was standing on something. It also was difficult, because of the faintness of the object, to tell whether it was three dimensional.

Romanek, who moved to Colorado after the recording, claims to have had more than 100 encounters with aliens, Rojas said.

One of many websites detailing Romanek's encounters shows photographs of him with red marks on his back and arms that Romanek says were inflicted by aliens. He says he was abducted by extraterrestrials and has posted pictures of spherical burn marks in his yard marking where a spaceship hovered or landed.

UFO on a road trip to Pennsylvania, 44 birds have mysteriously crashed into his car window because of some bizarre electromagnetic effect resulting from the contact, he writes.

But Rojas said preliminary research that he and other experts have done on the video suggests that it is authentic.

"I don't believe they have the ability or the motivation to fabricate a hoax," Rojas said at the news conference.

About 30 journalists were in the room for the screening, including a dozen TV cameras. Photographers were not allowed to capture images from the footage today because experts are still reviewing it, Rojas said.

The screening, organized by Denver resident Jeff Peckman, was not open to the public.

Peckman says he hopes to provoke debate about the existence of extraterrestrial life.

"We believe this will be somewhat of an historic news conference," Peckman said. "We're very pleased to see this level of interest."

A documentary is in production that will include much more of the videotape and other evidence, he says. It is due to be released later this year.

Peckman has organized an initiative drive to require the city of Denver to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission to handle alien encounters, saying that the government has not disclosed all it knows about the existence of life beyond Earth.

During the press conference, Peckman frequently referenced the initiative. A petition drive is currently underway. Peckman needs 4,000 signatures for the item to make it onto the November ballot.

Peckman also said the technological benefits of making contact with extraterrestrials make it a very worthwhile endeavor.

Governments and industry giants have an incentive to keep a growing body of evidence of the existence of aliens hushed up, Peckman said, because the technology they could bring eclipses anything available on Earth.

Demetria Gallegos contributed to this report.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
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>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 17:55:49 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 29 May 2008 14:11:03 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:53:55 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>>No I don't think so - I think that a lot of people's
>>>expectations have been shattered and they haven't adjusted to
>>>the reality of the situation yet.

>>Joe you have a hard time restraining yourself from using silly
>>phrases such as 'expectations have been shattered' and 'they
>>haven't adjusted to the reality of the situation yet'.

>>Who are you referring to? What is the reality of the situation?

>I'm referring to those people who have been screaming for
>disclosure, but don't recognise it when it has arrived. The
>reality in the UK is that disclosure has arrived, just that there
>are no captured spaceships or dead alien bodies.

Wouldn't that have been you and David and Gary, etc. who was
"screaming for disclosure" via FOIAs?

And captured space ships and dead aliens; did you actually ask
for documents looking for same?

>>In the scheme of things do you really think the MOD's release of
>>these files most of which are pretty lame is/was Earth shaking
>>to anyone but the media looking for stories on a slow day? If
>>anything I was hoping the MOD or whoever looked into these cases
>>for the MOD might have done a thorough investigation into some
>>of them. Nick did so in some cases [Cosford?] when he was
>>involved but the earlier cases were basically just shelved.

>I take that the Cosford reference was tongue-in-cheek - I regard
>it as a perfect example of how not to investigate a UFO case -
>no site visits, no confirmation of witness provided times,
>directions, heights, and the total failure to incorporate the
>re-entry event which we know took place into the picture.

No not tongue in cheek, just going by a documentary that I
watched a couple of months ago involving Nick. Cosford came up.

>In all fairness to Nick, he had not been provided with the
>resources or training to make a good job of it, but
>retrospectively, he can have no excuse for not acknowledging the
>part played by the re-entry.

If memory serves the re-entry came up in the program but those sightings seeming to fall outside of that event, i.e. time line, track line and flight characteristics were considered on their own. For my own part I still have trouble with a signals officer getting the time wrong.

>I think the release when completed, will provide enough
>information for people to assess the evidence and apply common
>sense and ultimately reach the same conclusions as many UK
>researchers that the MoD genuinely know less about UFOs than we
>do.

I don't argue with that.

This will undermine the tenets of conspiracy theorists,

Yeah, you seem to be bogged down in that idea. I'm not sure who these conspiracy theorists are. You use that term too much. So does the government in the "House". It's use is meant to denigrate by proclamation without proof. In fact conspiracies happen all of the time particularly in Government and the military and intelligence; particularly intelligence.

>and
>hopefully redirect the attention where it belongs - either to
>conduct our own research, or to apply political pressure for the
>authorities to conduct a real and effective investigation into
>the UFO phenomena. My preference is the latter, because
>ufologists don't have the resources to be as effective as a
>properly resourced and directed 'official' investigation.

That's for sure and I agree. But there is room for more direct investigation, not just research. The Ray Bowyer's pilot sighting was a good start, harkening back to Clarke's look into the case. It's a good one on which to get your hands dirty. Cosford would have been better investigated at the time of its occurrence.

><snip>

>>That's strange, wasn't it David Clarke, Andy Roberts, Gary
>>Anthony who were sending in those FOIAs with exactly those same
>>words:

>>- The government have files
>>- We want them released

>>then the second time around:

>>- Any files that are released aren't the real files
>>- The government have files
>>- We want them released

>No, our approach is radically different from what you describe,
>but to describe it in any detail would take too long.

>
>Taking the FSWP as an example:
>
>- Read the existing released files
>- determine that the FSWP was produced
>- Ask the MoD for the FSWP
>- The MoD can't find it
>- Ask the MoD why they can't find it
>- They think it was destroyed
>- Ask the MoD why they think it was destroyed
>- Because they can't find it
>- Ask the MoD to look harder
>- Oh, we found it!

Bingo. But the government has files. We want them released still stands.

>The circumstances were quite different for the Condign and
>Rendlesham releases, and other requests under the CoP and FoIA.

>For an account of how the Condign report came to light, I refer
>you to Clarke and Anthony's article from IUR at:

><http://www.uk-ufo.org/downloads/condign%20IUR%20article.pdf>

I'm sure I read that some time ago.

><snip>

>>The difference between the Canadian release and the UK release
>>was the media hype that was generated by a clever manipulator at
>>Sheffield Hallam. No problem there, the documents at least
>>finally got to see the light of day, flawed as most were.

>The media circus was planned by the TNA regardless of Clarke or
>the rest of us. Because the TNA realised they did not have the
>specific UFO-related knowledge to deal with all of the media
>enquiries, they recruited Dave's assistance. The TNA drove the
>media campaign, Dave dealt with the resulting enquiries.

I'm assuming that TNA means National Archives? If so, that is
odd. Why would that government agency seek the limelight for UFO
reports?

<snip>

>The other aspect is within ufology, no doubt fuelled by the
>media, but longer lasting, for example, the link I posted
>earlier which has grown from 297 replies when I wrote the last
>message to 337 as I write this.

Is this the frenzy source you speak of? Too many forums and too
many blog sites.

><http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread356921/pg1>

>The ironic thing is that I doubt many of the respondents on that
>thread have actually read the contents of the MoD files.

Nor do most of them know their history. The media doesn't know
the history and makes the same mistakes over and over. The OZ
article by Stephen Hughes from a few days ago. This man did not
do his homework. But he wrapped it around a statement from the
press release that mentioned David and yourself. "THE UK
Government recently announced the release of UFO files that have
been collected over the past two decades. So the big question
is, does this new information contain evidence of alien
visitations? Do aliens really exist? Personally, I think that
the answer is no." No big stretch there. Then he goes on to foul
up the rest with a pack of inaccuracies and cliches.

>There are other threads around the internet, most of them more
>muted, but some displaying the same enthusiasm. On my own List,
>there is relatively little comment though I have tried to
>stimulate discussion of some of the specific and in some cases,
>interesting reports or comments in the released files. I think
>that is possibly because most people on the List were already
>aware of the sort of things to expect in the file and are not
>surprised by the ineffectiveness of the MoD in assessing UFOs.

Well the MOD was just following along on the heels of their
transatlantic counterparts albeit as Johnny Come Latelys.

>>Reserchers new to the game might have considered this release as
>>a boost to 'Ufology' but to me and others of my ilk this was
>>just another batch of documents and the MOD - or some other
>>ministry/agency - finally 'fessing up to the fact that they had
>>them. And that was no surprise.

>It was already common knowledge in the UK that these files
>existed - people have been trying to persuade the MoD (or Air
>Ministry as it was then) to release them since the 1960's,
>including MPs.

So I'm guessing they didn't want to waste money on that endeavor
otherwise since these were largely low level cases, why not just
let them go?

>For me the significance is that anyone who takes the trouble to
>examine them properly and apply common sense will realise that
>the premise that the UK hold positive knowledge of ET visitation
>is untenable.

For my part and some I am aware of on this list never assumed
that the UK had any significant information in that regard. It
was expected that the reports would be in the same general

nature of unidentified objects or some phenomenon, not yet understood. An understood phenomenon might generate some interest in some quarters over there it would be hoped because it seems that it hasn't happened over here.

>The effect hopefully will be a refocussing of
>efforts in more productive directions than simply squeezing the
>government's balls to make them disclose what they do not know.

Doesn't much matter how much you squeeze anyway. If they have anything they want to hide, they can have balls of steel. Throw in a hooker or two and any scandle surrounding whatever information you are seeking will soon leak out in the media. Gerta Munsinger and the Profumo/Keeler affairs come to mind. The first was Canadian the second was British for the American readers. I'm sure you have your own political hooker affairs. The press called them high priced call girls which made it seem classier. Nothing but the best our tax dollars could buy for our politicians.

>>Additionally there would have been some interest in seeing
>>if yours was the same sort of stuff as ours, so they could be
>>slotted into the proper places in various databases.

>Yes, that would be interesting, a cultural comparison.

So far, not so different. As Chris Rutkowski has already mentioned the Canadian/UK military reports are similar in some respects.

Don Ledger

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:56:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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I suggest that you adjust your sensor network - it appears to be malfunctioning.

>Actually you went off the thread of the "MoD Release" by trying
>to argue this proves there is no paper trail leading to any "secret
>department" investigating UFOs, and you made that an argument
>with US UFO researchers as if it applied as a universal principle.
>You implied that this was some sort of strong evidence against
>the existence of any such secret UFO agency.

All of my dialogue in this thread has been in the context of the UK. I am amazed that you could possibly sense otherwise.

>I pointed out that the UK has no need-to-know for highly
>classified US sensor data and that US policy since 1952 has been
>to go after sensor data not case by case studies of anecdotal
>quality.

Which is irrelevant to the discussion at hand = noise.

>You agreed last post that the UK does not have access to this US
>intelligence technology, so obviously that was not "talking at
>crossed purposes." Thus I don't see what problem remains.

I agreed no such thing - I wrote:

"I never claimed that the UK is privy to US technology, or all of the available US intelligence. All I have said is that the MoD are not concerned about UFOs. What is your problem with that?"

INT QRM

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Regards,

Joe

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