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>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.

A couple of points Stan:

1. Your Blue Book/MOD Files analogy is not without merit. Both bore all the hallmarks of a 'front-desk' PR exercise: the filter that is there to satisfy public opinion and handle the press while the real investigative work can go on in the background undisturbed.

2. I am mindful of the fact that the first crack in the UK's original Rendlesham PR edifice came via FOI activity in the USA. Given the closeness of the USA and UK military on so many things (despite Brad's comments regarding grounds for lack of trust, the UK continues to function as the USA's biggest aircraft carrier), I would have thought that, if the USA and its researchers are further down the openness road than the UK, your neck of the woods would be a more productive field of effort for researchers to explore if there is to be any sustained proof of duplicity on the part of the UK government or military in this matter. Have you come across any such evidence in your digging?

-- Gerald O'Connell

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PRG Update - June 1, 2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 09:18:27 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - June 1, 2008

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PRG Update - June 1, 2008

Denver Ballot Initiative and Press Conference

All Politics is Local - even Exopolitics

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html (May)

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/main.html

A Denver resident, Jeff Peckman, is attempting place a ballot initiative into the November election calling for an ordinance to create an 18-member Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission. According to the proposal, the 18-member ET commission would "create a responsible, common-sense strategy for dealing with issues related to the presence of extraterrestrial beings on Earth," among other tasks. Four thousand signatures are required. A support petition is located at:
www.petitiononline.com/etaffair/petition.html

"The evidence is irrefutable that there are extraterrestrials that have visited earth frequently," said Peckman, who believes the government is covering up encounters.

Peckman's effort is reminiscent of state ballot initiatives in 1999 and 2000 in Arizona and Missouri by Robert Bletchman and Bruce Widaman. This time around there has been greater coverage with relatively straight articles in all major Colorado papers and numerous television segments.

On May 30 Peckman held a press conference in Denver to discuss the Ballot Initiative and other matters. Those other matters included showing one of the Stan Romanek contact videos of an alleged alien looking through a window of Romanek's house. This was announced in advance and the media attention was nothing short of extraordinary. Peckman received calls from virtually every news talk show on network television. Whatever the media assessment of the Romanek video, the Ballot Initiative has now received broad attention which may insure the needed 4000 signatures are obtained. Also, the Romanek case can expect much more attention.

As it happens all of this and the Denver ballot signature process will overlap with the Democratic Party Convention in August in Denver. A coincidence perhaps, but PRG applauds the strategy.

Gary McKinnon Case

<http://tinyurl.com/4b4rnj>

The extradition hearing in the House of Lords for UK computer hacker, Gary McKinnon, has been set for June 16. McKinnon is accused of hacking into US government computers. He claims he was searching for information on government actions as regards UFO phenomena. McKinnon faces substantially greater punishment

should he be extradited. If he loses his appeal in the House of Lords, another appeal could follow in the UK or possibly the European Court of Human Rights.

In either case there is a possibility that McKinnon could be brought to the United States for trial sometime between the party conventions and the November election, which could have exopolitical implications.

Exopolitics United Kingdom has created a support site for McKinnon at:

<http://tinyurl.com/43lefb>

New Info on Upcoming Conferences

1st Annual Mysteries of the Universe Conference

June 7, 2008

Kansas City, MO

Intrigue Park Place Hotel

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html#MUC-08

Conspiracy Con 2008

June 7-8

Santa Clara, CA

Marriott Hotel

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html#CC-08

2008 Shag Harbour UFO Festival

August 8-9

Shag Harbour, Nova Scotia, Canada

Barrington Passage Curling Club

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/conferences.html#SHUFOF-08

2008 Culture of Contact

September 18-21

New York, NY (Chelsea)

Alex Grey Gallery

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 18:02:20 EDT
Archived: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 09:21:02 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 13:36:20 +0100
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:56:04 EDT
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

<snip>

>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.

Not according to your on-list arguments.

>>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.

So you suddenly say after losing the argument, now you resort to
sour grapes.

>>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?"

Oh so now you insist that the UK is privy to US intelligence
technology and products? Make up your mind.

>INT QRM

<http://www.zerobeat.net/grp/zsiglist.html>

ZAX

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Stanton Friedman On The Ted Randall Show

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 16:05:17 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 10:20:00 -0400
Subject: Stanton Friedman On The Ted Randall Show

List members may find this podcast interesting I run across on Ted Randall web site which is basically an Amature Radio (hams) site.

"Stanton Friedman is not only a nuclear physicist but is probably the most well-known personality in regard to UFOs. This show is included due to the large interest among hams on the subject of UFO's. Stanton Friedman is a nuclear physicist and scientist and it very interesting to listen to."

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Source:

<http://www.tedrandall.com/pages/podcasts.php>

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 01:44:31 -0300
Archived: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 10:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 17:41:15 +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

>>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.

Hi Martin,

I've been side tracked with some of side issues in the last
couple of days. Answered in your text.

>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.

As stated in another thread, I watched a documentart about
Cosford involving Nick's looking into that incident or series of
same.

>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).

Perhaps so, I'm not really up on Cosford. been a year or so
since I read the files that Joe put on his site and that of Gary
and David.

>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.

Weren't there other issues though such as object sightings being on a contrary courseline to the trajectory of the Cosmos booster. Additionally the signal techs time stamp was disregarded as incorrect, which I don't think can be discounted. He was in UTC [or GMT] at the time. No confusion for him.

>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 officical >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.

Same old same old. Lack of interest by authorities. The Russians of late have been back to testing the UK's/NATO's ADIZ prompting scrambles by the RAF. I wonder how they know the difference. I have a case here from last Dec.21. Two civilian helicopter pilots reported a brilliant object but not until they landed. The object was spotted about 30 miles oabove them out over the Atlantic on a reciprocal heading to theirs. They filed a report with Flight Service in Halifax. Flight Service reported it to NORAD and they said they would check their harddrive for the anomaly. NORAD found it as a raw skin paint, no transponder, right where the pilots said they saw it, at the time they noted it and gave the lat and long position of the object and its heading of 150 degrees magnetic. The speed was estimated at about 700 to 900 mph by the pilots at about 38,000 feet. Does anyone besides myself see anything nuts about this? A raw return that NORAD tracked and they ignored it! But they did not deny it was there, so they weren't covering for some military event. Where the heck were the F-18As out of Bagotville, Quebec checking this thing out? > >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.

Yes, I know.

>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.

<snip>

And let's not forget the Martin Shough radar analysis of the O'Hare incident for NARCAP.

Other than the few comments I made above, I can't argue with any of what you have posted here, Martin. I agree.

Don Ledger

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SDI #458 Twenty Questions

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 06:02:10 -0500
Archived: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 10:24:00 -0400
Subject: SDI #458 Twenty Questions

SDI #458 Twenty Questions

20 Questions addressing the spirit of Deus Impeditio Esuritori Nullus (No God Can Stop The Hungry) leavened, as it is, by the curse of living in "interesting times".

Dave Furlotte, Paul Kimball, Brittany Babakioff, Greg Bishop, and Alfred Lehmborg cast conversational runes on roiling decks as intrepid Captain Errol Bruce-Knapp deftly navigates the dangerous straights of Ufologia on the razor's edge. The hyperbole circuit breaker only got warm reader. No apologies here. That's the way it feels.

1. What makes living in our present times so damned "interesting"? Is the "thing" interesting itself or is it interesting because our interest is interesting? Do we generally conceive our interesting times as a curse leveled upon us by angry gods, of needs?
2. Does the "new ease of communication" we enjoy as a function of these interesting times qualify as curse or blessing? The Internet: curse or blessing?
3. What is the "Big Lie," and how is it supported by the internet? How is it combated by the internet? How does UFO UpDates provide this "support" or perform this "combat"?
4. What are the "Big Lies" in 21st Century Ufology?
5. How do all "Big Lies" maintain their endurance given the huge amount of proof and evidence obverting them?
6. Will a ufological "believer" buy into any hoax or fabrication only because a personal worldview is supported?
7. Can something be too good to believe? Can something be too horrible to believe?
8. What is a skeptic? What is skepticism? What defines "without a doubt"? Whose doubt? When? Why?
9. How does UFO UpDates avoid or obviate corporal punishment on your deceased equine?
10. How much money did "The Alien Autopsy Film" make and how was that not money made as a result of a fraud? Jonathon Reed? The Fox Network? Faked Moon Landings?
11. How reliable is Snopes.com in unmasking "Big Lies," Urban Legends, and Ufological hoaxes?
12. Does "chain E-mail" satisfy a psychological need or purposefully clog internet bandwidth?
13. The woods are full of kookoos, kookoos... kookoos? The woods are full of Koo-koos... but my heart is full of love?

14. Is there little truth to the rumor that Paul Kimball has forsaken his ancestral Canada for the United States decidedly Left Coast?

15. When Paul Kimball leaves Canada for film forays south of the border, is he seen off by angry mobs with torches and pitchforks demanding he not return?

16. UFO Retro Con III was a "cool reminder" of United States cultural history but serves what purpose for a ufological world history?

17. What was the "Integratron," really? Who was George Van Tassel and did he have a strong connection to George Adamski?

18. How is Paul Kimball a leader in the "modern contactee speaker movement"?

19. What is a "Jacques Vallee kind of UFO case"?

20. Why is a "Tin Foil Hat Contest" contest hosted by RetroCon III at once a delight and an outrage?

Zound's Zot! Seventy-three minutes remain of a charmingly ebullient Paul Kimball waxing on UFO Retro Con III. Additionally, Brittany Babakioff provides some hope for a continuing progressive civilization plus a place for upcoming generations in the hoary, if thankfully unhallowed, halls of ufology.

Greg Bishop shows a brave expanse of wide intellectual horizon to his ufological observations and provides some demonstration how we are the better for them, too. Mac Tonnies gets a mention as does come an effusive praise for John Greenwald of blackvault.com! Yea and verily, good reader, do we not preview what's in view for cogent review? Ahead lies all manner of weirdness, reader, where we just may discover that it was the "noise" that was the "signal," all along?

Ufological sensibilities empowered are the listener's own! Subscribe or know the HypnoToad! All hail the Toad!

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 12:21:22 -0300
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>(Three up from the bottom)

William:

Thanks for the plug. I will appear with George Knapp on Coast to
Coast Radio on Sunday night June 15 to talk about my new book
Flying Saucers And Science. It is now officially available
from me \$19. including Priority Mail from me at:

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Stan Friedman

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UFO 'Dive-Bombs' Couple

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 07:55:20 -0400
Archived: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 07:55:20 -0400
Subject: UFO 'Dive-Bombs' Couple

Source: The Sunday Territorian - Darwin, Northern Territory
- Australia

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/06/02/4271_ntnews.html

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UFO 'Dive-Bombs' Couple

Jasmin Afianos

An elderly couple claim they had a close encounter with a UFO while travelling along a Territory highway.

Lawrie Fuchs, 70, and his wife Gwen, 69, were returning to their home town of Elliott following a trip to Queensland last Friday when they say the UFO swooped them as they drove along the Barkly Highway.

Estimated to be about six metres wide, they say the object passed the vehicle with such speed that its slipstream forced their Mazda sedan into the middle of the road.

They were travelling in a westerly direction and were about 55km east of the Threeways roadhouse when the incident occurred.

"It was about 4pm when suddenly we saw a dark, silvery flash and heard a loud sound as it passed," Mr Fuchs said.

"It was travelling at a terrific speed, very bloody fast, and there was no warning at all.

"I'm sure it dive-bombed us but I can't imagine why."

"I do a lot of bush work and over the years I've seen a number of strange, unexplained things," he said.

Mrs Fuchs said she saw a little flash just below the sun visor then heard a loud whoosh as it passed over.

"I actually thought it hit the car, but there were no marks," she said.

Mr Fuchs, a mechanic who has lived in Elliot for 40 years, says he took the incident in his stride.

"I don't talk about it much because sometimes people don't take you seriously."

Last week, another man reported seeing a UFO near Tennant Creek. Alan Martin, who is deaf, was obviously shaken by his experience. The Aboriginal man in his 40s had bought alcohol and headed alone into scrub land to avoid being humbugged.

He described seeing a disc-shaped object at close range. His drawing indicated it had red, green and blue lights.

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The Real KGB UFO Files

From: **Geoff Richardson** <geoff.nul>
Date: Sat, 31 May 2008 16:22:38 +0100
Archived: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 07:56:00 -0400
Subject: The Real KGB UFO Files

On October 24th, 1991, documents were provided to former Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich, the then President of the All-Union Ufological Association in Russia.

These files contained copies of UFO reports sent to the infamous KGB.

An accompanying letter was written by the Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Security USSR, N.A. Sham.

The files consisted of handwritten reports, typed testimonies, notes from KGB informers, crude drawings and eyewitness reports of UFOs. This cooperation between UFO researchers and the KGB was unprecedented and was a landmark in UFO research in the Soviet Union and possibly the world.

Sixteen years later we have managed to catch up with the now former Deputy Commander of the KGB, and published here for the first time is an interview with the man himself.

See:

Philip Mantle's "The Real KGB UFO Files"

<http://www.thewhyfiles.net/russian7.html>

Geoff Richardson
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Re: Denver Alien Video Puppet Or Real ET?

From: **A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO** <aj.nul>
Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 10:15:12 -0300
Archived: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 07:58:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Denver Alien Video Puppet Or Real ET?

>Source: The Denver Post - Colorado, USA

>http://www.denverpost.com/ci_9427587?source=rss

>05/30/2008

>[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 is here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J30WGDg-AXU>

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MoD And Me

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Aloha UpDaters and Listerions,

I have not posted for about a year. I felt that I did not want to post unless I had something new and factual to present. I also have had my health catch up with me. For years from around the start of this List I would read the posts every night (sometimes 3 or 4 am after a music engagement) and often post. With my health problem I have gotten days behind and have had to play catchup. This may be my last post for quite a while. Thinking on the dark side, this may be my last post ever. With Errol's indulgence I will explain later, after the UFO stuff.

This post will be just my opinions, questions, and personal comments. I have broken my own rule. But that's what rules are made for, aren't they? Actually, I have not done any real investigation or research for a long time. Due to my health, I am in this one post covering several subjects. I want to give some news on my health and life on the same post as I have met many UFO people who are List members.

I tend to agree with Stan Friedman and Don Ledger about US and Canadian releases security classification. I also can agree with Stan about compartmentalism and need to know. He held higher clearances than me but that did not mean that he could go to the Pentagon and look through all UFO files that existed at his clearance level. When I was in the military I only had a secret clearance but that did not mean I could fly to Saigon, go to the Intelligence headquarters and ask to look at any of their secret level files.

I had my clearance primarily because on all our helicopter missions there were codes and radio frequencies that were classified and changed with each mission, even on missions that were not otherwise classified. On all missions the pilots had them listed on a small tablet hanging from the neck. It even had its built in self destruction mechanism in case of impending crash or capture. We flew many classified missions, mostly at night, with the Special Forces, Navy Seals, Army Intelligence, and CIA.

For example, one type of mission: We would fly them to a location, and at a distance turn off all our aircraft lights, and drop them in. We would later pick them up at another secret location. They then would brag about a successful mission of doing nice guy stuff, such as going to an enemy base camp where they garotted more than 100 enemy while they slept, and no one woke up. We were successful in various types of missions because all four of my crew were awarded the Air Medal 15 times. Years ago Dick Haines asked me if I had seen any UFOs in Vietnam. I had to answer no but I told him that what really scared me there was when North Vietnamese helicopters crossed the DMZ. I then got worried about Unwanted Flying Objects as I thought we may get into air to air helicopter to helicopter battles with machine guns and rockets. Thankfully they did not go far and quickly scurried back.

This is a long post but with Errol's further indulgence I want to give some personal news to many people on the List who have gotten to know me over the years who do not know my medical

story and who may have wondered where I have gone.

I survived Vietnam but in December, 1981 I was driving an old VW bus on a mountain highway in California and as I entered a blind right hand turn someone going the opposite direction entered the turn too fast for how he could drive, and spun out. There was no center divider and he spun onto my side of the road. The witnesses said I could not see him early enough to avoid him, so we collided. The EMT crew testified that if they had gotten there five minutes later I would have been dead from loss of blood. The front had crushed in on me and I had very serious injuries, primarily to my right leg. I was knocked into a coma that lasted for one month. Due to the coma and brain injury it affected my visual spatial orientation. When I got out of the hospital five months later, to keep my pilot's license medically active I had to take a special visual test but they said I could not identify multiple fast moving objects quickly enough. That meant that I could no longer be a licensed pilot, something I had started when I turned 17. I have not noticed any problems with car driving or anything else. During when I was feeling healthy last June I went through race driving school at Laguna Seca. I had not raced a car in 26 years because of my accident injuries. I also had never raced an open wheel race car. They said I was excellent in all aspects. It was a thrill and I felt great because that was something I thought I could never do after my accident.

My legs and feet were very badly broken into many pieces. They had to install many metal pieces and fixtures to hold them together so that they would properly heal. However, my right lower leg and foot were badly torn up and they tried an emergency vein graft surgery. For two months they tried but they could not restore the circulation. I watched it dying off, become infected, and it had to be amputated below the knee. It had caused me to have four different types of infections which went systemic but thankfully the doctors fought them off with success. Due to the crushed nerves I had from the accident for two months prior to amputation I have had to live with an intense level of phantom limb pain 24 hours a day/7 days a week. There is pain and it always feels like my foot is being crushed. Unfortunately, after that accident I could no longer stand long enough to rebuild and restore historic aircraft. If you want to see some of my work, go to the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. and check out Amelia Earhart's Lockheed Vega, the Spitfire fighter, and the last in the world Italian Macchi 202 fighter plane.

They have tried many procedures and surgeries from nerve blocks, implanting an electrode in my spine, two spinal surgeries in attempts to block the nerve with a laser, an electrode implanted in my thalamus in my deep brain, and gamma knife surgery of radiation beamed in to block a different spot in my thalamus. None blocked the pain. A few years ago they finally located the place in the cortex where that pain is perceived. They have had some success at blocking the pain by implanting an electrode over that spot.

Even though I am rated by the Veterans Administration as 100% disabled from the Vietnam war from a different permanent injury they will not cover the last surgery I listed because they still consider it experimental. They cover all my other medical and dental treatment plus medications for free for the rest of my life.

The worst that came from that accident was that I received blood contaminated with Hepatitis C. I received blood too early for them to know much about the virus and screen that blood. In the fall of 1995 I had a prolonged bout of what I thought was the flu. I went to the VA and they tested my blood. They and I found out I had the antibody to Hep C but my liver was not yet too badly damaged. I had periods of months where I was so fatigued, exhausted, and weak that I could barely do anything more than sit. I then would have some months where I felt as if I was not sick. It has gone back and forth. I am so glad that for all these years Miko has been my Angel. We have been music partners and very close to each other for about 15 years or so.

Even though I have had periods I felt healthy, the virus has been steadily eating and destroying my liver. I am now in what they named end stage liver disease and I am on the waiting list for a liver transplant surgery. If I don't get a successful

transplant in time I am going to die. Due to the shortage of donors I have to get a little sicker before I receive one. The VA has their transplant center in Portland and they have a larger pool of donors than here in Hawaii. Last year in these paradise islands 388 people died who were on the liver transplant waiting list because the population is small and there are not enough donors. Please, please consider donating your organs. If you do, get it recorded in whatever manner they do it in your state.

I would compose my own music at home during healthy periods but I always became sick again and could not play again until I became healthy. Then I would have to relearn where I left off and make some new stuff until I was too sick again. It was like an endless loop. Over recent years I have lost all the music I had accumulated in my memory from the time when I was young. I gave up and I have not played my keyboards in the last two years. I hope that I can resume after a successful transplant.

I also have been a music recording engineer, producer, and manager for decades. For some unknown reason, in the last few years I have been very sick in the late fall, winter, and part of the spring. During the other months I have felt as if I have had healthy energy.

That is why during the better months I can go to Berlin, Germany and produce new albums with Miko. Two summers ago I made a new album titled Heat Society by Heated Hearts with Miko and Jonny Franco. Last summer we recorded Miko's new album titled Do The Lov-O -Lution. We recently released that album. I am not trying to sell you anything but you can listen to free samples on the website. It is also on most download platforms (like I Tunes, etc. but not yet on Amazon).

Miko is a really great songwriter, singer, and performer. Many people, when they see her on the new album cover say to me "she is so beautiful" but they don't know how much of a beautiful heart, spirit, and high intelligence she has. I am not saying that just because we love each other very much. She is one of the nicest people I have ever met. As I mentioned before, she has been an Angel to me. Fortunately she thinks I have also been that for her. After 15+ years of being very close and running her music operation as partners things steadily become even better.

Miko left Germany in 1990 as a major record label star. The economy and the music business had gotten very bad in Germany. A good friend of mine who used to be the girlfriend of another American star had us meet. Miko would have become a major star on a major label in LA but on five occasions ***holes who were heads of those companies said they would sign her and I to a major contract if she would first go to bed with them, sometimes telling her right in front of my face. Yes, those sleazeballs still exist. Of course Miko would never agree with that.

She also turned down Playboy and Penthouse magazines. We tried the music independently but in 1999 she and I decided to move from Malibu to Berlin where she already had been a star. At the end of 2004 I had to move back to Hawaii where I had free medical care from the VA. I have always gone back to Germany for part of the year.

Next Saturday, June 7 I am flying back there. I plan on being over there until the beginning of November. First we will shoot a new music video, get the band together, and start rehearsing with me mixing and developing the sound. They also want to make a major TV documentary.

Besides the video they want her to star in a major motion picture. She starred in three over there in the past. One was about her and her rise to fame. This one will be about the past of her royal family, her music, and her finally recovering her family fortune of castles, land, mines and industries.

Her great grandfather was the last Prince Regent of Bavaria. He was next in the lineage after King Ludwig and King Ludwig II. King Ludwig was and is loved by the German people for being a good guy, supporting the arts and building magic castles such as Neuschwanstein. When her grandfather had the lineage the Nazis came to power. They took everything and forced him to be a slave worker in one of his coal mines. After the war the State of

Germany held everything.

Miko is a Baroness and the inheritor of the lineage. Now she is in the process to get it all back from the government. In the film she will also sing her songs, etc. What will be fascinating for me is that she is now represented in that matter and the media by Christian Rothschild. He is the person who offered and arranged the movie deal. Three weeks ago Miko was asked to prepare a film treatment for the people over there who recently shot the new Tom Cruise movie in which he plays Count Von Stauffenburg, the man who tried to kill Hitler. I forgot when that film will be coming out. I have never met a Rothschild. Miko says he is a nice guy and that he and I will become friends. Whoopee! She is also getting together with some of the highest royalty there such as the Von Wittlesbachs and the Von Hapsburgs. I remember that last name from European history in school. I did not know they were still around but many dynasties never die. It will be a new thrill to hang out with that level of people.

The new album is really taking off in Europe and we are with a record company whose head is a great guy. Volkswagen, ironically the company that built the vehicle that, after the accident I named the Rolling Death Camp because they were so unsafe, radically changed and may vastly shorten my life, are sponsoring a concert tour. If I don't feel sick I will be sitting at the controls of my favorite type of UFO, at the controls of a large mixing board that shapes all the sounds in large concerts.

VW are going to provide me with a traveling doctor and nurse. At any time I could have a life threatening emergency. One of those is that as my liver gets worse it gets more difficult for the blood to pass through it, the pressure builds up, and one of my liver veins or arteries may burst, necessitating emergency surgery if I can get it fast enough. There are also other problems that could be sudden emergencies. I am informing the airlines but even though I was a pilot I do not want to die on an airliner. I will inform my brother to send a post to this list if the worst happens. As you can see above, I have some great things going in my life and I hope I last long enough to fully enjoy them and also enjoy future things. I also may need to get my transplant in Germany.

A year ago Dick Hall asked me why I am leaving Hawaii to go to Germany. A few years ago I played him some of Miko's music at his house and he liked it.

Dick, I want to remind you that Miko, the music, and all else I said above are the reasons. I hope to once again visit you when I am in Washington as I have done a number of previous years.

Finally, we will end this long missive.
Here are the websites:

Miko's new album:
<http://www.myspace.com/mikolution> This site also has links to the main site and the

Heated Hearts album website.

The Heated Hearts website:

<http://heatedhearts.com/I>

I am the Executive Producer of both of the above albums.

This is a song and video titled My Ship from Jonny Franco's new album Automatic Man, about an alien who lands on a distant planet. Some Listerions may like this:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dXxfxRPB1As>

Here is Jonny's website and his new album Automatic Man:

<http://www.jonnyfranco.com/homee/homee.htm>

For further sites to listen and see videos to more of the songs from this album please Google his name.

Cyrille Verdeaux is a keyboard composer genius who I have engineered, produced, and managed for a few decades. He is also

a great friend. His first album, Clearlight Symphony of 1975, is regarded as a legendary masterpiece in the music world. We have rereleased it many times. I have made many other albums with him over the years. For further information regarding him please Google his name.

Here is his website:

<http://www.clearlight888music.com/index.htm>

I hope to use much of his music in the Miko movie.

The above is my music domain. I hope some of you like it.

If anyone wants to email me before next weekend, please do. If for any reason you would like to call me before I fly off, my phone number is 808-695-1273. Please remember that Hawaii time is 3 hours earlier than Pacific time and the east coast is 6 hours later than me. Please call me after my noon and I am usually up until about 3am my time. If you call from another planet you will have to figure out the timing. Next to me there is a golf course that would be able to be a saucer landing area. So please drop in. I live in a beautiful natural location with a panoramic ocean view and the perfect beach nearby. In the other direction there is a beautiful mountain view. Do aliens swim? Do they surf? I have never seen one at any beaches.

One last item: A few years ago some other researchers and I quit MUFON because of some problems at the top with Walt Andrus. I would like to know what members think of MUFON now that there have been two newer directors.

Errol, thanks so much for starting UFO UpDates and for your magnificent job of keeping it together while also making improvements all these years. Thank you. Mahalo.

We come in peace,

Josh Goldstein

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>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>As stated in another thread, I watched a documentary about
>Cosford involving Nick's looking into that incident or series of
>same.

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This was a show I fronted for Channel Five in 2006.

Type "British UFO Mystery" into YouTube to view.

Best wishes,

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

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Land Of Enchantment Bummer
By Billy Cox

One of the great things about not running for president is, you can grow your beard again. Taking a cue from the post-Y2K edition of Al Gore, New Mexico gov Bill Richardson began giving his razor a break after dropping out of the Democratic primaries in January.

Dropping out also means Richardson doesn't have to worry about anybody asking him about UFOs anymore. Last October

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLC82v7v20s>

when cornered by Chris Hardball, the squirming candidate allowed that while, yes, he thought the feds were withholding UFO data, it's just as important to promote tourism in Roswell, N.M.

In fact, less than two weeks after Richardson's appearance on MSNBC, the Roswell Daily Record announced: "It's official. Plans are in motion for Roswell's own Alien Apex Resort theme park, which will welcome believers, skeptics and anyone in between as early as 2012."

Land o' Lakes IT specialist Bryan Temmer, president of that Alien Apex Resort theme park, was buoyed. A newbie to the entertainment/thrill ride industry, Temmer had just been awarded \$245,000 in seed money to fund a business plan for staging an Alien Abduction roller coaster ride, a 1947 UFO crash fireworks experience and other things.

Better yet - no painful nasal or rectal probes. "It's supposed to be thrilling, not give you a heart attack," he says.

"The great thing was, everybody signed off on it, from Bill Richardson to the Legislature to city council," Temmer adds.

But last month, the state suddenly withdrew its appropriations, announcing the money would've violated the state's constitutional "anti-donation" clause. Temmer was beyond bummed; after all, the measure had been vetted by officials who were presumably familiar with their own state laws.

"This happened beyond the 11th hour," says Temmer, who's convinced the military recovered off-world debris in 1947. "We were ready to go. This happened at 11:59:59."

Guess where this is going.

"It's possible that somebody just didn't want this in their back

yard. But the more interesting possibility is that this is part of a cover-up. That'd make a better story, wouldn't it? If I had to write a 'Da Vinci Code'-type novel, that's the angle I'd take. I'd say somebody got nervous and didn't want it to happen."

Temmer's idea isn't entirely dead. If he can convince private investors to pony up a quarter mil at a time when \$4-a-gallon gas is sucking Joe Sixpack's refrigerator dry, city officials still want to talk.

And if Bill Richardson emerges as the Dems' veep candidate, he'll have to shave his beard, but the UFO theme park mystery will be a less pathetic wedge issue than American flag lapel pins.

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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CNN LARRY KING LIVE

Twister Terror; Space Alien Caught on Tape?; Michigan and Florida Likely Decided on Saturday

Aired May 30, 2008 - 21:00 ET

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LARRY KING, HOST: Tonight, twisters caught on tape - tornadoes tearing across the American Midwest. Seven people killed in Kansas alone, setting the stage for the deadliest year on record. Tonight, survivor stories from those who lived to tell and video you won't believe - twisters ripping uptown after town.

Plus, just released images of a space alien? Close encounters of a bogus claim?

Meet the man who saw it and says they're here.

Plus, politics next on LARRY KING LIVE.

Good evening. A lot going on.

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KING: All right. We have an extraordinary story out of Denver.

Let's meet our panelists.

Stan Romanek is the man who claims to have shot footage of an extraterrestrial.

Jeff Peckman is pushing for a ballot initiative to establish an extraterrestrial affairs commission on the Denver City Council.

James Meadow is a reporter with the "Rocky Mountain News". He attended today's showing of a video that purports to show a space alien.

And Jerry Hoffman is an instructor at the Colorado Film School, a veteran film editor who has analyzed the footage shot by Stan Romanek.

Stan, when did take this? What did you see?

STAN ROMANEK, SHOT VIDEO OF 'SPACE ALIEN': It was July 17th,

2003. I actually thought we had a peeping Tom. I was living in Nebraska at the time. I had twin teenage - young teenage twin daughters. Every time I - every once in a while at night I'd get up, let's say to go to the kitchen from watching TV. And the windows were open and I'd see a head, it looked like, out of the corner of my eye, some movement in the window. And every time I ran outside to try to catch who I thought was looking in our window, there was nobody there.

I talked to some of the researchers and scientists involved in my case and they suggested well, you know, next time this happens, get your video camera out, put it on a tripod, put it on night shot and pretend you're going to bed.

So I did exactly that. I actually got my camera ready, put it on a tripod, pointed it toward the window and instead of going to bed, I actually went to the next room and got a magazine and watched to see if I could maybe see it for myself, catch it. And that's how it all happened.

KING: And this was five years ago?

ROMANEK: Yes.

KING: Why is it just coming to light now?

ROMANEK: Well, there's a lot of things involved with my case, a lot of evidence. The reason it's coming out now - we wanted - well, there's a lot of scientists and researchers involved my case and we wanted to make sure that...

KING: Your case being what?

A case meaning what?

ROMANEK: Well, there's a lot of encounters involved with my case - a lot of UFO encounters involved with my case. And there's a lot of physical evidence. And we wanted to make sure that all the evidence has been looked at by serious scientists. And...

KING: All right.

ROMANEK: ...I have - the reason it's taken so long, if it were up to me, I would have just given this all out a long time ago. But the researchers and scientists say, you know, we want - if you want this documented correctly, if you want us to make sure that, you know, everything's what it looks like it is then, you know, let us do that before you give it out to the public.

KING: OK. OK.

James Meadow, you watched it right, correct?

You've seen the video?

JAMES MEADOW, REPORTER, "ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS": I have been at the video. That's right, Larry.

KING: Tell us what you think of it.

MEADOW: Well, it's a little bit odd. I mean it's spooky, on the one hand, to think that this might be an alien. But to tell you the truth, it's - I mean there's not much there - at least what we saw. We only saw like about a minute, two minutes.

It's grainy. It's dark. There's a kind of a skull shaped head that floats up. Dark spaces for the eyes. And it looked a little bit like one of the glow in the dark heads I got when I was in Roswell, New Mexico on a trip. And I mean no disrespect, but that's kind of what it looked like. You're being told that this is an actual alien or an extraterrestrial, but, in fact, I don't know. I mean and - you know, you're a journalist. We're skeptical by nature. We major in cynicism.

KING: Well, why won't they show it - why couldn't we show it tonight?

MEADOW: Are you talking to me?

KING: Yes.

Does anyone know why?

Stan why couldn't we show it tonight?

ROMANEK: Because I have an agreement with the scientists not to do that until they have had a chance to actually do their analyzation of it and to...

KING: But it's been five years. You've shown it to the "Rocky Mountain News".

ROMANEK: Yes. But they don't want to have it released to the public yet. They want to make sure that it's been scrutinized correctly. Obviously, if it were up to me, I'd let everybody have it. But, you know, that's not (INAUDIBLE).

KING: Jeff Peckman, what do you make of it?

JEFF PECKMAN, SAYS "E-T AFFAIRS COMMISSION" NEEDED: Well, it was convincing to me. But I had also seen that at the end of a two or three hour presentation by Stan on two occasions. And it's really just one sliver of a hundred different experiences that he's had, unique experiences. And so it's kind of a visual - a final visual confirmation that what I was starting to believe, based on all this other evidence and witness testimony from top secret employees in the government and other stories - other aspects of his story, it just seemed kind of natural and fit everything else. So it was very believable to me.

KING: OK. By the way, we are showing one frame from it. It's hard to see it too clearly, but we are showing one frame.

Jerry Hoffman, an instructor in the Colorado Film School and a veteran film editor, what's your analysis of the footage?

JERRY HOFFMAN, INSTRUCTOR, COLORADO FILM SCHOOL: Well, it's - the footage was definitely shot with a consumer camera. It was shot - it's the last shot that's on the end of a bunch of home movies that he had shot earlier of them going to the zoo. And the time code on the tape is consistent throughout the entire previous footage to the shot of the creature. And there's time of day code, which is also consistent throughout this entire tape. So it was a one shot thing, done in camera.

I don't believe that, if you look at the - if you look at the image, you can see the reflection of the back wall in the glass. And so the creature - the head comes up and that and that reflection is over his face. So he's definitely on the other side of the glass. And to key that or to create that key in DV footage, which is what this is - and it is a camera master that I analyzed - is extremely difficult with that particular format so...

(CROSSTALK)

KING: James - all right. Hold on. We'll come back with you.

James will be leaving us and another gentleman will replace him when this - James, would you say further exploration needed?

MEADOW: Oh, further probing is probably need, Larry, I would say.

KING: OK. We'll probe it ourselves.

James Meadow, a reporter with the "Rocky Mountain News."

Stan, during the break, we'd like you to draw it what you saw.

ROMANEK: Sure.

KING: Draw it and show it to us when we come back.

ROMANEK: I'll try to.

KING: Well, try.

ROMANEK: I'll try to.

KING: Try. Try.

We'll come right back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Welcome back to LARRY KING LIVE. Matthew Baxter is an investigator for the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Society. His society claims to have experience in fraud detection. We'll get to Matthew in a moment. Stan, did you do a drawing?

ROMANEK: Yes, I sure did.

KING: Can you put it up towards the camera?

ROMANEK: Sorry it is not that good but -

KING: That looks like - that's E.T.

ROMANEK: Well, kind of. What they don't tell you - I'm not sure if the quality of the video they showed at the press conference was that good or not - but if you look at the video ,you can see it move its mouth, blinks the eyes. You can see the reflection of the infrared light on the night shot of the camera reflecting off its retinas.

KING: Matthew, what do you make of it? MATTHEW BAXTER, ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARANORMAL SOCIETY: I don't believe it. Don't believe it.

KING: You don't - you believe there was nothing there?

BAXTER: No. I believe that there was a basically an alien model there. There was a prop.

KING: A prop?

BAXTER: Yes.

KING: So this is a hoax?

BAXTER: Yes.

KING: Stan?

ROMANEK: Well, what's interesting and I don't know - you can go out on YouTube now, but there's a really, really bad rendition of a video supposedly; it says the official Stan Romanek E.T. video and they got an alien probably from Wal-Mart and stuck it up and tried to shoot a video. It's amazing what the debunkers will kind of -

KING: Matthew, have you seen his photo, pictures?

BAXTER: I have seen the video.

KING: You have seen the video?

BAXTER: Yes.

KING: You don't buy it?

BAXTER: No. In fact, the video he is talking about on YouTube I made.

ROMANEK: Oh, sorry.

BAXTER: No. It's OK. It's OK. I think yours sucks so -

KING: Hey, Jeff. Based on this kind of flimsy approach, you're going for a ballot initiative to establish a whole commission on this?

PECKMAN: Right. Because these debunkers and skeptics can ask legitimate questions, but if they want to try to disprove all of the witness testimony from 400 or 500 people with top secret security clearance and witnessed the same things for themselves, and categorized 57 species of extra-terrestrials already, that's fine.

In this instance, this was the best available evidence, visual evidence that we could present. And I was doing that just to satisfy the curiosity and interest of the people who interviewed

me before.

KING: Do you think they'll approve such a thing?

PECKMAN: I'm sorry.

KING: Do you think the council will approve it?

PECKMAN: Well, it is not up to the council. It is up to the voters.

KING: Oh, OK. It will go on a ballot?

PECKMAN: Yes.

KING: All right. Jerry, we either have - Stan is either a perpetrator of a fraud or Matthew looking that the wrong way.

Where do you go with this, Jerry?

HOFFMAN: Well, you know, I don't have a - any proof that Stan Romanek shot an alien. However, I have a hard time believing that a cheap prop was used for this. I'm quite convinced that it was shot in camera. And that it - it is consistent with a consumer camera. It's consistent - and the movement of the puppet is so elaborate that I think it would be an expensive puppet to make.

KING: You call it a puppet?

HOFFMAN: No. I don't have no idea whether it's a puppet or not a puppet. I'm saying it was not done in a computer system. It wasn't done as a special - some sort of -

KING: I got you. What would Stan's point be?

BAXTER: What are you asking, what would his point where b?

KING: Putting up a puppet he got in some store, put in the window, take pictures and go through all this?

BAXTER: Well, I'm actually willing to believe that somebody could be perpetrating this on Stan. I mean, I've met Stan several times. He's a very nice guy. I like him. But I don't like his evidence is all.

KING: So you mean a friend may have put it in the window and said, Stan go take a picture?

BAXTER: You know, there's a lot of money to be made with Stan right now.

KING: I'll take a break and be back with more on this edition of LARRY KING LIVE. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Stan Romanek, what happens next? When will the world see this video?

ROMANEK: Hopefully soon. It is up to the scientists. I also - you know, I want to point out that I too watched this thing when I got out of the room. I saw this thing duck down. And actually it was a full moon out, and I looked outside and this thing was running to the backyard. And when it looked at - when it looked back at me, I realized that this thing was not normal and it literally scared the heck out of me.

KING: Did you believe in aliens, UFOs before this?

ROMANEK: No. Before my experience started, no, not at all. In fact, I was probably more a skeptic than the gentleman sitting there. I was really pretty aggressive about making fun of people, too.

KING: Matthew, are you saying he didn't see what he says he saw?

BAXTER: I can say that my experience is reverse of his. I used to believe and now I'm running the other way. It's - it's kind of one of those crazy things. It's so hard to say what he saw, what he didn't. But I can say from what we're being shown it's

not evidence. If you consider what aliens that would come to this Earth would be capable of, why would they be caught being a peeping Tom?

KING: I know. Jeff, isn't that a good point?

PECKMAN: Well, I think it's pure speculation to try to second guess alien motivations. So where do you start with that? You can say anything.

KING: If you can travel in outer space, why are you peeking in a window of a guy in Denver? Why don't you come to Washington and talk to Bush?

PECKMAN: Well, maybe they find him a very interesting specimen.

KING: OK. Jerry, what do you make of all of this? Are you open to it or not?

HOFFMAN: I'm open to it. It's an awfully large universe out there and if there's six billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy and there's billions of galaxies, I think we are rather arrogant to think we are the only life in the universe. Certainly the NASA guys, didn't they just - aren't we on Mars probing for the possibility of life? There's some pretty serious people that have also come forward, Governor Simington and others that have come forward that have seen some phenomenon.

And Stan's case is full of - this one shot is hardly - is just a tip of the iceberg of this man's case. So, you know, I couldn't say we should be - until all of the story is told about Stan that you could make a - some kind of judgment about that.

KING: Stan, did it make any sounds?

ROMANEK: No. Actually, what happened were there were actually two flashes of light. Very, very bright flashes of light that caught my attention and that's what made me come out.

KING: But no sound? ROMANEK: But no sound. And, you know, I can't tell you. I can't tell you - I can tell you what I saw.

KING: And you've done that very effectively. Hopefully we'll learn more. Stan Romanek, Jeff Peckman, Jerry Hoffman and Matthew Baxter, and some day maybe if it ever happens we'll find out right here...

<snip>

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The Conspiracy Begins

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 20:01:46 +0100
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 06:55:16 -0400
Subject: The Conspiracy Begins

List

Close by to the Mars Phoenix Lander, there is a clear imprint of a bipedal foot in the Martian soil.

Footprint found on Mars

<http://tinyurl.com/4j88vu>

This alone is uncompromising evidence that intelligent life exists on the planet although as you will read, NASA are flim flammng and insulting our intelligence again, as usual.

What I want to know is, where did the guy get his nails done?

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Stuart Miller
Alien Worlds magazine
<http://www.alienworldsmag.com>

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Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

From: **Sergey Shpakovsky** <sergejsh.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 11:15:53 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 07:55:00 -0400
Subject: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

Hello listeners,

For a few years I have collected different images and photos, which commonly, I believe, are misidentified as UFOs, something paranormal or extraterrestrial.

Here is selection of best examples. There are also some examples of 'man-made UFOs' - models, photo manipulations, digital art, and architectural structures.

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

It is just start and I hope useful.

Sergey

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UAP Imaged From Aircraft

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 18:02:01 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 07:57:00 -0400
Subject: UAP Imaged From Aircraft

UAP (UFOs) Imaged From Aircraft, A Preliminary Report

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce the publication of the report "UAP Imaged from Aircraft", by Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and Dr. Richard F. Haines, at the NARCAP web site:

<http://www.narcap.org>, at this link:

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

The motivation of this preliminary report is to show work in progress in the area of UAP/UFO airborne photographic evidence.

A call for reports of this type has been made to set up a complete database for further study. A catalogue - tallied by country - of the 172 cases known to date by the FOTOCAT Project records has been presented to help international researchers check with their own files and provide any additional input.

Any reports or references to reports of new photo cases are requested, to be submitted to fotocat.nul or directly to me.

Your co-operation will be most appreciated, as well as duly recognized in a future review paper.

Sincerely,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos
FOTOCAT Blog
<http://fotocat.blogspot.com/>

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Re: MoD And Me

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 17:18:33 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 07:59:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD And Me

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufo-updates-owner.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 12:12:48 -1000
>Subject: MoD And Me

>Aloha UpDaters and Listerions,

>I have not posted for about a year. I felt that I did not want
>to post unless I had something new and factual to present. I
>also have had my health catch up with me. For years from around
>the start of this List I would read the posts every night
>(sometimes 3 or 4 am after a music engagement) and often post.
>With my health problem I have gotten days behind and have had to
>play catchup. This may be my last post for quite a while.
>Thinking on the dark side, this may be my last post ever. With
>Errol's indulgence I will explain later, after the UFO stuff.

<snip>

>A year ago Dick Hall asked me why I am leaving Hawaii to go to
>Germany. A few years ago I played him some of Miko's music at
>his house and he liked it.

>Dick, I want to remind you that Miko, the music, and all else I
>said above are the reasons. I hope to once again visit you when
>I am in Washington as I have done a number of previous years.

Josh is always a welcome guest in my home, though our bull
sessions probably cause the ears of some Listers to burn! I
recall the music sessions with pleasure, and have also seen some
of his handiwork at the National Air & Space Museum facility in
Washington.

Dick

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 14:56:26 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 09:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 00:53:08 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 01 Jun 2008 01:44:31 -0300
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

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>>As stated in another thread, I watched a documentary about
>>Cosford involving Nick's looking into that incident or series of
>>same.

><snip>

>This was a show I fronted for Channel Five in 2006.

>Type "British UFO Mystery" into YouTube to view.

My DVD recorder had gone on the Fritz or I would have recorded
it.

Don Ledger

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UFOs Buzzing Beloit?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 09:00:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 09:00:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs Buzzing Beloit?

Source: The Beloit Daily News - Wisconsin, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/4xosft>

Monday, Jun 02, 2008

UFOs Buzzing Beloit?
By Hillary Gavan
Daily News staff writer

Book's author says it's true
Those perplexed by the paranormal can read about the history of Beloit UFOs in a new book titled "UFO Wisconsin: A Progress Report" by Wisconsin paranormal researcher Noah Voss.

The book contains more than 100 bizarre UFO sightings and stories from Wisconsin which continue to defy explanation. From the forests of the north woods to the busy streets of Milwaukee, Voss said that "UFO Wisconsin" is overflowing with cases that will leave the reader wondering.

While conducting research in Wisconsin, Voss said he found trace evidence such as high radiation readings and crop circles. Wisconsin's top UFO hot spots include Long Lake, Elmwood, Belleville, Madison and Milwaukee.

Although Beloit isn't considered a hot spot for the extraterrestrial, Voss has interviewed several people in Beloit who believe they have seen UFOs. Although Voss doesn't want to give too much of the book away, he's compiled around a dozen reports of UFO sightings in Beloit over the years.

One of the first notable Beloit sightings was back in 1897, Voss said, when a mysterious airship moved through the area between Milwaukee and Beloit.

"For two years it was spotted in a dozen states. At the time it was described as a flying cigar. Voices were heard coming from it," Voss said.

In the 1980s, a group of people saw a UFO shooting off debris. A farmer caught a piece of the mysterious saucer. Later the farmer handed the piece over to an investigative journalist passing through the area. When the journalist was staying in a hotel in Madison, Voss said two mysterious creatures demanded he hand over the piece of UFO.

"The story sort of ends after that," Voss said.

There is mix of other stories that have been reported. Voss doesn't know if they are true or not, but keeps track of them for research purposes.

Many of the other reported sightings of UFOs occurred north of Beloit around Milwaukee Road. Most reports detail either bluish greenish or amber flashing lights coming from disc shaped

aircraft.

Here are a few of the accounts Voss has received:

- On Sept. 3, 1997, two Beloiters reported walking north through a field between Afton Road and Krueger Golf Course to meet a third friend when they saw two disc shaped aircraft. About 30 feet wide, the rotating discs were emitting reddish orange and amber lights.
- On Jan. 23, 2008, a family was leaving a basketball practice when they noticed what appeared to be search lights in the sky encircling Beloit in a 20 mile radius. After the first lights disappeared, they saw two new lights coming from the west going southeast and glowing from blue to green. The bluish lights stopped, blinked for about two minutes and then finally disappeared.
- On Nov. 22, 2000 a man was driving north on Interstate-90 and had just passed Beloit when he suddenly saw a blue light on the dashboard of his car and noticed a large silver colored, circular aircraft hovering not far from above the trees. The aircraft was about 10 to 20 yards higher than the trees.
- On Aug. 17, 2004, someone reported seeing an aircraft with a bright blue flashing light. As it passed over a home, the light changed into a semi circle of colored lights.
- On March 28, 2001, two friends reported a a yellow fireball soaring through the sky and changing colors from orange to bright red as they drove westbound on Interstate 43 into Beloit.

Voss, of Sun Prairie, Wis., has always had a keen interest in ghosts, UFOs, Big Foot and other unexplained phenomenon. He has worked with dozens of paranormal groups around the world and formed the Paranormal Investigating Researchers Organization in the late 1990s.

He has contributed information and ghost hunting equipment to shows such as Ghosthunters and UFO Hunters.

For more information visit:

www.UFOwisconsin.com

or

www.W-Files.com

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UFO Shocks For Police

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Subject: UFO Shocks For Police

Source: The Daily Express - London UK

<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/44854/UFO-shocks-for-police>

Sunday May 18, 2008

UFO Shocks For Police
By Steve Lumley

It's a credible version of The X Files hit TV series... police officers' sightings of 256 suspected UFOs in Britain skies.

DC Gary Heseltine, who collated the unofficial database PRUFOS (Police Reporting UFOs), has been inundated with sightings the length and breadth of the country.

Many officers have produced drawings of unexplained craft seen as they pounded the beat, and one sent footage captured on a patrol car video camera of what he believes was a UFO above Skipton, North Yorkshire.

Traffic officer Mr Heseltine, 48, says: "There are thousands of credible witnesses out there, and here we have serving and retired police officers going about their business and witnessing strange craft and lights.

They are trained to report things in a structured, chronological way, and in my experience that is exactly what they do, so I think they make for really good witnesses.

Police officers work around the clock and so have an increased chance of seeing UFOs. This is one of the reasons why I created the database to record and collate their stories. I simply wanted to try to bring a level of credibility to the subject."

Mr Heseltine, who works for the British Transport Police in Leeds, has added 44 cases involving 108 officers to his database in the past 12 months.

His fascination with all things extraterrestrial stems from his first UFO sighting at the age of 15, followed by two while off duty, the second of which was over his home near Wakefield, West Yorkshire, in 2007.

His directory, which is also based upon newspaper archive research, contains 256 reports involving 608 British police officers, dating between 1901 and 2007. Of the 44 latest cases, four are a Close Encounter of the First Kind (where an object comes within a few hundred metres of the witness), five are Daylight Discs and 35 are Nocturnal Light.

Six of those sightings were witnessed by five or more officers and 14 involve multiple UFOs. Seventy-three per cent of all on duty cases are multiple-officer sightings with as many as 20 witnesses at one time.

Mr Heseltine, a police officer for 18 years, added: "I agree that only a very small percentage of sightings have any real substance to them.

"However, I am absolutely certain that around three per cent of the remaining cases represent an extraterrestrial presence on Earth. There is an overwhelming amount of factual data to support that view."

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New BLT Report

From: Nancy Talbott <bltresearch.nul>
Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 22:38:03 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Subject: New BLT Report

A new field report covering events which occurred in conjunction with the appearance of 5 crop formations in Holland in 2007 has been posted on the BLT web-site.

As one of the formations occurred a golf-ball-sized red ball of light appeared and Dutch medium, Robbert van den Broeke, instantaneously disappeared in front of two witnesses' eyes.

Just prior to the appearance of another formation in this same field Robbert briefly encountered a strange creature which he is certain was unearthly.

In both of the these formations, and also in a 3rd, deposits of white powder were found.

For details, see:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness8.html>

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 04:24:04 -0700
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 10:02:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:56:04 EDT
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>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

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>>>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
>intelligence technology, so obviously that was not "talking at
>crossed purposes." Thus I don't see what problem remains.

Hi, Brad/Joe/Listerions,

This is not in reference to the rather superficial MoD UFO data
release, but I'm really quite curious about part of your
comments above, where you say, "...that US policy since 1952 has
been to go after sensor data not case by case studies of
anecdotal quality," and "they have almost infinitely better
sensor data." Since those are somewhat nebulous or ambiguous
comments, I have to ask:

Do you know of, and/or could you include in any reply to this
post, what the nature of, and specific documentation is, of your
statements noted here is in regard to, and if it in particular
is in reference to UFOs/UAPs, and, if so, are you referring to

NORAD's Space Surveillance Center sensor network and/or related surveillance systems? Are you also referring to sensor systems located other than at or near Peterson AFB in Colorado, and if so, where and of what kind? Do you, in fact, have any documented evidence you have or can share with us, most importantly, of US government, military, and/or intelligence agency involvement, analysis, and, if known, findings of any kind, past and, most critically, present? And if so, but you don't care or not comfortable in providing any such data or documentation, could you tell us why?

In other words, can you tell us more of or about the information or other evidence you may have of any such "fastwalker"-like or anomalous astronomical or "atmospheric phenomena" that might be interpreted, in ways, as constituting actual evidence for some form of non-prosaic or "artificial" phenomena? I think this question goes to the heart of any potential or actual US government military and/or intelligence interest in and possible documentation or evidence of such/ same. I'd be truly quite interested in any details you feel you can provide in these regards, as I assume most other list members would, also.

Please provide us with the details of your data in this area, if you can or would, or if not, indicate in some manner why not, if you would be so kind. Given the history and record of the UFO phenomenon, and for other reasons, I would agree with you that MoD would most likely be "out of the loop," as it were, despite US-UK agreements, such as those which regulate the massive surveillance of a variety of forms of international communications, such as evidenced by the Echelon I and II communications surveillance networks under agreements within the US-UK treaty dating back to just after (or during?) WWII and since, and also involving New Zealand and Australia, et al. I tend to think that if any government, or military and/or intelligence elements within it, have actual evidence of a kind better than is currently publicly known, it would in fact be our own, most likely, due to our vast and sophisticated surveillance technologies and policies.

I would also concur that no individual or single cases, even the 1957 RB-47 case you so thoroughly and fastidiously researched and documented in Clark's UFO Encyclopedia, Vol. II, is as important as recording and analyzing the overall patterns that may exist within the US government's OTH and related radar, optical, infra-red, and other space surveillance sensor and detection nets, if for no other logical reason than it would be required for at least purely defensive hostile ICBM nuclear or other kind of missile early warning, detection, and surveillance purposes. The fact that NORAD, for example, is not subject to FOIA/PA requests, being an "international" (US/Canada/ Mexico) governmental institution is also somewhat suggestive, as another relevant example. BTW, have you tried or been successful in attempting to file Mandatory Declassification Review requests, pertinent to these questions and areas on NORAD, and if so, what were the results?

Steve

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 07:50:20 -0400
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 10:03:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 20:01:46 +0100
>Subject: The Conspiracy Begins

>List

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>exists on the planet although as you will read, NASA are flim
>flamming and insulting our intelligence again, as usual.

>What I want to know is, where did the guy get his nails done?

April Fool's Day came late this year.

Dick

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 15:18:25 +0100
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 13:43:40 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 04:24:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

Hi Steve,

<snip>

>Hi, Brad/Joe/Listerions,

>This is not in reference to the rather superficial MoD UFO data
>release, but I'm really quite curious about part of your
>comments above, where you say, "...that US policy since 1952 has
>been to go after sensor data not case by case studies of
>anecdotal quality," and "they have almost infinitely better
>sensor data." Since those are somewhat nebulous or ambiguous
>comments, I have to ask:

<snip>

I'm sorry, but I really have no view or knowledge about these
sensor systems. Contrary to Brad's assertions that my remark:

"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."

means both that:

I "agreed last post that the UK does not have access to this US
intelligence technology"

and:

I "insist that the UK is privy to US intelligence technology
and products"

It clearly and unambiguously means neither.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: New BLT Report

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 09:30:27 -0500
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 13:44:29 -0400
Subject: Re: New BLT Report

>From: Nancy Talbott <bltresearch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 22:38:03 -0400
>Subject: New BLT Report

>A new field report covering events which occurred in conjunction
>with the appearance of 5 crop formations in Holland in 2007 has
>been posted on the BLT web-site.

<snip>

>For details, see:

><http://www/bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness8.html>

>Nancy Talbott

There's an error in the URL above.

It should be

<http://www.bltresearch.com/eyewitness/eyewitness8.html>

Terry

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 10:44:38 EDT
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 13:46:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:03:53 +0100
>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.

>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.

If I didn't see it piss off the racists I wouldn't have asked the question.

I've been there umpteen times when the issue pissed off the racists in my midsts. Officials of the government at that. Must be some data they just can't handle.

As for what's happened on this List in the past I can only fathom as I've had far too many emails and phone conversations with ufologists that went south quick.

I've written about it on my blog after all these years.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 10:58:46 EDT
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 14:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:49:58 +0100
>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.

Hi Nick!

If you've borne witness to this type of behavior across the pond
there I'm sure I'm on the right track. I've mentioned before the
grief I've had to deal with, with anti-semitism. I could go on
and on about that subject. It's really heartbreaking.

Ufologists have their own blogs and websites where they sound
off on other subjects. That's their prerogative to express
themselves. If it turns into hate speech it's worth being
concerned over.

I remember clearly the face to face vitriolic behavior when I
was around officials and press when UFOs came up. The ratio was
astounding. The same guys and gals who were notoriously racist
were the ones most hostile. They just couldn't tolerate this
subject and worse, they or their parents were there in the 40's
during the birth of the UFO era.

The crashes seemed to have far too many of these types of people
there and a couple of crashes in my neck of the woods were smack
dab in Klan territory. That's scary. What if some ET with dark
skin found themselves in an area like that?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 08:15:16 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 14:52:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 20:01:46 +0100
>Subject: The Conspiracy Begins

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>exists on the planet although as you will read, NASA are flim
>flamming and insulting our intelligence again, as usual.

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So, to continue with the conspiracy, can anyone point to a URL
that gives a photo of the end of the lander's robotic arm, taken
when it was back on Earth? We might as well confirm that April
Fool's day came late.

Jim Deardorff

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Re: MoD And Me

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 13:28:12 -0300
Archived: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 14:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD And Me

>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>To: ufo-updates-owner.nul
>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 12:12:48 -1000
>Subject: MoD And Me

>Aloha UpDaters and Listerions,

<snip>

Hi Josh,

It is difficult to know what to say in reply to an email such as you have posted. I am very upset to hear of your medical condition. We have been in contact for many years on this and other Lists. I hope that you are successful in getting your liver either under control or replaced.

So far, no problems with my liver.

Good luck with your latest CD. If Miko is as talented as she is lovely she should have another hit on her hands.

Keep in touch if you can.

Best,

Don Ledger

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 11:16:49 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 07:00:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 10:44:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>I've been there umpteen times when the issue pissed off the
>racists in my midsts. Officials of the government at that. Must
>be some data they just can't handle.

You mistake the extremes reached by ethnocentricity for
"racism". The better consideration is what this has in common
with racism, i. e., firm roots in endemic narcissism.

There are those as firmly rooted in anti-religion as are so any
of the religious. To these anything that smacks of more advanced
status attributable to anyone/anything elsewhere is simply not
tolerable.

They are most absolute in the belief that they and no one else
is the center of the universe and nothing else better can be.

It's called, over-compensation.

JCH

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Re: MoD File Release

From: Franklin Fields <fields.nul>
Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 14:26:55 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 07:02:38 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 04:24:04 -0700
>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 30 May 2008 16:56:04 EDT
>>Subject: Re: MoD File Release

>>>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
>>intelligence technology, so obviously that was not "talking at
>>crossed purposes." Thus I don't see what problem remains.

>Hi, Brad/Joe/Listerions,

>This is not in reference to the rather superficial MoD UFO data
>release, but I'm really quite curious about part of your
>comments above, where you say, "...that US policy since 1952 has
>been to go after sensor data not case by case studies of
>anecdotal quality," and "they have almost infinitely better
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>comments, I have to ask:

><snip>

Steve and List,

I am eager to hear Mr. Sparks=92 reply and I am in no way answering for him. However, my direct experience, as an Army Officer, may be relevant to the inquiry on U.S. sensor systems and capabilities. From my direct experience, I can say that the U.S. has extensive worldwide sensor capability. This capability is sufficient to detect all flying objects within the sensor network.

In 2002 I was assigned to the 32d Army Air and Missile Defense Command (AAMDC). It is a theater level Army air and missile defense multi-component organization with a worldwide, 72-hour deployment mission. Some information about the 32d AAMDC is below to validate my experience. The information provided is not classified and is readily available from the Internet for confirmation.

The 32d AAMDC is the Army Forces and Joint Forces Land Component Commanders' organization that performs critical theater air and missile defense planning, integration, coordination, and execution functions. The 32d AAMDC coordinates and integrates the four operational elements of theater missile defense (TMD): passive defense, active defense, attack operations, and battle management/command, control, communications, and intelligence (BM/C4I) to protect contingency, forward deployed, and reinforcing forces, as well as designated theater strategic assets.

When needed the 32d AAMDC integrates operations with the Seventh Air Force cell and host country air force personnel. In addition, it has liaison teams to the deep operations coordination cell of the ground component command, the Eighth U.S. Army rear command post, Combined Unconventional Warfare Task Force Headquarters, and other commands. Joint attack operations is an ongoing venture, beginning with intelligence preparation of the battlespace conducted jointly between AAMDC and the Seventh Air Force intelligence cell. The 32d AAMDC works closely with all other U.S. organizations to successfully complete it=92s mission. One of those organizations is the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC).

SMDC is composed of five primary components, the SMDC is a global organization. These components are the SMDC Headquarters and the Force Development Integration Center in Arlington, Va.; the U.S. Army Space Command (Forward) located in Colorado Springs, Colo.; and, the Space and Missile Defense Technical Center (SMDTC), the Space and Missile Defense Battle Lab (SMDBL) and the Space and Missile Defense Acquisition Center (SMDAC) based in Huntsville, Ala. Included in the SMDAC are the High Energy Laser Systems Test Facility (HELSTF), at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., the U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll/Kwajalein Missile Range (USAKA/KMR), in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Army Space Program Office (ASPO) in Alexandria, Va., and the Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensors (JLENS) and the Ballistic Missile Targets Joint Project Office (BMTJPO) which are both in Huntsville.

President Ronald Reagan announced a new approach to strategic planning, the Strategic Defense Initiative, in March 1983. This concept urged an active defense rather than the traditional offensive deterrence. To address this change, elements of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization were merged in July 1985, creating the U.S. Army Strategic Defense Command (USASDC). At the same time, efforts by the command expanded to incorporate new avenues of research. In addition to radars and interceptors, the USASDC expanded its exploration of anti-satellite, lasers, neutral particle beams and innovative sensors.

In October 1990, as part of an effort to centralize laser research, the HELSTF transferred to the command from the Army Materiel Command. The USASDC mission was further enhanced in January 1991, when the command was assigned all Theater Missile Defense functions and again in June 1994, the USASDC commanding general was made the Theater Missile Defense advocate.

In 1992, the Army reorganized the USASDC to focus elements upon specific needs and missions. As part of this decision, several missile and radar projects were transferred from the USASDC to

the newly created Program Executive Office for Global Protection Against Limited Strikes (subsequently renamed Air and Missile Defense). Among the projects leaving the command were the Ground Based Interceptor, the High Endoatmospheric Defense Interceptor, the Theater High Altitude Area Defense, the Extended Range Interceptor (which became the Patriot Advanced Capability-3 interceptor), the ARROW, and the Ground Based Radar. The Program Executive Office was assigned the mission to develop and deploy viable national missile defense and theater missile defense systems.

The Army's renewed interest in space was reflected in Department of the Army's decision to create the U.S. Army Space and Strategic Defense Command (USASSDC), on Aug. 24, 1992. Under this directive, the Army Space Command became a subordinate command to the USASSDC. Other Army space interests were incorporated into the new organization in later years. The Army Space Technology Research Office transferred to the command in 1993, followed by the Army Space Program Office in 1994. Based on these changes and the years of experience, the USASSDC was named the Army's advocate for Space, Theater Missile Defense and National Missile Defense. As outlined in the General Order, dated July 1, 1993, the USASSDC was to serve as the "focal point for space and strategic defense matters, =85 responsible for [the] exploitation of space and strategic assets for use by warfighting [Commanders in Chief]."

With this consolidated approach, the Army had teamed up all of its space related organizations. Since 1973, the Army Space Program Office has overseen the tactical exploitation of national capabilities program, or TENCAP. The TENCAP program seeks to assess the tactical potential of current abilities and integrate them into the Army system. The Army Space Technology Research Office, established in 1988, managed near and possible far-term space R&D programs. It became the core of the new Space Applications Technology Program. The Army Space Command, created in 1986, serves as the Army component of the U.S. Space Command and is responsible for operational space planning. This command also oversees the Defense Satellite Communications System Operations Centers and the Army Space Demonstration Program.

Regards,

Frank

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 07:08:02 -0400
Archived: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 07:08:02 -0400
Subject: Alien Video Shines Photoshopped Light On Hoaxers

Source: Popular Mechanics - New York, New York, USA

http://www.popularmechanics.com/science/air_space/4266921.html

June 3, 2008

New Alien Video Shines (Photoshopped) Light On UFO Hoaxers
By Erik Sofge

[Frame grabs]

The latest alleged close encounter is of a new kind: Paranormal researchers, NASA geeks and even skeptical magicians all agree that the invasion of extraterrestrial evidence has gone over the edge with digital manipulation. Why that's not good for skeptics or believers - and why you've been watching a fake of a fake for almost a week

If real life were anything like a sci-fi movie, Stan Romanek might just hold the future of mankind in his hands. Judging from his own (now very public) accounts, Romanek has had a staggering amount of contact with extraterrestrials. He has photographed a so-called flying orb emblazoned with what appears to be a face. He has met aliens in person, and drawn sketches of their vast eyes and swollen craniums. And late last week, Romanek stirred up a Web frenzy by showing a room full of reporters in Denver a brief clip of what he says is an alien peering into his window.

Clearly, this is no coincidence.

Many of the legions of UFO believers and spotters - whether driven by publicity, paranoia or hope - have taken a single suspicious photo. Some have reported an abduction or two. But for one man to have such a voluminous (and diverse) history of close encounters with nonhuman intelligence, you'd think Romanek had been chosen as Earth's unlikely ambassador to the stars. That, or he's coming out with a movie.

In what amounts to a bizarre new kind of viral marketing, the footage screened on Friday - to be included in an upcoming documentary about Romanek's experiences - is also part of a ballot initiative to create a commission that would formalize contact with aliens. The man heading that effort, 54-year-old Jeff Peckman, has a curious political track record running parallel to his extraterrestrial PR. In 2003, he campaigned for an initiative to reduce Denver's collective stress levels, using such measures as group meditation and the playing of sitar music in public buildings. But Peckman's efforts to promote Romanek's footage have been considerably more successful, garnering national headlines and an appearance on Larry King Live. And the hyperbole is frustrating the already combative cult of UFO followers, skeptics and believers alike.

"We saw this guy trying to pass off things that looked paranormal as something related to aliens," says Bryan Bonner, head of the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society, which has been recreating Romanek's photos and videos for several

years - to disprove him. That's because the same type of evidence once used by paranormal scientists to indicate the presence of ghosts is now being doctored by amateurs as proof of alien life.

Neither Romanek nor Peckman responded to requests for comment for this article, but their new footage - for now reduced to a single night-vision still image they've made public - and the ensuing fakes, headlines and hysteria have shed light on what researchers monitoring the field say is an increasing trend of hoax hype in a digital age.

The Watchdogs of Photoshopped Fame

Bonner and his team of investigators, who specialize in reports of haunted houses, actually saw the video months ago, when he says it was making the rounds in the UFO community as Peckman was garnering interest for a 4000-signature ballot initiative to start an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission in Denver. "It sparked our interest, but he seemed like another nut off the street," Bonner remembered. "Then he says he has evidence."

Bonner assumed that the Romanek footage was that so-called evidence, and with Peckman's press conference preview on Thursday confirming this, Bonner's team put together a mock video of its own that night. To counter claims that it would have taken thousands of dollars for Romanek to create a convincing, blinking prosthetic creature, the investigators from Rocky Mountain Paranormal rented a dummy alien from a costume shop, then spliced together quick-and-dirty special effects to make its giant eyes appear to blink.

In a strange twist, Bonner's mock video has been embedded on various blogs and linked on forums, mistaken for the actual Romanek footage. But that's an increasingly common mistake when so much can be made to look real with even an amateur's desktop software. "The problem with any data - I don't care if it's a video, a photo, electromagnetic readings - it can be faked," Bonner says. "And because of the digital age, it can be faked easily."

One film, released in 1995 to some notoriety in the geekosphere, purported to show a military autopsy performed on an alien. More than a decade later, the filmmaker changed his story, claiming that the video recreated footage he had seen, which had degraded before he was able to gather the necessary funds to buy it. And a few months ago, an anonymous source released footage of another alien autopsy, although the corpse in question is a rubbery, toylike thing, roughly the size of a baby chimpanzee. No explanation has been provided for where the video came from, why the alien is so small, or why there's such an obvious edit before the creature's entrails are removed (they also change color). "Any evidence is only as good as the reputation of the group that gave it to you," says Bonner.

By that measure, Stan Romanek is a problematic source. The evidence he has presented since his first reported contact in late 2000 is full of red flags. One photo posted on Romanek's Web site shows what he interprets to be a UFO covered in bubblelike pods. The next UFO he encountered had a classic flying-saucer profile. Another one appears as a sphere with barely visible facial features. According to Bonner, Romanek has also tried to talk with aliens using the classic paranormal "Frank's Box" gadget, which is generally a modified car radio that picks up random snippets of speech from AM stations - often for attempted communication with the dead. Even less consistent are Romanek's personal encounters, which include mysterious wounds that glowed under a black light, a chair that spun on its own, and an ominous black silhouette moving through his home.

At Friday's news conference, according to a video on the Denver Post's Web site, Peckman deflected those inconsistencies by citing public sentiment - a majority of Americans do believe extraterrestrials exist - and saying the new footage would help push awareness for his alien oversight board in the local November election. "There's already quite a bit of information out there - there's momentum, there's support, and I believe it will pass," Peckman said. "I don't think it would pass today, because there's been too much denial of information, too much misinformation."

The Gadget-Built Currency of Conspiracy

In the sprawling community of hardcore extraterrestrial believers, footage like Romanek's is not only rare, but widely derided. Clark McClelland, a former Spacecraft Control Operator at NASA who claims to have seen extraterrestrials firsthand, called the Denver footage "a pathetic disclosure."

The central currency of this subculture is evidence of "orbs," unexplained glowing balls that appear only in photographs. James Randi, a professional magician and legendary skeptic, whose foundation is still offering \$1 million for verifiable proof of the paranormal, receives a handful of orb photographs each week. "Most of the photos aren't fakes," he says. "These are just people who don't know how to operate a camera." The orbs themselves are not only easily explained, but even more easily replicated. "The majority are dust motes that are brightly lit. With an infrared camera they show up particularly well," Randi says. Even with a standard camera, spotters can create their own suspicious balls of light with a particulate that's close to the lens and properly illuminated by the flash.

Lens flare can also be easily misinterpreted for the presence of an orb, particularly when the apparent object winds up with something that could be described as a face. Laying aside the ridiculous engineering implications of a head-shaped spacecraft, there's nothing new - or mysterious - about seeing faces where they shouldn't be. "It's a condition we all have, called pareidolia," says Bonner. "It served an evolutionary purpose. When we were out in the bushes, trying to fend for ourselves, it meant we didn't get eaten by the big fuzzy thing trying to kill us before we killed it. We still have those instincts, but we don't know how to interpret it. So we look at clouds, or orbs, and we still see faces."

When they aren't deliberate hoaxes, the oddly shaped spacecraft that populate so many UFO shots are often just misinterpretations of digital artifacts. Tweaking an image in a program like Photoshop can only exacerbate things, as an object is either intentionally or accidentally crafted into a more intricate vessel - deeper shadows, a more metallic sheen, even a more distinct face. All of which can be - and has been - debunked or recreated by photographers and video experts.

But in both Bonner and Randi's experience, explanations and counter-evidence tend to fall on deaf ears. "They need what we call a 'woo-woo solution,'" Randi says. "They resist all attempts to rationalize. They see the thing demonstrated for them, replicated for them, and they'll just shake their heads and smile - and walk away."

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Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2008 06:09:40 -1000
Archived: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 08:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD And Me

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 02 Jun 2008 17:18:33 -0400
>Subject: Re: MoD And Me

>>From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
>>To: ufo-updates-owner.nul
>>Date: Sun, 1 Jun 2008 12:12:48 -1000
>>Subject: MoD And Me

>>Aloha UpDaters and Listerions,

>>I have not posted for about a year. I felt that I did not want
>>to post unless I had something new and factual to present. I
>>also have had my health catch up with me. For years from around
>>the start of this List I would read the posts every night
>>(sometimes 3 or 4 am after a music engagement) and often post.
>>With my health problem I have gotten days behind and have had to
>>play catchup. This may be my last post for quite a while.
>>Thinking on the dark side, this may be my last post ever. With
>>Errol's indulgence I will explain later, after the UFO stuff.

>><snip>

>>A year ago Dick Hall asked me why I am leaving Hawaii to go to
>>Germany. A few years ago I played him some of Miko's music at
>>his house and he liked it.

>>Dick, I want to remind you that Miko, the music, and all else I
>>said above are the reasons. I hope to once again visit you when
>>I am in Washington as I have done a number of previous years.

>Josh is always a welcome guest in my home, though our bull
>sessions probably cause the ears of some Listers to burn! I
>recall the music sessions with pleasure, and have also seen some
>of his handiwork at the National Air & Space Museum facility in
>Washington.

Aloha Dick,

Thanks for your post. I also read your personal email that you
sent me directly. I will respond to that one when I get home
from today's bundle of medical tests and doctor appointments.

Yesterday I saw the head doctor and she informed me that there
are some things from my recent tests that are worse than I had
previously known. I also found out that due to a lack of enough
donors the chances of getting a transplant are less than I
thought. I found out that even at the VA transplant center more
people waiting do not get them in time than those who do. She
felt the upcoming trip would be too risky and I would not make
it alive all the way through. I've had to cancel that trip.
Miko wants to find the time to take a break and come here to
spend a few weeks with me. I very much look forward to that.

If you get abducted please try to get them to visit me and heal
me if they are capable. That may be my only possible option.

As I previously described, this trip was going to be a very

special experience, a lot more than a normal trip as a tourist or a visit to a friend or relative. Sorry Dick, no more bull**t sessions in person. What made them good was that for years we have felt the same ways about a number of things in Ufology. However I don't come near to your level of information. There are few people in Ufology. if any, who rival your level of experience and information.

As I said, I posted my medical information because over the years I have gotten to know quite a number of people who are List members and I do not have the energy to email or call them individually. If you look at the early years of this List in the archives you will see that we used to get a lot more personal than in later years.

I still remain as fascinated with the UFO situation as I always have been. I still wish we could have some verifiable proof at a higher level than we have had so far.

Keep 'em flying,

Josh Goldstein

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 21:34:08 +0000
Archived: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 08:19:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 11:15:53 -0700 (PDT)
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Sergey,

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photos are readily available on-line.

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KK

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Area UFO witnesses Make 'History'

By William Lee
Staff Writer

Don't call them believers.

To tell the truth, most can't explain what they've seen.

Those who investigate unidentified flying objects prefer to call these people "witnesses".

Most witnesses, they say, are hesitant to call the lights spotted hovering in a triangular formation in 2004 and 2005 over Tinley Park and Orland Park alien spacecraft, but dozens were willing to talk to producers of the History Channel program "UFO Hunters" at the Orland Park Public Library Tuesday.

Bob Peterson, of Tinley Park, and his 13-year-old son Tyler don't know what they saw but says it might have been an elaborate hoax.

"I saw lights", Peterson said plainly. "I don't believe that they are people from another planet."

But Peterson and his son were far from the only ones willing to talk about their experience.

Many showed up to speak with producers about the incidents known across the country (and Wikipedia) as the "Tinley Park Lights."

These sort of mass sightings make it easier for witnesses to come forward.

"It gets rid of a lot of the stigma that there is around a UFO sighting. Most people do not want to come forward, they don't want to be considered kooks, they don't want to be considered crazy", UFO Hunters producer Rob Blumenstein said.

"But when hundreds, potentially thousands of people are exposed to the same thing, often in groups, it's a lot easier to say, 'Hey, we saw something,' " Blumenstein said.

For several hours, he and other producers interviewed witnesses. People with the most interesting stories were interviewed on camera.

In front of television cameras, Orland Park resident Barbara Dominick recounted the tale of spotting the strange hovering triangle as she and her husband, Len, were leaving for a cross-

country drive in fall 2005.

While she was sure it wasn't fireworks or flares tied to a balloon as some claim, Dominick still wasn't sure what the incident was.

"It's three red dots in the sky, I'm not going to say", Dominick said, laughing.

The History Channel program is unique because it not only retells the incidents but uses technology to either prove or disprove the sightings.

"Our purpose is to really get to the bottom of witness reports, to meet the people who've had the sightings, apply science to the type of sightings they've had and then see if this is something explainable or not explainable", said Bill Birnes, one of the hosts of the program.

Producers plan to go the scenes of the sightings to try to determine the conditions at the time of the sightings.

Producers have not determined an air date for the program, but they expect it to be in September. They also had yet to determine who among those interviewed would be included in the program.

Recent Sandburg High School graduate Sean Sullivan is hoping his interview is included in the program. He told producers he spotted the triangle with friends at an Orland Park forest preserve during a Halloween night bonfire in 2004.

The 17-year-old admits he's hyper but not crazy and that he didn't imagine it.

"I'm pretty normal, I'm not crazy or anything", he laughed.

Show producers and hosts say most witnesses are normal, everyday people who just cannot explain their experiences.

"A lot of people are willing to say that they saw something without saying that it was a little green man coming down from outer space", Blumenstein said. "It's something in the sky they can't explain, which is the definition of a UFO."

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CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities - Time Sensitive!

This email is being sent to the Disclosure Project Updates email announcements list.

Disclosure Project is a project of CSETI - The Center for the Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

Time critical!

The upcoming CSETI Ambassador to the Universe training in Crestone, Colorado, from June 29 to July 5, still has a few spaces open. Crestone is where the new Cosmic Consciousness (Zen dome) mantra CD was recorded. If you want to attend please let us know immediately!

We also are still accepting applications for the training in Mt. Shasta, California from August 31 to September 6th, and the others this fall in Virginia and Southern California (Palm Springs).

Please see the following web site for more information:

<http://www.cseti.org/programs/Trainings2008.htm>

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as soon as possible to get registered while space is available.

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From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2008 02:51:58 -1000
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 07:19:47 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 10:58:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 19:49:58 +0100
>>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.

>Hi Nick!

>If you've borne witness to this type of behavior across the pond
>there I'm sure I'm on the right track. I've mentioned before the
>grief I've had to deal with, with anti-semitism. I could go on
>and on about that subject. It's really heartbreaking.

>Ufologists have their own blogs and websites where they sound
>off on other subjects. That's their prerogative to express
>themselves. If it turns into hate speech it's worth being
>concerned over.

>I remember clearly the face to face vitriolic behavior when I
>was around officials and press when UFOs came up. The ratio was
>astounding. The same guys and gals who were notoriously racist
>were the ones most hostile. They just couldn't tolerate this
>subject and worse, they or their parents were there in the 40's
>during the birth of the UFO era.

>The crashes seemed to have far too many of these types of people
>there and a couple of crashes in my neck of the woods were smack
>dab in Klan territory. That's scary. What if some ET with dark
>skin found themselves in an area like that?

Aloha Greg and Nick,

With racists their primary item is skin color. Perhaps they have a pathological hatred of grey skin more than their hatred of black skin.

Being Jewish, I feel that all antisemites should get a new circumcision with a rusty and rough blade, especially those who praise Allah and Jihad.. Also former President Jimmy Carter (the wimpiest President we have ever had) who has turned into a raving antisemite who has written a hate book toward Jews and Israel. If you check the real facts you will see that his book is full of lies and hatred.

Historians state that the Moslem Jihad has gone on for 1,400 years. But they have only murdered 270 million "infidels". In second place in modern times is Mao Tse Tsung, who only murdered about 70 million Chinese. Down on the list is Stalin, who only murdered about 30 or 40 million people. Further down the winning list is Adolf Hitler, somewhere around 10 million. Also on the list is North Vietnam, who murdered 3 million people right after the Americans left. The South Vietnam democracy had invited America to save them from the communist invasion. A large amount of the population in the south had escaped from the communists in the north back when the UN divided the country and created the DMZ.

On the contract for US troops to leave the North Vietnamese signed an agreement with the USA that they would not stage a new invasion into the south. The USA signed an agreement with South Vietnam that our troops would be out but we would still supply them with air cover, weapons, and ammunition. However, the left wing demos in our congress canceled that agreement when the Americans left. That crippled the South Vietnamese forces when the North showed they had lied in the agreement not to invade by invading because their enemy had been irreparably weakened,

Earlier, in the Tet Offensive, they started they ended up where they lost 60% of their forces, not winning any battles. General Giap, who was the commander of all North Vietnamese and Viet Cong militaries, stated after the war in his autobiography that after the Tet Offensive he was ready to surrender because he had not won a single battle, had lost so many forces, and found that he could not resupply the forces left. That war could have been won back in February, 1968. It would have saved a huge number of American lives, Vietnamese forces from both sides, and civilians.

But the General also stated that after Tet, when they saw a news broadcast of Walter Cronkite in which he stated that we had lost the Tet Offensive and said the US could not win the war (after destroying 60% of the communist forces and winning every battle). General Giap said Walter Cronkite caused the enemy to be re-inspired and the communists to keep fighting. If you do not believe me read General Giap's book.

I was there. My helicopter was in the hangar for maintenance. The building was hit by a rocket and started burning. I grabbed my gunner and we dragged out my helicopter undamaged just in time.

That night I played Rambo on the ground when our helicopter base was not only rocketed and mortared, as usual every week, but they invaded on the ground from three sides. I was awarded The Bronze Star (with an extra "V" device for valor) in a ground battle against the invaders.

Why is he writing Vietnam War stories? Because I am giving you tips on what to do or not do when in an invasion by racist aliens or racist humans. They are as dangerous as racist communists or Al Qaeda. Are there any racist communist aliens? What about Nazi aliens?

Keep watching, especially behind you,

Josh

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sunken in. And why only one in the picture?

Josh

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>Sergey,

>What a great service you have performed, and the comparison
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>Wow!

Hi Kathy, Everyone!

Sergey has indeed created a unique and interesting but important website for those of us trying to understand UFOs and which will provides us with the ability to better interpret UFO photos and videos, especially those unexpected images captured on film or digital memory media that were not noticed at the time by the one who took the picture or others who were also present.

Sergey's website is also a humbling confirmation that nearly all UFO photos have prosaic explanations and that the number of 'true UFOs' or TRUFO pictures in the public domain which do depict something artificial that did not originate here on Earth to be so rare that one would find it very difficult to find enough examples to count with the fingers in one hand!

One of the 'UFO' pictures on Sergey's website is one I took on Friday night at Sauble Beach looking west across Lake Huron. What initially caught my attention were the two bright red spots just above the horizon. As my friend and I took pictures of this unusual sight, a larger more elongated cigar-shaped bright red spot started to appear just below these two spots which now looked like a UFO mothership with two smaller scout craft. The larger spot grew and changed shape to resemble a crescent. The sight of the three spots reminded my friend of a smiling face.

You can see this 'Happy Face' UFO in Sergey's webpage below.

<http://www.putfile.com/pic/8252606>

I challenge everyone to search through their family photo albums and videos to look for other such non-UFOs and to submit some of the better ones they find to Sergey for possible inclusion in his important database of non-UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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UFOs At Royal West Of England Academy

From: **Psychic Research Foundation** <psychic.research.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:26:34 +0100
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 08:25:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs At Royal West Of England Academy

See genuine UFO photographs taken by Julian Claxton as part of the Royal West of England Academy's new 'Through the Lens' show...

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 13:00:48 -0300
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 08:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 16:59:17 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 08:15:16 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

><snip>

>>><http://tinyurl.com/4j88vu>

>>>This alone is uncompromising evidence that intelligent
>>>life exists on the planet although as you will read, NASA
>>>are flim flammng and insulting our intelligence again, as
>>>usual.

>>>What I want to know is, where did the guy get his nails
>>>done?

>>So, to continue with the conspiracy, can anyone point to a
>>URL that gives a photo of the end of the lander's robotic
>>arm, taken when it was back on Earth? We might as well
>>confirm that April Fool's day came late.

>I was thinking the same thing. While I doubt that's a living
>being footprint, it doesn't look like a mechanical device
>print either, to me anyway.

Looks like a thin rock to me. If you look at the right side you
can see a thin black line which indicates the shadow of a raised
item. A depression in the soil would show a shadow on the left
side corresponding with the shadow angles of the attachments on
the lander.

Don Ledger

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Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 13:36:35 -0300
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 08:29:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 04 Jun 2008 21:34:08 +0000
>Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>>From: Sergey Shpakovsky <sergejsh.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 11:15:53 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>>For a few years I have collected different images and photos,
>>which commonly, I believe, are misidentified as UFOs,
>>something paranormal or extraterrestrial.

>>Here is selection of best examples. There are also some examples
>>of 'man-made UFOs' - models, photo manipulations, digital art,
>>and architectural structures.

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

>>It is just start and I hope useful.

I'm not sure what you are trying to prove here, Sergey.

Posting a bunch of pictures of known objects or fakes serves no
useful purpose. Without text supplied by witnesses they are just
representative of known objects.

You are simply saying that these prosaic objects exist. We know
that. Or most of us do. Same old same old.

Anyway, I think you are on the wrong List. But you did find one
groupie who lives for that stuff.

Back to something a little more serious,

Don Ledger

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A Plea From Stan Romanek

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:02:53 -0500
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: A Plea From Stan Romanek

Whitley Strieber Writes:

"The close encounter witness who made the sensational videos of aliens looking in his windows did not expect the hell that would unfold in his life when they became publicly known. Please read his heartfelt plea below and HELP HIM! He needs your support on forums, blogs, anywhere you see his story being trashed.

Even if you do not know his case, believe that it is just as painful as yours, and his family has suffered just as much coping with this frightening, complicated, glorious and terrible experience we call close encounter."

From Stan Romanek:

Everyone that knows me, knows that this is the real deal. It's not about fame or money, but about enlightenment. Good God, who in their right mind would do this for attention? So with that said, I need everyone's help! A lot of people over the years have come to me and asked if they could help in any way. At first I didn't understand what role any of these people would play. As I sat here reading some of the posts on different forums talking about my case and trashing me, it dawned on me - or should I say it hit me like a ton of bricks:

This is where all those people come in. If I am going to do what I am meant to do, then I need your help. It seems we have a war on our hands.

I am not sure if it is just a small number of people hired to debunk and bash me, or just a lot of angry, mean people not hired by anybody. Whatever the case I, for one, am sick of it! I am sending this email in hopes that it spreads like wild fire and that all who believe stand up to those that call us names because of what we believe. Its time to post a reply on the forums, write letters call people and defend the cause.

Tell Jay Leno and tell him he is misinformed, do something to stick up for what you believe and let's kick this in gear! It's time we make a difference. We must stand up and be heard for once!

SO what are you waiting for? Hit the forums write the letters! If you really want to help I need someone to back me up! Forward this to every one you know who wants to help.

Stan Romanek's Web site:

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

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Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 14:08:35 +0100
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 09:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 3 Jun 2008 10:44:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: Racism UFOs And Ufology

>>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 28 May 2008 17:03:53 +0100
>>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.

>>>>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.

>>>>If I didn't see it piss off the racists I wouldn't have asked the question.

Clearly, we have had very different experiences, or I meet a different class of racist.

>>>>I've been there umpteen times when the issue pissed off the racists in my midsts. Officials of the government at that. Must be some data they just can't handle.

What an obscure statement. Can you be a bit clearer about the UFO "data" that racists just can't handle? How exactly were they "pissed off"?

As you've been there umpteen times you should have no problems citing examples - names changed to protect the guilty, of course, but maybe just a few hints!

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Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 17:46:42 -0400
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 09:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>From: CSETI <announcements.nul>
>To: errol.nul
>Date: Wed, 4 Jun 2008 22:07:57 -0500
>Subject: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities - Time Sensitive!

>This email is being sent to the Disclosure Project Updates email
>announcements list.

>Disclosure Project is a project of CSETI - The Center for the
>Study of Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

>Time critical!

>The upcoming CSETI Ambassador to the Universe training in
>Crestone, Colorado, from June 29 to July 5, still has a few
>spaces open. Crestone is where the new Cosmic Consciousness
>(Zen dome) mantra CD was recorded. If you want to attend please
>let us know immediately!

>We also are still accepting applications for the training in Mt.
>Shasta, California from August 31 to September 6th, and the
>others this fall in Virginia and Southern California (Palm
>Springs).

>Please see the following web site for more information:

><http://www.cseti.org/programs/Trainings2008.htm>

The End is near. Rational Ufology is rapidly being replaced by
brazen, self-aggrandizing modern-day 'contactees' like Greer.

And incidentally, I wonder what Stephen Bassett thinks about
Greer's absolutely typical claim that the Disclosure Project is
a CSETI project. How about that Stephen?

Dick

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Reports Of UFO Over North Wales

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 10:35:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 10:35:00 -0400
Subject: Reports Of UFO Over North Wales

Source: The Daily Post - Llandudno Junction, Wales, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6rvb3m>

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Reports Of UFO Over North Wales
by Owen R Hughes
Daily Post

Drinkers at two village pubs spotted what they believe were mysterious UFOs.

The bright orange circular objects were seen shooting across the sky above Caerwys on Wednesday evening by drinkers in the Royal Oak and Piccadilly Inn pubs.

Steve Griffith, 52, who was in the Piccadilly, said: "Someone in the pub spotted these strange lights and we all went outside to look.

"There was a strange bright orange circle and it moved in a way that no normal aircraft would move."

Sion Davies, 37, who was in the Royal Oak, said: "I was in the pub with the Caerwys amateur dramatics group.

We went out to look and at first a few people scoffed at the idea they were UFOs but then they started to move and you could not explain away what we were seeing.

I am a sceptic but I cannot explain what was going on in the sky that night."

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Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 10:34:46 -0500
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 16:42:53 -0400
Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 17:46:42 -0400
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>brazen, self-aggrandizing modern-day 'contactees' like Greer.

Amazing, just amazing. I agree with your sentiments, Dick.

Heck, for probably a quarter of the cost of CSETI's New Age
love-in, I could put together a week of 'ufology training'
including night-sky observing, satellite tracking, planetary
observing, investigative techniques, and even an outback
horseback trip to the Falcon Lake UFO landing-site in rugged
Manitoba.

Solo trance-out meditation to psychically contact
aliens is frowned upon here in bear country.

Nice gig if you can get someone to pay for it, though.

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Josh Goldstein <lovolution.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 05:49:07 -1000
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 16:44:19 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 03 Jun 2008 07:50:20 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Stuart Miller <stuart.4.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 2 Jun 2008 20:01:46 +0100
>>Subject: The Conspiracy Begins

>>List

>>Close by to the Mars Phoenix Lander, there is a clear imprint of
>>a bipedal foot in the Martian soil.

>>Footprint found on Mars

>><http://tinyurl.com/4j88vu>

>>This alone is uncompromising evidence that intelligent life
>>exists on the planet although as you will read, NASA are flim
>>flaming and insulting our intelligence again, as usual.

>>What I want to know is, where did the guy get his nails done?

>April Fool's Day came late this year.

Aloha,

it was not my size, I was not there. Whew.

Josh

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 17:38:25 +0100
Archived: Fri, 06 Jun 2008 16:46:49 -0400
Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 17:46:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

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Roy

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Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 15:58:20 -0500
Archived: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 08:04:29 -0400
Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 17:38:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: UFO Updates <ufoupdates.nul>
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I'm afraid I don't understand your question.

What are "quite rational reports of UFOs"? I understand the concept of "rational" discourse where it concerns analysis and meaning of UFO reports, but when is a sighting "rational" as opposed to its opposite?

Jerry Clark

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Flying Saucers And Science - A Review

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 08:10:27 -0400
Archived: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 08:10:27 -0400
Subject: Flying Saucers And Science - A Review

Source: The Daily Gleaner - Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada

<http://dailygleaner.canadaeast.com/liveit/article/318712>

Saturday June 7th, 2008

Flying Saucers And Science
by Stanton T. Friedman (New Page Books)

Reviewed by Gary T. Whiteford

Fredericton resident and nuclear physicist Stanton T. Friedman, well-known ufologist, presents a comprehensive look at 40 years of UFO research data in his new book.

One review stated, "This book will delight those who can't get enough of crashed saucers and government cover-ups."

Friedman has a solid background to conduct a scientific inquiry into the UFO field. For more than 50 years, he has studied, researched, written and lectured on UFOs, culminating in a Lifetime UFO Achievement Award presented in Leeds, England. Last Aug. 27, the City of Fredericton declared Stanton T. Friedman Day.

Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 lunar module pilot and sixth man on the moon, gives a brief forward. Also, Bruce Maccabee outlines why certain segments of society continually dismiss UFO sightings. He categorically states, "We are not alone."

Friedman outlines recent views on the 'ET origin of flying saucers'.

He critically analyzes the 1955 Project Blue Book, the largest official scientific study of UFOs directed by the U.S. government. Friedman details reasons why this is such a shameful research effort.

Further, he considers the 1969 UFO Condon report, the works of the famous Dr. J. Allen Hynek of Northwestern University, and the French COMETA report. Again, the author emphasizes his theme of trying to find the data upon which they base their conclusions.

The You Can Get Here From There chapter is strong. It considers the idea of interstellar travel, drawing upon Friedman's research work on nuclear powered vehicles, fission and fusion nuclear rockets, and nuclear power plants for space applications. He notes the development of aeronautics and astronautics flight ideas. Another strong, though brief, chapter considers ET's points of origins.

Two chapters, The Cosmic Watergate and Operation Majestic are related. Friedman shows how certain governments have known, since at least 1947, that some UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft. He traces the difficulties in his attempts to ferret

out documents related to UFO activity, including one CIA UFO document that is completely blacked out.

Friedman's update on the Roswell Incident provides evidence a flying saucer crashed. He dismantles deceptions offered by the U.S. government. This is another strength of the book: he supports his contentions with facts and reasoned logic and makes a good case.

Several chapters attempt to debunk the debunkers. The author challenges the SETI people, public opinion polls, and some science fiction writers like Asimov and Clarke. What kind of research supports their claims? Friedman supports his position and raises important questions.

The author concludes by asking why this UFO question is important. His discussion is too brief, but does pose many unique ideas. This chapter could be a building block for a future book on where, why, and how we fit into the cosmic scheme of things.

The book should be read by anyone who is intrigued by what's out there.

Book signing

Stanton T. Friedman will be at Chapters Bookstore, Regent Mall, next Saturday, June 14, 2:00-4:00 pm to personally autograph copies of his book.

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From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 02:01:59 +0000
Archived: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 08:14:56 -0400
Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:02:53 -0500
>Subject: A Plea From Stan Romanek

<snips>
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>Stan Romanek's Web site:

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

Katharina:

Because you yourself are involved in alien abduction, where do you stand on this case?

KK

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Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 02:09:28 +0000
Archived: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 09:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
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Mantell Case Reinvestigated - Part 1

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THE MANTELL CASE REINVESTIGATED
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Part 1: The Official Account of the Crash is Overturned

This year is the 60th anniversary of the tragic death of the young fighter pilot, Capt. Thomas Mantell. Mantell crashed in his F-51D Mustang prop fighter plane while pursuing an unidentified object almost a hundred miles across the state of Kentucky, on the afternoon of January 7, 1948. He became known as the first fatality in a UFO encounter. He reported over the radio that he saw an object "metallic and tremendous in size," a famous phrase that has become legendary in UFO history. He was just 25 and left behind a wife and two little children. The case has spawned 60 years of confusion, mystery, sensation, speculation, controversy and finally disdain.

At the time, the US Air Force and Mantell's Kentucky Air National Guard (ANG) unit put the "blame" (actual word used) on Mantell for his crash because he pursued the UFO at too high an altitude without oxygen supply. The AF explained the sighting as merely the planet Venus then later changed the official explanation to a large Skyhook balloon, once it was admitted that Venus was difficult to see in daytime and very unlikely to trigger spontaneous sightings by large numbers of people in widely separated areas.

All this has turned out to be false, the no-oxygen claim as well as the official IFO explanations, as we will see below and in Part 2. The Mantell quote, "metallic and tremendous in size," though sometimes doubted is in fact essentially correct, but his report was a bit more detailed than this. And, for whatever it is worth, the chief investigator of the Mantell accident speculated in the classified Accident Report on the possibility of an "outside force" causing Mantell's crash.

Capt. Richard L. Tyler, operations officer at Mantell's home base at Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky, privately told the accident board in his report in a rather equivocal statement that "If some outside force did not cause his death, I think he passed out too quickly" (Accid. Rpt., p. 10). Thus the mystery endures. But the coverup is coming to an end.

Contrary to the AF's public position, the official accident report states that:

Mantell's "Oxygen system ... was in working order."

(Kentucky ANG-USAF Mantell Accident Report, AAF Form 14 "Report of Major Accident," Jan. 22, 1948, p. 2, section "I"; see full quote below).

The accident report form specifically asks here if the accident was caused by reason of any "oxygen equipment ... not being in the plane" or if such a lack of oxygen equipment "contributed" in any way to the crash. If Mantell for example was missing an oxygen mask then this is where that was required to be noted. The mask was obviously an absolutely essential part of the "oxygen equipment" so if it was "not ... in the plane" the

oxygen system would not be in "working order."

Failing or refusing to complete a required item on a fatal accident report required by AAF Regulation 62-14 would be a matter for military discipline as a violation of those regulations. Clearly, the accident report is saying here that all of Mantell's oxygen equipment was present and his mask was not missing if his "oxygen system ... was in working order."

The accident form also asks if there was "any reason" such equipment contributed to the accident so that would seemingly include low oxygen supplies or empty tanks. Since the answer (see full quote in a later section) states that the oxygen "was not serviced" pre-flight, it is a statement of agnosticism, they simply did not know the level of oxygen in Mantell's tanks because the Marietta base did not service them before the fatal flight.

The fact Mantell's oxygen was not serviced pre-flight for his original low-altitude mission (flying at 5,000 feet) was also noted in the post-accident maintenance report - which, by the way, did not say Mantell was missing or lacking any oxygen gear such as a mask (Major Bernard M. Durey statement, Accid. Rpt., p. 41).

If the info did not come from the pre-flight service check, then the information about the good "working" condition of Mantell's oxygen system must have come from an accident investigator's personal on-site inspection of the oxygen equipment in Mantell's wrecked plane soon after the crash. One missing piece of info is the oxygen level left in the tanks, which the accident investigators should have been able to see from the pressure gauge in the cockpit, so perhaps the gauge was damaged in the crash.

Also unknown or concealed from the public for decades, the AF had internally declared the case "unidentified" in Secret classified documents after considerable investigation (Albert Deyarmond, Nov. 10, 1948, AMC Tech. Intell. Div., Asst. Deputy for Tech. Analysis; C. A. Griffith, Chief of Ops Section, memo to Deyarmond, Nov. 8, 1948). This conclusion leaked out only twice and was essentially forgotten each time, evidently because the AF refused to make "unidentified" its consistent official position in the Mantell UFO case.

And despite that frank admission among themselves about the UFO, in still other classified internal reports on the accident, which were not so candid or forthright, the AF and Mantell's ANG unit privately tried to pin all the "blame" for the crash on Capt. Mantell rather than on his crew. Or they could have blamed both Mantell and crew and fairly distributed the responsibility, but they did not do that either. They accused a dead Mantell who could not answer back and who could not be court-martialed like his wingmen could have been. They painted the picture of Mantell, a decorated pilot and war hero, as recklessly endangering his crew in an obsessed pursuit of the UFO.

An official AF statement in 1952 continued to paint the picture of Mantell as "excited" into reckless abandon, saying "it is probable that the excitement caused by the object [UFO] was responsible for this experienced pilot [Mantell] conducting a high altitude flight without the necessary oxygen equipment."

The alleged lack of "necessary oxygen equipment," of course, was contradicted by the classified Accident Report we just quoted above. The AF officer who drafted the official statement (Project Blue Book chief Ruppelt) had specially requested a copy of the Accident Report and read it (as can be seen in the way he used certain phrases which could only have come from the Accident Report).

In the AF-approved script for the famous (or infamous) CBS Armstrong Circle Theatre television program on UFO's in 1958, the moderator discussed the Mantell case. He said that an "experienced pilot like Mantell" broke "one of the cardinal rules" of flight by flying too high without oxygen because his sighting of the UFO "forced him to throw caution to the winds." (Revised script, Jan. 15, for broadcast Jan. 22, 1958, p. 28; NARA BB microfilm roll 87, p. 776.)

But in all this criticism of Mantell no one came to his defense,

and he was dead so he could not defend himself either.

One section of the Accident Report, "Statement of Rebuttal," poignantly states "Inasmuch as the pilot was killed in the accident, it was impossible to obtain a statement of rebuttal regarding pilot error." (Accid. Rpt., p. 38.) But someone in his squadron could have spoken up for Mantell. Did anyone even try to give a defense for Mantell?

Mantell was charged with violating AAF Regulation 60-16, paragraph 43 (Accid. Rpt., p. 3, sect. L4), for flying higher than 14,000 ft without oxygen, a falsehood contradicted by the accident report's own statement, previously quoted, that Mantell's "Oxygen system ... was in working order." None of Mantell's crew were charged with anything, even though Lt. Hammond admittedly flew above 14,000 ft without supplemental oxygen.

But it was Mantell's subordinates, the men in his flight, who disobeyed his orders and went AWOL by abandoning Mantell. If as his wingman Lt. Clements claimed, it was "known" by all that Mantell did not have oxygen then they endangered Mantell's life by not calling his attention to that fact (if it was a fact, but it evidently was not). If Mantell was suffering from hypoxia (low oxygen) and its resulting mental confusion, then his wingmen needed to step in and intervene to save his life, as Mantell was unable to do so (if this story was true).

Lt. Clements in his sworn affidavit never said he reminded or warned Mantell that he (Mantell) purportedly had no oxygen. (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13-14, 43-44.) In fact, in Clements' testimony he recounts his radio conversation with Mantell in detail but says nothing about discussing oxygen with Mantell. Godman Tower heard no one warning Mantell about his oxygen. No one reported that danger to the Tower personnel controlling Mantell's intercept mission.

Mantell himself said nothing on the radio to anyone about having an oxygen problem, and no one stated or testified that they heard otherwise from Mantell over the radio or by hand signals.

The wingmen should have reported Mantell's alleged hypoxia danger to Godman Tower control, if it was even true, not only for flight safety reasons but also because Mantell's (alleged) disability directly affected the authorized intercept mission Godman had requested. But the wingmen said nothing to Godman about a Mantell oxygen problem because Mantell did not have an oxygen problem, there was nothing to report and no such report was received.

Godman's request was tantamount to direct military orders of superior ranking officers, relayed from Godman's commanding officer, Col. Hix, even though couched as a "request" as is customary. If the mission needed to be redirected, or called off and a new set of interceptors dispatched, then Godman obviously needed to know that. Mantell's wingmen thus violated the military orders of Col. Hix and the other Godman Field officers, as well as disobeyed Mantell's command decisions.

But instead the two wingmen told Godman tower that they were abandoning the chase because they were low on fuel and oxygen, with one lacking "oxygen equipment" and the other having it but needing to get "more oxygen" - they said nothing about Mantell having a problem with oxygen (Major Matthews Wright Field Flight Service report, Accid. Rpt., p. 31; Major Matthews, Capt. Carter, Lt. Orner statements to Project Sign).

Thus the only oxygen issues reported to Godman controllers were that Clements was running low and Hammond had none. They said nothing to Godman about Mantell having no oxygen or flying too high without oxygen because there was no such thing to report, there was nothing to say and so it was not said. This crucially important omission indicates they knew Mantell did have oxygen, and did not think to say otherwise until on the ground when they started to develop a game plan to ward off their own court-martial.

The fact the wingmen did bring up their own oxygen situation with Godman Tower, proves the subject was not taboo or of no importance in radio conversation in flight. Later claims of no oxygen were not based on examination of Mantell's wreckage

(which evidently showed he did have a working oxygen system), or on the disinterested testimony of air controllers, but merely on one single person's word, someone with a great personal interest in shifting blame onto Mantell who was dead.

Mantell was beyond the reach of military discipline, but this person was not. That person was Lt. Clements, who claimed that it was "known" that Mantell had "no oxygen equipment" (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13, 43). The entire case for Mantell's lack of oxygen equipment is based solely on that statement by Clements and not on any physical evidence (which would and did evidently contradict it). No other wingman said that. No ones said that to Godman Tower over the air when it all happened.

Mantell's wingmen had racked up a sizeable list of violations of orders, derelictions of duty, and criminal negligence. They should have led an immediate search and rescue mission when they admittedly lost contact with Mantell. Instead they delayed for over an hour by flying all the way back to home base first (and only Lt. Clements returned to the air). They could have landed immediately at the local airport at Bowling Green they had just flown by and had just discussed on the radio right before abandoning Mantell (in fact the Bowling Green Airport was used just three hours later by the accident investigation team which landed there then drove to the Mantell crash site; see Accid. Rpt., p. 7). No one even asked them why they didn't land at Bowling Green airport.

Mantell's crewmen could have been charged with these many counts of military misconduct and drummed out of the military, their future careers wrecked even in civilian life as word would have gotten out and spread widely. With no such black marks or discharges on their military record, Lt. (later Major) Albert W. Clements, Jr., quickly advanced to the position of commanding the KANG's 165th Fighter Squadron from 1949 to 1950. Lt. (later Lt. Col.) Robert K. Hendricks commanded the redesignated 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron from 1958 to 1963. Some or all of them were called to active duty in the USAF in the Korean War.

Hendricks was Mantell's designated wingman who left even before the UFO pursuit began and continued on to home base, on the flimsy excuse that it was simply "time for him to land," as Godman controllers heard over the radio (Capt. Duesler statement to Project Sign). Since Hendricks was flying an identical airplane with an identical fuel load along an identical route at the exact same time as Mantell and the others he could not have been low on fuel.

But they dodged the instant end to their careers by making Mantell the scapegoat. Mantell's men insinuated that they were without fault, that they tried to warn Mantell he was flying too high, "into the sun," like the ancient Icarus myth, but that he ignored them. However, as pointed out above, Godman's controllers and the base's top officers present in the control tower heard no such radio warnings to Mantell.

Years later, Lt. Col. Hendricks wrote an especially self-serving account of what he called this "interesting" story, "unique as it was odd," comments that seem to be rather callous and to belittle the tragedy. He even pinned the blame on Mantell for the whole UFO sighting, as well as the deadly chase. Not even the most extreme debunker has ever suggested anything as absurd as Mantell inventing the UFO and initiating the UFO chase. In Hendricks' account there is no mention that Mantell had been directed to investigate the UFO by Godman Field whose commanding officer and top officers were all watching the UFO, after numerous people had reported sighting the UFO in western Kentucky.

Though acknowledging it was "probably" a Skyhook balloon and thus a real object, Hendricks planted doubt in the reader's mind suggesting that the UFO may have been all in Mantell's head, because he chased "whatever he thought he saw" to his death. Interestingly, Hendricks coyly avoids saying that Mantell had no oxygen equipment, only that he "lost consciousness for lack of oxygen," which of course would occur if Mantell did have oxygen but it ran out or the mask failed:

HENDRICKS: "Mantell ... had been on a routine training mission when he reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Despite efforts by his wingman to call him back, he chased whatever he thought he saw farther and farther up. It is assumed that he lost consciousness for lack of oxygen, because he did not attempt to use his parachute prior to impact."

(Kinnaird, Hendricks, Cooper, "The Mustang Years 1947-56," pp. 46b-47a, in KyANG 1947-77 history, "Mustangs to Phantoms.")

There are many unexpected surprises and unprecedented bombshells in this case (see list below). Collectively, they puncture the image of the Mantell case as that of bumbling hillbillies isolated from the rest of the world and limited by primitive, seat-of-the-pants techniques and resources.

After all, the military units at Godman Field, which was located at Fort Knox, were responsible for protecting the famous U.S. gold treasury, and with the units at Standiford Field, Louisville, they were also indirectly guarding the vital high-tech Oak Ridge nuclear labs one hundred miles away, both very important defense assignments. Mantell's Kentucky ANG unit at Standiford quickly established a national reputation for achievement and soon won the prestigious annual Spaatz Trophy, on Aug. 14, 1950, for outstanding air guard readiness and flight safety (!) in 1949, the first of three Spaatz awards in its long history.

Many people helped in various ways in this research project over the last two years, my apologies if I missed anyone (listed here alphabetically): Ole Jonny Braenne, Joel Carpenter, Mary Castner, Rod Dyke, Barry Greenwood, Jim Klotz, Don Ledger, Kevin Randle, Francis Ridge, Barry Spink, Jean Waskiewicz, Dan Wilson.

(A) Mantell Case Surprises

(1) Mantell had oxygen, but it may have run out or the mask failed, a common occurrence even today in aviation (a survey of 1990-2001 hypoxia incidents in Australian military aircraft found 63% due to oxygen mask failures). Accident investigators may have missed a slow leak in Mantell's oxygen mask, in saying the equipment was in "working order," or it may have been working fine but the oxygen simply ran out and Mantell had miscalculated how much he had left.

(2) Contrary to the accident report, Mantell must have regained consciousness and tried to regain control by throttling back from maximum power settings after his plane dived back to lower altitudes where there was more oxygen for him to breathe. The wrecked plane was found with throttle set at only 1/4 power, mixture control in "Idle-Cut-Off" (Accid. Rpt., p. 4, section M) not at maximum power. Mantell had gone to maximum power only at the very end of the UFO pursuit, and not during the whole pursuit, which would have been impossible (see discussion below).

(3) The location of the 70-foot Skyhook balloon, Flight B launched by General Mills in Minnesota at 8 a.m. on Jan. 6, 1948, is rather precisely known. The Skyhook was not even within the State of Kentucky but was in Tennessee near Nashville at the time of the UFO sightings the next day (Jan. 7), and it was physically impossible to see it with the unaided eye from Godman Field in Kentucky, or by Mantell and crew, from about 140 miles away.

(4) Godman Tower tracked a second UFO by theodolite (a precision angle measurement telescope) during Mantell's pursuit, as well as after his crash, and then theodolite-tracked the same or another UFO three hours after the crash. The second UFO was apparently 30 or more degrees away in compass direction from the UFO that Godman Tower sent Mantell to investigate, thus not the same object.

(5) Air Defense Command "plotted," possibly by radar, one of these UFO's (or another UFO) after Mantell's crash, heading west-southwest from Ohio over several states traveling about 250 mph, and was observed by Scott AFB Tower and St. Louis Tower passing directly overhead.

(6) Many other AF bases listened in on the Godman Tower radio conversations with Mantell and afterward, through a special AF interphone system between military airfields called "Plan 62,"

thus multiplying the number of witnesses to the dramatic events.

(7) The Air Defense Command (ADC) used the Plan 62 intercom system, through the Air Transport Command's Flight Service Centers, and the air traffic controllers of the Airways and Air Communications Service (AACCS) in those centers and outlying bases, to coordinate the use of air traffic control towers and radars to track the UFO. This was because at that time the ADC had only two operating radars in the nation, both too far away, across the continent on the West Coast (at Half Moon Bay, Calif., and Arlington, Wash.).

(8) Godman Tower controllers (as well as personnel at other bases connected by intercom) overheard air-to-air radio conversations among Mantell and his men which Mantell's wingmen at least did not think could be overheard, and which proved them to be false in their later statements about Mantell's crash.

(B) UFO's Location During Mantell's Pursuit

Although it would be premature to delve into the UFO sighting details which will be covered thoroughly in Part 2 of this report, a very simple model of UFO behavior and location can be presented which will show that a sensible sequence of events emerges, unlike with the IFO explanations which cannot fit the facts and the laws of physics. This will forestall needless argument over balloon vs. UFO scenarios.

The basic timeline is: Mantell radioed his position report at 2:50 PM, was then asked by Godman Tower to intercept the UFO, but first flew directly over Godman Tower at 2:52 (so that controllers could see and double-check exactly what heading Mantell took flying away from the tower towards the UFO). Mantell then spiral climbed to 14,000 ft directly over Godman until 2:55 when Mantell took off southward on the heading given by Godman (initially 210 degrees true then adjusted to 205). Mantell crashed at 3:18 some 92 miles south of Godman Tower (more precisely, at 202 degrees true azimuth from the Tower), near the Tennessee state line.

Godman Field commanding officer Col. Guy Hix stressed repeatedly in his statements to investigators and the press that the UFO never seemed to move in position during the hour and a half he saw it, and his officers said the same, no apparent movement in position. He is shown in one press photo explaining how he sighted along a bracket in the control tower in order to be sure of the object's position and lack of movement, and this angular reference method is mentioned in Project Sign's interview reports of Col. Hix. To Hix "movement" meant up or down, left or right, which sighting along a bracket would show, but not motion farther or closer.

(*Technically, Project Sign did not become activated until Jan. 26, 1948, but the directive establishing it was dated Dec. 30, 1947, so the various interviews and files collected on the Mantell case by AF Air Materiel Command personnel in early January 1948 who became part of Sign will be designated "Project Sign" for simplicity of reference.)

Col. Hix expected that if it was a celestial body as he first thought, it would move, but it did not. A celestial body should have moved about 20 degrees in an hour and a half due to the earth's rotation. The Skyhook balloon would have moved about 15 degrees in that same time but in the opposite direction. The flight path of Mantell's F-51 fighters** provides an independent check confirming the directional position of the UFO they pursued in the south-southwest, but this detailed discussion will have to be left for Part 2.

(**The AF changed all of its P- for "pursuit" fighter designations to F- for "fighter" on June 11, 1948, so the P-51 became the F-51, but for simplicity we will backreference "F-51" here in the events and reports of Jan. 1948, in the data on the P-51/F-51, etc.)

Hix and his deputy, the base's air inspector, Lt. Col. E. Garrison Wood, estimated the UFO's angular size at 1/2, 1/4 and 1/10 of Full Moon, apparently reflecting a gradual increase in distance, receding away from observers without noticeably moving up or down or right or left. (Hix, Wood statements to Project

Sign; Hix interview in Louisville Courier-Journal, Jan. 8, 1948).

If the UFO was about 300 feet in size, as the initial witnesses reported to state police, and was initially about 1/2 Full Moon in angular size as seen from Godman Tower, then it would have been about 12 miles away. If it receded to the point where it was about 1/10 Full Moon, or five times smaller in apparent size, then its distance would have increased by that same factor of five, to about 60 miles from Godman (to the south-southwest), or very near Bowling Green, Kentucky, near where Mantell and his wingmen would soon part company. That represents a modest speed of only about 240 mph when fitted with the incident timeline, less than Mantell's 300 mph, yet the UFO would stay ahead because it began with an initial 12-mile head start. This fits Mantell's report that the object at first was traveling slower than he was, yet he could not catch up with it.

If the UFO was very roughly 10 degrees above the horizon (as data indicate***) and if it maintained that elevation throughout the Mantell chase so that it did not appear to have moved to Col. Hix, then when it was 12 miles away it would have been at an altitude of roughly 10,000 feet, when it might well have seemed to Mantell that it was reachable. When the UFO was at 60 miles distance, it would have been at about 50,000 feet altitude (the altitude increasing by a factor of five just like the distance, proportionately). This is simple geometry to maintain the appearance of no movement of position as seen from Godman. Do the math.

(***Mantell's wingman saw the object "slightly lower" than the sun which was at about 14 degrees elevation. See Accid. Rpt., pp. 14, 44.)

This would also represent a UFO climb rate of about 3,300 feet per minute if the receding motion occurred during the first twelve minutes of Mantell's chase until they reached the vicinity of Bowling Green. This was beyond Mantell's F-51D maximum climb rate at the higher altitudes (about 3,000 ft/min dropping to 2,000 ft/min and less as he went higher). Mantell would find himself unable to reach the UFO even as his horizontal distance closed, because he would soon see it was climbing faster vertically than he was climbing or was capable of climbing. This matches what Mantell reported, as we will see next.

By time Mantell got to Bowling Green, the UFO would have been almost directly overhead above Mantell, at 50,000 ft and still climbing, far above the F-51D's ceiling of about 42,000 ft, and thus unreachable (Mantell was still at only about 20,000 ft). This fits Mantell's radio report that the UFO was far above him and also had increased speed, so that he could not catch up to it. At this point, as Mantell closed in, the UFO must have increased speed to about 300 mph to match Mantell's 300 mph velocity, and only at this point Mantell went to maximum climb because of the UFO's great height (and the max climb would have then dropped Mantell's speed to about 200 mph). No extraordinary speeds or maneuvers are required, though they were still beyond the capabilities of the F-51D interceptors or of an unpowered Skyhook balloon.

(C) Mantell's Reckless "Maximum Climb" - A Physical Impossibility

Mantell's wingmen, the ANG accident investigating board and the AF's special two-man investigation team, all put forward the claim that Mantell flew at "maximum power" at "maximum climb" rate, "climbing at full force" or "climbing at full power," during the entire UFO chase, thus making it difficult for his wingmen even to keep up with him (yet they did, which belies the claim). (See Accid. Rpt., pp. 4, 14, 33, 35, 44; Capt. Tyler in Louisville Courier Journal, Jan. 9, 1948.)

This claim was central to the accident board's depiction of Mantell as an obsessed madman recklessly pursuing his goal regardless of the consequences. The principal accident investigator, Capt. Richard Tyler, who was the operations officer at Mantell's squadron, stated: "I firmly [firmly] believe that if he thought he had any chance of catching this object he would have pursued it knowingly to his death" (Accid. Rpt., p.

10). This makes Mantell out to be a fanatic with a death wish.

But the max climb allegation is also factually false and a physical impossibility, a violation of the laws of physics. The board and the wingmen evidently did not work out their scenario very carefully and probably assumed that no one would ever see a problem since the report would be locked away in classified archives. The secret was successfully buried for 60 years.

It is a simple fact that rising at the F-51D's maximum climb rate Mantell's plane would have reached the blackout altitude of 25,000 feet in 4 minutes after starting on the intercept vector at 14,000 ft, not the 20 to 30 minutes required by the impossible official scenario. He would not even have gotten out of the vicinity of Godman Field before blacking out and crashing, but would have barely gotten 12 miles away at the maximum speed possible in a maximum climb. The maximum speed at max climb is necessarily reduced to about 200 mph from the approximate 440 mph maximum speed in level flight, at that altitude range. Do the math.

(See North American Aviation P-51D [F-51D] Performance Charts and Tables, 1944, 1946, for approx. 9,000 lb gross weight corresponding to Mantell's 1/3 depletion of 209-gallon aircraft fuel load after the 1hr 13min flight from Marietta, Georgia. Even the Accident Report, pp. 13, 43, mentions this approximate max climb speed of about 180 mph, in passing remarks by wingman Clements.)

If Mantell and his men had started blacking out within several minutes, they would still have been within plain view of Godman Tower controllers and ranking officers who would have seen the planes obviously in trouble or flying out of control. But Godman saw nothing wrong with Mantell's flight. The F-51's could be seen up to about 24 miles with the naked eye (see below) and much farther with binoculars.

If Mantell blacked out near Godman Field, as he would have had to under the official story, then how did Mantell manage to crash 92 miles away, clear across the State of Kentucky near the Tennessee border at 3:18 p.m.? The 3:18 time of impact was officially determined by the coroner from the time on Mantell's watch that stopped on impact, and from eyewitnesses to the crash who reported the time as 3:15-3:20, which precisely brackets the 3:18 time. (Accid. Rpt., pp. 1, 5, 7, 15, 17, 46, 48, 49.) Efforts to force the crash time later, merely make the timeline discrepancies worse, as we will see below, as it buys too much time.

An accurate timeline can be constructed from this 3:18 crash impact time and from Mantell's radio position report at 2:50 p.m. (Accid. Rpt., pp. 27, 30), plus the additional position data from flying over Godman Tower and passing by Bowling Green airport (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13, 43, etc.), all of which serve to correct the various errors and imprecisions in other reporting on the Mantell case. Indeed, the correct Mantell pursuit climb rate, a gradual 600 ft/min (not the war emergency maximum of up to 3,000 ft/min), allows us to assign accurate times to the timeline using just the reported altitudes since Mantell started the 600 ft/min climb at 14,000 ft at 2:55 p.m. directly over Godman Tower (see summary Table, below, and minute-by-minute reconstruction in Part 2). Thus, at 2:56 they were at 14,600 ft, at 2:57 at 15,200 ft. etc.

The math is easy. Resolving a few understandable confusions in reported altitudes coming from three different aircraft in Mantell's pursuit mission is a bit more involved (and will be explained in Part 2, with some hints below) but they do not affect the main conclusions arrived at here in Part 1.

But if Mantell had really pushed a continuous maximum climb to chase the UFO, without oxygen, until blacking out and crashing near the Tennessee state line, then he would have had to cover that 92 miles in the 4 minutes it would take to reach blackout height, or at about 1,500 mph (well over Mach 2). Do the math. If one tries to argue that Mantell could have remained conscious for up to about 2-1/2 minutes at 25,000 ft (ignoring the fact he would already have been oxygen-deprived for minutes before even reaching 25,000 ft if he truly carried no oxygen) it would extend the time for covering 92 miles of distance before blacking out. But it still requires impossible supersonic speed

(850 mph) for his subsonic fighter. Do the math.

Mantell's subsonic WWII fighter would have had to break the sound barrier for 4 to 7 minutes non-stop, which was an absolute physical impossibility. No F-51 ever flew at Mach 2. Period. We know it was a physical impossibility as proven by the fact that when Mantell actually did approach the sound barrier in the fatal crash dive for just seconds at the tragic end the aircraft broke up in midair from the Mach compression forces (Accid. Rpt., pp. 4, 9, 38).

In fact, at full power climb, called "war emergency power" (or "combat power"), the F-51 engine would have burned out soon after 5 minutes (see NAA F-51D Performance Charts and Tables, 1944, 1946). It is likely that this is what happened at the very end of Mantell's chase and resulted in the plane seeming to explode in mid-air, after about 7 minutes of dangerous "war emergency power" settings. The plane would not have survived the 20-25 minutes of "war emergency power" demanded by the official scenario.

And if the F-51 maintained a "full power" climb for the entire UFO chase as the accident board claimed, it would have been limited to the actual max climb speed of about 200 mph for the F-51D. Mantell's plane could not possibly have covered the 92 miles to the crash site in only the 23 minutes of the chase (broadly including the crash dive too in the 23 minutes), as determined by the corrected timeline. Mantell would only have covered 77 miles in 23 minutes at 200 mph, some 15 miles short of the exactly known crash site coordinates (at 36-40-16 N, 86-35-12 W), some 92 miles from the start of the pursuit at Godman Tower. Do the math.

Mantell's plane would have needed approximately 28 minutes to travel that 92-mile distance at its 200 mph max climb speed, but the timeline allows no more than 23 minutes (from 2:55 to 3:18 p.m.) and certainly much less, only about 19 minutes, if we discount the fatal dive as not advancing the horizontal distance much if at all. Do the math.

Possibly the accident board was dimly aware of a serious "getting there from here" problem and tried to "fuzz up" the timeline and stretch it out to 25-35 minutes by using the most carelessly reported or inaccurate times instead of the most accurate data (and ignoring Mantell's 2:50 p.m. radio position report among other crucial data points). And again, as mentioned above, the engine would have burned out after about 5 minutes, so it was physically impossible to have sustained a max power climb for 28 or 35 minutes. Moreover, to take so long as 35 minutes to cover 92 miles would require the F-51 to fly at the very slow sub-cruising speed of only 158 mph, which no one reported and which makes no sense for a fighter interceptor chase, plus it flatly contradicts Mantell's radio reporting of his speed as 300+ mph during the pursuit.

There is still another reason why it was physically impossible for Mantell to have max climbed for 25 to 35 minutes: He would have reached the F-51D's maximum altitude of about 42,000 ft in about 18 minutes (NAA F-51D Performance Chart, 1944, time to climb data). He could not possibly have climbed higher than his fighter's highest possible altitude and climbed higher still for another 7 to 17 minutes! The official scenario is nonsense.

All of these dogmatic assertions of the official Accident Report require violations of the laws of physics. An accurate flight scenario must incorporate all factors of speed, altitude, climb rate, distance covered, landmarks, time marks, headings, etc., and cannot pick and choose some of them in order to force-fit it to a preconceived theory. A valid flight scenario cannot just pick speed and altitude (as the accident board seems to have done) but ignore distance, time, etc., and the requirements of basic physics and math. It does not work. (Similarly, a Skyhook balloon flight scenario must locate the Skyhook minute by minute in a sensible continuous fashion, and not have the balloon in two locations at the same time or have it fly at impossible supersonic speeds, just to try to force it to fit the UFO sighting locations that it is supposed to explain.)

An accurate timeline also requires use of the most accurate data for each factor (most accurate times, locations, headings, altitudes, etc.), not the least accurate, and not the

inconsistent or contradictory data. A first-order reconstruction that incorporates all factors and the best data is presented in summary form in the summary Table at the end of Part 1 and is documented in detail, minute by minute, in Part 2.

In actuality, Mantell covered the 92 miles in about 19 minutes, or at about the same 300 mph cruising speed stated in his official flight plan (Accid. Rpt., pp. 20, 27-28, 40). It is virtually the same speed as actually flown on the first leg of his ferrying mission from Georgia (ground speed about 280 mph, possibly reduced from a 300 mph airspeed by a small headwind). This is the maximum cruise speed, not maximum full power speed of about 440 mph, nor is it the ordinary cruise speed of about 250 mph (please note exact figures vary slightly depending on altitude and fuel load).

Hence there was no reckless "head long dash" pursuit - as accident investigator Capt. Richard Tyler spun it to the press - that made it difficult for Mantell's wingmen even to keep up with him. An F-51 cannot climb at maximum rate at the same time it is traveling at maximum horizontal speed - it simply cannot do both at the same time. The F-51 cannot max climb even at its top cruising speed, as that is still too fast to be physically possible. At max climb rate the max speed is only about 200 mph, depending on the altitude.

In fact, simple math shows that Mantell's plane was in a gradual climb of about 600 feet per minute during the entire straight-line pursuit of the UFO, not in a maximum climb of up to about 3,000 feet per minute. (NAA F-51D Performance Charts and Tables, 1944, 1946.) But this will be covered in detail in Part 2, in a minute-by-minute reconstruction of events and flight path (see summary Table below).

If Mantell never forced his flight into a reckless "maximum climb" at "full power" in a 20-35-minute long UFO pursuit, and could not possibly have done so without violating the laws of physics, then the entire official scenario collapses. The bold statements of his main wingman, Lt. Clements, accusing Mantell of forcing him to keep up with him at full-power maximum climb for 20+ minutes are conclusively proven to be willful falsehoods not mistakes of minor details - a pilot would know whether he was straining the engine at full power for 20 minutes or not. The AF-ANG accident board's confident embrace of this false scenario in order to condemn Mantell implicates the board in an official whitewash and coverup to rescue the careers of Mantell's men whose actions were arguably criminal. The facts are as inescapable as the law of gravity.

(D) The Official Story and Its Many Contradictions

The official story was put forward publicly by the principal accident investigator, Capt. Richard Tyler, Operations Officer at the Kentucky ANG unit, the 165th Fighter Squadron of the 133rd Fighter Group, within two days of the accident and well before the classified accident report two weeks later:

"Capt. R. L. Tyler, Louisville operations officer for the Air Guard at Standiford Field, said investigation convinced him Mantell had 'blacked out' from lack of oxygen at 30,000 feet....

"Tyler blamed Mantell's head-long dash after the 'saucer' on the fact that Mantell's World War II experience largely was limited to low-altitude flying. From the stories of Hammond and Clements, Tyler surmised Mantell was 'climbing at full force at 23,000 feet.' Mantell probably lost consciousness seconds later, Tyler said."

(Louisville Courier Journal, Jan. 9, 1948, emphasis is added here and in other quotes below.)

The following is quoted from one of several incident narratives in the formal Accident Report, not all of which are completely consistent with each other, but are quoted here in pertinent parts to lay out the basic official case against Mantell (Accid. Rpt., p. 33, emphasis added):

"A flight of four P-51's departed a southern base on a ferry mission to their home base. The four planes were flying in formation and the flight was proceeding normally. As the flight

neared a field [Godman], the leader [Mantell] called in a position report [to home base, Standiford]. The [Godman] tower operator [overheard Mantell's radio report and] asked the nature of the flight and asked if they had the time and fuel to chase an object he had been observing in the sky. The leader acknowledged and was given a heading to fly. He immediately went into a steep climb with two of the other pilots in the flight following. The fourth pilot broke formation and proceeded to the destination.

"The leader continued to climb at high power settings and when 22,500 ft. was reached, the other two pilots broke off and went to the destination. When the leader was last seen, it appeared that he had the plane under control and was still climbing. A short time later the plane was observed in a spiraling dive to the ground. Between 10,000 and 20,000 ft., the left wing came off. The plane crashed to the ground. Only one pilot in the flight (the element leader [Clements]) had an oxygen mask and was using oxygen when higher altitudes were reached. The flight leader had stated that they would climb to 25,000 ft. and stay there for ten minutes in an attempt to overtake the object. The element leader broke off when his wingman indicated that he was having trouble due to lack of oxygen.

"The board was of the opinion that the leader was overcome by anoxia at about 25,000 ft. As his plane was trimmed for maximum climb, it was believed that it continued to 30,000 before leveling off and starting its descent. Since the plane went so high, apparently the pilot was dead when it started down. The canopy lock was still in place in the wreckage indicating that he made no attempt to abandon the plane."

The investigating board's Accident Report (pp. 35-36), in incorporating the AF special report, further asserts that its "investigation disclosed" that:

"e. Captain Mantell did not advise the other aircraft in his flight of his intention [to investigate the object as requested]. (Exhibits 4 and 5)

"h. At 14,000 feet, Captain Mantell broke off the spiral and started a straight climb on a heading of approximately 220=B0 [sic; actually 210=B0] at the maximum rate of climb. (Exhibits 4 and 5)"

"Captain Mantell led the flight in that direction [given for the intercept] and started climbing at full power. At this time the one wingman, Lt. Hammond [sic; actually Hendricks], broke formation and proceeded to Standiford and landed."

"t. From 18,000 feet on, the point at which the high blower engaged, Lt. Clements had to use full power to maintain his position in the formation. (Exhibit 4)"

"At approximately 22,500 feet, the other aircraft turned back due to lack of oxygen. A short while later an observer on the ground noticed an aircraft circling at a high altitude then come diving down, slowly spiraling and evidently under full power. At approximately half way from the originally observed altitude and the ground, the plane was seen to disintegrate and subsequently crash on a farm near Franklin, Kentucky. This aircraft was identified as the one piloted by Captain Mantell who was found in the wreckage."

As we have already seen, the accident report's assertion that Mantell pursued the UFO all the while "climbing at full power" and that his wingman "had to use full power" just to keep up with Mantell, is completely false, a physical impossibility.

The accident report findings refer to Exhibits 4 and 5 for key points, and these are affidavits of two of Mantell's three wingmen, Lt. Albert W. Clements and Lt. Robert K. Hendricks, respectively. Hendricks declined the UFO pursuit mission and broke off from the flight to continue on to home base without participating in the UFO pursuit. But Exhibit 5 by Hendricks does not even support the findings it was cited for by the accident board, as we will see below.

The prime example of the accident board citing these two exhibits, when those exhibits actually contradict the board's

assertion, is when the accident report quoted above claims that "Captain Mantell did not advise the other aircraft in his flight of his intention" to investigate the UFO. The report alleges that this supposed fact is reported in Exhibits 4 and 5, the affidavits of wingmen Clements and Hendricks. A narrative elsewhere in the report also claims "No conversation between Captain Mantell and any member of his flight revealed a clue as to his intentions." (Accid. Rpt., p. 4)

But this is false. Clements admitted in his affidavit that he did have considerable radio conversations with Mantell about what they were chasing and Clements said he saw the bright object himself. Clements swore under oath that when he asked Mantell "what we were looking for" that Mantell replied over the radio, "Look, there it is out there at 1200 o'clock," and Clements said "I was able to discern a bright appearing object." Clements then recounts his discussion with Mantell of tactics to try to reach the UFO. According to Clements, Mantell stated his "intentions" of pursuing the UFO for 10 minutes at a certain altitude (more on this later).

Even though he did not participate in the UFO chase but went straight home, wingman Hendricks also heard enough to know from Mantell what was going on. Hendricks swore in his affidavit, accident report Exhibit 5, that he too heard Mantell discuss with Godman Tower the UFO intercept mission. Hendricks stated that he heard Godman Tower say, "we would like for you to take a look at it, come over the field on a heading of 330=B0 and we will try to guide you." Then he heard Mantell answer, "Roger, I'll give you a call when I identify it." Hendricks states that "Upon hearing this I requested permission to leave the flight to return to Standiford Field, the request was granted by Captain Mantell." So, therefore, Mantell and Hendricks did have a conversation about mission intentions.

Thus, accident report's Exhibits 4 and 5 refute the report's claim that Mantell had "no conversation" with "any member of his flight" about what they were doing, that they were intercepting a UFO at the request of Godman Field.

Furthermore, if there were any alleged difficulties with Mantell communicating over the radio it may well have been due to problems with his SCR-522 radio. That WWII model radio was troublesome and difficult to maintain. Even though Mantell's F-51 was a virtually brand new fighter, the maintenance record prior to his fatal flight shows the radio suffered several problems requiring a day of repair work from Dec. 18 to 19, 1947. Channel B did not work at all until it was repaired and this was the main channel designated on the flight plan, the one used for all of the UFO-chase communications.

=46rom the post-accident flight maintenance report on Mantell's plane:

"12-18-47 'A' channel very weak. No 'B' channel. Radio VHF retuned, checked OK. [signed] Marks. 12-19-47" (Accid. Rpt., p. 19.)

Some of the main conclusions of the Accident Report (pp. 37-38) are as follows, and note that the no-oxygen-equipment claim directly contradicts the statement at the beginning of the same report (p. 2), quoted above, which said Mantell's "oxygen system ... was in working order":

"14. CONTRIBUTING CAUSE FACTORS:

"a. The poor judgment displayed by Captain Mantell in that he elected to climb to altitude without oxygen equipment.

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"b. ... It is believed that Captain Mantell was rendered unconscious from anoxia [sic] and the uncontrolled aircraft started a slow spiral culminating into a dive which was precipitated by the high power settings and torque. Consequently, the aircraft with its engine producing full power rapidly exceeded its design limitation as was evidenced from the photos, disposition of the wreckage, and later supplemented by civilians statements to the effect that the aircraft disintegrated approximately half way from its initial point of dive to the ground." (Accid. Rpt., pp. 37-38)

Strangely, there was never any affidavit presented from the fourth wingman, who did stay with Mantell and Clements, namely Lt. Buford A. Hammond. One would think with all the public controversy and pressure to find an answer to the mystery of the incident, that every scrap of first-hand witness testimony would be secured. But all we have from key witness Hammond is a few brief remarks to the press, no statement to the accident board, no affidavit, and no interview by Project Sign investigators.

(E) Dissecting Wingman Clements' Version of the Official Story

Mantell wingman Lt. Albert Clements' affidavit (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13-14, 43-44, emphasis added) will be quoted below in sections and rebutted factually in "FACTS" sections after each quote:

CLEMENTS: "At this point 1455 Lt. Hendricks, #2 man, broke away from the formation and headed towards Standiford Field. Capt. Mantell immediately after this began a rather sharp spiraling climb to the right at rather high power settings, necessitating a power setting of 47" MP [inches manifold pressure] and 2700 RPM to maintain position in the formation with him. He continued spiraling at about 14000' where he broke off the spiral and headed on a south-westerly heading of approximately 220=B0 [sic; actually 210=B0], still climbing at the maximum rate of 180 IAS [Indicated Air Speed mph].

"At about 16000' I put on my oxygen mask and began taking oxygen because it became apparent that Capt. Mantell was heading for much higher altitudes even though it was known before hand that he did not have oxygen equipment and neither did the element wingman Lt. Hammond. The flight continued on this south-westerly course and at about 18000' I attempted to pull up fairly close to the flight leader and try to signal him with hand motions and try to contact him on B Baker channel asking where the flight was headed. Capt. Mantell had at no time signaled for a change over to B Baker channel which is always customary from the flight leader, either [by] visual signal or on the radio."

FACTS: Here Clements insinuates that Mantell never communicated with his wingmen on Channel B during the entire UFO chase and that he had to "try" to hand signal and radio Mantell over Channel B after they reached 18,000 feet, but failed (part of the effort to depict Mantell as obsessed and unresponsive to reason). But in the very next sentences (below), Clements states that he did in fact converse with Mantell over the radio. Even before the UFO chase began, when everyone was still at 5,000 feet, wingman Hendricks figured out Mantell was using Channel B and switched to it and listened in on Mantell's communications with Godman Tower and then asked Mantell's permission over Channel B to continue to home base rather than join the pursuit mission (Hendricks affidavit, Accid. Rpt., p. 42).

Hendricks heard Mantell on Channel B giving the 2:50 p.m. radio position report when Godman broke in to request diversion to track the UFO. They were on a course of about 345 degrees to Standiford and were directed to turn to heading 330 degs to come over Godman Tower (Hendricks affidavit, Accid. Rpt., p. 42; note that the "45" degree heading must be a typo for "345" which was their course to home base). This involved a 15-degree left turn. Why didn't Clements immediately ask Mantell what they were doing turning away from home base?

Why did Clements wait about 12 minutes, until after they had completely reversed course and were heading south and had climbed to 18,000 ft before trying to "signal" Mantell as to what they were doing?? In fact, Godman Tower heard a wingman, evidently Clements, at the very start of the UFO chase, radio "What the hell are we after?" (or "Where in the hell are we going?"). This was when they were between 14,000 and 15,000 ft at the start of the chase, at least 5 minutes before reaching 18,000 ft in the reconstructed timeline. According to Godman controllers, Mantell answered right away and said he did not see the object yet, but he soon spotted the UFO directly ahead of him at "12 o'clock high" position, as he reported over the radio. (Duesler, Orner, Oliver, Blackwell statements to Project Sign.) In fact, this was Clements' original story to the press within two days of the crash, contradicting his later testimony

by sworn affidavit to the accident board.

Clements told the Louisville Courier-Journal that his and Mantell's observation of the bright object at "12 o'clock" radio report was "soon" after the very beginning of the chase and that that was when they "started after" the UFO:

"Clements said Mantell informed him they were to look for something 'but didn't seem to know exactly what it was.' _Soon_, Clements related, Mantell shouted through the loud speaker, "Look, there it is at 12 o'clock." Clements said this meant it was "right over our nose."

Clements gazed straight ahead and saw a "bright shining object that looked like a star." He and Mantell _started_ after it. (Louisville Courier-Journal, Jan. 9, 1948, p. 1.)

Clements changed his original story to shift this "12 o'clock high" radio report by Mantell to near the _end_ of the chase, at 20,000 ft, or about 8 minutes later than Godman actually heard it, when they were still at 15,000 ft, shortly after starting the UFO intercept at 14,000 ft. Clements clearly wanted to cover up the fact that _he_ had seen the UFO himself almost from the beginning, along with Mantell. This was another effort to suggest that no one could figure out what madman Mantell was taking them towards all throughout the pursuit.

Notice that before Clements changed this portion of his story, he seemed to admit that Mantell was himself initially unsure of what it was they were being sent to identify, which would in effect give Mantell some allowance for not being able to explain it to his wingmen, an allowance that Clements later made sure to withdraw: "Clements said Mantell informed him they were to look for something 'but didn't seem to know exactly what it was.' "

Since Channel B was listed on their flight plan, but not Channel C, Clements should have known instantly that Mantell was using Channel B and should not have had to have Mantell hand "signal" him. Godman Tower had radioed Mantell over Channel B after hearing him give his radio position report using that channel and then got the idea to request Mantell's assistance in identifying the UFO. How hard was it to switch from Channel C to B to check?

CLEMENTS: "In one of my transmissions I notified Capt. Mantell that we were considerably over our ETA for Standiford Field and suggested that he notify Godman Field to relay our position to Flight Service to which he replied 'Roger'. However, I failed to hear Capt. Mantell contact Godman Field on this."

FACTS: Again, Clements tries to portray Mantell as the reckless fanatic who would not listen and would not respond to reason. Problem is that Godman Tower _did_ hear Mantell radio his changed ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) for Standiford Field, changed to accommodate Godman's request to divert course to intercept the UFO (Lt. Col. Wood statement to Project Sign, Jan. 9, 1948). Thus Godman Tower, in effect, makes Clements out to be a liar.

CLEMENTS: "In the next few minutes I heard Capt. Mantell say "Look", there's a town down there with an airport beside it", and from previous flying in this area I recognize it to be the town of Bowling Green with it's [its] airport to the south east, and at this point I noted that we were at 20000' and still climbing. I called Capt. Mantell and notified that this was Bowling Green and again asked him what we were looking for. He then replied "Look, there it is out there at 1200 o'clock," and I was able to discern a bright appearing object, very small, and so far away as to be unable to identify it as to size, shape, color, but it was definitely something which could be seen. It's [sic] position was slightly lower and to the left of the sun. This was at approximately 1515 [sic]. I called Capt. Mantell and told him I could see the object but suggested that since we did not seem to be making a gain on the object, that it would be better if we leveled off and tried to pick up some speed and possibly get under the object. His transmissions were garbled but he mentioned something about going to 25000' for about 10 minutes and then if we were unable to make any further progress

towards the object, we could drop down."

FACTS: Here Clements insinuates that Mantell's radio transmission was "garbled" due to effects of hypoxia, yet Clements heard every single (alleged) detail of what Mantell said: (a) Going to 25,000 ft (b) for about 10 minutes (c) if unable by then to make progress (d) then they could drop back down to lower altitude. More importantly, Godman Tower personnel also heard this transmission, but no one heard any "garbling" in Mantell's voice or had any trouble understanding Mantell's transmissions. Furthermore, Godman heard Mantell say they would go to 20,000 ft (a much safer altitude for oxygen problems), not to 25,000 ft. Godman heard this over the radio near the beginning of the UFO chase (at 15,000 ft) not near the end at 20,000 to 22,000 ft, thus once again in effect making Clements out to be a liar. (Capt. Carter statement to Project Sign.)

CLEMENTS: "From the time that the high blower kicked in at about 18000' Capt. Mantell did not seem to decrease the throttle heading to correspond with this and began pulling away from us at 18000' on up even though I was using these maximum power settings. At about 22500', realizing that it was too high to maintain without oxygen, I broke off the flight out of formation and Capt. Mantell disappeared, still climbing almost directly into the sun. I called him and informed him that we were breaking off the flight and returning to Standiford Field, but he did not acknowledge."

FACTS: Clements insinuates that Mantell had been "climbing almost directly into the sun" for quite some time before finally disappearing, and then Clements reversed course to head to home base. But their adjusted course was towards 205 degrees, not towards the sun at 227 degrees. Mantell could not possibly have headed towards the sun at 227 degs for very long since he ended up crashing several minutes later at an impact site 202 degs from Godman, very close to their 205 degs intercept heading.

If Mantell had briefly turned right and into the sun by about 20 degrees, to avoid our crash-site location problem, then we run into the problem that Clements immediately made a 180-degree turn. How could Mantell still be "into the sun" when Clements looped away by miles on the 180-turn? In a standard fast 1-minute turn at 300 mph, within 15 seconds or less Clements would have put Mantell towards the west (about 70 degrees from the sun) or towards the east (about 110 degs from the sun), depending on whether Clements turned left or right, respectively. Thus it is preposterous that Mantell could have remained in the sun so long that he "disappeared." There is more to the unraveling of this false and ridiculous story.

Even if hypothetically Mantell had somehow managed to "pull away" by say 10 miles by the time of disappearance, Clements' 180-turn would have shifted Mantell's position in the sky by about 10 degrees away from the sun within 30 seconds, and about 15 degrees from the sun by the end of the turn. And that assumes a 10-mile separation which we will see below was factually false and a physical and logical impossibility.

Clements alleges that Mantell pulled away from him from 18,000 ft "on up," because of his extreme power settings, the actions of a maniac he implies. But earlier in his affidavit (see above) Clements was easily able to keep up with Mantell and actually pulled up "fairly close" to him at this same 18,000 ft altitude, in order to hand-signal him. And Clements was still with Mantell at 20,000 ft by his own statement here above (at the Bowling Green airport vicinity) and to 22,500 ft when he says he broke away from Mantell. Clements cannot have it both ways.

There are so many reasons to question this part of Clements' affidavit, as with so much of the rest of what he said, that it is left in a shambles, a pastiche of some well-thought-out and some poorly-thought-out falsehoods. The mythic image of Mantell disappearing "into the sun" is not presented here by Clements for its poetic value. It's an effort to solve the problem of how Mantell could possibly have "disappeared" so quickly, an effort apparently based on the poor logic that two inconsistent explanations can be just as good as one good explanation, if they are both superficially plausible-sounding.

If the sun explanation did not ultimately work, then apparently Clements thought the "pulling away" scenario would take its place, regardless of the mutual contradiction. In the "pulling away" scenario, Mantell's flight at full power generated such a high relative speed to Clements that Mantell's plane could disappear from Clements' sight in just a few seconds. But the 37-foot wide wingspan of the F-51 would have made it visible to the human eye up to about 24 miles (for 20/20 vision 1 arcminute Minimum Angle of Resolution).

If both Mantell and Clements were in a maximum climb how could there be much of a difference in speed? Both were in identical F-51D's with identical engines and identical fuel load and weight, and should have had identical speeds. Suppose we assume that somehow a very generous 60 mph (1 mile per minute) relative velocity developed between Mantell and his wingman Clements at this point at about 3:09 p.m. in the reconstructed timeline (this assumes Mantell at 360 mph and Clements at 300 mph, instead of both at 300 mph). It would have taken about 24 minutes for Mantell's plane to disappear (which would be at 3:33)! Mantell already crashed long before that time (at 3:18)! So the "pulling away" cannot explain how Mantell's fighter supposedly disappeared so fast.

Imagine another possibility, that Clements' turn in the opposite direction put his flight speed opposite to that of Mantell's speed, resulting in possibly up to 600-700 mph in relative velocity between the two fighters. The accident report claims that Mantell's plane disappeared from sight to Clements at about 23,000 ft (Accid. Rpt., p. 8). Based on the reconstructed correct climb rate of only 600 ft/min, this would be just under 1 minute after Clements began to turn around and head for home base at 22,500 ft. This assumes that both Mantell and Clements were flying together at about the same altitude and that the 500 ft increase represents about 1 minute of climbing at the 600 ft/min rate.

(But if, as some reports suggest, there was a minor 500-foot height difference with Clements' plane at 22,500 ft [Accid. Rpt., pp. 14, 44] when Mantell's plane was at 23,000 ft, then this does not represent a 1 minute time interval at all, which would have allowed some separation distance to develop between them. However we will consider the 1-minute possibility for illustration of the insuperable difficulties with Clements' nonsense story about Mantell's disappearance.)

How far could Mantell possibly have gotten from Clements in 1 minute when Mantell was climbing at the maximum possible climb rate and Clements had turned around to reverse course? In max climb, speed in the F-51D is limited to only about 200 mph (NAA F-51D Performance Tables and Charts, 1944, 1946). But Clements was no longer climbing, so he could fly faster, let's say it was the F-51D's max speed of about 440 mph in level flight. If the 1 minute estimate is assumed, then Clements would have put only about 6 miles between himself and Mantell on their now opposite headings. But this is not enough to make Mantell disappear. It is not even close to the 24-mile maximum visual range for seeing an F-51. But it might be understandable if one could only look backwards briefly to try to spot Mantell's now rapidly receding F-51.

The truth is evidently that Mantell's plane disappeared not because of fading in the distance, not because of the sun's glare, but because Clements had turned his plane around in the opposite direction and left Mantell all alone, making it difficult to crane his head backwards to look for Mantell. Clements could not easily look back to watch Mantell while flying his own fighter. That is the true cause of Mantell's "disappearance" from sight.

Rather than admit that his abandonment of Mantell is what caused Mantell's disappearance from view, Clements apparently just made up the mythical story of Mantell disappearing "into the sun."

CLEMENTS: "Through the later stages of this climb Lt. Hammond was signaling that he was having trouble because of his lack of oxygen and wished to go down to a lower altitude."

HAMMOND: In the only known statement of wingman Lt. Buford A. Hammond, made to the press, he describes this purported hand

signaling that Clements cites:

"Mantell and Clements were linked by radio, but Hammond's communications set was tuned to a different frequency....

" 'I felt a little shaky at 15,000 feet,' he [Hammond] declared, 'because I realized we were supposed to take oxygen at 12,000 [sic; actually 14,000 ft].

" 'By the time I hit 22,000 I was seeing double. I pulled alongside Clements and indicated with [hand] gestures that I didn't have an oxygen mask. In fact I circled my finger around my head to show him I was getting woozy. He understood the situation and we turned back.' " (Louisville Courier-Journal, Jan. 9, 1948.)

FACTS: This dramatic story of Hammond and Clements having to communicate by hand signals instead of by radio (because their radios were "tuned to a different frequency") is very colorful. It is also very false.

Hammond radioed and did not hand signal his oxygen problems. Godman controllers heard Hammond reporting his oxygen problems to Clements over the radio. In a report by Major De Armand Matthews, deputy commander of the Wright Field Flight Service Center, which overheard the Mantell mission over the Plan 62 intercom network between the AF bases in the region, we learn that the Service Center shift supervisor Capt. Arthur Jehli heard the following radio communications between Mantell's men. Major Matthews quotes from Capt. Jehli's report:

"At 22,000 feet pilot Hammond, NG 737, advised Clements, NG 800, that he had no oxygen equipment. Both pilots then returned to Standiford Field; pilot Mantell, NG 3869, continued climbing."

Hammond "advised" Clements by radio of his oxygen problems, and it was heard over the intercom network from the air-to-ground radio feed. The whole story by Hammond and Clements about "hand signaling" was completely made up. It never happened.

It should have been obviously suspect just with the bizarre notion that Hammond could not communicate by radio, as if their F-51 aircraft were equipped with incompatible radios. Or as if we are supposed to believe Hammond could not make a simple switch from Channel C to B on his radio when he heard nothing over Channel C, and when their flight plan called for using Channel B anyway. It should have raised questions about how Hammond could possibly have reached the dangerous altitude of 22,500 ft without himself crashing, especially when Hammond and Clements both admitted that Hammond had been having trouble with oxygen for a long time before the supposed hand-signaling incident (about 12 minutes from 15,000 ft when he "felt a little shaky" to 22,000 or 22,500 ft).

Godman controller PFC Stanley Oliver heard both wingmen, Clements and Hammond, trying to contact Mantell by radio at the very end: "Other pilots in the formation tried to contact him but to no avail," Oliver reported (Oliver statement to Project Sign). This further refutes the claim that Hammond had the wrong channel and had to communicate with Clements by "hand signals."

Someone should have questioned how a pilot experiencing severe hypoxia effects - who was feeling so "woozy" he circled his fingers to indicate dizziness - could carry out such an insanely dangerous alleged maneuver of pulling up close to another aircraft, so close that his hand gestures could be seen. If that had actually happened, Hammond could very easily have collided with Clements, endangering or forfeiting both their lives when all they had to do was just talk by radio from a safe distance.

But as we have just seen, this hand gesture story is bogus, there was no such life-threatening maneuver forced by Mantell's supposedly reckless actions. It was clearly all fabricated to make Mantell look bad, in the nature of a complaint by innuendo of the type "See what he made us do??"

Godman controllers also heard Mantell's wingmen say over their radios that one of them had leveled off at 15,000 ft while Mantell and the other wingman climbed to 20,000 ft or more. The wingman who stayed at 15,000 ft must have been Hammond who

lacked oxygen gear, and the one who stayed close to Mantell was evidently Clements who had oxygen.

Godman's weather detachment commander, Lt. Paul Orner, listened in on the air-ground conversations with Mantell and his crew. Orner reported:

"From pilots reports in the formation NG869 [Mantell] was high and ahead of the wing man [Hammond] ... when he disappeared.... From messages transmitted by the formation it is estimated the flight leader [Mantell] was at 18 to 20 thousand feet and the wing man [Hammond] at approximately 15 thousand feet wide formation when the flight leader NG869 [Mantell] disappeared." (Orner statement to Project Sign.)

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Jehli may not have heard or realized that twelve minutes earlier Hammond had said he had leveled off at 15,000 ft so Jehli assumed mistakenly that both Clements and Hammond were at 22,000 ft along with Mantell. Hammond by any account started suffering from hypoxia at 15,000 ft so it makes sense that he leveled off at that altitude, stopped climbing any higher, and followed Mantell and Clements from below them, Mantell and Clements being the only members of the flight with oxygen. AF regulations in 1948 required that all pilots flying at 14,000 ft or higher must use oxygen (AAF Reg. 60-16 para. 43).

By continuing to fly at 15,000 ft for 12 more minutes when he was already feeling "shaky," Hammond was still taking a risk but not as severe as if he had tried to climb to 22,500 ft where he could lose consciousness at any moment or within seconds after 17 minutes of flying with ever decreasing oxygen levels (counting from when they started at 5,000 ft). Hammond may never have made it to 22,500 ft had he tried, and might well have blacked out long before and crashed.

CLEMENTS: "From the time we broke off from the formation, we began a rather sharp descent [sic] back on course to Standiford Field, about 40=B0, and finally established contact with Godman tower giving them a position report and our destination and asking them if they would try to contact Capt. Mantell and inform him that we were returning, in as much as he failed to acknowledge our previous message.

"The last contact by radio which we had with Capt. Mantell was when he said he could see the object at 1200 o'clock which was from 20000' and when last seen he seemed to have the airplane under perfect control and still climbing towards the object."

FACTS: Clements is at pains (he will repeat himself below) to insist that Mantell was not in any trouble from hypoxia or anything else when he abandoned Mantell. If he had admitted that Mantell's plane was wobbling or erratic then he would make his dereliction of duty to come to Mantell's assistance all the more egregious, and invited a court-martial all the more.

CLEMENTS: "I relayed my thoughts to Godman tower as to what we had seen and proceeded with Lt. Hammond on my wing to Standiford Field, landing without further incident at approximately 1540. As near as I can recall, the last time we saw Capt. Mantell was approximately 1520 [sic]. At no time did I observe Capt. Mantell to be in trouble and not until the later stages of the flight, prior to our breaking off of formation, did I realize what the object of this high rate of climb and unusual heading away from our ultimate destination was. By the time that I switched to B Baker channel, after we started climbing, we were apparently out of range of the Godman tower. In conjunction with the last time when we left Capt. Mantell I would judge our position to be about 40 [sic] miles northwest of Bowling Green.
"/s/ Albert W. Clements"

FACTS: Again, Clements wants to mitigate his dereliction of duty and violation of orders by insisting that Mantell was okay when he left him. And again he falsely asserts that he did not know what the purpose of their "unusual heading" and purported "high rate of climb" was until the "later stages," and drags in the phony excuse of Mantell somehow misleading them to stay on the wrong radio channel. As we showed earlier, Clements knew all along they were chasing an unidentified object and had spotted it himself almost from the start of the UFO pursuit. They knew that Channel B was their official radio channel as it was logged in their flight plan.

Clements' belief that they "were apparently out of range of the Godman tower" at these "final stages" of the UFO chase was dead wrong. But it was fortunate for us because Godman Tower controllers listened in on Clements' radio chatter when Clements did not think anyone could hear him. And Godman's controllers' eavesdropping makes Clements out to be a liar, as we have seen, on such matters as claiming Mantell never updated their ETA to reflect the delay for the UFO pursuit, that Mantell's radio transmissions were garbled as if due to hypoxia, that Hammond had to "hand signal" him, and most significantly on who had oxygen supply problems - only Hammond was reported, not Mantell.

(F) AF Was Suspicious of Accident Investigators from Mantell's Home Base

Within a day of the crash, the AF was already a bit suspicious of having Mantell's fellow Kentucky Air National Guard officers or even AF officers at Standiford Field conducting the accident investigation or of them being the only ones involved. Unusual orders were issued stating that while "Standiford Field National Guard Unit is handling investigation" the AF's Wright Field Flight Service "suggested that an Air Force Officer aid in the investigation and requested Godman Field to do so" rather than Standiford's AF officers (Accid. Rpt., p. 30).

A special investigation team of two AF officers, Major Robert J. D. Johnson and Capt. Robert R. Rankin, did prepare a special report (see Accid. Rpt., pp. 34-50; not known if they were in fact from Godman) but it was not an independent investigation, since they simply rubber-stamped the ANG board's findings and conclusions, despite the apparent unease of AF Wright Field Flight Service.

Mantell's crew and the Standiford accident board implied that Mantell acted like some crazed madman who endangered his entire flight team with life-threatening orders to fly too high too fast without oxygen (no such orders were ever given) to try to reach a dubious target, an object in the sky that his crew could not even see (also not true). They painted the picture of Mantell as obsessed with reaching the UFO, forcing them into following him on a dangerous maximum climb at full power, and turning a callous and indifferent ear to his fellow officers' legitimate complaints about what was happening and the increasing lack of oxygen to breathe.

Mantell's flight said that one wingman was flying too high with no oxygen and was feeling dizzy (Lt. Hammond), but that they could not contact Mantell visually or by radio through the fault of Mantell himself. All of these charges and innuendoes also turn out to be falsehoods.

They claimed Mantell did not follow procedures in switching radio channels so they could listen in, that he was using the wrong channel instead of the correct VHF Channel B radio frequency (126.18 MHz), thus leaving them uninformed and in the dark on what was going on. The Mantell crew complained that he did not explain what they were doing, that they were pursuing a UFO, and that he did not explain why they were so greatly departing from their flight plan.

In actual fact, Channel B was the official frequency listed on their Flight Plan (Accid. Rpt., pp. 20, 40), so Mantell's wingmen surely knew that and Mantell should not have had to inform his crew of that fact. The one wingman, Lt. Hendricks, who decided to head back to base early on, stated in his affidavit that he visually noticed Mantell talking on his radio and simply switched his own radio to Channel B and listened in on Godman Tower requesting Mantell to check out the UFO.

Thus, the other wingmen, Lts. Clements and Hammond, would have known to do the same thing, change to Channel B. And when they saw Lt. Hendricks head off to home base they had to know something was up and to change channels to find out. Their aircraft radios, SCR-522, had only three channels (or at most four if specially modified), Channels A, B, and C, anyway, so how difficult was it to check all three in case of questions? The claims that Clements and Hammond were kept in the dark by a reckless flight leader Mantell just do not ring true.

(E) Dissecting Wingman Clements' Version of the Official Story

Mantell wingman Lt. Albert Clements' affidavit (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13-14, 43-44, emphasis added) will be quoted below in sections and rebutted factually in "FACTS" sections after each quote:

CLEMENTS: "At this point 1455 Lt. Hendricks, #2 man, broke away from the formation and headed towards Standiford Field. Capt. Mantell immediately after this began a rather sharp spiraling climb to the right at rather high power settings, necessitating a power setting of 47" MP [inches manifold pressure] and 2700 RPM to maintain position in the formation with him. He continued spiraling at about 14000' where he broke off the spiral and headed on a south-westerly heading of approximately 220=B0 [sic; actually 210=B0], still climbing at the maximum rate of 180 IAS [Indicated Air Speed mph].

"At about 16000' I put on my oxygen mask and began taking oxygen because it became apparent that Capt. Mantell was heading for much higher altitudes even though it was known before hand that he did not have oxygen equipment and neither did the element wingman Lt. Hammond. The flight continued on this south-westerly course and at about 18000' I attempted to pull up fairly close to the flight leader and try to signal him with hand motions and try to contact him on B Baker channel asking where the flight was headed. Capt. Mantell had at no time signaled for a change over to B Baker channel which is always customary from the flight leader, either [by] visual signal or on the radio."

FACTS: Here Clements insinuates that Mantell never communicated with his wingmen on Channel B during the entire UFO chase and that he had to "try" to hand signal and radio Mantell over Channel B after they reached 18,000 feet, but failed (part of the effort to depict Mantell as obsessed and unresponsive to reason). But in the very next sentences (below), Clements states that he did in fact converse with Mantell over the radio. Even before the UFO chase began, when everyone was still at 5,000 feet, wingman Hendricks figured out Mantell was using Channel B and switched to it and listened in on Mantell's communications with Godman Tower and then asked Mantell's permission over Channel B to continue to home base rather than join the pursuit mission (Hendricks affidavit, Accid. Rpt., p. 42).

Hendricks heard Mantell on Channel B giving the 2:50 p.m. radio position report when Godman broke in to request diversion to track the UFO. They were on a course of about 345 degrees to Standiford and were directed to turn to heading 330 degs to come over Godman Tower (Hendricks affidavit, Accid. Rpt., p. 42; note that the "45" degree heading must be a typo for "345" which was their course to home base). This involved a 15-degree left turn. Why didn't Clements immediately ask Mantell what they were doing

turning away from home base?

Why did Clements wait about 12 minutes, until after they had completely reversed course and were heading south and had climbed to 18,000 ft before trying to "signal" Mantell as to what they were doing?? In fact, Godman Tower heard a wingman, evidently Clements, at the very start of the UFO chase, radio "What the hell are we after?" (or "Where in the hell are we going?"). This was when they were between 14,000 and 15,000 ft at the start of the chase, at least 5 minutes before reaching 18,000 ft in the reconstructed timeline. According to Godman controllers, Mantell answered right away and said he did not see the object yet, but he soon spotted the UFO directly ahead of him at "12 o'clock high" position, as he reported over the radio. (Duesler, Orner, Oliver, Blackwell statements to Project Sign.) In fact, this was Clements' original story to the press within two days of the crash, contradicting his later testimony by sworn affidavit to the accident board.

Clements told the Louisville Courier-Journal that his and Mantell's observation of the bright object at "12 o'clock" radio report was "soon" after the very beginning of the chase and that that was when they "started after" the UFO:

"Clements said Mantell informed him they were to look for something 'but didn't seem to know exactly what it was.' _Soon_, Clements related, Mantell shouted through the loud speaker, "Look, there it is at 12 o'clock." Clements said this meant it was "right over our nose."

Clements gazed straight ahead and saw a "bright shining object that looked like a star." He and Mantell _started_ after it. (Louisville Courier-Journal, Jan. 9, 1948, p. 1.)

Clements changed his original story to shift this "12 o'clock high" radio report by Mantell to near the _end_ of the chase, at 20,000 ft, or about 8 minutes later than Godman actually heard it, when they were still at 15,000 ft, shortly after starting the UFO intercept at 14,000 ft. Clements clearly wanted to cover up the fact that _he_ had seen the UFO himself almost from the beginning, along with Mantell. This was another effort to suggest that no one could figure out what madman Mantell was taking them towards all throughout the pursuit.

Notice that before Clements changed this portion of his story, he seemed to admit that Mantell was himself initially unsure of what it was they were being sent to identify, which would in effect give Mantell some allowance for not being able to explain it to his wingmen, an allowance that Clements later made sure to withdraw: "Clements said Mantell informed him they were to look for something 'but didn't seem to know exactly what it was.' "

Since Channel B was listed on their flight plan, but not Channel C, Clements should have known instantly that Mantell was using Channel B and should not have had to have Mantell hand "signal" him. Godman Tower had radioed Mantell over Channel B after hearing him give his radio position report using that channel and then got the idea to request Mantell's assistance in identifying the UFO. How hard was it to switch from Channel C to B to check?

CLEMENTS: "In one of my transmissions I notified Capt. Mantell that we were considerably over our ETA for Standiford Field and suggested that he notify Godman Field to relay our position to Flight Service to which he replied 'Roger'. However, I failed to hear Capt. Mantell contact Godman Field on this."

FACTS: Again, Clements tries to portray Mantell as the reckless fanatic who would not listen and would not respond to reason. Problem is that Godman Tower _did_ hear Mantell radio his changed ETA (Estimated Time of Arrival) for Standiford Field, changed to accommodate Godman's request to divert course to intercept the UFO (Lt. Col. Wood statement to Project Sign, Jan. 9, 1948). Thus Godman Tower, in effect, makes Clements out to be a liar.

CLEMENTS: "In the next few minutes I heard Capt. Mantell say "Look", there's a town down there with an airport beside it", and from previous flying in this area I recognize it to be the

town of Bowling Green with it's [its] airport to the south east, and at this point I noted that we were at 20000' and still climbing. I called Capt. Mantell and notified that this was Bowling Green and again asked him what we were looking for. He then replied "Look, there it is out there at 1200 o'clock," and I was able to discern a bright appearing object, very small, and so far away as to be unable to identify it as to size, shape, color, but it was definitely something which could be seen. It's [sic] position was slightly lower and to the left of the sun. This was at approximately 1515 [sic]. I called Capt. Mantell and told him I could see the object but suggested that since we did not seem to be making a gain on the object, that it would be better if we leveled off and tried to pick up some speed and possibly get under the object. His transmissions were garbled but he mentioned something about going to 25000' for about 10 minutes and then if we were unable to make any further progress towards the object, we could drop down."

FACTS: Here Clements insinuates that Mantell's radio transmission was "garbled" due to effects of hypoxia, yet Clements heard every single (alleged) detail of what Mantell said: (a) Going to 25,000 ft (b) for about 10 minutes (c) if unable by then to make progress (d) then they could drop back down to lower altitude. More importantly, Godman Tower personnel also heard this transmission, but no one heard any "garbling" in Mantell's voice or had any trouble understanding Mantell's transmissions. Furthermore, Godman heard Mantell say they would go to 20,000 ft (a much safer altitude for oxygen problems), not to 25,000 ft. Godman heard this over the radio near the beginning of the UFO chase (at 15,000 ft) not near the end at 20,000 to 22,000 ft, thus once again in effect making Clements out to be a liar. (Capt. Carter statement to Project Sign.)

CLEMENTS: "From the time that the high blower kicked in at about 18000' Capt. Mantell did not seem to decrease the throttle heading to correspond with this and began pulling away from us at 18000' on up even though I was using these maximum power settings. At about 22500', realizing that it was too high to maintain without oxygen, I broke off the flight out of formation and Capt. Mantell disappeared, still climbing almost directly into the sun. I called him and informed him that we were breaking off the flight and returning to Standiford Field, but he did not acknowledge."

FACTS: Clements insinuates that Mantell had been "climbing almost directly into the sun" for quite some time before finally disappearing, and then Clements reversed course to head to home base. But their adjusted course was towards 205 degrees, not towards the sun at 227 degrees. Mantell could not possibly have headed towards the sun at 227 degs for very long since he ended up crashing several minutes later at an impact site 202 degs from Godman, very close to their 205 degs intercept heading.

If Mantell had briefly turned right and into the sun by about 20 degrees, to avoid our crash-site location problem, then we run into the problem that Clements immediately made a 180-degree turn. How could Mantell still be "into the sun" when Clements looped away by miles on the 180-turn? In a standard fast 1-minute turn at 300 mph, within 15 seconds or less Clements would have put Mantell towards the west (about 70 degrees from the sun) or towards the east (about 110 degs from the sun), depending on whether Clements turned left or right, respectively. Thus it is preposterous that Mantell could have remained in the sun so long that he "disappeared." There is more to the unraveling of this false and ridiculous story.

Even if hypothetically Mantell had somehow managed to "pull away" by say 10 miles by the time of disappearance, Clements' 180-turn would have shifted Mantell's position in the sky by about 10 degrees away from the sun within 30 seconds, and about 15 degrees from the sun by the end of the turn. And that assumes a 10-mile separation which we will see below was factually false and a physical and logical impossibility.

Clements alleges that Mantell pulled away from him from 18,000 ft "on up," because of his extreme power settings, the actions of a maniac he implies. But earlier in his affidavit (see above) Clements was easily able to keep up with Mantell and actually pulled up "fairly close" to him at this same 18,000 ft altitude, in order to hand-signal him. And Clements was still

with Mantell at 20,000 ft by his own statement here above (at the Bowling Green airport vicinity) and to 22,500 ft when he says he broke away from Mantell. Clements cannot have it both ways.

There are so many reasons to question this part of Clements' affidavit, as with so much of the rest of what he said, that it is left in a shambles, a pastiche of some well-thought-out and some poorly-thought-out falsehoods. The mythic image of Mantell disappearing "into the sun" is not presented here by Clements for its poetic value. It's an effort to solve the problem of how Mantell could possibly have "disappeared" so quickly, an effort apparently based on the poor logic that two inconsistent explanations can be just as good as one good explanation, if they are both superficially plausible-sounding.

If the sun explanation did not ultimately work, then apparently Clements thought the "pulling away" scenario would take its place, regardless of the mutual contradiction. In the "pulling away" scenario, Mantell's flight at full power generated such a high relative speed to Clements that Mantell's plane could disappear from Clements' sight in just a few seconds. But the 37-foot wide wingspan of the F-51 would have made it visible to the human eye up to about 24 miles (for 20/20 vision 1 arcminute Minimum Angle of Resolution).

If both Mantell and Clements were in a maximum climb how could there be much of a difference in speed? Both were in identical F-51D's with identical engines and identical fuel load and weight, and should have had identical speeds. Suppose we assume that somehow a very generous 60 mph (1 mile per minute) relative velocity developed between Mantell and his wingman Clements at this point at about 3:09 p.m. in the reconstructed timeline (this assumes Mantell at 360 mph and Clements at 300 mph, instead of both at 300 mph). It would have taken about 24 minutes for Mantell's plane to disappear (which would be at 3:33)! Mantell already crashed long before that time (at 3:18)! So the "pulling away" cannot explain how Mantell's fighter supposedly disappeared so fast.

Imagine another possibility, that Clements' turn in the opposite direction put his flight speed opposite to that of Mantell's speed, resulting in possibly up to 600-700 mph in relative velocity between the two fighters. The accident report claims that Mantell's plane disappeared from sight to Clements at about 23,000 ft (Accid. Rpt., p. 8). Based on the reconstructed correct climb rate of only 600 ft/min, this would be just under 1 minute after Clements began to turn around and head for home base at 22,500 ft. This assumes that both Mantell and Clements were flying together at about the same altitude and that the 500 ft increase represents about 1 minute of climbing at the 600 ft/min rate.

(But if, as some reports suggest, there was a minor 500-foot height difference with Clements' plane at 22,500 ft [Accid. Rpt., pp. 14, 44] when Mantell's plane was at 23,000 ft, then this does not represent a 1 minute time interval at all, which would have allowed some separation distance to develop between them. However we will consider the 1-minute possibility for illustration of the insuperable difficulties with Clements' nonsense story about Mantell's disappearance.)

How far could Mantell possibly have gotten from Clements in 1 minute when Mantell was climbing at the maximum possible climb rate and Clements had turned around to reverse course? In max climb, speed in the F-51D is limited to only about 200 mph (NAA F-51D Performance Tables and Charts, 1944, 1946). But Clements was no longer climbing, so he could fly faster, let's say it was the F-51D's max speed of about 440 mph in level flight. If the 1 minute estimate is assumed, then Clements would have put only about 6 miles between himself and Mantell on their now opposite headings. But this is not enough to make Mantell disappear. It is not even close to the 24-mile maximum visual range for seeing an F-51. But it might be understandable if one could only look backwards briefly to try to spot Mantell's now rapidly receding F-51.

The truth is evidently that Mantell's plane disappeared not because of fading in the distance, not because of the sun's glare, but because Clements had turned his plane around in the opposite direction and left Mantell all alone, making it

difficult to crane his head backwards to look for Mantell. Clements could not easily look back to watch Mantell while flying his own fighter. That is the true cause of Mantell's "disappearance" from sight.

Rather than admit that his abandonment of Mantell is what caused Mantell's disappearance from view, Clements apparently just made up the mythical story of Mantell disappearing "into the sun."

CLEMENTS: "Through the later stages of this climb Lt. Hammond was signaling that he was having trouble because of his lack of oxygen and wished to go down to a lower altitude."

HAMMOND: In the only known statement of wingman Lt. Buford A. Hammond, made to the press, he describes this purported hand signaling that Clements cites:

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FACTS: This dramatic story of Hammond and Clements having to communicate by hand signals instead of by radio (because their radios were "tuned to a different frequency") is very colorful. It is also very false.

Hammond radioed and did not hand signal his oxygen problems. Godman controllers heard Hammond reporting his oxygen problems to Clements over the radio. In a report by Major De Armand Matthews, deputy commander of the Wright Field Flight Service Center, which overheard the Mantell mission over the Plan 62 intercom network between the AF bases in the region, we learn that the Service Center shift supervisor Capt. Arthur Jehli heard the following radio communications between Mantell's men. Major Matthews quotes from Capt. Jehli's report:

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Hammond "advised" Clements by radio of his oxygen problems, and it was heard over the intercom network from the air-to-ground radio feed. The whole story by Hammond and Clements about "hand signaling" was completely made up. It never happened.

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I don't know what the final truths will be on the Stan Romanek 'Alien in The Window' case.

But I do know the routine: this witness, Stan, will be accused of all kinds of motives, he'll be considered by mainstream media, as well as some ufology insiders, and professional debunkers, guilty till proven innocent.

Guilty of what?

They'll say he's hoaxing for fun, hoaxing for profit, or that he's gullible, or delusional. The usual Big Four Faker Factors.

However this one resolves, I admit that personally, I would not have done it the way Peckman decided to sensationalize it.

But I'm here to help all you rational people take a deep breath... and take a closer look at some historic cases where those who shouted hoax... had ultimately hoaxed their own 'evidence'. So-called.

Check these three outstanding examples.

1. Portage, Ohio Case, aka The Sound of Silence Is Deafening.

The explanation to this 30-plus year old case turns out to be a real UFO, cloaked; an elaborate government hoax created by a secret agency forcing a local sheriff to withhold crucial evidence from Project Bluebook. Because of this hoax ... Police Officers statements were laughed at and they were told they were chasing Venus (through three counties).

By the way, have you even heard of this case on any other blog? Portage would prove, by the police files, how the government lied about having a secret agency to handle UFO cases far and above Project Bluebook. In this incident, the two police officers eventually had to leave their careers, which were damaged beyond repair. When the truth came out, one of the Police Officers (former officer Dale Spaur was in a hospice when they found him) said he was glad it became public and it happened before he died ... But did it become public?

Don't know of any blogger who's covered this... "One of the good people" cases. I guess too many bloggers are busy bashing witnesses or waiting for that one where they can prove how objective they are to the skeptics.

I found two places where this great update on the famous UFO of

Portage Ohio case was highlighted. MUFON Journal where I got the story, and my blog where I continue to follow it:

<http://ufomedia.blogspot.com/2007/12/when-venus-turned-out-to-be-ufo.html>

2. Rowell Flying Saucer Hoax... Or MOGUL Balloon Hoax.

The calculations presented to the scientific community (who never checked) that settled the case toward MOGUL was a "hoax"; the calculations were done as a farce, including having the balloon hovering for hours, ascending and descending (actually acting like an intelligently controlled device):

http://roswellproof.homestead.com/mogul_hoax_faq.html

3. Trent Photos. Not only did the debunkers insinuate the Trents were liars - contrary to what all of the neighbors felt about them - a dubious "Trent" photo showing a wire implying a device for hanging a fake object was circulated. Slight problem: in the original, real Trent photo, no wire was present. Just recently, another hoax photo was presented by a blog showing a model-size image of the "Trent" saucer... another obvious hoax:

<http://www.ufodigest.com/news/0308/hoaxing2.html>

So guess who got the short end of the stick in all these cases? The witnesses.

Harassing phone calls, threats... think about what that would mean in your life: THREATS for coming forward, telling the truth.

Sensationalism can certainly be used to make money. However, we all need to focus on the crucial baseline fact: the presence of sensationalism in a public revelation may have nothing to do with the truth of what the witnesses report. Wedding sensationalism to a case for monetary gain does not mean the subsequent research is faulty, either.

Seems it's impossible for some UFO researchers to rationally examine what happens in a heavily publicized case.

Is it really so tough to step back for a moment, and logically, rationally consider each element separately: witness, evidence, effect of the public exposure, background research, media portrayal?

We owe every case our best attention.

What's more, we owe every witness who was brave enough to come forward the opportunity to present their experience with some baseline respect from us.

Are we that self-righteous that even ufologists who already know what it's like to take a lot of heat from friends, family, and who rarely risk any kind of discussion on these matters in the workplace, or with the people who live next door, that they summarily dismiss either a good witness account or apparent physical evidence because someone somewhere - often not even the witness, but someone in the media upstream - is poised to gain some kind of profit?

You can go out into the ufology blogosphere or chat among your fellow conference goers, and you will even hear things like 'If he believed in it himself, why didn't he put the money into getting wider distribution for the video?'

Damned if you do, damned if you don't publicize or give decent exposure to your experience and evidence.

Here is a clip from the interview:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWs7u0nU7yQ>

We forget, too, not everyone can afford to lose a job like the Portage officers, like billionaire tech inventor forced to resign from the company he founded Joe Firmage...

We forget not everyone can afford to invest in consulting experts and pre-vetting evidence before public release. Our own huge international groups can hardly afford the testing of a fraction of such evidence that is available... from genetic testing

to simple chemical analysis.

How can we blame individual witnesses - who try not to become partisan, or who are ignorant of our organizations - for waiting to come forward until the substantial funding for professional public relations campaigns and the battery of laboratory tests has been secured?

I've got some ideas about how we can avoid going partisan, or loco, regardless of our basic ufology orientation. Are you ready to take the unpartisan pledge? Come back next Thursday for the challenge!

Joseph Capp
UFO Media Matters
Non-Commercial Blog

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Peckman Asks Obama To Back UFO Plan

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Alien Video Man Jeff Peckman Asks Barack Obama To Back UFO Plan
By Tim Shipman in Washington

A man who has shown a video of what he claims is an alien visitor to earth to bolster his case for greater public scrutiny of UFOs is to take his campaign to the Democratic Party convention in August, where Barack Obama will formally win the presidential nomination.

Jeff Peckman revealed a video of what he believes is an extra-terrestrial, a week ago at a press conference in Denver, Colorado.

Mr Peckman, a website entrepreneur, is campaigning in support of a ballot initiative that would let the people of Denver vote in November on a plan to establish a city-wide extra-terrestrial affairs commission.

Under his proposal, which he says would cost \$75,000 (=A338,000) a year, the new body would ensure that government offices, police and firefighters are trained to deal with extra-terrestrial visitors. It would also release details of UFO sightings which it judged to be credible.

His plans have met widespread amusement and scepticism, but have also generated a wave of support from those who believe that man is not the only intelligent life in the universe.

Journalists were allowed to view the video tape but not broadcast it because the Nebraska man who took the footage, Stan Romanek, has sold his story to a documentary maker.

Mr Peckman has released one still image from the tape, which shows an alien-like head in Mr Romanek's window. But several spoofs of the video, mocking its content, appeared last week on the internet.

Mr Peckman, who is 54 and lives with his parents, told The Telegraph that he has had such an enthusiastic response that he is now confident he can secure the 4,000 signatures of support that are needed to get his proposal on the ballot paper in November's election.

Dozens of UFO enthusiasts, inspired by coverage of the video, today fanned out at the Peoples' Fair in Denver's civic centre park to begin collecting the signatures. To further bolster support, Mr Peckman plans to hold a benefit concert around the time of the Democratic convention, due to be held in Denver during the final week of August.

He is now in talks with a collaborator, Michael Luckman, author of the book Alien Rock, which claims, among other things, that Jimmy Hendrix was a visitor from another planet and that Elvis Presley regularly conversed with extra-terrestrial guests.

Mr Peckman said: "It would be the perfect time, when there is so much attention on Denver and so many people who would be in positions of power will be here, to flesh out this issue.

"We are thinking in terms of doing a benefit concert about the time of the convention. It would be a celebration of species all over the galaxy.

"I'm confident we'll be on the ballot. There has been huge interest. I have done more than 50 interviews with media from around the world. I am close to a deal with a local radio station to support the collection of the signatures. We've had 30 or 40 people offer to help since the video was screened."

Mr Peckman said his interest in extra-terrestrials dates from when he first saw Mr Romanek's video last year. "I had always some belief in extra-terrestrial life and that there had been some interaction on earth. But he said that Mr Romanek's evidence, not just the video he showed, is very convincing. He has had 100 unique experiences with extraterrestrials and UFOs.

"I think more people should hear about that. Through a ballot initiative I can get that information to the people. They can learn about the cover-up and learn about these interactions with extra-terrestrials. The word will be out.

"I want a commission to collect the best available credible evidence and make that available to the public on a website or in a museum. I want to make sure that government officials are trained to deal with these interactions and with people who are having some kind of extra-terrestrial experience."

Mr Peckman is encouraged by polls that show seven out of ten voters in Colorado believe in UFOs.

He has previously had success in getting another initiative on the ballot. In 2003 some 32 per cent of voters backed his proposal that local government should act to cure what he believes are "pools of stress" in the population at large.

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Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2008 06:14:41 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 10:21:07 -0400
Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 6 Jun 2008 15:58:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

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When debunkers can't "rationally" debunk it.

JCH

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No, that doesn't seem to be what's at issue here.

"Rational" is not a quality associated with a report itself. You might say a witness has drawn "rational" or "irrational" conclusions from his or her observation, or that subsequent discussion by investigators and analysts was "rational" or "irrational". (See my remark about discourse above.) But sightings themselves are neither rational nor irrational; they're just... sightings. (Adjectives like these are frequently abused in ufological - and other - argument, but that's a separate issue.)

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Jerry Clark

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Re: New Sightings Lead To UFO Believers

From: **Judy Mickelson** <ufolady.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2008 16:09:20 -0600
Archived: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 08:49:28 -0400
Subject: Re: New Sightings Lead To UFO Believers

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Monday, May 26, 2008 6:05 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: New Sightings Lead To UFO Believers

>Source: The Express & Star - Wolverhampton, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/4p39uh>

>May 26, 2008

>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.

<snip>

The inverted meat plate may sound weird but in 1998, a friend of mine witnessed along with many others, including a fellow from the Sheriff's Department, an inverted ice cream cone!

He said, it was the strangest thing he ever had seen before. He looked for wires etc., but there weren't any and it was very quiet as it glided over a hill and back again.

This went on for several hours but he was only there for 30 minutes and had to leave. He said, cars were lined up on both sides of the highway. This was in Loveland, Co.

By the way, the Sheriff took a picture of it but we never saw it in the local newspaper or anywhere. I even called our paper and they said they would look into it and they did get back to me but said, no one is talking.

Same old same old.

There is a little more to this story but this is all I will say about it right now. The friend was a CIA agent retired, need I say more?

Judy Mickelson

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>I'm sure Mr. Hale intended to convey something, but what it was
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Jerry,

Some people in UFO research may not like the character of Mr. Greer or the way he conveys his message to the populous of the world, but as I pointed out in my first mail, such is the nature of UFOs it is not as straight forward as, here is the only way forward for UFO research.

It takes all types of people and events to make UFOs the enigma it is, and still remains unsolved to this day, regardless of how many books or videos are made about it, or how much applied 'rational' thinking is placed upon it through investigation.

The core question: Is earth being or have been visited by ET, is mostly left unresolved simply because the applied rational thinking and investigation over so many years has failed to answer it?

So because Mr Greer runs a certain program with elaborate headings, really isn't going to push UFO research back any further, because the amount of rational thinking is still not solving the UFO puzzle /enigma.

And what about those individuals who sat alongside Dr. Greer at the Disclosure event, are they all free of rational thinking, did they not apply rational thinking to their UFO encounters whilst in the military before they went to disclosure?

And whilst CSETI may not be as popular or have as many members as it was when it first started, surely this missive would also be aimed all of the CSETI investigators who quite liked the character of Mr. Greer and his viewpoint / stance on the UFO enigma and the way forward for their own UFO research? I am sure CSETI must have produced at least some investigations that proved a positive step forward in opening up the UFO enigma?

Roy

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2008 23:51:28 -0700
Archived: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 08:53:04 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 13:00:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>Looks like a thin rock to me. If you look at the right side you
>can see a thin black line which indicates the shadow of a raised
>item. A depression in the soil would show a shadow on the left
>side corresponding with the shadow angles of the attachments on
>the lander.

It's a depression. Look at the shadows of the small stones
nearby. It's also well known that this was made by the scoop at
the end of the robotic arm, in the first test, where the scoop
hit the soil at an oblique angle.

http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/06_01_pr.php

<http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/images.php?qID=1349&cID=35>

I've been following this mission daily since the landing. No
conspiracies here.

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
web.mac.com/meridianijournal

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Romanek "Is Real Little Green Man"

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June 5, 2008

Star Wars

Jeff Peckman may be spaced out, but alien expert Stan Romanek is the real little green man.

By Jason Sheehan

As the world now knows, a man named Jeff Peckman is fighting to get an initiative on the November ballot calling for the formation of an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission in Denver - which would deal with any problems that might arise should a group of day-tripping ETs decide to stop by. And last Friday, Peckman upped the ante by showing footage (to select members of the press, no photos or recording allowed) of an actual living, breathing alien peeking through a window. But here's the thing...

The video was just a piece of a much longer video shot by one of Colorado's own, Stan Romanek. And Stan? He's a weird guy. I was fortunate enough to catch a much longer dog-and-pony show he himself did for a standing-room-only crowd on the Auraria campus a few months ago. I'm fairly sure I was the only member of the press in attendance, seeing as how the vast majority of the crowd was drawn from the ranks of the UFO faithful. In short, Stan was preaching to the converted. And I was one of them.

Yes, I believe in UFOs. I believe in alien life. My wife and I have seen (and reported to the Mutual UFO Network) one UFO ourselves - not a spaceship, not an alien, but a truly unidentified flying object, outside Wagon Mound, New Mexico, six or seven years ago - and I have spent time since then hanging with the UFO community, trying to learn.

Which was why I knew Romanek's name. He is, to quote from his own website, www.stanromanek.com, at the center of "the most scientifically documented [case of] human/extraterrestrial encounters in the world. There have been well over 100 individually unique experiences that Stan has encountered since December, 2000 that remain unexplainable. Being abducted is only one of many experiences."

Among the believers, Romanek is a big dog. He's like Wayne Newton in Vegas. The man really packs 'em in. And when he showed the full cut of the alien-peeking-through-a-window video to the faithful? Needless to say, the room went nuts.

But not me. I was just disappointed. It looked so patently fake, so ridiculously cheap and goofy. In the course of the presentation, Stan had laid out so much other evidence that was so much more compelling (including examples of automatic

writing, mathematical equations, additional photos and videos of UFOs and more) and plenty that wasn't (recorded phone calls from aliens, photos of aliens in his back yard that looked like nothing more than plaster dime-store garden gnomes, a purchase order for a computer bought for him by mysterious "helpers") that the final reveal - the little squash-headed "alien" blinking and staring into the house - just seemed to me like bullshit icing on a highly questionable birthday cake.

Setting aside any question of whether or not the footage is real or faked, Peckman's recent showing worked out well. It's gotten press all over the planet (and possibly beyond), and Peckman is the one getting all the ink. My question, though, is where's Stan in all this?

Oh, that's right. He's the one holding the video, refusing to post it to the web or allow it to be shown in public, accepting no sort of peer review or criticism beyond a few attempts at having the expurgated footage authenticated by local film experts. The reason? He's in the process of trying to complete (and sell) a documentary about himself: Starseed: The Stan Romanek Story, coming soon to theaters near you.

And to me, this is the most disturbing part. I understand the impulse to try and make a buck off what, if true, would be the biggest news story in history, but seriously? Some things are more important than a dollar. And if this video truly is as real as Romanek and Peckman claim it is, it needs to be released, in toto and immediately, so that everyone can have their look, have their say and make up their own minds as to whether or not 'they' really are out there.

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[Video]

UFO Investigators Check Local Sightings
Coloradans Report 200 Sightings Each Month
by
Jennie Castor
7News Video Journalist

EVERGREEN, Colo. -- UFO sightings are not unusual, especially in Colorado. The many cloud-free days provide clear skies and an opportunity for universe gazing.

"A UFO itself is just an object that folks are seeing in the sky that's unidentified. They can't explain it or they can't understand it in terms of why is it flying the way it is, the shape of it," James Carrion, the international director of MUFON.

The Mutual UFO Network is based in Colorado. Since 1969, members of the organization have researched unusual sightings around the world. "We have 800 certified investigators and 100 plus consultants with PhDs," said James Carrion, the international director of MUFON.

Gary Huffman is a MUFON investigator. He says his previous career as an investigator for the government makes him a thorough UFO investigator. "I collect the facts and basically try to verify the facts as the viewer presented. Once I have all of the information, I make a recommendation," said Huffman.

Huffman was sent to a home in Evergreen to research an early-morning sighting. A man said he saw an unusual object in the sky and he was able to capture a digital image from his deck.

"It was almost 5 a.m. At the time as I was checking out Venus. It was a dark, dark night," said Chad. He's asked to have his last name withheld.

"I couldn't help but see a triangular shape and lights on each corner. The craft was going up over the trees," said Chad.

Huffman recorded an interview with Chad, took detailed measurements of the angle of the object in the sky, and returned to the neighborhood to interview neighbors. His recommendation was that Chad had seen a UFO.

"We no longer are trying to determine if they are real or not. We know they're real. What we are trying to determine is what are they doing here and what kinds of things are going on," said Huffman.

'We don't want our minds to be made up. We want to take a look at all of the facts and do our homework and do a proper investigation and categorize what people see into one of three categories IFO, unknown object, or possibly a hoax," said Carrion.

Investigators contact local airports, military bases, and check weather data. They must make sure the object is not a weather balloon, a distorted view of a star, or a hoax.

"MUFON is a resource for the public. We're here to take a report and not to ridicule you or try to make you feel like you are crazy. Our primary mission to study this and get to the bottom of it," said Carrion.

That's the good news for Chad. "I just hope maybe they can give me some answer. Maybe I'm right or wrong. My eyes showed me something and my camera caught the same thing."

Astrobiology is the scientific search of alien life. Understanding UFOs is a necessary part of this field.

Dr. David Grinspoon is the curator of Astrobiology at Denver's Museum of Nature and Science. He's written many books and articles about the possibility of extra-terrestrial life.

"It's important for people to know that the scientific community have a lot of interest in this area," said Grinspoon. He believes scientists need to have an open mind when it comes to researching UFOs.

"It's a tricky balance. We need to be open, not dogmatically rule things out so that we miss something. At the same time you have to be skeptical because the history of this subject is just loaded with dead ends and false stories," said Grinspoon.

Grinspoon recommends that we keep this in mind as we look to the skies.

"Do not believe everything you see or hear. Be open minded but be critical as well and try to keep learning," said Grinspoon.

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Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

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Subject: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

In the course of a really tacky UFO programme on UK TV station Central ITV, author Tim Good stated that at least 1,000 USAF pilots have been killed in the course of interaction with UFOs. I have posted my review of the programme separately.

What follows is the transcribed extract of the programme in which Good makes his claims.

regards,

Joe

Extract from ITV Central 'Extra Time' UFO programme
Broadcast 3rd June 2008

LB - Llewela Bailey (Presenter)
TG - Timothy Good

LB: can I just bring in Timothy here, you [Gary Bushell, sceptic] were saying about exploiting people in the subject - now you have written several books on it, haven't you, in fact this is the book I've got here this evening...

TG: it's about my 12th I think...

LB: well, exactly - are you making money out of it?

TG: at one point I did have some very good advances, I soon spent that and put the money into research, now let me tell you that this book cost me about twenty-five thousand pounds to research, the previous book - 'unearthly disclosure' cost me thirty-five thousand pound, if you think of hiring boats, aircraft, interpreters, on-site interpreters...

LB: because you believe, don't you Timothy, you believe that actually it's something to do with these conspiracy theories, you believe that it's something to do with underworld, underwater boats, bases, years..

TG: well I think there are...

LB: they are living amongst us...

TG: I think some so-called aliens have had bases on planet Earth for a very long time, and I was told this by a very reliable source, a military source in Washington...

LB: you see...err..yes, what do you think about this, we're at war, we're at war with the aliens...

TG: well, there is a conflict situation, there has been since the 1940s, it's certainly well-documented, in thousands of reports, even Defense department of the United States, between 1952 and 1956...

LB: but these are reportings, aren't they, they're not based on scientific fact, they're reportings, they're sightings...

TG: well they're based on military....a lot...there's a lot of military evidence, a great deal of military evidence, it was admitted by General Benjamin Chidlaw who was head of Air Defense Command, that the United States Air Force was losing one plane a day and pilots, they have lost, I would say, over a thousand pilots, that's just in the United States.

LB: 'cos I think one of the [garbled - possibly 'things stated'] is that policemen, military policemen, I mean, why would that make a difference? I don't know if one of you two[Tony Youens, (sceptic) and Gary Bushell] want to come in on that?

[discussion continues on a different tack]

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UK's ITV Central UFO Debate

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Review of ITV Central 'Extra Time' UFO programme
Broadcast 3rd June 2008
reviewer - Joe McGonagle

I should have known better - I actually watched it.

Llewela Bailey was the presenter (anyone heard of her? I hadn't). It was funny watching her maintain a 'BBC voice' and talking about this stuff.

The actual broadcast time after discounting the lead-in, the clips from the series 'UFO' and the adverts was in the order of 20 minutes - the resultant programme was as superficial as one might expect in the circumstances. The first 10 minutes was pre-recorded interviews with Dave Clarke, Anne Andrews (for some reason being 'anonymous' and all mysterious-like), Philip Mantle and Omar Fowler.

First there was a video clip of what could have been anything (fire balloon?) from Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. Much was made of the fact that there was also a helicopter in the area, which the authorities denied the following day.

<http://www.ufoinfo.com/ufonewsuk/v01/0103.shtml>

Next there was the Enstone video, which IIRC was a fuel dump by a US fighter - I just checked, see Robert Moore's "An Introductory Guide To UFOs" at:

<http://tinyurl.com/4rx29g>

There were then some uncommented clips before Omar Fowler was whisked on to say "We don't believe that they are travelling through space, but they might well be travelling through dimensions..." After which he was promptly whisked off again as the segment cut to another clip from "UFO".

Next up was Anne Andrews who is now very shy and wants to keep her identity hidden following "years of torment for her family". Maybe she (and Jason) should stop writing books? (The covers of 'Abducted' and 'Walking Between Worlds: Belonging to None' were prominently displayed, giving a subtle clue to her identity).

Dave Clarke then flashed up on the screen and after saying a few sceptical words enumerating possible conventional explanations for UFOs then flashed off again. Cue another clip from 'UFO'.

Philip Mantle then shot onto the screen, prominently leafing through a copy of 'ufodata' and positioning himself as a 'sceptical believer' before shooting off again.

No time for another 'UFO' clip, but a mention of Robbie Williams' interest, including a comment about him attending one of 'anonymous Anne's' book-signings.

A flashback now to Omar Fowler, confirming that there is a possibility that aliens are walking around amongst us in the Midlands. Cue another clip from 'UFO'. Thank god for the

commercial break...

After the break we were introduced to Marc Bell a "respected senior university lecturer", who has been abducted hundreds of times, apparently frequently from Rendlesham forest. According to Bell, he has been involved with UFO research for over 20 years - anyone heard of him or seen the product of his research? Apparently, he does have pictures of 'craft'.

Sceptic Gary Bushell basically told Bell that he was deluded - probably correctly so. Bushell's sceptical ufology credentials seem to be absent as far as I can tell - he is featured at:

<http://www.garry-bushell.co.uk/autobiography>

but not a sniff of a UFO anywhere?

Tony Youens, the other token sceptic who does have a traceable sceptical track record, see:

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

questioned Bell why he had not managed to obtain hard evidence of his claims. Bell invited him down to Rendlesham "...a hot-spot where you can see ETs on a regular basis."

Nick Pope chimed in with the claim that he has worked with a hundred abductees, most of which do not want publicity, and that he has no idea who the abductors are or why they're doing it. Classic MoD investigation and research...

Llewela Bailey had to lever Tim Good into the picture as he had so far not had the opportunity to get a word in edgeways. There was some discussion about financial gain, Good told her that the last two books had cost him =A360,000 to research - what a waste!

Llewela Bailey lost the plot and started asking Good about 'underworld/underwater boats' before correcting herself. Good reports that he has been told by "a very reliable military source in Washington" that so-called "aliens have had bases on planet earth for a very long time" and that the USA have lost over a thousand pilots due to alien actions (based on comments by Gen. Benjamin Chidlaw that "... we have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them.")

<http://www.timothygood.co.uk/statements.htm>

There then followed some superficial (and inaccurate) discussion about police witnesses and pilot reports. Pope emphasised cases of radar corroborated reports in the MoD files. Good emphasised the volume of reports and sophistication of radar technology. The final word from Tony Youens - "Not only has the emperor not got any clothes, but there is no emperor".

A total waste of time.

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Glitch Detected In Mars Phoenix Lander

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Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 10:53:05 EDT
Archived: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 11:28:24 -0400
Subject: Glitch Detected In Mars Phoenix Lander

<http://tinyurl.com/4phohd>

Why does this not surprise me that just when the first scoop of Martian soil is made it can't be deposited into the onboard receptacle for analysis? That somehow there is a glitch or a delay in the process.

Although Phoenix has no equipment to analyze whether there is life on the planet the media and general public mistakenly believe so.

However, it's analysis of the soil is very important to determine if life friendly elements exist there.

The ESA's Mars Beagle craft that would have tested for life crashed we're told. It's like we have a bunch of craft on that planet but still won't know if life exists or existed. We sure as heck will know about elements and minerals though.

The ESA's orbiting craft was supposed to examine several meters beneath the surface of Mars. Anyone read that data yet? It's been a while since it began that mission.

Lots of questions not about Mars itself as I personally feel we won't find jack squat on it, but the questions about how we're examining and dispelling that data is of more importance.

Where's Richard Hoagland when you need him?

Best,

Greg
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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 01:13:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2008 09:43:01 -0500
>>Subject: Re: CSETI Ambassador Training Opportunities

Roy,

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I think you mean "populace."

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>world, but as I pointed out in my first mail, such is the nature
>of UFOs it is not as straight forward as, here is the only way
>forward for UFO research.

I appreciate the clarification. That said, I could hardly
disagree with you more.

>It takes all types of people and events to make UFOs the enigma
>it is, and still remains unsolved to this day, regardless of
>how many books or videos are made about it, or how much applied
>'rational' thinking is placed upon it through investigation.

Apparently, you're arguing that ufology suffers from an excess
of rational thinking. As one who knows something of the
subject's history, I observe that experience argues the
opposite; loose thinking, credulity, and irrational responses
have played a larger - much larger - role in retarding
understanding.

Yes, UFOs may well - almost certainly do - represent a
phenomenon beyond current knowledge. So, however, do all major
scientific problems at their onset of inquiry. Nothing justifies
sloppy, baseless thinking, or no intellectual progress could
ever be accomplished. Imagine a scientist approaching a knotty
physics problem and declaring, "Oh, this is just so complicated
that there's no point in approaching it rationally. Let me just
speculate wildly, and we'll leave it at that."

The notion that somebody is arguing for irrational thinking (or
something like it) simply because the question is a difficult
one boggles the mind and depresses the spirit.

>The core question: Is earth being or have been visited by ET,
is >mostly left unresolved simply because the applied rational
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This is a very strange argument. (Possible ET visitation, by the way, is only one of a range of important questions the UFO phenomenon may be raising on either side of the question: observed_and_observer.) Ordinarily - and more, er, rationally - the argument goes that science has devoted virtually no resources to the UFO question, and that's a good part of why UFOs remain so dimly understood or denied outright. Ignorance is no more helpful here than its twin, irrationality.

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And don't even get me started on that clown...

Jerry Clark

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>And what about those individuals who sat alongside Dr. Greer at
>the Disclosure event, are they all free of rational thinking,
>did they not apply rational thinking to their UFO encounters
>whilst in the military before they went to disclosure?

>And whilst CSETI may not be as popular or have as many members
>as it was when it first started, surely this missive would also
>be aimed all of the CSETI investigators who quite liked the
>character of Mr. Greer and his viewpoint / stance on the UFO
>enigma and the way forward for their own UFO research? I am sure
>CSETI must have produced at least some investigations that
>proved a positive step forward in opening up the UFO enigma?

Roy,

My review of CSETI material shows little or no vetting of
witnesses or data provided to them. Researchers have used that
unverified data in their findings, and thus their own research
is now in question, IMO, and it includes some well known
researchers that I have great respect for otherwise.

I would ask if anyone has knowledge of any CSETI investigation that has been a positive step forward for the field, and if so please let the rest of us know what that is.

Some of us have a very poor opinion of Dr. Greer and anyone connected with him or his organizations, but if others want to spend money on his Seminars and become part of his effort to put together a cult-like group following his beliefs, it's a free world - for the most part.

Steve

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>pilots, that's just in the United States.

Joe,

Must agree that's pretty hard to swallow. The USAF doesn't have that many pilots that it can 'disappear' with no accountability, unless we suppose that these fatal engagements are, just by coincidence, taking place near active (human) combat zones, providing a convenient 'out'.

They could try to attribute these losses to accidents, but the numbers aren't favorable. As of Jan 2003 (most recent data I could readily find), a grand total of 330 pilot fatalities from Grade A Mishaps had occurred during the entire service lifetime of most components of the USAF fighter, bomber, reconnaissance, and helicopter fleet, including the A-10, F-15, F-16, F-117, F-22, U-2, B-1, B-2, B-52, H-1, H-53, and H-60.

Since genuine accidents - structural failures, bird strikes, etc. - are inevitable, I see little room here to 'hide' large numbers of UFO-related fatalities.

Mike

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Hi Michael, List,

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Peter McCue from the ufologyinuk List drew my attention to
Good's reference for Chidlaw's statement in his latest book
Need To Know which was:

Stringfield, Leonard H. 'Situation Red,
The UFO Siege', Doubleday, New York, 1977, p.138.

I checked my copy of 'Situation Red' (1978 Sphere Books
paperback edition) and found the following on pages 151/152 (in
chapter 7 to make it easier to find in different editions):

"From the beginning of my UFO research - actually, since my own
experience over Iwo Jima - I have pressed for raw data, hard
facts, even the sickening details about ill-fated aircraft
encounters with the UFO. Back in the early 1950s, when I knew of
the jet scrambles that sometimes led to disaster, I agreed with
major Keyhoe's writings that in these we may know the intent of
the UFO. I also agreed that 'losing our aircraft to the UFO' may
have been the reason for official secrecy, fearing that the
public would panic if they knew the whole truth.

Robert C. Gardner, a knowledgeable UFO investigator, writer, and
lecturer residing in California, visited my home for a weekend
in 1955. During our chats Gardener re-iterated his concern about
'our losing aircraft to the UFO'. He described several cases in
detail. Impressed by the papers he carried with him, with names,
laces, and dates, and other supporting data, I decided to pin
him down and asked for a written statement. In the November,
1955 issue of Orbit, I published Gardners eye opener:

'In the latter part of February, 1953, I carried a letter of
Introduction and recommendation from a New York official in
charge of our Eastern Air Defense to General Benjamin Chidlaw,
then in charge of all our continental air defenses at ENT Air
Force Base in Colorado.

The letter concerned a plan I had which the Eastern Air Defense
considered important to our national defense. out of courtesy to
general Chidlaw, who has since retired, I have withheld until
now the vitally important information herewith revealed. in the
course of the half-hour private interview the general mentioned,
among many interesting items, the following. 'We have stacks of
reports about flying saucers. We take them seriously when you

consider we have lost many men and planes when trting to intercept them''

Two months before receiving the statement from Gardener, a major in the Air Force Reserve who lived in Cincinnati had related to a GOC supervisor that the 'Air Force was losing about a plane a day to the UFOs'. The major had frequently dropped hints of off-the-record information about UFOs, but this one I took with the proverbial grain of salt. Also, about this time, during the '55 flap, still another Air Force officer, an active major and in a better position to get his facts on the record, told me in private, 'what bothers me is what's happening to our aircraft'."

The narrative continues with an account by this last anonymous major of an incident off Iceland where a (presumably USAF) aircraft was vectored on to a radar contact with a UFO. After confirming visual contact with the UFO, contact was lost with the aircraft and the major witnessed it plunge into the water, killing two airmen.

It would appear that Good has extrapolated his impression from these statements, and that they relate to the period prior to 1956. Can anyone validate or invalidate the claims? I am particularly interested in the Icelandic report.

Cheers,

Joe

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Len Stringfield, a wonderful man of whom I was quite fond, was a gentleman of the old school if ever there was one, and he deserves to be remembered for his contributions to ufology's early years. He was also, alas, a tad impressionable - the uncharitable would say gullible - and he was inclined to believe outlandish tales if the speaker could relate them while keeping his face straight.

Aside from the obvious unlikelihood that Gen. Childlaw would share a huge national-security secret with a lowly young UFO buff, Robert Coe Gardner is associated with other absurd yarns. As I wrote in my book Strange Skies, he had little credibility, and Stringfield was among the very few who gave him any heed. Gardner was just a publicity hound who lurked on ufology's margins in the 1950s and who would have been forgotten long ago if not for Stringfield's mention.

If Tim Good is citing him as a source... well, let's just say - begging pardon for the pun - not good.

Jerry Clark

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June 6, 2008

UFOs Hit Romanian Plane

BUCHAREST, Romania, June 6 (UPI) -- The Romanian Defense Ministry has confirmed that a fighter plane was struck by four unidentified flying objects and released a video of the incident.

The ministry said the MIG 21 Lancer fighter plane was struck by the objects during an Oct. 31, 2007, check flight but was able to land safely, Hotnews.ro reported Friday.

Lt. Col. Nicolae Grigorie said a video recorded by cameras onboard the plane depicts "two solid bodies, which are not translucent."

Grigorie said authorities are working to determine what the objects could have been.

"They couldn't be birds because there are no birds in Europe able to fly so high. And they couldn't be ice bodies because it was a clear sky -- neither could they be pieces of another plane or a meteor," he said.

He said the government has ruled out rocket launches and ground artillery fires as causes of the incident.

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>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 16:26:48 -0400
>Subject: UFOs Hit Romanian Plane

>Source: United Press International - Washington, DC, USA

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There's a TV report which includes fighter on-board footage at:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=o0scJShh030&feature=related>

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From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 17:53:56 EDT
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 09:04:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: uup <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 15:49:52 +0100
>Subject: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>In the course of a really tacky UFO programme on UK TV station
>Central ITV, author Tim Good stated that at least 1,000 USAF
>pilots have been killed in the course of interaction with UFOs.
>i have posted my review of the programme seperately.

>What follows is the transcribed extract of the programme in which
>Good makes his claims.

<snip>

>Extract from ITV Central 'Extra Time' UFO programme
>Broadcast 3rd June 2008

<snip>

>LB: you see...err..yes, what do you think about this, we're at
>war, we're at war with the aliens...

>TG: well, there is a conflict situation, there has been since
>the 1940s, it's certainly well-documented, in thousands of
>reports, even Defense department of the United States, between
>1952 and 1956...

<snip>

>TG: well they're based on military....a lot...there's a lot of
>military evidence, a great deal of military evidence, it was
>admitted by General Benjamin Chidlaw who was head of Air Defense
>Command, that the United States Air Force was losing one plane a
>day and pilots, they have lost, I would say, over a thousand
>pilots, that's just in the United States.

This is typical of the misunderstandings that the UFO research
community has propagated and sensationalized for half a century,
in part because legitimate classification of data for national
defense did not allow for public explanation that would tip off
an enemy to a serious defense weakness.

I have been studying USAF Air Defense Command histories and
documents from the late 1940's and 1950's. I have come across
quite a few interesting facts, which have only been declassified
in recent years or in recent decades (if you really dug, you
could have found these things out in the 1970's, some were
declassified back then).

Leonard Stringfield collected these statements that Timothy Good
alludes to, back in 1954-5, plus one additional comment about
700 "sightings" (of what?) "per week."

In fact, allowing for distortion, these statistics are all
approximately correct but grossly misrepresented. The USAF Air
Defense Command (ADC) radar network was recording about 32,000
Unidentified Radar Tracks in 1951 and about 35,000 in 1952 (that
is about 700 per week), but according to ADC's somewhat confused

reporting definitions these were actually only the _initially_ "unidentified" tracks, before identification activity was undertaken.

About one-half (1/2) of these were identified with additional identification effort, apparently re-checking filed flight plans and special contacts with US Navy and AF commands. The number one cause of so-called "unidentified tracks" according to ADC was lack of cooperation from the Navy and from the AF in filing flight plans with ADC! Civilian aircraft came in third here.

About another one-third (1/3) or roughly 11,000 unidentified radars tracks per year had attempted identifications by scrambled fighter aircraft. Scrambling aircraft is an extremely dangerous activity, especially at night and in bad weather. I have seen some scattered stats suggesting that about one fighter plane crash per day on scrambles is roughly the right order of magnitude, so 300 to 400 crashes per year would be the very rough annual figures.

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These statistics would have improved over time as Navy and AF cooperation improved in identifying their own flights, thus reducing the number of hazardous fighter scrambles needed each year to identify them, as CAA tightened civil aircraft identification and flight plan procedures, and as better radar and better fighter aircraft improved both identification action and the safety of intercept missions. I have not yet read ADC histories from the late 50's, 60's, etc., to research this fully yet.

The early air defense system was so bad and so unreliable that authorization for fighter interceptors carry live weapons and to shoot down hostile aircraft was not given until 1950! Military officials were fearful that civilian airliners might be accidentally shot down.

Imagine if that secret of the "rules of engagement" had leaked out. Joe Stalin would have known in, say, 1949 that he could fly his bombers over the US with impunity (if the limited 4,500-mile range Tu-4's could get that far) and that special orders would have to be issued as the events unfolded, in order to load live ammo on fighters and to get authority to shoot down the Russian bombers, all of which would take so much time that in the confusion the bombers would probably get all the way through to their targets first.

Now, the ADC stats indicate that about 4,000 of the fighter intercepts per year failed to identify the unidentified targets, mainly because the targets had already disappeared and fighters arrived too late. Another roughly 5,000 unidentified targets per year were never scrambled on and never fully identified, but again these were believed to be mainly Navy, AF, and civilian aircraft as the majority behaved like ordinary aircraft, no UFO-like hovering, no UFO-like high-speed maneuvers, etc.

Only about 100 UFO Unknowns per year, or less, were radar-tracked by ADC in the early 50's. This was a drop in the bucket compared to the total number of initially unidentified tracks, of 32,000 to 35,000 per year, amounting to roughly 1/3 of one percent, or 0.3% or less. Thus the vast majority of fighter intercept accidents had nothing to do with real UFO incidents, but with chasing after poorly identified military and civilian aircraft in the early days of US air defense.

Based on these rough stats, fighter crashes in intercepts of UFO's (and here I am being very generous and loose with what I count as a "UFO") would amount to less than one (1) per year (less than 0.3% of around 300 crashes per year). In other words, just about what we already know about such small numbers of cases like Mantell (1948), Kinross (1953), Walesville (1954), and Lee Merkel (1956) in the late 40's and 50's.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sun, 08 Jun 2008 17:26:18 -0300
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 09:23:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 02:09:28 +0000
>Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 5 Jun 2008 10:09:51 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: Collection Of Non-UFO Photos

><snip>

>>You can see this 'Happy Face' UFO in Sergey's webpage below.

>><http://www.putfile.com/pic/8252606>

><snip>

>Nick:

>Actually, it looks like you were facing west and capture
>an unusual phenomena of a setting sun.

Yeah, we agree for a change. Probably a layer [or a couple of
layers] of smog, like a band, covering the face of the setting
or rising Sun.

Don Ledger

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 02:47:21 -0300
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 10:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 7 Jun 2008 23:51:28 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 13:00:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>Looks like a thin rock to me. If you look at the right side you
>>can see a thin black line which indicates the shadow of a raised
>>item. A depression in the soil would show a shadow on the left
>>side corresponding with the shadow angles of the attachments on
>>the lander.

>It's a depression. Look at the shadows of the small stones
>nearby. It's also well known that this was made by the scoop at
>the end of the robotic arm, in the first test, where the scoop
>hit the soil at an oblique angle.

>http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/06_01_pr.php

><http://phoenix.lpl.arizona.edu/images.php?gID=1349&cID=35>

>I've been following this mission daily since the landing. No
>conspiracies here.

Stuart Miller suggested that a conspiracy might develop, not me.

But if the Sun was coming from the lower left then that would
indicate a raised section. But I'm having a heck of a time with
my dial-up and can't get these digitals to open to have another
look. If the Sun is at the top right then I agree.

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PRG Press Release - June 9, 2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 05:11:44 -0400
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 10:27:00 -0400
Subject: PRG Press Release - June 9, 2008

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Paradigm Research Group

Press Release - June 9, 2008

Re: Jeff Peckman and Joseph Buchman

Washington, DC - Jeff Peckman, the Denver-based political activist seeking a ballot initiative to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission will appear on the Late Show with David Letterman on Tuesday, June 10.

On May 30 Peckman held a press conference in Denver where he showed a video of an alleged alien filmed by Stan Romanek. This event received international media coverage.

PRG notes two significant aspects of Peckman's current advocacy:

- 1) he is a long standing political activist who has engaged a range of issues and run for office. The exopolitical process leading toward formal disclosure of the extraterrestrial presence has been held back by the unwillingness of non-exopolitical activists and activist organizations to challenge the ridicule curtain and join the disclosure process for mutual benefit. The extraterrestrial presence issue has significant implications for alternative energy, global warming, secrecy reform, space weaponization, peace and many other activist efforts.
- 2) he has brought the contactee/abductee issue front and center by featuring the Romanek video. Whatever opinion one may have of this video, behind it are tens of thousands of detailed reports of contact between humans and extraterrestrial beings - four decades of mounting evidence. This is THE number one exopolitical issue to be resolved in the post-disclosure world. It is not comfortable. It will not be easy. So what? Where does it say in the Constitution that maintaining a free republic and dealing with reality would be easy?

PRG fully supports Jeff Peckman's efforts to further demystify and broaden the public engagement of the extraterrestrial presence issue.

Recent Rocky Mountain News article on Peckman:

<http://tinyurl.com/52okc5>

Joseph Buchman, Libertarian candidate for Congress in Nevada's First Congressional District, continues to receive attention for his willingness to engage the extraterrestrial presence issue as part of his campaign.

Following in the footsteps of President Jimmy Carter and PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, Mr. Buchman is speaking as a balloted candidate directly to the government imposed truth

embargo on the facts surrounding an extraterrestrial presence engaging the human race. This takes some courage.

PRG fully supports Mr. Buchman's effort to bring the extraterrestrial presence issue into the political process. It is certain that others will follow his lead. Now, if only that were to include the current presidential candidates.

Recent Article about Buchman:

<http://reason.com/blog/show/126627.html>

Campaign

Website:

www.BuchmanForCongress.com

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 08:39:25 -0600
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 11:27:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 17:53:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: uup <ufoupdates.nul>
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Regards,

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 13:42:34 - 0300
Archived: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 13:04:58 -0400
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When you consider the engines of the day on jet aircraft it is not hard to believe the figure that Brad has provided. The Jet engines of 47 - 51 were not very reliable, at least not by today's standards. They didn't have the alloys with the weight-to-strength to heat ratios of those in present day jet engines. One in three pilots were likely to have a crash or bailout in the Canadian Air Force - RCAF at the time - during their careers and that was when the RCAF was the 4th largest AF in the world; so it's not much of a stretch to see one a day in the USAF. Throw in the Air Guard and the other reservists along with the Navy and USAF pilots there were many thousands of them.

How many were lost because they were launched to intercept bogies in those days - false bogies or real?

Just crossing another jet's turbulence could cause compressor stalls - which they still do.

In addition there was the problem of compressibility and inadvertent entry into supersonic ranges in a dive. Could have been the problem with Felix Moncla's F - 89C Scorpion. The tails broke off of those aircraft.

Most early jets were still using cable or push - rod technology for the control surfaces or these were [later] slaved into hydraulic systems which was another hairy system.

The take-off phase was the most critical because a flameout usually resulted in a fireballed plane fully loaded with fuel and a low altitude ejection which in those days was dicey. Sometimes the fireball burnt the parachute above it so the pilot plummeted to his death. Additionally the fuel-to-thrust ratio on the early jets lent itself to problems. They had to carry more fuel for range plus they had to overcome the weight of fuel on take-off with jets that pound for pound had less thrust available than later jets of the same weight with more efficient fuel-burns.

There was pilot experience as well. Many of the pilots had trained on props and were used to their foibles and then once converted to jet power they had a whole new bag of tricks to deal with. Jet engines just could not compete with the instantaneous torque of the prop aircraft when firewalled. With an early jet - right up to the mid 1980s in airliners for example - if you needed full power you had better prepare for at least ten seconds before hand because it took them that long to 'spool-up' to full thrust. Microbursts downed more than a few jets, military and commercial, on landing because they could not power out of the secondary downdraft after pulling power because of the initial lift at it's outer edges. Prop planes could.

Carrier landings were particularly hairy - and a good portion I suspect of the pilots killed while landing. The procedure is to hit the deck on landing and then shove the throttles forward to full power in case the arrester cable doesn't grab. That way you can take off again and do a go-around.

But the early jets could not do that. Usually they went off the end of the deck and into the water. The British came up with the angled deck so that the pilot and his airplane wouldn't get run over by the carrier running full bore into the wind. It took awhile for the USN to convert over to angled decks because they had so many carriers in service left over from WWII.

These are only a few of the reasons why a high number of jets crashed in those early days. There are many more but this is long enough as it is. But bear this in mind. Most jets in continental North America were scrambled because there was a target picked up on radar. As Brad has pointed out there were tens of thousands of these. Thousands of these were probably never interdicted or identified so they remained a UFO in the true sense of the word; not what many make it out to be these days. Ergo if a jet crashed on the mission and it was chasing some unidentified it was lost while chasing a UFO. That UFO could have been anything from a private, commercial or other military aircraft to heavy clouds, to rain showers, snow showers or a truck out on the highway.

Some AF general claiming, in the day, that a 1,000 airplanes were lost chasing UFOs - the air forces's term for bogies - it is not much of a stretch. But it is likely out of context.

Don Ledger

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In Frank Feschino Jr's recent book Shoot Them Down he notes over
200 fatal military plane crashes between 1950 and 1955 as
reported in the New York Times.

In more than 50 of these cases the pilot didn't bail out.

Sometimes words like disintegrated and disappeared are used. It
is difficult to get accident reports. Sometimes they are very
inconsistent and misleading.

Frank also notes official instructions to military pilots in
1952 to shoot down UFOs if they don't land when instructed to do
so.

Stan Friedman

[You can listen to the Strange Days... Indeed interview with both
Frank Feschino & Stan Friedman at:

Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/subscribers/sdi433hi.mp3>

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Monday, June 9, 2008

Not A Bang, But A Whimper
Billy Cox

So there goes Hillary, along with any aspirations for another Clinton White House ushering in an era of UFO glasnost. Well, it was a novel concept. Washington lobbyist Steve Bassett hung it out there last summer, tendering Clinton and Bill Richardson as the "E.T. Ticket".

It generated a few headlines and an opportunity to take the pulse of grass-roots curiosity. And the idea even got an unintended boost from Judicial Watch, the right-wing legal eagles who've been squealing like stuck shoats about having to wait behind UFO requests for access to Clinton dirt from the National Archives. That's the kind of publicity you just can't buy. Even the wire services scarfed it up.

But ultimately, without a compelling pocketbook angle, UFOs just don't translate into citizen action. They can ring up huge numbers at the movies, but politically, they're still pickled invertebrates in jars of formaldehyde. Just ask NYCJeff1 (De Void 3/11/08).

NYCJeff1 suspects the feds are concealing UFO data, but he doesn't want to see his name in print because he's not sure how it would go down at work. But unlike a lot of kindred spirits content to sit on their hands, NYCJeff1 actually did something. Or tried to.

Earlier this year (De Void 3/11/08), he printed up a bunch of T-shirts with this simple proclamation: "I Support Hillary and the Rockefeller Initiative." No flying saucers, no alien heads, just unadorned text. And he decided to peddle them online at:

<http://www.cafepress.com/yaufob>.

"It was something I wanted to put out there just to see if it would take off," says NYCJeff1 from New York City. "I was hoping people would ask, 'What's the Rockefeller Initiative?':"

<http://www.hillaryclintonufo.net/>

So as the primary season unfolded, NYCJeff1 would wear the shirt when he happened to be out and about, namely at league-play volleyball games. When all was said and done, NYCJeff1 hadn't sold a single shirt. But it was worse than that.

"I didn't really market the shirts, so I guess I wasn't all that surprised," he says. "But most people didn't even ask. That was disappointing. The few who did ask didn't follow up. It was like they were trying to be polite."

"I mean, when I was wearing the shirts, I was bracing for 'Oh, you're crazy!', but I didn't even get that much. I might've gotten a few quizzical looks, but that's about it. I guess, with gas prices and the economy and the war, people figure they've got more to worry about."

So it goes.

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The Late Show With David Letterman

Tonight's Guess

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UFO Expert Jeff Peckman
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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 08:39:25 -0600
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 07:42:23 -0400
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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Regards,

Mike

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Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 16:19:06 -0500
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 07:52:17 -0400
Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 02:01:59 +0000
>Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:02:53 -0500
>>Subject: A Plea From Stan Romanek

<snip>

>>Stan Romanek's Web site:

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

>Katharina:

>Because you yourself are involved in alien abduction, where do
>you stand on this case?

Hi Kathy and Listers:

I can't speak directly to the video of the alien peering into the window because I haven't seen the entire video and what I have seen was posted on YouTube and wasn't very clear. Also, I know nothing about videographic analysis so I could only comment on what I've observed about these Beings from my experiences or from what other abductees have stated.

If the Being was peering in through a window that was eight feet high, then it was probably floating. They've been reported to have the capability to float or levitate themselves, so this doesn't seem implausible.

It looks like one of the typical types of Beings that are reported in abduction cases.

As far as how this is handled: I would say that this is how not to release videographic evidence of a real extraterrestrial. It should have been given to a professional (or organization) for analysis and it should have been made available for free and immediately.

I am deeply disappointed that this was not done and the way it is being handled now is hurting Stan, his family and the overall case. It seems to me that certain people are trying to sensationalize this for their own purposes.

I believe Stan is telling the truth about his experiences and that he is an abductee who has documented his experiences over the years in the best way he could.

I went to his Web site before the video was 'leaked' and found two very interesting drawings. One is his drawing of a 'bubble craft' located at:

<http://tinyurl.com/3s6rf5>

I also saw a craft like this (actually had a clear memory of being inside of it) and my drawing is published on my site at:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Gallery/Craft.html>

Scroll down to the 11th and 12th drawings.

It's possible that since I saw mine from the inside and had more of a vague memory of the exterior and he saw his from the outside, that these may be the same type of craft. They are certainly quite similar and are not your typical 'flying saucer' shape.

Another drawing on his Web site is located a few below the bubble craft. It is the reddish orb shaped craft. Although not completely identical, it is similar to an orb shape craft I saw that is located here (the second one down):

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Gallery/MILAB_illustrations.html

In my opinion, Stan and I have seen two similar craft that have not been published by other abductees that I am aware of and this also leads me to believe that he is telling the truth about his encounters with ET Beings.

One of the researchers who worked on his case for four years (and who I have a lot of respect for) is Deborah Lindemann. She was working with Stan when he made the video of the Being peering through the window and she believes it may just be the 'real thing.'

I feel badly for the way Stan is being treated by the media, but it shows, more than anything, how the media can't seem to handle this subject, or refuses to handle it in a professional manner. The way Stan has been treated by the media and publications like Popular Mechanics hurts all abductees. It certainly hurt me.

I wanted to do something to help Stan, and that is why I posted his 'Plea' to Updates.

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 16:35:02 -0400
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 08:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2008 16:05:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

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>In Frank Feschino Jr's recent book Shoot Them Down he notes over
>200 fatal military plane crashes between 1950 and 1955 as
>reported in the New York Times.

>In more than 50 of these cases the pilot didn't bail out.

>Sometimes words like disintegrated and disappeared are used. It
>is difficult to get accident reports. Sometimes they are very
>inconsistent and misleading.

>Frank also notes official instructions to military pilots in
>1952 to shoot down UFOs if they don't land when instructed to do
>so.

This sort of 'statistic' is utterly meaningless when used to
imply a UFO connection with military plane crashes. Stan, I
remain incredulous that you continue to cite Frank Feschino as a
credible source of anything.

As I pointed out before, he has jet interceptors screaming into
the sky to engage the aliens... from such bases as Keesler AFB,

Mississippi. What? I was stationed at Keesler in 1951 and have since known and interacted with the base historian. It was and still is a Training Base that does not have fighter-interceptors.

I used to spend time on the flightline at Keesler with a buddy who was a crash-rescue person with asbestos suit. There was so little air traffic (mostly trainers and C-46s) that we talked and played cards to pass the time. In the whole time I was stationed there I don't recall ever seeing a fighter plane there.

When I saw Feschino's whopper about Keesler I did some checking on some of the other bases that Feschino's fantasy interceptors were scrambled from, and found several others like Keesler. What does that tell you about Feschino?

Dick

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NASA's Astronomy Picture Of The Day A UFO?

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Subject: NASA's Astronomy Picture Of The Day A UFO?

Hi Everyone!

NASA's 'Astronomy Picture of the Day' for January 8, 2008 is of a well known painting by Cosmas Damian Asam (completed in 1735) of Saint Benedict of Nursia, an Orthodox Christian monk (and UFO experimenter?).

That dark round or spherical object in a cloudy blue(!) sky which is surrounded by a bright radiant corona (except for those unexpected rays apparently coming from within the dark round object itself) may just be the artist's representation of a total solar eclipse.

In NASA's article "a brief explanation written by a professional astronomer" that follows, it implies that the artist witnessed and was inspired by one or all of the solar eclipses of 1706, 1724, and 1733, but if we check the NASA solar eclipse data catalog (see URL below), we find there is no basis at all for this popular but totally wrong explanation, unless of course the artist was abducted and was flown to remote parts of the world to witness these eclipses!

<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEcat5/SE-1799--1700.html>

What I find puzzling about NASA's explanation is that some of these solar eclipses were not even "total" but "partial" ones! As someone who has witnessed many solar eclipses and also travelled to Bonaventure, Quebec in 1972 and Gimli, Manitoba in 1979 to be within the Moon's dark shadow on the Earth, the experience of a total solar eclipse is in no way comparable to a partial solar eclipse in appearance, even when only a very, very thin sliver of the Sun is still visible.

Did NASA unintentionally misinform their readers or were they trying to tell us something about UFO encounters in the past?

Having travelled to and stayed in many Orthodox monasteries around the world (including many in the U.S.), the accounts the abbots and even some of the monks themselves have shared with us leads me to conclude that encounters with UFOs and what we now call "aliens" are not something that happened at monasteries in the past - places where our world and the worlds beyond meet.

Astronomy Picture of the Day

<http://antwrrp.gsfc.nasa.gov/apod/ap080128.html>

2008 January 28

A Solar Eclipse Painting from the 1700s

Painting Credit: Cosmas Damian Asam; Digital Image Copyright: Jay Pasachoff
Explanation: Is this painting the earliest realistic depiction of a total eclipse of the Sun? Some historians believe it is. The above painting was completed in 1735 by Cosmas Damian Asam, a painter and architect famous in early eighteenth century Germany. Clearly drawn is not only a

total solar eclipse, but the solar corona and the diamond ring effect visible when sunlight flows only between mountains on the Moon. The person depicted viewing these eclipse phenomena is St. Benedict. Roberta J. M. Olson and Jay Pasachoff have hypothesized that Asam himself may have seen first hand one or all of the total solar eclipses of May 1706, 1724, and 1733. Many facts about our astronomical universe that are taken for granted today have been known -- or accurately recorded -- only during the last millennium. Asam's painting currently hangs in Weltenburg Abbey in Bavaria, Germany.

Nick Balaskas

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Mike,

On re-reading my post yesterday I realized I had failed to distinguish between accidents in general and accidents resulting in destruction of aircraft or loss of life. However, accurate statistics, with definitions of terms used, are needed.

Tim Good claims that US DOD (Army, Navy, AF, Marines) statistics for 1952-56 (5 years) show 18,662 "major accidents" of military aircraft or roughly 3700 per year. But these are for all types of flights, not just interception missions, and covers services (Army, Marines) not even involved in air defense interceptions. And what was a "major accident" in DOD's definition? This needs defining.

Good claims that these DOD stats report 9.5 per cent (1,773) accidents in those 5 years were due to "unknown factors" (or

about 350 per year).

But there is no UFO sighting automatically associated and these are not even interceptions exclusively but accidents on all types of flights including routine transports. We know there were not 350 ADC intercepts of UFO's per year during those years (see my posting) but 100 or fewer UFO Unknowns on ADC radar per year, not all which were scrambled upon. "Unknown factors" needs to be defined. The term does not seem to be in use 50 years later.

Brad

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Mon, 09 Jun 2008

For David Letterman

Top 10 reasons why American citizens should be skeptical about what government and military officials say about UFOs:

Reason #10 These government and military officials often refer to hypothetical extraterrestrials as "little green men".

Reason #9 They view UFO websites as always misinforming the public.

Reason #8 They employ "pelicanists" (Note: Some work for NASA).

Reason #7 They claim that unexplained aerial objects that have been observed on radar don't pose any threat to national security.

Reason #6 The "official explanation" of the 1947 "Roswell incident" has changed over the years.

Reason #5 They said that the Phoenix Lights were just dropped flares.

Reason #4 Most government and military officials have never attended Stephen Bassett's X-Conference in Washington.

Reason #3 They said that Area 51 didn't exist - despite compelling evidence to the contrary.

Reason #2 The officials argue that UFOs of extraterrestrial origin don't exist because they can't exist.

And the #1 Reason why American citizens should be skeptical about what government and military officials say about UFOs is: These officials don't subscribe to UFO-Updates.

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 02:47:21 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>Stuart Miller suggested that a conspiracy might develop, not me.

>But if the Sun was coming from the lower left then that would
>indicate a raised section. But I'm having a heck of a time with
>my dial-up and can't get these digitals to open to have another
>look. If the Sun is at the top right then I agree.

I realize that. I've just already seen other forums where some people are assuming this is yet another Hoagland-type coverup, without even knowing the basic information about what Phoenix is and has been doing this past couple weeks. Creating conspiracies where there aren't any.

As per the links I gave, and related news releases and podcasts, etc., it was already discussed by the Phoenix team how that scoop mark was made and why it looks kind of like a footprint. The sun is coming more from the right, and the long Phoenix shadow is coming from the robotic arm, which is out of view to the right also.

Paul

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Source: The Gazette & Herald - Swindon, Wiltshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6fy98d>

10th June, 2008

[Picture]

It's A Saucer Speculation
By Ben Perrin

Keep watching the skies - That's the message from a new Swindon UFO group.

The Swindon UFO Research Organisation is hoping to attract members from across the town and surrounding areas.

The newly-formed organisation will help and support witnesses of unexplained phenomena by upholding strict confidentiality.

It will also dispel the myths and stigma associated with UFO sightings.

"There have been five sightings in Wiltshire during May alone," said Chris Williams, the lead investigator of the Swindon UFO Research Organisation.

"These have been found to be aircraft passing overhead.
advertisement

"But a lot remain unexplained and that is the fascinating thing.

"I think Wiltshire is well known for its strange happenings - we have Stonehenge and many crop circles.

"I think people are interested in the unknown.

"We are hoping that people will report events to us but people don't always do so either because they are afraid or they think they're being silly.

"Sometimes the human thought processes make you see what you want to see."

The group, which has so far been web-based, plans to create a team of investigators and researchers to investigate UFO sighting reports.

They aim to hold monthly meetings and hold lectures and talks.

In time the group would also arrange events such as conferences - and sky watches are already planned for next month.

Chris, 40, from Swindon Road in Old Town, has been interested in UFOs for more than 20 years.

He added: "There are no active UFO groups in Swindon.

"So there is a real chance for us to fill this vacancy.

"When we receive a report of a UFO as a sighting then we can look into it.

"I would say 95 per cent of the time we can give an explanation but it's that five percent which is worth investigating.

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All are most welcome to attend.

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 09:04:07 -0500
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 10:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 16:35:02 -0400
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

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Woodford Green UFO Sparks Much Concern

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 08:34:45 EDT
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 16:42:17 -0400
Subject: Woodford Green UFO Sparks Much Concern

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

What in Sam Hill is going on over in the UK?

This year's UFO news alone is so abundant it's a challenge just to keep up!

The issue is so hot I've had business associates literally shut down because the subject of UFOs came up. They're terrified and these guys are no wimps.

I've gotten more communications from the UK this year regarding UFOs than ever before. It's now at the point of great concern and worry.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 09:53:34 -0500
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 16:44:39 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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So, Alfred, does Feschino continue to sell the book, or is he
encouraging people not to buy it or read it because as printed
it's a pile of steaming horsestuff?

And if the answer is no, what does that tell you about Feschino?

The book I read was a science-fiction novel pretending to be an
alternate history of the 1950s.

Jerry Clark

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 11:53:40 -0300
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 16:46:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2008 21:06:49 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 02:47:21 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>Stuart Miller suggested that a conspiracy might develop, not me.

>>But if the Sun was coming from the lower left then that would
>>indicate a raised section. But I'm having a heck of a time with
>>my dial-up and can't get these digitals to open to have another
>>look. If the Sun is at the top right then I agree.

>I realize that. I've just already seen other forums where some
>people are assuming this is yet another Hoagland-type coverup,
>without even knowing the basic information about what Phoenix is
>and has been doing this past couple weeks. Creating conspiracies
>where there aren't any.

Not much trust for NASA I guess. And too many forums and blogs.
>
>As per the links I gave, and related news releases and podcasts,
>etc., it was already discussed by the Phoenix team how that
>scoop mark was made and why it looks kind of like a footprint.

With the Sun coming from the right then that is depressions. I
had my Sun angle wrong.

Looks like fan shaped scoop marks with several scoops made in a
slight angled shape. I suspect we will see more of these as the
Phoenix attempts to uncover different patches of the Martian
surface.

Did they ever get the problem fixed that prevented them from
dropping samples into the hopper/oven?

Don Ledger

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Re: Jeff Peckman On Letterman Tonight

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 12:05:47 -0300
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 17:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Jeff Peckman On Letterman Tonight

>Source: CBS Televison - New York, New York, USA

><http://www.cbs.com/latenight/lateshow/>

>June 10 2008

>The Late Show With David Letterman

>Tonight's Guess

>Mark Wahlberg
>UFO Expert Jeff Peckman
>Alanis Morissette

First of all, up until a couple of days ago I had never heard of Jeff Peckman. I doubt he is an "expert". And BTW, says who?

That seems to be the latest fad, to present someone as an 'expert' because he or she has some visibility but who hasn't done his or her homework.

In any event, Peckman better have good defensive and debating skills because I can't see this being anything but a lark for Letterman during the 5 minutes Peckman will have. Letterman will be going for the laughs at Peckman's expense.

I'll be tuning in for the pre-ordained cock-up. If there is none then I will be pleasantly surprised.

Don Ledger

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UFO Over San Jose

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 08:09:22 -0700
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 17:48:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Over San Jose

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/16548130/detail>.

[See video]

SAN JOSE, Calif. -- The appearance of at least two fast-moving shining objects in the weekend daytime sky over San Jose has local residents wondering if they were UFOs.

Bob Lochridge, a local resident who recorded the objects, said they streaked across the skies.

"They appeared to be triangular pieces of metal," he said. "They were up very, very high. I couldn't see them without the camera."

The objects were first reported above the Oakland Hills at 3 p.m. Sunday and quickly moved southward through the Bay Area skies.

The FAA Air Traffic Control Center in Fremont did not report any unusual air traffic. Officials said the objects were probably satellites with the sunlight reflecting off their solar panels.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 13:23:17 -0300
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 17:49:00 -0400
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I've yet to read either of these books, the butchered first or
the original second so can offer no opinion. I offered reasons
in a submission yesterday for a/c losses, some of which might
have occurred during scrambles after bogies/UFOs.

Kevin Randle in Project Moondust mentioned Gen. Exon's telling
him that four P-51s had gone missing after they were vectored
after unknowns. If memory serves Kevin offered that these might
have been lost out over the Atlantic.

As for butchering, it's a trait among publishers, though in
Feschino's case it is inexcusable for the publisher to do so
without consulting the author[s]. 40 pages were snipped out of
Dark Object but at least we were informed that this was going to
happen. I've stated why this happened in earlier submissions.

Don Ledger

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From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 11:47:09 -0600
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 18:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2008 17:18:38 EDT
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 08:39:25 -0600
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>>>Date: Sun, 8 Jun 2008 17:53:56 EDT
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>On re-reading my post yesterday I realized I had failed to
>distinguish between accidents in general and accidents resulting
>in destruction of aircraft or loss of life. However, accurate
>statistics, with definitions of terms used, are needed.

>Tim Good claims that US DOD (Army, Navy, AF, Marines) statistics
>for 1952-56 (5 years) show 18,662 "major accidents" of military
>aircraft or roughly 3700 per year. But these are for all types
>of flights, not just interception missions, and covers services
>(Army, Marines) not even involved in air defense interceptions.
>And what was a "major accident" in DOD's definition? This needs
>defining.

Brad,

The DoD currently uses the term 'Mishap' to cover the entire

spectrum of accidents, failures, losses, etc. They are arranged into categories A, B, C, and D in descending order of severity. Class A and B Mishaps must be reported and investigated. As applied to aircraft, these are defined as follows:

Class A = Any one or more of the following occur:

- Loss of life
- Injury resulting in permanent total disability
- Destruction of an aircraft
- Property damage/loss exceeding \$1 million

Class B = Any one or more of the following occur:

- Permanent disability
- 3 or more people are hospitalized
- Property damage/loss between \$200K and \$1 million

I suspect there was a similar categorization system in the early 1950s, perhaps not so neat and lawyerly. In any case, it is reasonable to suppose that only a minority of reported accidents, even 'major' ones, involved destruction of an aircraft, and even fewer involved pilot fatalities.

>Good claims that these DOD stats report 9.5 per cent (1,773) accidents in those 5 years were due to "unknown factors" (or about 350 per year).

>But there is no UFO sighting automatically associated and these are not even interceptions exclusively but accidents on all types of flights including routine transports. We know there were not >350 ADC intercepts of UFO's per year during those years (see >my posting) but 100 or fewer UFO Unknowns on ADC radar per >year, not all which were scrambled upon. "Unknown factors" >needs to be defined. The term does not seem to be in use 50 >years later.

A common sense reading of "unknown factors" would simply be that the cause was undetermined. This could easily occur if a small, initiating region of failure (in, say, a hydraulic line) was obliterated by a subsequent impact, explosion, etc.

Certainly the "unknown factors" category would include any actual UFO-caused crashes, but it covers a lot of prosaic ground as well. Good seems to be co-opting the entire category, and even then the numbers don't support an assertion of 1000+ US pilots killed in "UFO interaction".

Mike

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>These are only a few of the reasons why a high number of jets
>crashed in those early days. There are many more but this is long
>enough as it is. But bear this in mind. Most jets in continental
>North America were scrambled because there was a target picked up
>on radar. As Brad has pointed out there were tens of thousands of
>these. Thousands of these were probably never interdicted or
>identified so they remained a UFO in the true sense of the word;
>not what many make it out to be these days. Ergo if a jet crashed
>on the mission and it was chasing some unidentified it was lost
>while chasing a UFO. That UFO could have been anything from a
>private, commercial or other military aircraft to heavy clouds,
>to rain showers, snow showers or a truck out on the highway.

>Some AF general claiming, in the day. that a 1,000 airplanes
>were lost chasing UFOs - the air forces's term for bogies - it
>is not much of a stretch. But it is likely out of context.

Don,

Thanks for the very informed and informative reply, much of
which I snipped away for brevity.

Clearly a crash was more likely on any given flight in the early
1950's than today. But even if crashes were so common that an
aircraft per day were being lost, for years on end, in UFO
intercepts, that in itself not necessarily noteworthy. As you
say, the term UFO covers a lot of ground in its literal sense.

But an interesting question is: Among all scrambled intercepts,
do those for which the target was never identified have a higher
proportion of crashes than those for which the target was
identified or found to be a false target (e.g., radar
malfunction)?

Of course, some bias in that direction is expected, since a crash prior to intercept would make target identification less likely (but still possible by other aircraft or ground-based means). I suspect that this effect is not large, but have no data to back it up.

In any case, a dramatic skew toward crashes associated with never-identified targets would be quite intriguing.

Mike

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Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 16:51:15 -0400
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 18:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 9 Jun 2008 16:05:05 -0300
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

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>>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>reported in the New York Times.
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Hello Stan, Brad, Michael, Joe, List and all -

Before we get too far into the weeds (though that ship might
have already sailed), there is another aspect to these military
crashes that isn't being considered here... and that's the
covert shooting war with the Soviets in this time frame. We
lost, as did the Soviets, a number of pilots and aircraft to
these hostile encounters that haven't, until recently, been
known. We destroyed a number of Soviet aircraft, fighters and

bombers as they attempted to penetrate our airspace. The Soviets did likewise and Gary Powers is the most famous example. Some of these encounters were buried in accident investigations... or families were told that the aircraft had disappeared on a routine mission over open water so that recovery was impossible. That would account for some of this.

>Sometimes words like disintegrated and disappeared are used. It >is difficult to get accident reports. Sometimes they are very >inconsistent and misleading.

Accident reports are classified documents because it is believed (maybe falsely) that the witnesses and others will be more willing to talk if they know there will be no retribution by commanders for telling an unpleasant truth. Accident investigators are not always interested in the politics of the situation, but more interested in learning why there was a crash and what can be done to prevent others. So, the documents are classified and therefore difficult to obtain.

And in any investigation there will be inconsistencies because the witnesses have different perceptions and perspectives. One of the jobs of the investigators is to report everything told, but then offer analysis as to what really happened.

In the Mantell files, there are inconsistent reports about the altitude of various aircraft. I believe this is because Army regulations required oxygen use above 14,000 feet and if they knowingly violated that regulation and it resulted in a death, then there could be a number of repercussions. (Yes, I know that Brad is suggesting that Mantell had oxygen and we'll have to examine that). The point is that some of these problems might arise from human nature and have nothing to do with a conspiracy or a cover up... and sometimes there is a terrestrial explanation for the conspiracy and cover up...

>Frank also notes official instructions to military pilots in >1952 to shoot down UFOs if they don't land when instructed to do >so.

Yes, I have heard this too... but it's never as simple as that. And I've seen where investigators who are told that orders were given to intercept have interpreted that to mean shoot down. The orders really don't say that. We need to make sure that we have properly understood what the orders really say.

KRandle

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Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 20:09:01 +0000
Archived: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 19:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 16:19:06 -0500
>Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 07 Jun 2008 02:01:59 +0000
>>Subject: Re: A Plea From Stan Romanek

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:02:53 -0500
>>>Subject: A Plea From Stan Romanek

><snip>

>>>Stan Romanek's Web site:

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

>>Katharina:

>>Because you yourself are involved in alien abduction, where do
>>you stand on this case?

>>Hi Kathy and Listers:

<snip>

>I feel badly for the way Stan is being treated by the media, but
>it shows, more than anything, how the media can't seem to handle
>this subject, or refuses to handle it in a professional manner.
>The way Stan has been treated by the media and publications like
>Popular Mechanics hurts all abductees. It certainly hurt me.

>I wanted to do something to help Stan, and that is why I posted
>his 'Plea' to Updates.

Katharina,

I agree. The film and Romanek's testimony should have been
subjected to professional analysis. Then, presented to the
public.

Perkman shamelessly used Romanek for his own political and
personnel purposes. Truly reckless regard for another human
being whether you accept his testimony or not. One has to wonder
whether Peckman is a human being or not.

KK

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Now maybe Feschino hired some total charlatan without knowing
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will pay even 50 cents for the dubious privilege of reading
another version of his science fiction fantasies to see just
what has been changed.

If Stan wants to defend his position, I suggest he post a precis of what "Shoot Them Down" claims and what evidence is adduced.

Dick

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Re: UFO Over San Jose

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 18:54:09 -0300
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 06:36:12 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Over San Jose

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 08:09:22 -0700
>Subject: UFO Over San Jose

><http://www.ktvu.com/news/16548130/detail>.

>[See video]

>SAN JOSE, Calif. -- The appearance of at least two fast-moving
>shining objects in the weekend daytime sky over San Jose has
>local residents wondering if they were UFOs.

Obviously they were UFOs if they don't know what they were.

>The FAA Air Traffic Control Center in Fremont did not report any
>unusual air traffic. Officials said the objects were probably
>satellites with the sunlight reflecting off their solar panels.

Officials? FAA? Don't think so.

Don Ledger

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From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 18:14:38 -0500
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 06:41:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 09:53:34 -0500
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
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>So, Alfred, does Feschino continue to sell the book, or is he
>encouraging people not to buy it or read it because as printed
>it's a pile of steaming horsestuff?

That's more than a little patronizing, eh? You ask the
questions like you already know the answers, and then sneer,
ebulliently, in the asking. Good show. Not. You are ignorant of
the facts and accuse or insult a man's integrity based on that
ignorance. I'm more than a little disappointed with you.

Points are? Feschino has no rights with regard to the
production of the book in question, none. He was a freakin' new-
guy and first time author, like many, and errantly signed the
rights away! He got taken for a royal ride by a publisher
capable of some predation it would seem, and so is having to
endure your slings and and Mr. Hall's arrows for the sins of
others.

Additionally, and with no light at the end of this particular
tunnel, it's cost many thousands of dollars in legal fees in an
effort to get the rights to his book back, so he should hardly
be taken to the dock for doing what you accuse.

The overall situation is more complicated than you know and even
you would agree, I suspect, that his protest must be done
intelligently; which is to say litigation is ongoing. He can't
bang his gums like he'd like to, and he'd like to.

As to your thin suggestion that he is not doing all he can to
convince people not to buy the offending book, I submit that
the production of a new book at his own expense correcting the
errors so bemoaned and ignored by yourself and Mr. Hall...
plus the aforementioned litigation trying get the book rights
back to do just as you'd say, plus my pointing out in a review
at Amazon.com that publishing errors hull-breached the book
below the water line and should not be bought because of those
errors, put Feschino paid for doing the right thing.

Finally, he is not encouraging people to buy said book and

has not endorsed said book at shows, radio programs, or podcasts since almost immediately after the books release, early in 2004 when it became clear how badly his manuscript had been executed. You can imagine how he must have felt when the truth of the offending book was revealed. He was made _ill_!

>And if the answer is no, what does that tell you about Feschino?

That the answer is decidedly _not_ "no," and that Tim Good broadly bears him out, frankly. Couple the non-sneering interest of Dr. Maccabee and the association of Stanton Friedman providing value added. It's telling _me_ all I might need to know about Mr. Feschino. See? Your errant assumptions and very thinly veiled innuendoes do no one a service, least of all yourself.

>The book I read was a science-fiction novel pretending to be an >alternate history of the 1950s.

I suspect, Jerry, as have others so I am by no means alone, that alternate histories of the 1950s - as intelligently chronicled by person such as Keyhoe, Ruppelt, Hynek, Dolan, _and_ Feschino et al - may only look like science fiction... but have been the stark _reality_ all along.

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Peckman - UFO Expert?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 19:48:40 -0500
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 06:43:09 -0400
Subject: Peckman - UFO Expert?

Hi Listers:

I've been very involved in this field for a over 20 years. I consider myself to be quite knowledgeable about the abduction phenomenon, however, I freely admit that I am not a 'UFO investigator.'

Could someone tell me why Jeff Peckman is being called a 'UFO Expert'? (See the Letterman post)

Outside of Stan's video, I've never heard of him. I went here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeff_Peckman '

but this certainly doesn't describe a 'UFO Expert' to me.

Any ideas?

Katharina Wilson
<http://www.alienjigsaw.com>

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>Alfred,

>That's just about the sorriest excuse I have ever heard. It
>ranks right up there with "The dog ate my homework."

It's always a bitch, then, when the dog really does eat your
homework, digs a hole in the garden of 14 years of painstaking,
assiduous and self-sacrificing research, and then runs up a "vet
fee" of thousands of dollars with a seeming deft intransigence
and stealthy betrayal.

>Apparently you don't know much about the publishing field.

No Sir, just its victims. My father, Don Ledger, and Frank
Feschino, just to start.

>I am
>a member of the Authors Guild and have published quite a few

>books by a wide variety of publishers. I have never heard of a
>publisher who doesn't send the author proofs of the typeset book
>for review.

Your experience, Sir, is now complete.

>Nor have I ever heard of a book publisher who
>arbitrarily changed an author's book (to wild sensationalism or
>otherwise) without consulting the author.

Yo, Don! Hey, Frank! I can speak for my Dad. A writer of
articles for various Model Magazines, boating and Live Steam, he
was forever chumped, stolen from, betrayed. and otherwise
disrespected. Frank, Don, and my Dad deserve more consideration
than they get... or got.

>Now maybe Feschino hired some total charlatan without knowing
>the difference, but what does that tell you about him?

Given what's gone before in the discussion, Sir, I don't think
it says, at all, what you seem to presume it says.

>In any case, I gather that his 'revised' book still claims an
>interplanetary war with vast losses by military pilots.

That facts kind of speak for themselves - remembering of course
your arguments are based on proclamations of hogwash regarding
an admitted misfire by a less than fastidious publishing house
on Feschino's best efforts- remains the focus of the issue, Sir.
Remember too that your argument is not with me, at all. Wood,
Maccabee, Cox, Friedman. and Feschino. What do these men
think?

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>still a lot of hogwash, and there is absolutely no credible
>evidence of such a thing happening.

We'll agree to disagree. If it offends too deeply my notions
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I suspect we can see the "receding evidentiary horizon" then,
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Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 07:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 12:46:49 -0600
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 13:42:34 - 0300
>>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 08:39:25 - 0600
>>>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

<snip>

>Don,

>Thanks for the very informed and informative reply, much of
>which I snipped away for brevity.

>Clearly a crash was more likely on any given flight in the early
>1950's than today. But even if crashes were so common that an
>aircraft per day were being lost, for years on end, in UFO
>intercepts, that in itself not necessarily noteworthy. As you
>say, the term UFO covers a lot of ground in its literal sense.

Hi Mike,

Yeah, I was really making a case for the language. A UFO could have been anything from Soviet aircraft or naval craft interdiction to the "real" thing, hence the CIVIS/MIRENT protocols. Still they were scrambled regardless of the circumstances to indentify and verify. Some of these aircraft crashed, or broke-up or blew up or whatever with the loss of the pilots. The record would still read that the aircraft was deployed to chase an unidentified target. It is easy to see how over the years this could be misconstrued-using the current [and ridiculous] sense of the initials U.F.O.- as being aircraft in pursuit of "alien" craft as it were.

>But an interesting question is: Among all scrambled intercepts,
>do those for which the target was never identified have a higher
>proportion of crashes than those for which the target was
>identified or found to be a false target (e.g., radar
>malfunction)?

Good point.

>Of course, some bias in that direction is expected, since a
>crash prior to intercept would make target identification less
>likely (but still possible by other aircraft or ground-based
>means). I suspect that this effect is not large, but have no
>data to back it up.

The easy ones were those that crashed on take-off or in the presence of another aircraft which should have been the norm actually, thereby cutting the numbers down.

>In any case, a dramatic skew toward crashes associated with
>never-identified targets would be quite intriguing.

I should have made a point in my earlier submission about aircraft accident investigations in the early years. There was really nothing done other than an exploratory investigation involving witnesses, aircraft instruments and common sense.

Aviation crash forensics really began with the testing of a Comet fuselage in a pool in 1954 to determine why these aircraft were exploding in flight. That and a determined attempt to recover debris from the ocean's bottom resulted in finding a cause-metal fatigue [which was suspected] and rivet spacing which was okay for low level aircraft but not for those pressurized at high altitude. The low/high/low pressure cycling was the culprit along with improper rivet spacing.

Die and learn.

Forensic investigation was in its infancy but gained momentum through the next 50 years.

The point is that aircraft, military or commercial that were lost back then went uninvestgated as to cause.

Don Ledger

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 07:59:00 -0400
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 07:59:00 -0400
Subject: 'Alien' Visitor To Letterman

Source: Rocky Mountain News - Denver, Colorado, USA

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

June 10, 2008

'Alien' Visitor To Letterman
Rocky Mountain News

Jeff Peckman, who wants to create an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission in Denver to prepare the city for alien close encounters, had his own interesting encounter Tuesday night =97 with David Letterman in New York.

Peckman, 54, has gained renown by discussing a video that shows what he says is an extraterrestrial's head looking into a window at night. Peckman has said the alien is about 4 feet tall and can be seen blinking.

On the Late Show With David Letterman on Tuesday, Peckman told Letterman that there have been at least 4,000 trace landings, where UFOs landed and left traces that they were there. Peckman also said the government has been covering up encounters for 60 years and that people would know about clean-energy technologies if that wasn't the case.

Peckman said there lately has been an "avalanche of media coverage because... it seems the media is jumping on board and saying 'let it happen.'"

Letterman told Peckman that he "would like to see (an alien). It would be fun, wouldn't it?" In response, Peckman asked Letterman that if aliens did visit and there was an earthly delegation, would he be willing to be part of that delegation?

Letterman's response: "I kinda got my hands full with T-ball this summer."

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>>>When I saw Feschino's whopper about Keesler I did some checking
>>>on some of the other bases that Feschino's fantasy interceptors
>>>were scrambled from, and found several others like Keesler. What
>>>does that tell you about Feschino?
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>>identified as well-nigh butchered in execution by a slipshod WV
>>publishing house without Feschino's knowledge or permission (and
>>to his horror and chagrin) tell you about Dick Hall?

>>You see, STF read the book as it was sent to the publisher,
>>not how it was returned from same. Too, as has been said
>>before, Sir, those 'mistakes' have been corrected in Shoot Them
>>Down.

>>It remains that men and machines were documented "lost",
>>"disintegrated" or "disappeared" in a manner that would not
>>have been remotely tolerated if they had not been employed in
>>a fashion justifying that expenditure. I was an Army pilot.
>>That is how they work.

>>Moreover, I suspect Frank Feschino should be commended for
>>pulling this very compelling and harrowing happenstance from
>>hoary history and giving it some air where it would have
>>otherwise have been lost to same.

>Alfred,

>That's just about the sorriest excuse I have ever heard. It ranks
>right up there with "The dog ate my homework."

>Apparently you don't know much about the publishing field. I am a
>member of the Authors Guild and have published quite a few books
>by a wide variety of publishers. I have never heard of a
>publisher who doesn't send the author proofs of the typeset book
>for review. Nor have I ever heard of a book publisher who
>arbitrarily changed an author's book (to wild sensationalism or
>otherwise) without consulting the author.

>Now maybe Feschino hired some total charlatan without knowing the
>difference, but what does that tell you about him?

>In any case, I gather that his 'revised' book still claims an
>interplanetary war with vast losses by military pilots. That's
>still a lot of hogwash, and there is absolutely no credible

>evidence of such a thing happening. Meanwhile, I'm damned if I
>will pay even 50 cents for the dubious privilege of reading
>another version of his science fiction fantasies to see just what
>has been changed.

>If Stan wants to defend his position, I suggest he post a precis
>of what "Shoot Them Down" claims and what evidence is adduced.

Gee, Dick, it's good to know that because you are a member of the
Authors Guild, that means a West Virginia publisher didn't do
Frank wrong.

I can't follow the logic.

There are some lawyers who would also disagree with you, but then
they have studied the evidence.

I presented some of the evidence in noting that 200+ fatal
fighter Jet crashes occurred as reported in the NY times 1951-56
and that a surprising 60+ pilots didn't bail out.

You ignored it.

The book also notes the high level of experience of many of these
pilots. Some had flown more than 100 missions in Korea in hostile
combat...

But came back to crash over the USA. I doubt if anybody would
sell you a copy for 50 cents. It is chock full of data.. even
cites some of your work..

In case you hadn't noted it, modern publishing seems to have
gotten over the notion of typeset books. Both last year's
"Captured! The Betty And Barney Hill UFO Experience, by myself and
Kathleen Marden, and my just published "Flying Saucers And
Science" used emailed PDF files... no typeset.

Stan Friedman

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 20:39:38 +0100
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 09:04:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

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Regards,

Joe

Hi Brad,

No direct response to your post as yet, but the following
dialogue between myself and Tim Good relates to it.

I'll also be sending these posts to UpDates.

Cheers,

Joe

Hello Tim,

Your remarks on the ITV Central 'Extra Tonight' programme have
caused considerable contentious debate. The source for your
remarks as cited in 'Need to know' is attributed to Chidlaw via
Gardener to Stringfield.

There are several objections to using this in the context of your
statement.

- Jerry Clark considers Stringfield to be a good researcher,
though somewhat uncritical. He also considers Gardner as
unreliable.

- Brad Sparks believes that your remarks were completely out-of-
context; the number of scrambles in the early 1950's were due in
a large part to poor liaison between airspace users and air
defense. The majority of aircraft losses during intercepts were
attempted intercepts of ordinary military and civilian traffic.
Furthermore, relatively few pilots were lost even when the
aircraft were.

On the ufologyinuk Mail List which I administer, there is heated
debate (most of it highly critical) as to your reasons for making
such a statement, ranging from erroneous interpretation of
Stringfield's comments, to delusion, and even cynical distortion
of the facts in order to sell more books.

You are welcome to participate on the ufologyinuk List, I will
try and ensure that any debate, no matter how heated or critical,
does not go beyond acceptable bounds of decency.

If you prefer not to engage directly, perhaps you would be kind
enough to comment on the contents of this post and allow me to

convey your response to the List?

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 09:14:49 -0400
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 09:14:49 -0400
Subject: Archives For UFO Research

Source: Archives For UFO Research - Norrkoping, Sweden

<http://www.afu.info>

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- AFU's history
- By-laws
- Projects
- Annual reports
- Sponsorship and donations
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List Off-Line

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 10:51:44 -0400
Archived: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 10:51:44 -0400
Subject: List Off-Line

I have to take care of some family bussiness and its quite possible I may not have a connection for a couple of days...

The List should be back up late Friday/early Saturday...

ebk

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Met J. Allen Hynek?

From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 09:32:56 -0300
Archived: Fri, 13 Jun 2008 22:08:29 -0400
Subject: Met J. Allen Hynek?

Dear Listers:

I am writing a piece about pioneers in Ufology and I would like to ask anyone in this List who have met J. Allen Hynek personally to contact me in private. Specially those who were his friends.

A. J. Gevaerd: aj.nul or gevaerd.nul

Many thanks.

--- A. J.

Brazilian UFO Magazine

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Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 10:46:15 -0400
Archived: Fri, 13 Jun 2008 22:08:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Joe McGonagle<joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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This discussion might lead some readers to infer that
intelligently controlled UFOs actively intended to destroy the
pursuing fighter planes for whatever reason. However, a case can
be made that the losses of these aircraft were accidental.

During the 1950s, Wilbert Brockhouse Smith was a Canadian
government scientist who claimed to be in communication with the
aliens flying the saucer craft. He was informed that the
disintegration of airplanes that approached too near to them was
due to a reduction in molecular binding force caused by the
fields in operation around the alien craft. The fields reduced
the strength of materials in the airplane to the point where they
were no longer strong enough to carry the loads that they were
expected to carry.

Smith was told how to build a simple device for measuring molecular binding force. This device showed a reduced binding force in the volume of space near two airplane crashes that he investigated. He also gave the device to military pilots flying the North Atlantic, and was informed that regions of reduced binding force were found. Further, the location of the effect appeared to have moved somewhat on the return flight. He also found that the region around Toronto showed a lower reading than the region around Ottawa, and this was consistent over several years.

As well as the fields around the alien craft, he was told that the explosion of an atomic bomb also produces volumes of reduced binding force on opposite sides of the planet. As you may recall, the 1950s was the heyday of atomic bomb testing. A nuclear explosion on the other side of the planet might account for the reduced binding force covering a large city like Toronto. The explosions might also have caused occasional failure of airplane parts under stress even when not near a UFO.

More recently, effects that appear to include a reduced molecular binding force have been demonstrated by John Hutchison. They are a number of physical phenomena collectively known as the Hutchison effect. The effects occur in response to a particular space-time configuration of relatively low-power electromagnetic energy. These include levitation, implantation of objects into dissimilar materials, and the disintegration of blocks of aluminum and steel. If the physics behind the Hutchison effect is used to propel (levitate) the UFOs, then it follows that airplanes that get too close might fall apart.

I recently made a case using photographic evidence that the Hutchison effect and UFOs are accompanied by similar visual effects. This supports the idea that both use the same physics. See:

<http://www.treurniet.ca/physics/hutch.htm>.

Regards,

William Treurniet

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Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

From: **Thejmans** <th.paijmans.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 16:50:26 +0200
Archived: Fri, 13 Jun 2008 22:08:29 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 18:14:38 -0500
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 09:53:34 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 09:04:07 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

>>>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 09 Jun 2008 16:35:02 -0400
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>guy and first time author, like many, and errantly signed the
>rights away! He got taken for a royal ride by a publisher
>capable of some predation it would seem, and so is having to
>endure your slings and and Mr. Hall's arrows for the sins of
>others.

>Additionally, and with no light at the end of this particular
>tunnel, it's cost many thousands of dollars in legal fees in an
>effort to get the rights to his book back, so he should hardly
>be taken to the dock for doing what you accuse.

>The overall situation is more complicated than you know and even
>you would agree, I suspect, that his protest must be done
>intelligently; which is to say litigation is ongoing. He can't
>bang his gums like he'd like to, and he'd like to.

>As to your thin suggestion that he is not doing all he can to
>convince people not to buy the offending book, I submit that
>the production of a new book at his own expense correcting the
>errors so bemoaned and ignored by yourself and Mr. Hall...
>plus the aforementioned litigation trying get the book rights
>back to do just as you'd say, plus my pointing out in a review

>at Amazon.com that publishing errors hull-breached the book
>below the water line and should not be bought because of those
>errors, put Feschino paid for doing the right thing.

>Finally, he is not encouraging people to buy said book and
>has not endorsed said book at shows, radio programs, or podcasts
>since almost immediately after the books release, early in 2004
>when it became clear how badly his manuscript had been executed.
>You can imagine how he must have felt when the truth of the
>offending book was revealed. He was made ill!

>>And if the answer is no, what does that tell you about Feschino?

>That the answer is decidedly not "no," and that Tim Good
>broadly bears him out, frankly. Couple the non-sneering interest
>of Dr. Maccabee and the association of Stanton Friedman
>providing value added. It's telling me all I might need to
>know about Mr. Feschino. See? Your errant assumptions and very
>thinly veiled innuendoes do no one a service, least of all
>yourself.

>>The book I read was a science-fiction novel pretending to be an
>>alternate history of the 1950s.

Without wanting to meddle in this discussion - I haven't read the book, and there are others, who have much more data at hand to either discount or validate the claims as ste forward in his new book, I only feel sorry for Feschino. Sorry in the sense that we all know how it is when one begins writing books. Some of us have no problems in finding the right publishers, others are not so lucky.

I'd have suggested other publishers (Anomalist books comes to mind) who do a great job while still retainvely small. Perhaps Feschono woul;d have been better off with some advice as to where to publish the book. I assume, though, that feschino got to see the proofread text first (either in PdF or whatever file)?

Perhaps we all would do better by offering this Feschino some help, instead of burning his book? Help in that we couldd point him towards another publisher who might want to discuss with his publihser the transfer of rights?

Is Feschino on this list anyway? Seems only fair that we hear his voice?

Regards,

Theo

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I think you'd just about have to be an author of books to
appreciate how extraordinary this claim is. I thought I had heard
every horror story about the author/editor-publisher
relationship. This one tops them all, and therefore I have
difficulty believing it. Not that a publisher would act badly; of
course, that happens all the time. But the specific details of
this extraordinary allegation, for reasons fellow author Dick
Hall has outlined, make no sense.

I do know is that the book I read was manifestly unbelievable. It
was a science-fiction story with what amounted to a 1950s war-of-

the-worlds premise. The documentation was nonexistent.

If what you say is true (since I know you to be an honorable man, I will take your word on the allegation while suspending judgment on the claim's ultimate validity), I would like to know which parts of the book the author specifically disowns as false or distorted.

Jerry Clark

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Kanazawa Japan UFO Video Predating 1993

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 19:31:57 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 06:48:30 -0400
Subject: Kanazawa Japan UFO Video Predating 1993

An article note published in UFO Encounters, 7, 1993 describes a UFO videotaped in Kanazawa (Japan) before 1993.

I will appreciate if some researcher is aware of the date the video footage was taken - the article's author, Jeff Sainio, is not.

Thanks for the information and best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Re: UFO Over San Jose

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 17:02:54 -0700
Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 06:55:04 -0400
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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 08:09:22 -0700
>Subject: UFO Over San Jose

><http://www.ktvu.com/news/16548130/detail>.

>[See video]

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>shining objects in the weekend daytime sky over San Jose has
>local residents wondering if they were UFOs.

>Bob Lochridge, a local resident who recorded the objects, said
>they streaked across the skies.

>"They appeared to be triangular pieces of metal," he said.
>"They
>were up very, very high. I couldn't see them without the
>camera."

>The objects were first reported above the Oakland Hills at 3
>p.m. Sunday and quickly moved southward through the Bay Area
>skies.

>The FAA Air Traffic Control Center in Fremont did not report
>any
>unusual air traffic. Officials said the objects were probably
>satellites with the sunlight reflecting off their solar
>panels.

Thanks to Ed for the link. I caught the brief news item on KTVU's
10:00 o'clock news Sunday, June 8, and have been searching for
more info.

Added into the coverage, not in the story above, is they
attempted to contact a local astronomer for comment, but received
no call back. Probably just as well, since the typical astronomer
probably would have suggested a daylight sighting of Venus.

This sighting happened in my backyard, but I missed the show
because I was indoors at the time. - Darn!)

My first reaction was that the satellite solar panel explanation
was BS. For one thing, I doubted that a reflection could be
bright enough to be seen in full daylight. However, when I
checked at the Heaven's Above website:

<http://www.heavens-above.com>

they noted a phenomenon known as Iridium flash, a sudden mirror-
like brightening in the Iridium communication satellites if their
solar panel panels caught the sun's reflection just right. This
happens in a very narrow path under the satellites and for a very
brief time, perhaps 10 to 20 seconds max. The flashes can be as
bright as -8 magnitude, about 40 times brighter than Venus at its
brightest, which can sometimes be seen in daylight if one knows
where to look.

There are programs that can predict when and where an Iridium flash will be seen. When I checked Heavens Above, they listed three Iridium flash episodes in my area for Sunday June 8 - when the sighting occurred). But they were all night-time events, and the closest in time to the 3:00 sighting was over 6 hours apart. One was much too dim to be seen in daylight, even if the time had been right.

So that ruled out Iridium satellites as a culprit. I also checked the International Space Station, and it too was nowhere about at the time of the sighting - and is also too dim to be seen in daylight).

There was also the problem that witnesses reported two, not one object. There are not going to be two satellites traveling in tandem like this.

But there is even better evidence that satellites don't wash from the video itself. When I checked out Ed's link and looked at the short video segment - which shows only one object, not two), it turns out the object was moving too fast to be any satellite.

Accompanying the video was now the explanation, "Residents of San Jose, Calif., report seeing fast-moving objects overhead. Military officials explain it as satellites reflecting the sun off their solar panels."

So now it was a military satellites - again note the plural - somehow operating together. But the video disproves this.

If you view the video, it shows a roundish object passing near the crescent moon, a lucky break, because the moon is of known angular size and position - given the time - provides a fixed reference for calculations.

The moon on June 8 was 31.5 minutes of arc in diameter - or just call it 1/2 degree. Viewed full screen, the moon was 10 mm in diameter, the object appeared about 2.0 to 2.5 mm in diameter, or around 6 to 8 minarcs in diameter.

The object first appears in the video segment directly above the moon at the top of the frame and rapidly travels diagonally downward to the right, passing within about 7 cm of the moon - 3.5 degrees), and within about 4 seconds has moved down to the lower right corner of the screen, a distance of about 24 cm on my monitor, or 12 degrees. Therefore the object is moving 12 deg/4 seconds or 3 deg/second.

This can be compared to the absolute maximum velocity of a satellite in Earth orbit. Satellites are never orbited closer - their perigee - than about 100 miles to the Earth's surface, for the simple reason that they will quickly be dragged out of orbit in a matter of weeks or months because of residual atmospheric air friction. For this reason, almost all current satellites are normally orbited much higher than 100 miles. E.g., a table of military satellites through 2004:

<http://tinyurl.com/4pbcp>

...shows no U.S. military satellite with a perigee less than 500 km or 300 miles. There is one Chinese military imaging satellite listed with a perigee of about 100 miles, but that's it. There's another Soviet imaging satellite with a perigee of 190 km, or about 115 miles, but I think you get the idea. They don't get any closer than that.

The point I'll make below is that for the satellite to have the necessary angular speed to match that of the video UFO - 3 deg/second - it has to be much closer than any satellite. The calculation is very simple.

Assume the UFO is directly overhead or 100 miles from the camera. It will be travelling at about 5 miles/second in orbit or about 2.9 deg/second.

That would seem like a match except for one problem. The object wasn't directly overhead since we know from the video it passed near the moon. And the moon at 3:00 p.m. in San Jose, CA was at an elevation of 43.1 degrees, with the object passing about 2 deg in elevation above it at closest approach, or about 45 degrees

elevation. This means one has to multiply the assumed distance of a "satellite" by $1/\tan 45^\circ = 1/0.707 = 1.414$.

In other words, because of the slant angle, the true distance to the object wouldn't be the assumed perigee 100 miles of a satellite passing directly overhead at 90 degrees, but 1.4 times further away or 140 miles. This also means that the fastest angular velocity the satellite could be traveling would have to be scaled down by a factor of 1.4, or about 2.0 degrees per second, instead of the object's 3 degrees per second.

Thus the angular velocity of the video UFO is around 40 to 50% greater than any possible satellite, military or otherwise. And this is the best possible scenario for any orbiting satellite. More likely, a satellite will be even further away, dropping its angular velocity even further. E.g., if the perigee was 200 miles, its angular velocity would be only half of a satellite at 100 miles perigee.

The only way out of this would be if the object was actually re-entering space debris at an altitude much less than 100 miles.

For example, if it was at 70 miles altitude or 100 miles slant distance, it would have the correct angular velocity, and would just be starting to glow from air friction.

Unfortunately, the military - according to KTVU - didn't say it was re-entering debris. They said it was one more than one of their satellites rendered daylight visible by reflection off its solar panels. You can't have it both ways.

And then there is still the problem of two, not one objects being seen, both simultaneously giving off Iridium-like mirror flashes from their solar panels, an incredibly unlikely event

Thus my initial BS gut-reaction to the satellite 'explanation' for this sighting turns out to be correct after all.

One can further rule out something like meteors skimming our atmosphere at about 70 miles up where they would begin to glow, since they would be traveling much faster than any orbiting satellite, by at least a factor of two, if not more. In other words, such a meteor would be traveling not 3 deg/sec, but 6 or more deg/sec.

As to human aircraft, assume some rumored Aurora-type super-duper, way-beyond-top-secret spy plane, maybe 20 miles up - or 28 miles slant distance), so that maybe it wouldn't be heard. In order to be traveling at 3 degrees/second at this altitude, its speed would be around 5300 mph! Ouch! Do we really have anything like that?

What about a balloon 10 times closer - 2 miles altitude, 2.8 miles away? Scale down the above velocity also by a factor of 10 to get the angular velocity to match and you end up with 530 mph for a "balloon." I don't think so!

At this point, I think I've run out of conventional possibilities.

David Rudiak

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UFOs: NATURAL, DOMESTIC, or ALIEN?
New Science for an Old Question

UFO phenomena have intrigued the public for more than half a century, now new science may shed some light on the subject.

Mendocino, California=97June 15, 2008=97The 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. Unlike many books on this subject, even the speculations of this book have a scientific basis.

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 reader will not find accounts of abductions, or discussion of metaphysical and supernatural hypotheses. Not excluded, however, 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. The publisher is Schooner Moon Books of Mendocino, California.

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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Professor Designs Plasma-Propelled Flying Saucer

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[Illustration]

Professor Designs Plasma-Propelled Flying Saucer

ScienceDaily -- Flying saucers may soon be more fact than mere science fiction. University of Florida mechanical and aerospace engineering associate professor Subrata Roy has submitted a patent application for a circular, spinning aircraft design reminiscent of the spaceships seen in countless Hollywood films. Roy, however, calls his design a "wingless electromagnetic air vehicle", or WEAV.

The proposed prototype is small - the aircraft will measure less than six inches across - and will be efficient enough to be powered by on-board batteries.

Roy said the design can be scaled up and theoretically should work in a much larger form. Even in miniature, though, the design has many uses.

The most obvious functions would be surveillance and navigation. The aircraft could be designed to carry a camera and light and be controlled remotely at great distances, he said.

Fittingly, Roy said his flying saucer one day could soar through atmospheres other than Earth's own. For example, the aircraft would be an ideal vehicle for the exploration of Titan, Saturn's sixth moon, which has high air density and low gravity, Roy said.

The U.S. Air Force and NASA have expressed interest in the aircraft, and the university is seeking to license the design, he said.

"This is a very novel concept, and if it's successful, it will be revolutionary", Roy said.

The vehicle will be powered by a phenomenon called magnetohydrodynamics, or the force created when a current or a magnetic field is passed through a conducting fluid. In the case of Roy's aircraft, the conducting fluid will be created by electrodes that cover each of the vehicle's surfaces and ionize the surrounding air into plasma.

The force created by passing an electrical current through this plasma pushes around the surrounding air, and that swirling air creates lift and momentum and provides stability against wind gusts. In order to maximize the area of contact between air and vehicle, Roy's design is partially hollow and continuously curved, like an electromagnetic flying bundt pan.

One of the most revolutionary aspects of Roy's use of magnetohydrodynamics is that the vehicle will have no moving parts. The lack of traditional mechanical aircraft parts, such as propellers or jet engines, should provide tremendous reliability, Roy said. Such a design also will allow the WEAV to hover and take off vertically.

Though the design is promising on paper, towering obstacles stand between the blueprint and liftoff.

No plasma-propelled aircraft has successfully taken flight on Earth. Such designs have found some success in space, where gravity and drag are minimal, but a vehicle hoping to fly within Earth's atmosphere will need at least an order of magnitude more thrust, Roy said.

Also, the power source needs to be extremely lightweight yet still produce enough power to generate the necessary plasma. Not to mention the fact that the very same plasma that will allow the aircraft to fly also will interfere with electromagnetic waves necessary for communication with the vehicle.

But Roy is confident that the unique nature of his design will allow it to clear the technological hurdles and take to the skies, and he's not deterred by the risk of failure.

"Of course the risk is huge, but so is the payoff", he said. "If successful, we will have an aircraft, a saucer and a helicopter all in one embodiment."

The propulsion system for Roy's saucer sprouts from his extensive U.S. Air Force-funded plasma actuator research, the results of which have appeared in more than 15 scholarly journals.

The production of the aircraft will be a joint project of UF's mechanical and aerospace engineering department and its electrical and computer engineering department.

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Thursday, June 12, 2008

It's [sic] Time For UFO Freaks To Go Home
Bob Buttgen

OK, I'm going to tick off a certain segment of the population with this week's missive, but it's one of my pet peeves that never seems to go away.

The subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), and aliens from faraway places in space, attracts a large following of believers.

And while I certainly have no proof, I think it is a very safe thing to state: No aliens from other solar systems have visited Earth. All UFOs are just that: unidentified. Now, could they exist? Sure. There could be life on other planets outside of our solar system, but so far no one has proven that. Heck, we're spending - nee wasting - millions of dollars just to see if there is water on Mars.

Give me a break.

At the top of the UFO wishful-thinking list is a bunch of baloney about something happening in Roswell, New Mexico in the late 1940s. Now, I don't trust the U.S. Government any more than most people, and am very skeptical of most information that is spoon-fed to the press and public by the feds.

But the proof here is in one word: Capitalism.

Yes, our system of economics that allows people to make money is proof that we have never been visited by aliens.

Because if anyone had any proof, other than fuzzy photographs of frisbees, that alien spaceships really have been to Earth, they would have been exploited by someone who could make millions of dollars.

Money talks, my friends, and horse hockey walks.

And here's more common-sense, tangible proof. If life forms from other planets were to visit our planet, don't you think they would come during daylight hours and land in Central Park, or on the lawn of the White House, or the Kremlin or the Taj Mahal?

Nope. All of these supposed alien landings and abductions take place in strange places such as swamps in Louisiana, with the only witnesses being two guys with 12 teeth between them. I'm sure there's a half-empty jug of moonshine somewhere in the picture.

Egads, man! Haven't you seen "The Day The Earth Stood Still" ? That 1951 flick is one of my favorites. Mr. Carpenter (aka Klaatu), the pilot of the space ship from a galaxy far away, didn't sneak into our world at night. Nope, he landed on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. at noon time, stepped out and introduced himself as a man of peace. Of course, a soldier shot him, but that's par for the course.

This latest tirade from your editor was prompted by a visit to the David Letterman show the other night, by some dork who claimed to have proof that an alien came to Earth and his friend took a photograph of it.

To tell the truth, I was a little miffed that Dave would have this guy on his show, but if he's going to invite Paris Hilton to the "Late Night" set, I guess this guy couldn't be refused.

Anyway, this guy's "proof" was a photo that showed a fuzzy image looking into a window. It looked like a fingerprint. It was not proof by any stretch of the imagination.

Which goes back to my premise here. The technology these days is so good, that if someone is going to take a photo of an alien or a space craft from Uranus, (make up own joke), it has to look better than one taken with a 1954 Brownie with a napkin over the lens.

Sure, I like watching re-runs of the "X Files" as much as the next TV junkie, but it's all fiction.

I think it's sad that there are people who spend their entire lives trying to convince the world that a bunch of lights seen over SanJuan, Puerto Rico were from ships from a distant galaxy.

I'm sorry. We need proof. Real proof. Clear photographs. Videos with great lighting and sound. Someone from another planet to walk up and shake hands with President Bush. Or make an appearance on "Rachel Ray." Anything.

But most of all, we need people to get a grip on reality.

Quit wasting time and money trying to prove something that has never occurred.

In closing. always remember: "Gort: Klaatu barada nikto."

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Record Viewing Of UK UFO Files
by Christopher Nickson

The British National Archives has had record traffic since making the Ministry of Defence files on UFOs available online.

The truth may or may not be out there, but the files on it certainly are, at least in the UK. Since the Ministry of Defence:

<http://www.mod.uk/>

first opened its files on UFO sightings through the National Archives:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

that site has enjoyed record traffic as people download the history of sightings and investigations.

With its own special site, the information =96 contained in eight .PDF files, an introductory videocast and a podcast guide to the files =96 was downloaded 1.3 million times in the first four days it was available.

On the first day alone it brought 264,285 visitors to the National Archives site, roughly five times the normal daily amount.

And, in the ripples spreading from that, Hitwise has reported that web searches for "UFO" have increased by a staggering 267%.

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Sagan's One Thousand Years Of Darkness

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Carl Sagan: One Thousand Years of Darkness

In the final episode of 'Cosmos', Sagan discusses the destruction of the Library of Alexandria and why the momentous discoveries of the ancient world were unable to prevent the dark ages from virtually banishing scientific thought for a millennium. A sobering statement on what ignorance, apathy and fanaticism can do if left unchallenged.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eh0eM4tAISQ>

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Bob & Doug Do South Korea

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[5 Photographs & analysis at site]

Crop Circles In South Korea 2008

Our report is that we had a news today for discover a very exciting crop circles in near Chungnam Boryoung City, South Korea.

These pictures were taken by owner of his blog:

<http://blog.naver.com/98papa>

In my opinion, this works by sky-team, our brother of light gave it us, it mean worthy to evaluate for the first time in Korea of the Eastern Side.

If you want to receive more detail information, I could add it later.

Please subscribe it and post to your website.

Lim Chang Rok, wave of owner website, world peace communication (WPC)

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How Experts Uncover Doctored Images

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[Example images]

Digital Forensics: How Experts Uncover Doctored Images

Key Concepts

- Fraudulent photographs produced with powerful, commercial software appear constantly, spurring a new field of digital image forensics.

- Many fakes can be exposed because of inconsistent lighting, including the specks of light reflected from people's eyeballs.

- Algorithms can spot when an image has a 'cloned' area or does not have the mathematical properties of a raw digital photograph.

History is riddled with the remnants of photographic tampering. Stalin, Mao, Hitler, Mussolini, Castro and Brezhnev each had photographs manipulated from creating more heroic-looking poses to erasing enemies or bottles of beer. In Stalin's day, such phony images required long hours of cumbersome work in a darkroom, but today anyone with a computer can readily produce fakes that can be very hard to detect.

Barely a month goes by without some newly uncovered fraudulent image making it into the news. In February, for instance, an award-winning photograph depicting a herd of endangered Tibetan antelope apparently undisturbed by a new high-speed train racing nearby was uncovered to be a fake. The photograph had appeared in hundreds of newspapers in China after the controversial train line was opened with much patriotic fanfare in mid-2006. A few people had noticed oddities immediately, such as how some of the antelope were pregnant, but there were no young, as should have been the case at the time of year the train began running. Doubts finally became public when the picture was featured in the Beijing subway this year and other flaws came to light, such as a join line where two images had been stitched together. The photographer, Liu Weiqing, and his newspaper editor resigned; Chinese government news agencies apologized for distributing the image and promised to delete all of Liu's photographs from their databases.

In that case, as with many of the most publicized instances of fraudulent images, the fakery was detected by alert people studying a copy of the image and seeing flaws of one kind or another. But there are many other cases when examining an image with the naked eye is not enough to demonstrate the presence of tampering, so more technical, computer-based methods of digital image forensics must be brought to bear.

I am often asked to authenticate images for media outlets, law-enforcement agencies, the courts and private citizens. Each image to be analyzed brings unique challenges and requires different approaches. For example, I used a technique for detecting inconsistencies in lighting on an image that was thought to be a composite of two people. When presented with an image of a fish submitted to an online fishing competition, I looked for pixel artifacts that arise from resizing. Inconsistencies in an image related to its JPEG compression, a standard digital format, revealed tampering in a screen shot offered as evidence in a dispute over software rights.

As these examples show, because of the variety of images and forms of tampering, the forensic analysis of images benefits from having a wide choice of tools. Over the past five years my students, colleagues and I, along with a small but growing number of other researchers, have developed an assortment of ways to detect tampering in digital images. Our approach in creating each tool starts with understanding what statistical or geometric properties of an image are disturbed by a particular kind of tampering. Then we develop a mathematical algorithm to uncover those irregularities. The boxes on the coming pages describe five such forensic techniques.

The validity of an image can determine whether or not someone goes to prison and whether a claimed scientific discovery is a revolutionary advance or a craven deception that will leave a dark stain on the entire field. Fake images can sway elections, as is thought to have happened with the electoral defeat of Senator Millard E. Tydings in 1950, after a doctored picture was released showing him talking with Earl Browder, the leader of the American Communist Party. Political ads in recent years have seen a startling number of doctored photographs, such as a faux newspaper clipping distributed on the Internet in early 2004 that purported to show John Kerry on stage with Jane Fonda at a 1970s Vietnam War protest. More than ever before, it is important to know when seeing can be believing.

Everywhere You Look

The issue of faked images crops up in a wide variety of contexts. Liu was far from the first news photographer to lose his job and have his work stricken from databases because of digital fakery. Lebanese freelancer Adnan Hajj produced striking photographs from Middle Eastern conflicts for the Reuters news agency for a decade, but in August 2006 Reuters released a picture of his that had obviously been doctored. It showed Beirut after being bombed by Israel, and some of the voluminous clouds of smoke were clearly added copies.

Brian Walski was fired by the Los Angeles Times in 2003 after a photograph of his from Iraq that had appeared on the newspaper's front page was revealed to be a composite of elements from two separate photographs combined for greater dramatic effect. A sharp-eyed staffer at another newspaper noticed duplicated people in the image while studying it to see if it showed friends who lived in Iraq. Doctored covers from newsmagazines Time (an altered mug shot of O. J. Simpson in 1994) and Newsweek (Martha Stewart's head on a slimmer woman's body in 2005) have similarly generated controversy and condemnation.

Scandals involving images have also rocked the scientific community. The infamous stem cell research paper published in the journal Science in 2005 by Woo Suk Hwang of Seoul National University and his colleagues reported on 11 stem cell colonies that the team claimed to have made. An independent inquiry into the case concluded that nine of those were fakes, involving doctored images of two authentic colonies. Mike Rossner estimates that when he was the managing editor of the Journal of Cell Biology, as many as a fifth of the accepted manuscripts contained a figure that had to be remade because of inappropriate image manipulation.

The authenticity of images can have myriad legal implications, including cases involving alleged child pornography. In 2002 the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that computer-generated images depicting a fictitious minor are constitutionally protected, overturning parts of a 1996 law that had extended federal laws against child pornography to include such images. In a trial in Wapakoneta, Ohio, in 2006, the defense argued that if the state could not prove that images seized from the defendant's computer were real,

then he was within his rights in possessing the images. I testified on behalf of the prosecutor in that case, educating the jurors about the power and limits of modern-day image-processing technology and introducing results from an analysis of the images using techniques to discriminate computer-generated images from real photographs. The defense's argument that the images were not real was unsuccessful.

Yet several state and federal rulings have found that because computer-generated images are so sophisticated, juries should not be asked to determine which ones are real or virtual. At least one federal judge questioned the ability of even expert witnesses to make this determination. How then are we to ever trust digital photography when it is introduced as evidence in a court of law?

Arms Race

The methods of spotting fake images discussed in the boxes have the potential to restore some level of trust in photographs. But there is little doubt that as we continue to develop software to expose photographic frauds, forgers will work on finding ways to fool each algorithm and will have at their disposal ever more sophisticated image manipulation software produced for legitimate purposes. And although some of the forensic tools may be not so tough to fool—for instance, it would be easy to write a program to restore the proper pixel correlations expected in a raw image—others will be much harder to circumvent and will be well beyond the average user. The techniques described in the first three boxes exploit complex and subtle lighting and geometric properties of the image formation process that are challenging to correct using standard photo-editing software.

As with the spam/antispam and virus/antivirus game, not to mention criminal activity in general, an arms race between the perpetrator and the forensic analyst is inevitable. The field of image forensics will, however, continue to make it harder and more time-consuming (but never impossible) to create a forgery that cannot be detected.

Although the field of digital image forensics is still relatively young, scientific publishers, news outlets and the courts have begun to embrace the use of forensics to authenticate digital media. I expect that as the field progresses over the next five to 10 years, the application of image forensics will become as routine as the application of physical forensic analysis. It is my hope that this new technology, along with sensible policies and laws, will help us deal with the challenges of this exciting yet sometimes baffling digital age.

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Last Known Trindade Witness Murdered

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Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 09:09:00 -0400
Subject: Last Known Trindade Witness Murdered

Source: Tricampeao de caca submarina e morto no RJ [in Portuguese]

<http://www.atarde.com.br/brasil/noticia.jsf?id=3D901014>

"Retired lawyer of 'Banco do Brasil' and three times South-American underwater hunting champion, Amilar Vieira Filho (83), died [yesterday, June 11th] after being shot during an attempted robbery in the Perimetral Avenue, downtown Rio de Janeiro. According to the police, he was driving home towards Niteroi. Vieira Filho was one of the founders of the Icara=ED Underwater Hunting Club, in Nitereiu, and was member of the Icara=ED Yacht Club. The lawyer also became known as one of the witnesses of the alleged sighting of a UFO in Brazil, in 1958, in the case that became known worldwide as the Trindade Island Case."

Last February I interviewed Amilar Vieira Filho, who graciously answered all my questions about the Trindade case. He was still as a very clear mind, and must have had long years ahead. Above, a photo from the times that he was president of the Underwater Hunting Club.

Vieira Filho joked that he was the last one standing, and he was in fact the last known witness alive. This tragic news is even more tragic because, in Brazil, we don't have to imagine any terrible government conspiracy to silence him.

Such crimes are commonplace, Rio being a particularly dangerous area.

None of the other known witnesses have been murdered, but one is already too much.

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Source: The Hampshire Chronical - Winchester, Hampshire, UK

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Thursday 12th June 2008

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By Peter Law
peter.law.nul

It is the X Files style mystery that has left UFO spotters baffled.

A silent, spinning black triangle has been caught on film flying above Southampton three times in the past month - over Millbrook, Shirley and the Western Docks.

A new video - the clearest so far - was captured on a mobile phone by a passenger travelling in a car under the Millbrook flyover.

The footage - shot on Sunday, June 1 - has caused a buzz among UFO enthusiasts from across the country who have described it as the best they have seen for some time.

An investigation was even launched by Southampton Airport after a worried member of the public alerted bosses.

An airport spokeswoman said: "We received an inquiry about a UFO on Tuesday, they reported seeing a black triangle flying near Millbrook.

"We have used our web-track technology, which tracks the flight path of aircraft, but it found nothing unusual."

Southampton's flying triangle was first filmed floating high above houses in Shirley on Monday, May 5, by company director Will Campbell, 28.

He said: "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.

"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."

Mr Campbell was confident the object was not a kite as there was "absolutely" no wind that day. He added: "Its large arc across the sky also means that it was not tethered to the ground in the way an advertising blimp would be."

Steve Gerrard, founder of the now defunct Southampton UFO Group, said flying black triangles were not a new phenomenon, but had always remained a mystery.

"I have no idea what it is, that footage shot near the Millbrook flyover looks almost too good to be true. When you get a video that is so clear and sharp you have to treat it with some scepticism," he said.

\$64,000 question "However, it's very interesting as it looks too high to be a kite and it looks too crisp to be a balloon. Whether it is terrestrial or extra terrestrial is the \$64,000 question."

Mr Gerrard said he had received 23 reports of mysterious objects flying over the city since the start of the year.

He added: "If this was seen by three people then it must have been seen by more. I would urge anyone who has seen anything like this to report it as we need to corroborate all the evidence."

A spokesman for the National Air Traffic Service, based in Swanwick, said it passed on all UFO sightings to the Ministry of Defence (MoD).

The MoD was unavailable for comment yesterday, but it's the department's policy to only investigate sightings that pose a specific threat to the country.

Totton College psychology lecturer Craig Roberts, who co-ordinated Britain's first ever ufology course, said previous flying black triangle sightings had been explained by stealth military aircraft and tricks of the camera.

"There has always been in years gone by a lot of black triangles spotted, but it has been years since I have seen anything as vivid as this," he said.

Other popular theories include Chinese lanterns, weather balloons, microlight and model aircraft, kites or even a secret military project.

The British UFO Research Organisation (BUFORA) said detailed information such as the make of camera, specific loca are aliens, the Bible specifically does not say that they were created in his image," said Mark Conn, pastor of the Noble Hill Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri. "God created many other intelligent beings on this planet, and they were not created in His image."

Conn's church recently met to discuss the issues posed by extraterrestrial contact, ultimately deciding that "if they're there, they're there. It doesn't change a whole lot."

Unlike Peters, Conn suggested that missionary work may be required, something the aliens may not welcome - especially if, as many postulate, they are technologically superior to humanity and do not have religions of their own.

"Maybe they'll say that they used to need religion but have outgrown it. Some people say that would be a great blow to religion, because if an advanced civilization doesn't need it, why do we?" said Douglas Vakoch, director of interstellar message composition at SETI.

"I don't buy it, though. I think religion meets very human needs, and unless extraterrestrials can provide a replacement for it, I don't think religion is going to go away," he continued. "And if there are incredibly advanced civilizations with a belief in God, I don't think Richard Dawkins will start believing."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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We May All Be Space Aliens: Study

Genetic material from outer space found in a meteorite in Australia may well have played a key role in the origin of life on Earth, according to a study to be published Sunday.

European and US scientists have proved for the first time that two bits of genetic coding, called nucleobases, contained in the meteor fragment, are truly extraterrestrial.

Previous studies had suggested that the space rocks, which hit Earth some 40 years ago, might have been contaminated upon impact.

Both of the molecules identified, uracil and xanthine, "are present in our DNA and RNA," said lead author Zita Martins, a researcher at Imperial College London.

RNA, or ribonucleic acid, is another key part of the genetic coding that makes up our bodies.

These molecules would also have been essential to the still-mysterious alchemy that somehow gave rise, some four billion years ago, to life itself.

"We know that meteorites very similar to the Murchison meteorite, which is the one we analysed, were delivering the building blocks of life to Earth 3.8 to 4.5 billion years ago," Martins told AFP in an interview.

Competing theories suggest that nucleobases were synthesised closer to home, but Martins counters that the atmospheric conditions of early Earth would have rendered that process difficult or impossible.

A team of European and US scientists showed that the two types of molecules in the Australian meteorite contained a heavy form of carbon - carbon 13 - which could only have been formed in space.

"We believe early life may have adopted nucleobases from meteoric fragments for use in genetic coding, enabling them to pass on their successful features to subsequent generations," Martins said.

If so, this would have been the start of an evolutionary process leading over billions of years to all the flora and fauna - including human beings - in existence today.

The study, published in Earth Planetary Science Letters, also has implications for life on other planets.

"Because meteorities represent leftover materials from the formation of the solar system, the key components of life - including nucleobases - could be widespread in the cosmos," said co-author Mark Sephton, also at Imperial College London.

"As more and more of life's raw materials are discovered in objects from space, the possibility of life springing forth wherever the right chemistry is present becomes more likely," he said.

Uracil is an organic compound found in RNA, where it binds in a genetic base pair with another molecule, adenine.

Xanthine is not directly part of RNA or DNA, but participates in a series of chemical reactions inside the RNA of cells.

The two types of nucleobases and the ratio of light-to-heavy carbon molecules were identified through gas chromatography and mass spectrometry, technologies that were not available during earlier analyses of the now-famous meteorite.

Even so, said Martins, the process was extremely laborious and time-consuming, one reason it had not be carried out up to now by other scientists.

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By John Scott Lewinski

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Re: Kanazawa Japan UFO Video Predating 1993

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 07:22:03 -0400
Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 11:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Kanazawa Japan UFO Video Predating 1993

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: shg.nul
>Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 19:31:57 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Kanazawa Japan UFO Video Predating 1993

>An article note published in UFO Encounters, 7, 1993 describes a
>UFO videotaped in Kanazawa (Japan) before 1993.

>I will appreciate if some researcher is aware of the date the
>video footage was taken - the article's author, Jeff Sainio, is
>not.

Vicente-Juan,

The Kanazawa videotape was taken on July 6, 1989, at about 7:00
p.m. on a clear sunny day. See The UFO Evidence, Vol. II, pages
297-298 for details.

Dick

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Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 04:51:56 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 11:19:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 10:46:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO Interaction"

<snip>

>This discussion might lead some readers to infer that
>intelligently controlled UFOs actively intended to destroy the
>pursuing fighter planes for whatever reason. However, a case can
>be made that the losses of these aircraft were accidental.

<snip>

Indeed so, couple this with the extraordinary demands made
on pilots and craft to have them in pursuit and probable inter-
action with UFOs to such extents as to exceed their own safety
standards of operation... Well, I think you get the picture.

Desperation is not a good factor to build protocols around, and
not every command might have the same ideas of what is and is
not expendable in the chase of such anomaly.

JCH

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Re: New Evidence In Hunt For UFOs

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 14:06:11 -0300
Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 13:19:05 -0400
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>Source: The Hampshire Chronical - Winchester, Hampshire, UK

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The latter referencing the electronic shutter I guess. Works well
on white bright objects but fails miserably on black sky.

But I wonder if it bears repeating that these stealth aircraft
are limited in their numbers. There are about 50 F-117As in the
US arsenal and 20 B2-Bs less one that crashed a few months ago
when onboard computer failed. Incidentally that crash can be
seen on the internet. The F-117A is now being phased out of
service so they will be fewer in numbers. They rely on up to 7
OB Computers to keep them from crashing as they have highly
unstable characteristics and can't be flown by the pilot's hand
alone.

In the general course of things about one third of those US
Stealth numbers are usually down for routine maintenance
- structural fatigue is a problem with these airplanes because of
their design and constant updating of flight systems and
controls due to micromanagement by the OB Computers - and they
aren't hanging out in the UK so they can be reported as flying
triangles.

This need for the press and others with little or no
understanding of numbers or tasking/deployment of military
assets to ascribe the latest incarnation of the UFO as stealth
fighters is pretty lame. And they don't spin unless they are
crashing so if they are stealths spinning listen for a loud
noise and look for the impact crater.

The press really needs to do their homework.

Don Ledger

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According to some the the Air Force is already flying the
life-sized version of these things and has been doing so for the
last 50 years. One wag related to me that the USAF has so much
money that they are prepared to waste millions of it just to
hide the fact that they have them and "re-invent" the "flying
saucer" all over again. If so and they are successful on the
public side then the USAF has wasted the last 50 years having
had the benefit of this technology and done nothing with it
other than generate millions of UFO reports.

Subrata Roy's WEAV is an outgrowth of plate voltage from a TVs
CRT and tinfoil wrapped around a light plastic or wooden fram.
It makes eddy currents and causes the contraction to lift off. A
Troidal transformer has this field as well but much weaker.

Still there's a principle to be applied here and likely will
turn to something in a couple of decades once they figure out
how to have the power source on board the bundt cake. 5 inches

in diameter. A long way to go, yet. At least the Wright brothers got a man off the ground with 12 horsepower.

Don Ledger

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SDI #459 20 Questions

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Archived: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 18:10:17 -0400
Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

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20 Questions addressed with so much British reserve that stiff upper lips well nigh litter the Debris Field! Contributing are Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Dr. David Clarke, and Herb Schirmer. As tintambulated masterfully by Errol Bruce-Knapp.

1. Mary, Mary. quite contrary, but how does her garden grow?
2. Does the Jewel of mankind in creation's crown preclude the existence of all other jewels?
3. What is the 'Ostrich Syndrome' and how does it lead to a dirty ufological nape?
4. How does the Pope "allow" the "right" to "believe" in UFOs?
5. Is the Virtually Strange Network a harbinger of the 'End Of Days'?
6. Is a fundamentalist a fundamentalist and ever a fundamentalist? Scripture thumping deniers, klasskurtxians, and UFO "bleevers": cut from the same cloth?
7. How does one choose to accept, as real, a flying spaghetti monster they have never seen even as they deny the existence of that which can be reputedly perceived?
8. What's a righteous wage for "keeping the grand UFO conspiracy alive" and what is owed the righteous conspirators?
9. What is it about the 'End Of Days' that has Errol Bruce-Knapp checking his watch and tapping his foot with no small impatience?
10. Do the 'aliens' at once supply humankind equal parts utter deniability and a stark permission to believe?
11. Asked before, but is the 'word' not grease. but Grey?
12. MOD Files release: Unappreciated forthcoming-ness or more of the same old artful-dodgy formlessness?
13. Why does Stuart Miller not believe aliens are in contact with some Earth governments?
14. Would an alien contact a government of needs or ignore such as ultimately non-representative of individuals?
15. From where comes a "sympathy" for GB's Ministry Of Defense and other devils?
16. How are Americans accused of impacting negatively on the ufological?
17. What official agencies are involved heavily with UFOs even as they are denied by those same agencies?
18. What would a conclusive finding of bona fide

extraterrestrial life on Mars via the latest robot probe mean.
Really?

19. Did anyone else get tired of the unceasing dysfunctional
space toilet stories every news cycle all over the world?

20. Are the Brits unfairly maligned for an "excessive" interest
in bodily functions, both on _and_ off planet?

Zounds, tut tut, and cheerio, but more than 60 minutes remain of
discourse so reasoned, erudite, and reasonable it achieves a
dryness profound enough to provide for it's own abundant
hydration! Obey your thirst? Miller and Clarke are not _really_
klasskurtxians presumably, mind, but _could_ play them on TV.

Too, news on the cancellation of the Roswell theme park is
reported. SETI's ufological narrowness is iterated. NASA
floundering? Where's George W. Bush when you need him. More!

Pictures of the "dark" side of the moon are suggested! And then?
Doctor David Clarke! Listen to him verbally express a WEB site
URL and know why people sing in English. Then, he reveals the
"truth".

Ufological sensibilities empowered _are_ the listener's own!
Subscribe, or it's sticky congress with the Toad! All hail the
Toad. Oh, _hail_ yes.

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Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 19:14:02 -0300
Archived: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 08:51:01 -0400
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>Source: Science Daily - Rockville, Maryland, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/6a27bg>

>Jun. 12, 2008

>[Illustration]

>Professor Designs Plasma-Propelled Flying Saucer

>ScienceDaily -- Flying saucers may soon be more fact than mere
>science fiction. University of Florida mechanical and aerospace
>engineering associate professor Subrata Roy has submitted a
>patent application for a circular, spinning aircraft design
>reminiscent of the spaceships seen in countless Hollywood films.
>Roy, however, calls his design a "wingless electromagnetic air
>vehicle", or WEAV.

<snip>

I wrote about such systems in my congressional testimony of July
29, 1968, and in other later papers such as Flying Saucers and
Physics. Many patents have been granted for such systems. There
is a major difficulty with scaling up very small systems to
large ones.

Stan Friedman

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>12. MOD Files release: Unappreciated forthcoming-ness or more of
>the same old artful-dodgy formlessness?

<snip>

Hi Alfred,

As a Welshman brought up in England have seen some of what you imply (your "British" comments were snipped but much enjoyed).

The English gov't of UK, like most gov'ts do, continually lies about the things vital to them.

What are those things? i) taxation (always corrupt); ii) law & policing and law-courts (again corrupt - but selectively); and iii) "the threat".

Gov'ts always need a "threat" to justify their immoral actions - but they never want to appear 'helpless' in face of that (usually fictional) "threat". So any real challenge (or threat) has to be ignored, censored, kept from public knowledge.

I've learned to look for what people and organizations don't say. It's usually a better indicator of their real motives. And so have come to the conclusion that some folk apparently in the 'Ufology' field are actually covert professional (paid) 'debunkers'.

Cheers

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>I think you'd just about have to be an author of books to appreciate how extraordinary this claim is. I thought I had heard every horror story about the author/editor-publisher relationship. This one tops them all, and therefore I have difficulty believing it. Not that a publisher would act badly; of course, that happens all the time. But the specific details of this extraordinary allegation, for reasons fellow author Dick Hall has outlined, make no sense.

You've heard every horror story about publishers... yet harbor a difficulty in believing this one. With respect, that seems to jump the track a taste, eh?

>I do know is that the book I read was manifestly unbelievable.

LOL! Like the Bible, everything on Wikipedia, or anything written by Gerald Posner? Besides, perhaps when you won't believe, you can't believe.

>It
>was a science-fiction story with what amounted to a 1950s war-of-the-worlds premise. The documentation was nonexistent.

Stanton Friedman might call that research by proclamation. Moreover, I don't know how you can say that when it was drawn in part from hundreds of pertinent documents, dozens of newspaper archives, and the relevant 100 plus seemingly non-sifted pages of Bluebook. See the You-Tube URL at the end for more on the relevancy of Feschino's investigation.

>If what you say is true (since I know you to be an honorable man, >I will take your word on the allegation while suspending judgment

>on the claim's ultimate validity),

I am an honorable man, Jerry, with some integrity and more than a little honesty. Too, I've been wrong before. I may be wrong now. But I can't discount the honest assessment of hard as nails facts as they have been recounted in the history... patently undiscovered by those preceding Frank Feschino... to put combative military orders together with lost men and machines during what may prove to be the biggest flap in United States history and say, maybe, just maybe, humankind went toe to toe with beings not of this Earth in aerial combat... and lost.

>I would like to know which
>parts of the book the author specifically disowns as false or
>distorted.

Well it doesn't work like that, Jerry. I suspect that there can be nothing "disowned" in the text that would make the book acceptable to you and Mr. Hall. The proposal of my preceding paragraph stands as the down and dirty of Feschino's contention regarding Shoot Them Down orders and crashed saucers, and I suspect that a 'war of the worlds' scenario may not be all that far off. Reality can get weird and there's no amount of Occam apologists who can account for that, you know?

Why the book is not endorsed by Feschino has nothing to do with substance and content, Jerry, but how an errant publisher perverted the substance and obverted the content of the edition into the travesty so easily disparaged by yourself and Mr. Hall.

That said: more of your questions can, perhaps, be answered here?

http://youtube.com/watch?v=Ia8ZJJrH_0I

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Mystery Cruise Missile Video

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Archived: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 16:20:00 -0400
Subject: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

Source: Wired Magazine - New York, New York

<http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/06/mystery-cruise.html>

June 14, 2008

Mystery Cruise Missile Video
By David Hambling

Here's a video mystery that's been puzzling me for some time: footage which seems to show a group of Tomahawk cruise missiles flying in very close formation. But, so far as I know, Tomahawks don't really have the technology to pull off such a move. So is it for real?

The video:

<http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=3D6e0f843efd&hl=3Den>

appears in several places on the Internet. The title screen says "Operation: Iraqi Freedom Date: 22 Mar 03" and gives the unit and call sign of the aircraft involved, as well as a "Target Name" of "Cruise Missile Formation". It certainly seems to show several light-colored objects moving together at high speed. They do not stick to one formation but move relative to each other, while keeping quite close spacing.

Are they really cruise missiles, though? There are obvious advantages to sticking together - they'd likely appear on radar as a single object - but it would be difficult to achieve. Tomahawk Cruise missiles do not have air-to-air radar and can't 'see' each other. There have been models with radar which looks downwards and uses digital scene matching for navigation; that system was superseded by GPS, however.

Cruise missiles are guided via a series of pre-programmed waypoints - hence the occasion when BBC reporter John Simpson watched a cruise missile in Baghdad fly "down the street and turn left at the traffic lights". The waypoints can be specified in time and space, so a several missiles launches seconds apart could be programmed to bunch up with very small separation. But it's hard to see the advantage of doing this, compared to the very real risk of a collision that could cost you at least two missiles, if not the entire formation.

There are a few online discussions of the video which shed much light, but perhaps the oddest supposedly authoritative comment is this one:

When I put this question to the Tomahawk program manager at the Pentagon, he said that video had been analyzed and that there was no way seven Tomahawk's could fly "formation" in that small a space. Based on where it was taken and how it was taken (C-130 optical tracking system) took it, it was determined to be large birds, most likely geese, and the relative speed of the Hercules make it look like they were traveling fast.

As with the best Unidentified Flying Object sightings, this 'explanation' seems even less likely than the original story. Geese or cruise missiles? Roswell Rods? Or just Swamp Gas? All informed opinions are welcome, as usual=C2=85

Terry W. Colvin
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Source: The Abilene Reporter-News - Texas,USA

<http://tinyurl.com/5jw8kx>

Saturday, June 14, 2008

Stephenville UFO Report Out
Angelia Joiner

The world waited for Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) official report on the Stephenville unidentified flying objects report.

And waited. And waited.

That was cool. That meant a lot of work was going on and State Director Ken Cherry and Chief Investigator Steve Hudgeons were pouring through hundreds of eyewitness accounts, plotting on maps, coordinating radar data, and organizing field investigators.

Finally, the report was forthcoming in the May edition of the MUFON Journal. Eagerly, those of the UFO community as well as those not so familiar began scouring the document.

For what?

To find out, the Stephenville investigation was the largest sighting the Texas group had ever handled. And it showed. Crowds flooded the January Dublin meeting, more than willing to share their experiences of the unusual event.

Eight MUFON investigators answered the call for volunteers to interview witnesses. With all of the media attention, the job must have seemed overwhelming.

We find out Texas has had more than 550 sightings from 1947 to Nov. 1, 2007. The author of the article said that information was for perspective, but it seemed more like filler. Especially because the title of the article leads the reader to believe he or she will find out more about Erath County sightings. The title is "Stephenville: Report of Cluster of UFO Sightings in Erath County, Texas, Nov. 2007 to Feb. 2008."

Steve Allen is the pilot who first brought the sightings to the attention of the world. He and three friends saw something so unbelievably large and absolutely silent Jan. 8 they didn't feel it should remain between friends. And, when a few minutes later the object appeared for the second time, apparently being chased by F-16 jets, it made the sighting all the more interesting. Allen is mentioned, but the report does not recognize if his sighting was identified or is to remain unidentified. And, what about those jets? Did they show up on radar? Is there anything new in this report regarding Allen's sighting that wasn't already known?

A map is included with Allen's location in Selden along with the

time (6:15 p.m.) Allen claimed he saw something a mile long and a half-mile wide. There are other anonymous witnesses plotted on the map at other locations from Stephenville to Dublin but no mention of sighting times. There are arrows, which show directions of something traveling along the path of the witnesses. But, where are numbers like altitude and speed? Why isn't there any information in the report to explain how the researchers knew the path this object took?

The report says many of the sightings have been identified, including one video presented by an unknown witness that resembled a black snake "being blown across the sky." MUFON identified this object as a "military sleeve." Where's the data? Meanwhile, it's mostly recognized that UFO sightings are eventually identified. James Fox, UFO filmmaker, believes as many as 95 percent are identified and he has been known to say it's the other 5 percent we should be worried about.

What the report does not say is which cases were not identified or give any exact numbers.

Cherry has been quoted as saying most of the people in Erath County saw planets, stars or clouds. Maybe, but where's the data? What planets and stars did they see? It would seem easy for an untrained observer to make that mistake.

The Doppler radar information provided by William Puckett for the official report was interesting. Puckett apparently found an object that piqued his interest at 6:34 p.m. Jan. 8. It was something that was not using a transponder and something that did not show 10 minutes before or 10 minutes after this time period.

Puckett is quoted as saying, "I found a fast moving target moving on an eastward vector of about 700 mph. This was clearly not a passenger jet. It could have been a military jet or an unknown object. The object was not transponding."

Puckett goes on to state weather conditions for the area Jan. 8.

Well, we all knew there were jets in the area. Even Maj. Karl Lewis with the Naval Air Base finally admitted there were 10 from his base alone on the evening in question after first denying there were any.

The report also mentions three area law enforcement officers and their accounts on Jan. 8, but mistakenly calls them "constables." A recent phone call to one of the officers confirmed that none of the three ever made an official report to MUFON investigators. Nor does the report state how the information or the computer drawings was obtained.

Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., a ufologist studying the field for years was provided with a copy of David Coran's video. Coran is a Stephenville resident and first showed his film to Steve Allen. Allen gave Coran some money and Coran told him to use the film as he pleased, according to Allen.

Then Ken Cherry arranged a meeting between Coran and UFO Hunters of the History Channel to purchase the video. Maccabee is the organization's state director for Maryland. Without the original film or camera or being able to look through that camera at the precise time and place the film was taken, Maccabee determined that Coran was viewing an out-of-focus star. It's an analysis that many in the UFO community agree with.

A conclusion, Allen says, he will never believe. Allen said the tape he has shows trees and rooftops clearly in focus while the "star" is putting on a light show.

Thanks, Steve Allen, for giving us all courage; courage to report, courage to write, and courage to look deeply into the unknown.

In Ken Cherry's short article for the Journal, he says, "No doubt, this report will not satisfy the skeptics or true believers."

No doubt, he's right.

-- Angelia Joiner is a former Stephenville Empire-Tribune

reporter who covered the UFO sighting extensively.

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I presume Ray that this remark is aimed primarily at Dr. David Clarke. It is an observable fact that the slur "debunker" tends to be thrown around in a rather scatter gun, cowardly way by the inarticulate and inconsequential within Ufology, frustrated by the 'smarts' of some and incandescent with their own inability to respond with conviction.

But it is possible that I was also included in the intended range of this allegation, because, as I've said, you were unspecific and my name is up there in Alfred's post, and so I will answer for myself.

1. I have never said, nor will I ever say that there are no such things as "UFOs". I am not even saying that some UFOs are not piloted by intelligent beings from elsewhere. I think it's likely that some are. You'd know that if you listened to the podcast which you undoubtedly haven't. I would think a debunker would probably be making different assertions.

2. You do not even need to study the workings of the MoD very intensively, let alone as profoundly as David and others have done, to realise that there is no hidden smoking gun and while there may still yet be some very interesting reports to come out, there is absolutely no proof as far as the MoD are concerned that UFOs are piloted craft. You would also realise that just like any other organisation with some level of interest in the subject, they are as divided as anyone else, with some employees believing there is an extraterrestrial connection and others believing the opposite.

You could work on the theory that there is another secret level etc and that what the public are allowed to see is merely window dressing. Is that what you think? You know, I'm not even going to say "prove it" because for all I know you could be right. But until you're proven right, I am going to move you into the "basket case" section within my thinking, an area shared by an unwholesome collection of other individuals who's presence in this subject confirms the worst fears of our critics.

Because in one element of your accusation you were correct. There are paid people among us who's job it is to discredit this

subject and in instances like this, it is common to point to debunkers as you have done. I however look to those who discredit the subject with their inane behaviour and completely unscientific approach and lack of evidence or proof of anything ever as the more likley culprits.

I think you foot the bill in this latter regard and so Ray Dickenson, I point the finger at you and suggest that you may still be in the employ of Her Majesty's government and that you are a debunker set amongst us to make us look dumb. In the words of Donnie Osmond I am moved to ask; is that your identity?

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And I might call it an assessment by a well-informed historian of the UFO controversy who speaks with a reasonable degree of demonstrated authority. And I might say your defense of this silly book betrays a certain lack of critical acumen - proclamation by will to believe, shall we say.

I bow out of the discussion fully as skeptical as I was when it began.

Jerry Clark

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That's an extremely revealing response from Stuart, to my
moderate and truthful message.

People who know me (around the world - travelled a bit) know
Stuart's post is farcically untrue - others who don't will have
to watch and wait.

Why watch and wait? Stuart's 'accusation' - while provably
untrue - was dramatically stagey and clearly intended to serve a
purpose somewhere.

We'll have to wait and see what that purpose is.

Things might be getting 'interesting'.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 21:14:48 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 08:58:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 19:17:23 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

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>Source: Wired Magazine - New York, New York

><http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/06/mystery-cruise.html>

>June 14, 2008

>Mystery Cruise Missile Video
>By David Hambling

>Here's a video mystery that's been puzzling me for some time:
>footage which seems to show a group of Tomahawk cruise missiles
>flying in very close formation. But, so far as I know, Tomahawks
>don't really have the technology to pull off such a move. So is
>it for real?

>The video:

><http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=6e0f843efd&hl=en>

>appears in several places on the Internet. The title screen says
>"Operation: Iraqi Freedom Date: 22 Mar 03" and gives the unit
>and call sign of the aircraft involved, as well as a "Target
>Name" of "Cruise Missile Formation". It certainly seems to show
>several light-colored objects moving together at high speed.
>They do not stick to one formation but move relative to each
>other, while keeping quite close spacing.

<snip>

Hi Terry,

Sometime back in the early 1980s while employed as a researcher with the Centre for Research in Experimental Space Science at York University after graduating in physics there, I agreed to a job interview and tour of Litton Industries in Etobicoke (Toronto). Litton was manufacturing optical guidance systems for cruise missiles that were being test flown in northern Canada since the terrain closely resembled the Soviet Union. Although I had the knowledge and special skills Litton was looking for, I decided not to accept a job with them since I would not be able to talk about my work and the only job satisfaction I would have is if the cruise missile optical guidance system I built at Litton worked flawlessly and did what it was intended to do - deliver a nuclear payload to take out a Soviet military or industrial target within a city with an expected high loss of civilian lives.

I mention this to show that over a quarter century ago we had the necessary technology to allow one or more cruise missiles to follow the exact same path over the ground to its target, even when the missiles were launched at the same time and flying in

close formation.

Now we can do much better still. In 2005 I took a group of York University engineering students to the neighbouring University of Toronto Institute for Aerospace Studies where we toured many research labs including the lab of Dr. Jinjun Shan on formation flying of airships and small spacecraft. At the time Dr. Shan was an amazing post-doctoral fellow who graduated from China's Harbin Institute of Technology, their top space engineering school (it was here where they developed China's first lunar orbiting spacecraft that was successfully launched last year). Dr. Shan is now continuing his research in formation at York University, Canada's top space science school (which NASA teamed up with for Phoenix - the reflight of their failed 1999 Mars Polar Lander mission) where he's professor in space engineering. If anyone likes, I can share pictures of Dr. Shan flying many model helicopters in close formation and in tandem with a single joystick!

Formation flying is already so far advanced that it has even been proposed for some future civilian space missions such as Terrestrial Planet Finder and is currently in use by some secret military/intelligence space missions such as the Naval Ocean Surveillance System (NOSS) triple satellite formations that have been a common sight to amateur astronomers but which the public sometimes report as triangular shaped UFOs.

What I find interesting in the video clip of the white spots of what is alleged to be seven cruise missiles flying in very close but unchanging formation is that there is also an eighth white spot moving independently to the other seven in the upper right of the screen. Maybe all eight white spots on the video clip are just non-real infrared artefacts or possibly FLIR computer generated tracking reference points much like those on heads-up displays in modern jet fighters. I recently took a close-up picture of a spherical FLIR device attached below an Ontario Provincial Police helicopter which they use to track people in the dark and even identify illegal marijuana grow houses. I was not allowed to see the FLIR in operation or to photograph the screen inside the helicopter.

Unless others who work with and interpret such videos care to comment, we may never know for sure just what those seven (or eight) white spots are. Until we know for sure, they must be considered as UFOs.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: It's [sic] Time For UFO Freaks To Go Home

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 21:45:32 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: It's [sic] Time For UFO Freaks To Go Home

>Source: The News-Sun - Kendallville, Indiana, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/3u7ltg>

>Thursday, June 12, 2008

>It's [sic] Time For UFO Freaks To Go Home
>Bob Buttgen

>OK, I'm going to tick off a certain segment of the population
>with this week's missive, but it's one of my pet peeves that
>never seems to go away.

>The subject of unidentified flying objects (UFOs), and aliens
>from faraway places in space, attracts a large following of
>believers.

snip

>I'm sorry. We need proof. Real proof. Clear photographs. Videos
>with great lighting and sound. Someone from another planet to
>walk up and shake hands with President Bush. Or make an
>appearance on "Rachel Ray." Anything.

>But most of all, we need people to get a grip on reality.

>Quit wasting time and money trying to prove something that has
>never occurred.

>In closing. always remember: "Gort: Klaatu barada nikto."

>[_Many_ critical Comments below article]

OK, so the guy is not an idiot...

He's just ignorant.

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Alien-Like Being Born From A Cow In Thailand

From: William Bolt <ab5sy.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 19:35:04 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:02:00 -0400
Subject: Alien-Like Being Born From A Cow In Thailand

I've never seen this website before, so if it is a satire or tabloid rag, my apologies for forwarding this.

There are six (not fuzzy) photos of the body(?) at the site. Ok I will leave it up to the experts to investigate, but for my money I believe the photos are doctored, or some photo's from a movie being filmed. The corpse is fake unless E.T. has taking a likening to cows.

Alien-Like Being Born From A Cow In Thailand:

<http://tinyurl.com/4reets>

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Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 22:49:27 -0400
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

>Source: The Abilene Reporter-News - Texas,USA

><http://tinyurl.com/5jw8kx>

>Saturday, June 14, 2008

>Stephenville UFO Report Out
>Angelia Joiner

>The world waited for Mutual UFO Network's (MUFON) official
>report on the Stephenville unidentified flying objects report.

>And waited. And waited.

>That was cool. That meant a lot of work was going on and State
>Director Ken Cherry and Chief Investigator Steve Hudgeons were
>pouring through hundreds of eyewitness accounts, plotting on
>maps, coordinating radar data, and organizing field
>investigators.

>Finally, the report was forthcoming in the May edition of the
>MUFON Journal. Eagerly, those of the UFO community as well as
>those not so familiar began scouring the document.

>For what?

>To find out, the Stephenville investigation was the largest
>sighting the Texas group had ever handled. And it showed. Crowds
f>looded the January Dublin meeting, more than willing to share
t>heir experiences of the unusual event.

snip

>Bruce Maccabee, Ph.D., a ufologist studying the field for years
>was provided with a copy of David Coran's video. Coran is a
>Stephenville resident and first showed his film to Steve Allen.
>Allen gave Coran some money and Coran told him to use the film
>as he pleased, according to Allen.

>Then Ken Cherry arranged a meeting between Coran and UFO Hunters
>of the History Channel to purchase the video. Maccabee is the
>organization's state director for Maryland. Without the original
f>ilm or camera or being able to look through that camera at the
>precise time and place the film was taken, Maccabee determined
t>hat Coran was viewing an out-of-focus star. It's an analysis
>that many in the UFO community agree with.

>A conclusion, Allen says, he will never believe. Allen said the
>tape he has shows trees and rooftops clearly in focus while the
>"star" is putting on a light show.

Amusing to see this article appear just a day after I posted on
my web site frames from a video obtained with a JVC camera
similar to, if not the same type, as was used by Coran. These
frames show 'pulsations' of brightness along squiggly line,
images with color changes obtained when the camera was
videotaping a planet (Mars).

This is similar to the imagery in the Coran video. The Coran video is not exactly out of focus for most of the time - for short times the image is big and round and at these times it is out of focus - but the image does move around on the image plane, the CCD that plays the role of film in an ell-electronic camera) as the effective 'shutter-time' is 1/2 second when videotaping a light in the dark.

See:

www.brumac.8k.com/atmosphereeffect/atmosphereeffect.html

I don't know what he videotaped, although I suspect a distant light, such as the headlight(s) of an oncoming airplane many miles away or a star/planet.

However, the point is that the weird images - squiggly lines consisting of various sized 'color bursts' - could be simply a result of

(a) the way the camera was operated - night mode, 1/2 sec exposures

(b) the fact that it is nearly impossible to hold a camera perfectly steady even when pressed against a solid structure - a post in the Coran case, as I recall - unless the camera contacts the surface at several non-colinear points, and

(c) the scintillation or 'twinkling' effect of the atmosphere on light that travels tens of miles through the atmosphere.

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 23:45:44 -0700
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 11:53:40 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>I realize that. I've just already seen other forums where some
>>people are assuming this is yet another Hoagland-type coverup,
>>without even knowing the basic information about what Phoenix is
>>and has been doing this past couple weeks. Creating conspiracies
>>where there aren't any.

>Not much trust for NASA I guess. And too many forums and blogs.

>>As per the links I gave, and related news releases and podcasts,
>>etc., it was already discussed by the Phoenix team how that
>>scoop mark was made and why it looks kind of like a footprint.

>With the Sun coming from the right then that is depressions. I
>had my Sun angle wrong.

>Looks like fan shaped scoop marks with several scoops made in a
>slight angled shape. I suspect we will see more of these as the
>Phoenix attempts to uncover different patches of the Martian
>surface.

>
>Did they ever get the problem fixed that prevented them from
>dropping samples into the hopper/oven?

Yes, the first oven (out of eight) is now full after the lumpy
soil unexpectedly gave way and fell through the mesh. They don't
know yet why the soil is much lumpier and stickier than
expected, down to the micron level. Electrostaticity? Ice?
Brines? The first analysis results should be out this week
sometime. Lots of microscopic images now coming in also (down to
4 micron resolution).

Paul

The Meridiani Journal
a chronicle of planetary exploration
web.mac.com/meridianijournal

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Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 15:19:04 +0100
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 16:57:07 -0400
Subject: Re: Good "1,000 USAF Pilots Killed In UFO

Hello List,

I think the balance of opinion is that Good's stance is unrealistic, though it is by no means a universal opinion. I have instigated a poll at:

<http://poll.pollcode.com/KA4>

This was circulated earlier on my List, so there are already votes placed. The question and options are:

In respect of Tim Good's claim that 1,000 USAF pilots have been killed due to interaction with UFOs, is he...

- ..telling the real truth?
- ..expressing his genuine belief?
- ..publicly voicing his own delusions?
- ..cynically fabricating the story?
- ..none of the above?

Multiple selections are enabled for the poll.

Cheers,

Joe

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Mantell Case Bombshell

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:30:14 EDT
Archived: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 17:00:28 -0400
Subject: Mantell Case Bombshell

Part 1-A Revised Draft for Review and Comment

THE MANTELL CASE REINVESTIGATED
by Brad Sparks (c) 2008

Part 1: The Official Account of the Crash is Overturned

This year is the 60th anniversary of the tragic death of the young fighter pilot, Capt. Thomas Mantell. Mantell crashed in his F-51D Mustang prop fighter plane while pursuing an unidentified object almost a hundred miles across the state of Kentucky, on the afternoon of January 7, 1948. He became known as the first fatality in a UFO encounter. He reported over the radio that he saw an object "metallic and tremendous in size," a famous phrase that has become legendary in UFO history. He was just 25 and left behind a wife and two little children. The case has spawned 60 years of confusion, mystery, sensation, speculation, controversy and finally disdain.

At the time, the US Air Force and Mantell's Kentucky Air National Guard (ANG) unit put the "blame" (actual word used) on Mantell for his crash because he pursued the UFO at too high an altitude without oxygen supply. The AF explained the sighting as merely the planet Venus then later changed the official explanation to a large Skyhook balloon, once it was admitted that Venus was difficult to see in daytime. Venus was very unlikely to trigger spontaneous sightings by large numbers of people in widely separated areas.

All this has turned out to be false, the no-oxygen claim as well as the official IFO explanations, as we will see below and in Part 2. The Mantell quote, "metallic and tremendous in size," though sometimes doubted is in fact essentially correct, but his report was a bit more detailed than this. And, for whatever it is worth, the chief investigator of the Mantell accident speculated in the classified Accident Report on the possibility of an "outside force" causing Mantell's crash.

Capt. Richard L. Tyler, operations officer at Mantell's home base at Standiford Field, Louisville, Kentucky, privately told the accident board in his report in a rather equivocal statement that "If some outside force did not cause his death, I think he passed out too quickly" (Accid. Rpt., p. 10). Thus the mystery endures. But the coverup is coming to an end.

Contrary to the AF's public position, the official accident report states:

ACCIDENT REPORT: Mantell's "Oxygen system ... was in working order."

(Kentucky ANG-USAF Mantell Accident Report, AAF Form 14 "Report of Major Accident," Jan. 22, 1948, p. 2, section "I"; see full quote below).

The accident report form specifically asks here if the accident was caused by reason of any "oxygen equipment ... not being in the plane" or if such a lack of oxygen equipment "contributed" in any way to the crash. If Mantell for example was missing an

oxygen mask then this is where that was *required* to be noted. The mask was obviously an absolutely essential part of the "oxygen equipment" so if it was "not ... in the plane" the oxygen system would *not* be in "working order."

Failing or refusing to complete a required item on a fatal accident report required by AAF Regulation 62-14 would be a matter for military discipline as a violation of those regulations. Clearly, the accident report is saying here that all of Mantell's oxygen equipment was present and his mask was not missing if his "oxygen system ... was in working order."

The accident form also asks if there was "any reason" such equipment contributed to the accident so that would include low oxygen supplies or empty tanks. Since the answer (see full quote in a later section) states that the oxygen "was not serviced" pre-flight, it is a statement of agnosticism, they simply did not know the level of oxygen in Mantell's tanks because the Marietta base did not service them before the fatal flight.

The fact Mantell's oxygen was not serviced pre-flight for his original low-altitude mission, flying at 5,000 feet where oxygen was not needed, was also noted in the post-accident maintenance report. That report did *not* say Mantell was *missing* or lacking any oxygen gear such as a mask (Major Bernard M. Durey statement, Accid. Rpt., p. 41).

If the info did not come from the pre-flight service check, then the information about the good "working" condition of Mantell's oxygen system must have come from an accident investigator's personal on-site inspection of the oxygen equipment in Mantell's wrecked plane soon after the crash. One missing piece of information is the oxygen level left in the tanks, which the accident investigators should have been able to see from the pressure gauge in the cockpit, unless the gauge was damaged in the crash.

Also concealed from the public for decades, was the fact the AF had internally declared the case "unidentified" in Secret classified documents after considerable investigation (Albert Deyarmond, Nov. 10, 1948, AMC Tech. Intell. Div., Asst. Deputy for Tech. Analysis; C. A. Griffith, Chief of Ops Section, memo to Deyarmond, Nov. 8, 1948). This conclusion leaked out only twice and was essentially forgotten each time, evidently because the AF refused to make "unidentified" its *consistent* official position in the Mantell UFO case.

And despite that frank admission among themselves about the UFO, in still other classified internal reports on the accident, which were not so candid or forthright, the AF and Mantell's ANG unit privately tried to pin *all* the "blame" for the crash on Capt. Mantell rather than on his crew. Or they could have blamed both Mantell and crew and fairly distributed the responsibility, but they did not do that either. They accused a dead Mantell who could not answer back and who could not be court-martialed like his wingmen could have been. They painted the picture of Mantell, a decorated pilot and war hero, as recklessly endangering his crew in an obsessed pursuit of the UFO.

An official AF statement in 1952 continued to paint the picture of Mantell as "excited" into reckless abandon, saying "it is probable that the excitement caused by the object [UFO] was responsible for this experienced pilot [Mantell] conducting a high altitude flight without the necessary oxygen equipment."

The alleged lack of "necessary oxygen equipment," of course, was contradicted by the classified Accident Report we just quoted above. The AF officer who drafted the official statement (Project Blue Book chief Ruppelt) had specially requested a copy of the Accident Report and read it (as can be seen in the way he used certain phrases which could only have come from the Accident Report).

In the AF-approved script for the famous (or infamous) CBS Armstrong Circle Theatre television program on UFO's in 1958, the moderator discussed the Mantell case. He said that an "experienced pilot like Mantell" broke "one of the cardinal rules" of flight by flying too high without oxygen because his sighting of the UFO "forced him to throw caution to the winds."

(Revised script, Jan. 15, for broadcast Jan. 22, 1958, p. 28;
NARA BB microfilm Roll 87, p. 776.)

But in all this criticism of Mantell no one came to his defense, and he was dead so he could not defend himself either.

One section of the Accident Report, "Statement of Rebuttal," poignantly states "Inasmuch as the pilot was killed in the accident, it was impossible to obtain a statement of rebuttal regarding pilot error." (Accid. Rpt., p. 38.) But someone in his squadron could have spoken up for Mantell. Did anyone even try to give a defense for Mantell?

Mantell was charged with violating AAF Regulation 60-16, paragraph 43 (Accid. Rpt., p. 3, sect. L4), for flying higher than 14,000 ft without oxygen, a falsehood contradicted by the accident report's own statement, previously quoted, that Mantell's "Oxygen system ... was in working order." None of Mantell's crew were charged with anything, even though both Lts. Clements and Hammond admittedly flew above 14,000 ft without oxygen (Clements climbed without oxygen from 14,000 to 16,000 ft when he finally put his oxygen mask on).

But it was Mantell's subordinates, the men in his flight, who disobeyed his orders and went AWOL by abandoning Mantell. If, as his wingman Lt. Clements claimed, it was "known" by all that Mantell did not have oxygen then they endangered Mantell's life by not calling his attention to that fact (if it was a fact, but it evidently was not). If Mantell was suffering from hypoxia (low oxygen) and its resulting mental confusion, then his wingmen needed to step in and intervene to save his life, as Mantell was unable to do so (if this story was true).

But Lt. Clements in his sworn affidavit never said he reminded or warned Mantell that he (Mantell) purportedly had no oxygen. (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13-14, 43-44.) In fact, in Clements' testimony he recounts his radio conversation with Mantell in detail but says nothing about discussing oxygen with Mantell. Godman Tower heard no one warning Mantell about his oxygen. No one reported that danger to the Tower personnel controlling Mantell's intercept mission.

Mantell himself said nothing on the radio to anyone about having an oxygen problem, and no one stated or testified that they heard otherwise from Mantell over the radio or by hand signals.

The wingmen should have reported Mantell's alleged hypoxia danger to Godman Tower control, if it was even true, not only for flight safety reasons but also because Mantell's (alleged) disability directly affected the authorized intercept mission Godman had requested. But the wingmen said nothing to Godman about a Mantell oxygen problem because Mantell did not have an oxygen problem, there was nothing to report and no such report was received.

Godman's request was tantamount to direct military orders of superior ranking officers, relayed from Godman's commanding officer, Col. Hix, even though couched as a "request" as is customary. If the mission needed to be redirected, or called off and a new set of interceptors dispatched, then Godman obviously needed to know that (Godman had previously requested interceptors from Standiford when Mantell and crew happened to show up, so Godman was serious about checking out the UFO). Mantell's wingmen thus violated the military orders of Col. Hix and the other Godman Field officers, as well as disobeyed Mantell's command decisions.

But instead the two wingmen told Godman tower that they were abandoning the chase because *they* were low on fuel and oxygen, with one lacking "oxygen equipment" and the other having it but needing to get "more oxygen" - they said nothing about *Mantell* having a problem with oxygen (Major Matthews / Wright Field Flight Service report, Accid. Rpt., p. 31; Major Matthews, Capt. Carter, Lt. Orner statements to Project Sign).

Thus the only oxygen issues reported to Godman controllers were that Clements was running low and Hammond had none. They said nothing to Godman about Mantell having no oxygen or flying too high without oxygen because there was no such thing to report, there was nothing to say and so it was not said. This crucially important omission indicates they knew Mantell did have oxygen,

and did not think to say otherwise until on the ground when they started to develop a game plan to ward off their own court-martial.

The fact the wingmen did bring up their own oxygen situation with Godman Tower, proves the subject was not taboo or of no importance in radio conversation in flight. Later claims of no oxygen were not based on examination of Mantell's wreckage (which evidently showed he did have a working oxygen system), or on the disinterested testimony of air controllers, but merely on one single person's word, someone with a great personal interest in shifting blame onto Mantell who was dead.

Mantell was beyond the reach of military discipline, but this person was not. That person was Lt. Clements, who claimed that it was "known" that Mantell had "no oxygen equipment" (Accid. Rpt., pp. 13, 43). The entire case for Mantell's lack of oxygen equipment is based solely on that statement by Clements and not on any physical evidence (which would and did evidently contradict it). No other wingman said that. No one said that to Godman Tower over the air when it all happened. At least 10 officers and personnel heard the ground-air conversations with Mantell and crew or participated in it (Hix, Wood, Jehli, Carter, Duesler, Orner, Blackwell, Oliver, and the Godman S-2 and Exec not named), from whom we have 9 written statements or interview reports, and they all knew that any oxygen problem by Mantell was important to report.

Mantell's wingmen had racked up a sizeable list of violations of orders, derelictions of duty, and criminal negligence. They should have led an immediate search and rescue mission when they admittedly lost contact with Mantell, but they did not. Instead they delayed for over an hour by flying all the way back to home base first (and only Lt. Clements returned to the air). They could have landed immediately at the local airport at Bowling Green they had just flown by and had just discussed on the radio right before abandoning Mantell (in fact the Bowling Green Airport was used just three hours later by the accident investigation team which landed there then drove to the Mantell crash site; see Accid. Rpt., p. 7). No one even asked them why they didn't land at Bowling Green airport.

Mantell's crewmen could have been charged with these many counts of military misconduct and drummed out of the military, their future careers wrecked even in civilian life as word would have gotten out and spread widely. With no such black marks or discharges on their military record, Lt. (later Major) Albert W. Clements, Jr., quickly advanced to the position of commanding the KANG's 165th Fighter Squadron from 1949 to 1950. Lt. (later Lt. Col.) Robert K. Hendricks commanded the redesignated 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron from 1958 to 1963. Some or all of them were called to active duty in the USAF in the Korean War.

Hendricks was Mantell's designated wingman who left even before the UFO pursuit began and continued on to home base, on the flimsy excuse that it was simply "time for him to land," as Godman controllers heard over the radio (Capt. Duesler statement to Project Sign). Since Hendricks was flying an identical airplane with an identical fuel load along an identical route at the exact same time as Mantell and the others he could not have been low on fuel.

But they dodged the instant end to their careers by making Mantell the scapegoat. Mantell's men insinuated that they were without fault, that they tried to warn Mantell he was flying too high, "into the sun," like the ancient Icarus myth, but that he ignored them. However, as pointed out above, Godman's controllers and the base's top officers present in the control tower *heard no such radio warnings* to Mantell.

Years later, Lt. Col. Hendricks wrote an especially self-serving account of what he called this "interesting" story, "unique as it was odd," comments that seem to be rather callous and to belittle the tragedy. He even pinned the blame on Mantell for the whole UFO sighting, as well as the deadly chase. Not even the most extreme debunker has ever suggested anything as absurd as Mantell inventing the UFO and initiating the UFO chase. In Hendricks' account there is no mention that Mantell had been directed to investigate the UFO by Godman Field whose commanding officer and top officers were all watching the UFO, after

numerous people had reported sighting the UFO in western Kentucky.

Though acknowledging it was "probably" a Skyhook balloon and thus a real object, Hendricks planted doubt in the reader's mind suggesting that the UFO may have been all in Mantell's head, because he chased "whatever he *thought* he saw" to his death.

Interestingly, Hendricks coyly avoids saying that Mantell had no oxygen equipment, only that he "lost consciousness for lack of oxygen," which of course would occur if Mantell did have oxygen but it ran out or the mask failed:

HENDRICKS: "Mantell ... had been on a routine training mission when he reported seeing an unidentified flying object (UFO).

Despite efforts by his wingman to call him back, he chased whatever he *thought* he saw farther and farther up. It is assumed that he lost consciousness for lack of oxygen, because he did not attempt to use his parachute prior to impact."

(Kinnaird, Hendricks, Cooper, "The Mustang Years 1947-56," pp. 46b-47a, in KYANG 1947-77 history, "Mustangs to Phantoms.")

There are many unexpected surprises and unprecedented bombshells in this case (see list below). Collectively, they puncture the image of the Mantell case as that of bumbling hillbillies isolated from the rest of the world and limited by primitive, seat-of-the-pants techniques and resources.

After all, the military units at Godman Field, which was located at Fort Knox, were responsible for protecting the famous U.S. gold treasury, and with the units at Standiford Field, Louisville, they were also indirectly guarding the vital high-tech Oak Ridge nuclear labs one hundred miles away, both very important defense assignments. Mantell's Kentucky ANG unit at Standiford quickly established a national reputation for achievement and soon won the prestigious annual Spaatz Trophy, on Aug. 14, 1950, for outstanding air guard readiness and flight safety (!) in 1949, the first of three Spaatz awards in its long history.

Many people helped in various ways in this research project over the last two years, my apologies if I missed anyone (listed here alphabetically): Ole Jonny Braenne, Joel Carpenter, Mary Castner, Rod Dyke, Barry Greenwood, Jim Klotz, Don Ledger, Kevin Randle, Francis Ridge, Barry Spink, Jean Waskiewicz, Dan Wilson.

(A) Mantell Case Surprises

(1) Mantell had oxygen, but it may have run out or the mask failed, a common occurrence even today in aviation (a survey of 1990-2001 hypoxia incidents in Australian military aircraft found 63% due to oxygen mask failures). Accident investigators may have missed a slow leak in Mantell's oxygen mask, in saying the equipment was in "working order," or it may have been working fine but the oxygen simply ran out and Mantell had miscalculated how much he had left.

(2) Contrary to the accident report, Mantell must have regained consciousness and tried to regain control by throttling back from maximum power settings after his plane dived back to lower altitudes where there was more oxygen for him to breathe. The wrecked plane was found with throttle set at only 1/4 power, mixture control in "Idle-Cut-Off" (Accid. Rpt., p. 4, section M) not at maximum power. Mantell had gone to maximum power only at the very end of the UFO pursuit, and not during the whole pursuit, which would have been impossible (see discussion below).

(3) The location of the 70-foot Skyhook balloon, Flight B launched by General Mills in Minnesota at 8 a.m. on Jan. 6, 1948, is rather precisely known. The Skyhook was not even within the State of Kentucky but was in Tennessee near Nashville at the time of the UFO sightings the next day (Jan. 7), and it was physically impossible to see it with the unaided eye from Godman Field in Kentucky, or by Mantell and crew, from about 140 miles away.

(4) Godman Tower tracked a second UFO by theodolite (a precision angle measurement telescope) *during* Mantell's pursuit, as well as after his crash, and then theodolite-tracked

the same or another UFO three hours after the crash. The second UFO was apparently 30 or more degrees away in compass direction from the UFO that Godman Tower sent Mantell to investigate, thus not the same object.

(5) Air Defense Command "plotted," possibly by radar, one of these UFO's (or another UFO) after Mantell's crash, heading west-southwest from Ohio over several states traveling about 250 mph, and was observed by Scott AFB Tower and St. Louis Tower passing directly overhead.

(6) Many other AF bases listened in on the Godman Tower radio conversations with Mantell and afterward, through a special AF interphone system between military airfields called "Plan 62," thus multiplying the number of witnesses to the dramatic events.

(7) The Air Defense Command (ADC) used the Plan 62 intercom system, through the Air Transport Command's Flight Service Centers, and the air traffic controllers of the Airways and Air Communications Service (AACS) in those centers and outlying bases, to coordinate the use of air traffic control towers and radars to track the UFO. This was because at that time the ADC had only two operating radars in the nation, both too far away, across the continent on the West Coast (at Half Moon Bay, Calif., and Arlington, Wash.).

(8) Godman Tower controllers (as well as personnel at other bases connected by intercom) overheard air-to-air radio conversations among Mantell and his men which Mantell's wingmen at least did not think could be overheard, and which proved them to be false in their later statements about Mantell's crash.

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Subject: Re: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

>From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 21:14:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

>>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 19:17:23 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>>Subject: Mystery Cruise Missile Video

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>>Source: Wired Magazine - New York, New York

>><http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/06/mystery-cruise.html>

>>June 14, 2008

>>Mystery Cruise Missile Video
>>By David Hambling

>>Here's a video mystery that's been puzzling me for some time:
>>footage which seems to show a group of Tomahawk cruise missiles
>>flying in very close formation. But, so far as I know, Tomahawks
>>don't really have the technology to pull off such a move. So is
>>it for real?

>>The video:

>><http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=6e0f843efd&hl=en>

>>appears in several places on the Internet. The title screen says
>>"Operation: Iraqi Freedom Date: 22 Mar 03" and gives the unit
>>and call sign of the aircraft involved, as well as a "Target
>>Name" of "Cruise Missile Formation". It certainly seems to show
>>several light-colored objects moving together at high speed.
>>They do not stick to one formation but move relative to each
>>other, while keeping quite close spacing.

<snip>

>What I find interesting in the video clip of the white spots of
>what is alleged to be seven cruise missiles flying in very close
>but unchanging formation is that there is also an eighth white
>spot moving independently to the other seven in the upper right
>of the screen. Maybe all eight white spots on the video clip are
>just non-real infrared artefacts or possibly FLIR computer
>generated tracking reference points much like those on heads-up
>displays in modern jet fighters. I recently took a close-up
>picture of a spherical FLIR device attached below an Ontario
>Provincial Police helicopter which they use to track people in
>the dark and even identify illegal marijuana grow houses. I was
>not allowed to see the FLIR in operation or to photograph the
>screen inside the helicopter.

>Unless others who work with and interpret such videos care to
>comment, we may never know for sure just what those seven (or
>eight) white spots are. Until we know for sure, they must be
>considered as UFOs.

Not cruise missiles.

Cruise missiles use GPS to reference their position while on the way to target. This could and will result in collisions if they are all flying the same course. GPS has heightened the chances of mid collisions for just this reason because it is so precise. The mid-air in Brasil last year was GPS related with both aircraft flying close to reciprocal tracks and the same altitude with the altitude being critical. The two jets were within 20-30 feet of each other when the wing of the biz jet cut the left wing off the airliner. As pilots on cross country trips we are encouraged to fly slightly off GPS tracks to avoid being overtaken by a faster aircraft or you overtaking a slower airplane going from the same point of departure to the same destination.

Head on spacing is accomplished by vertical separation below 12,000 feet. In North America if you are flying west [181 degrees to 360 degrees] you fly even thousands of feet ie 8,000 feet plus 500 feet+8,500 feet. Flying east [0-180] you fly odd thousands of feet plus 500 feet.

GPS is used to read altitude as well as position. Their positioning is good down to about 5 feet even better for military purposes. Barometric altimeters are less accurate due to micro-barometric changes which could see deviations of 100 feet over the space of a few hundred feet.

The United States had GPS long before the private sector was able to use it. It was scrambled but a signal is a signal, scrambled or not so the commercial side used that which gave accuracies down to about a half mile. It wasn't good enough for Instrument Flight Rules but good enough for navigation. A half mile lateral in the air is nothing when it comes to picking out your position. once you are above 1,000 feet. Finally the US gave up and descrambled the signal which the whole world was using anyway from the early 90s onward.

The US deployed 6 additional control satellites that can move the other positioning satellites out of their orbits which will throw off all of the GPS units and/or just switch them off-in case of war.

In any case, what possible reason would there be for flying cruise missiles in formation, thereby increasing the chances of radar cross section? Formation flying was good for keeping bombers grouped to get most of the bombs in one area rather than spread over 10 miles or so. They held these formations from after take-off to the bomb drop then scattered.

Fighters formed to get to the bombers to either protect them or shoot them down insuring that they all got to the same spot and then broke formation [down to two fighters] when the enemy showed up. Formation flying looks nice at airshows too.

Spacing their launches 20 to 30 seconds apart would achieve whatever goal was envisioned.

I can't download videos anymore due to slow dial-up speeds so I'm going from what others have related.

Don Ledger

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Lords Told Hacker Should Not Be Extradited

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Source: The Guardian - London, UK

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Monday June 16 2008

British Hacker Should Not Be Extradited To US, Lords Told

A British man who allegedly hacked into the Pentagon's computer network should not be extradited to America because US prosecutors tried to intimidate him into cooperating with them, the House of Lords was told today.

Gary McKinnon, a systems analyst who faces up to 60 years in jail if his extradition goes ahead, was the victim of an abuse of process, the panel of five law lords was told.

The 44-year-old is accused of causing =A3475,000 in damage by hacking into 97 computer systems operated by the Pentagon, Nasa and elsewhere in the US military.

McKinnon, a self-taught hacker who operated under the name Solo, admits accessing the computers but insists he only did so to try to find evidence for UFO landings, and that he was only able to gain access because of lax security.

His activities, described by British prosecutors in 2005 as the "biggest ever military computer hack", were carried out using a low-speed dialup connection from a room in his girlfriend's aunt's house in Crouch End, north London.

McKinnon was first arrested in 2002 but has never been charged in the UK. Last year, he lost a high court appeal against a government decision to grant his extradition to the US.

Addressing the Lords today, his lawyer, David Pannick QC, said McKinnon was told by US authorities that unless he agreed to plead guilty and to extradition he faced a much heavier jail sentence.

A US embassy legal official involved in the case had also quoted New Jersey authorities as saying they wanted to see McKinnon "fry", said Pannick, an apparent reference to the electric chair.

It was "not in dispute" that a UK court had the power to turn down an extradition if it was thought there had been abuse of process, Pannick told the law lords.

"The US prosecutors sought to impose pressure on the appellant through his legal advisers to consent to extradition and plead guilty," he said.

McKinnon was told that if he cooperated he would receive a jail sentence of between 37 and 46 months and would be repatriated to the UK for possible parole after half this time, the lawyer

said.

"By contrast, the appellant's representatives were told that if the appellant declined to cooperate, this sentence would be in the region of eight to 10 years, possibly longer," Pannick said, adding that one threat was to treat the matter as a terrorism case, resulting in a possible 60-year term.

US officials additionally said any transfer to the UK would also be ruled out if McKinnon fought extradition, Pannick told the law lords.

"This was pressure of an unacceptable degree," he said.

A judgment is expected within three weeks.

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The Wait

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 17:47:16 +0100
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Subject: The Wait

Thanks to off-List input, this might be a warning or a promise.

Our evolutionary ancestry tries to pull us in two different directions - 'getting' or 'sharing'.

A look at the higher animals, including us, shows archeological and modern evidence of 'sharing' - the presence of injured or deformed individuals who could not have fed themselves.

But the history of our rulers shows mostly their conspicuous consumption - treasure and gluttony at the expense of the poor.

We're probably at, or nearly at, a point of no return for the Earth, and the traditional greed and paranoia of our rulers looks as if it could be suicidal for all of us.

JCH makes the point that the very visible UFO/ET presence around and outside of the Earth could be waiting to see what our choice will be.

If correct, that could have interesting implications about (some) ET intellect, past experience, and maybe even 'morality'. But the reason for the wait is still moot.

Cheers

Ray D

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Old French Case

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 10:21:32 +0200
Archived: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 08:17:00 -0400
Subject: Old French Case

List,

A friend of mine is trying to learn more about an old case in France which was mentioned in The Enquirer of September 1972.

In September 1944, at Epinal, a city in the east of France near the Vosges, some German soldiers were about to surrender to American forces when they saw a white disk hovering at low altitude above railway cars. According to the story, they shot at the UFO, without any reaction. One of the German soldiers was named Erich Immel.

Would anyone know about that case, and perhaps have a copy of that article of The Enquirer?

Thank you in advance for any confirmation.

Gildas Bourdais

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<http://www.physorg.com/news132918940.html>

June 17, 2008

Chinese Company Develops 'UFO': Report

A Chinese company has developed a prototype flying saucer that can hover in the air and be controlled remotely from afar, state press said Tuesday.

The aircraft is 1.2 metres (four feet) in diameter and is able to take off and land vertically and hover at an altitude of up to 1,000 metres (yards), Xinhua news agency said.

The unmanned disc is driven by a propeller and can be controlled remotely or sent on a preset flight path, it said.

Its top speed is 80 kilometres (50 miles) per hour, it added.

It took the Harbin Smart Special Aircraft Co Ltd 12 years and 28 million yuan (4.1 million dollars) to develop the prototype craft, which is designed for aerial photography, geological surveys and emergency lighting, the report said.

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Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
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Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 12:23:22 -0500
>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

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>20 Questions addressed with so much British reserve that stiff
>upper lips well nigh litter the Debris Field! Contributing are
>Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Dr. David Clarke, and Herb
>Schirmer. As tintambulated masterfully by Errol Bruce-Knapp.

>1. Mary, Mary. quite contrary, but how does her garden grow?

What the heck does that mean?

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Kean Receives NASA Court-Ordered Files

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Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 12:18:56 -0400
Subject: Kean Receives NASA Court-Ordered Files

Source: Live Science - New Yrk, New York

<http://www.livescience.com/blogs/author/leonarddavid/>

June 16th, 2008

Opening NASA's X Files: The Kecksburg Incident

Author Leonard David

Call it NASA's X files if you must, but investigative reporter, Leslie Kean, is hot on the trail of what in the world (or out of it) took place in Kecksburg, Pennsylvania in December 1965.

It took the winning of a lawsuit against NASA in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, but now the investigator has her hands on a load of files that may - or may not - offer new clues about the Kecksburg incident.

For years, Kean has been seeking documents about the purported crash of an unknown object in that locale over forty years ago. Witnesses described seeing a fireball in the evening sky, some sort of a controlled landing, followed by a military recovery of a spacecraft-like object. As reported by local radio and newspapers, U.S. military personnel cordoned off the area, investigated the site, and left without ever providing a full report of the incident - other than to dismiss it as a meteor.

Since the settlement of the lawsuit in October, Kean has been following the steps laid out in the settlement agreement. Both sides needed extensions at various times due to the volume of work selecting which files to pull, and then for NASA to conduct the search, the investigative journalist explained to me.

Helping to open this case, Kean has been working with the Coalition for Freedom of Information.

In her on-going research campaign, Kean culled through 689 detailed pages of file-inventory lists.

The documents just arrived over last weekend, Kean told me, "so I haven't yet had a chance to go through them... and don't yet know what I'll find."

NASA searched 297 boxes of files, Kean said via email. A sampling of a few of the more interesting files from these boxes, which she requested - and which could shed light on one or more of the many facets of the Kecksburg event - gives a flavor of what the files contain.

The data haul includes files on Navy and NASA Recovery Operations - Trajectory and Orbits Panel; Russian Vehicle and Launch - 1962-1965; Department of Defense (DOD)-NASA relationships; Recovery Sites - NASA/DOD FY 65 Facilities; and a series of files on orbital debris and fragments.

"Even if not specific to Kecksburg, they will very likely inform us about interesting aspects of NASA's space program related to the retrieval of unidentified objects during this time period," Kean said.

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 13:50:24 -0300
Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 13:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 23:45:44 -0700
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 10 Jun 2008 11:53:40 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>>I realize that. I've just already seen other forums where some
>>>people are assuming this is yet another Hoagland-type coverup,
>>>without even knowing the basic information about what Phoenix is
>>>and has been doing this past couple weeks. Creating conspiracies
>>>where there aren't any.

>>Not much trust for NASA I guess. And too many forums and blogs.

>>>As per the links I gave, and related news releases and podcasts,
>>>etc., it was already discussed by the Phoenix team how that
>>>scoop mark was made and why it looks kind of like a footprint.

>>With the Sun coming from the right then that is depressions. I
>>had my Sun angle wrong.

>>Looks like fan shaped scoop marks with several scoops made in a
>>slight angled shape. I suspect we will see more of these as the
>>Phoenix attempts to uncover different patches of the Martian
>>surface.

>>Did they ever get the problem fixed that prevented them from
>>dropping samples into the hopper/oven?

>Yes, the first oven (out of eight) is now full after the lumpy
>soil unexpectedly gave way and fell through the mesh. They don't
>know yet why the soil is much lumpier and stickier than
>expected, down to the micron level. Electrostaticity? Ice?
>Brines? The first analysis results should be out this week
>sometime. Lots of microscopic images now coming in also (down to
>4 micron resolution).

I'd access these myself if I wasn't on this terrible dial-up
connection.

Re lumpier and stickier; presence of moisture perhaps? Is it
warming up in that region now?

Thanks for the heads-up.

Don Ledger

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Crop Circle Shows 10 Places Of Pi

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 13:22:00 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 13:22:00 -0400
Subject: Crop Circle Shows 10 Places Of Pi

Source: The Times - London, UK

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/science/article4160477.ece>

June 18, 2008

Wiltshire Crop Circle Identified As Symbolic Code For First Ten Places Of Pi

Wroughton Mathematicians are perplexed after a highly complex crop circle appeared in a Wiltshire field - depicting a fundamental mathematical symbol.

The circle is, apparently, a coded image representing a complex mathematical number - the first ten digits of pi - and even astrophysicists admit they find it "mind-boggling".

The circular pattern was created in a barley field near Barbury Castle, an Iron Age hill fort, earlier this month.

Measuring around 46m (150ft) in diameter, it has had crop circle enthusiasts and experts stumped.

The symbol was identified eventually by Mike Reed, a retired astrophysicist who contacted Lucy Pringle, a crop circle photographer and expert, with an explanation.

Maths codes and geometric patterns have long been an important factor in crop circle formations - one of the most famous formations ever created showed the image of a complex set of fractals known as The Julia Set, in a field near Stonehenge, 12 years ago.

Lucy Pringle, who researches the effects of electromagnetic fields on living systems and crop formations and has the largest database of crop circles in the world said of the phenomenon: "This is an astounding development - it is a seminal event."

[More images and info here:

<http://www.cropcircleconnector.com/2008/2008.html>]

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Re: Old French Case

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 08:04:20 -0500
Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 13:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Old French Case

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 10:21:32 +0200
>Subject: Old French Case

>A friend of mine is trying to learn more about an old case in
>France which was mentioned in The Enquirer of September 1972.

>In September 1944, at Epinal, a city in the east of France near
>the Vosges, some German soldiers were about to surrender to
>American forces when they saw a white disk hovering at low
>altitude above railway cars. According to the story, they shot
>at the UFO, without any reaction. One of the German soldiers was
>named Erich Immel.

>Would anyone know about that case, and perhaps have a copy of
>that article of The Enquirer?

>Thank you in advance for any confirmation.

Gildas

I found these pages referencing Erich Immel in Sept 1944

In one he mentions the _oval_ shape of a Thunderbolts Cowling:

http://www.squadron13.com/erich_immel/immel.htm

The others are UFO references in French:

<http://anakinovni.ovh.org/1944.htm>

<http://users.skynet.be/sky84985/chron8.html>

There is also a PDF file in French:

<http://erwan.corre.free.fr/tyron29/Pdf/genese.pdf>

Hope these help

Terry

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Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 15:53:25 -0400
Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 14:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

>From: Robert Powell <rpowell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:11:41 -0500
>Subject: Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 15 Jun 2008 22:49:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Stephenville UFO Report Out

<snip>

>>Amusing to see this article appear just a day after I posted on
>>my web site frames from a video obtained with a JVC camera
>>similar to, if not the same type, as was used by Coran. These
>>frames show 'pulsations' of brightness along squiggly line,
>>images with color changes obtained when the camera was
>>videotaping a planet (Mars).

>>This is similar to the imagery in the Coran video. The Coran
>>video is not exactly out of focus for most of the time - for
>>short times the image is big and round and at these times it is
>>out of focus - but the image does move around on the image plane,
>>the CCD that plays the role of film in an ell-electronic
>>camera) as the effective 'shutter-time' is 1/2 second when
>>videotaping a light in the dark.

>>See:

>>www.brumac.8k.com/atmosphereeffect/atmosphereeffect.html

>>I don't know what he videotaped, although I suspect a distant
>>light, such as the headlight(s) of an oncoming airplane many
>>miles away or a star/planet.

>>However, the point is that the weird images - squiggly lines
>>consisting of various sized 'color bursts' - could be simply a
>>result of

>>(a) the way the camera was operated - night mode, 1/2 sec
>>exposures>

>>(b) the fact that it is nearly impossible to hold a camera
>>perfectly steady even when pressed against a solid structure -
>>a post in the Coran case, as I recall - unless the camera contacts
>>the surface at several non-colinear points, and

>>(c) the scintillation or 'twinkling' effect of the atmosphere on
>>light that travels tens of miles through the atmosphere.

>I understand how a digital video camera will slow its exposure
>time in the dark and cause squiggly lights by amplifying any
>movement. But did you see the same movement in the background
>objects such as the trees or other objects? My understanding is
>that there is supposedly no movement in other objects, which
>seems strange.

There were no other objects (stars) visible in my video of

Mars, so there was nothing to compare with.

The video of the distant electric power plant with its bright incandescent and sodium vapor and mercury vapor lights shows how the camera moves around even when held against a car. (It was only two miles away so there was scant evidence of atmospheric effects.)

When other things (nearby objects) are visible at the same time as the distant light, if the distant light makes a squiggly line then the nearby objects are also smeared somewhat, although this may be hard to see if the images are very dim.

I'd like to use this opportunity to draw your attention to a squiggly line image with color changes that was *not* a result of atmospheric scintillation because the light was below clouds.

Check out Photo 5 by Brenda Pollak at:

<http://brumac.8k.com/GulfBreeze/Jan81990.html>

This is truly an anomalous 'image'!

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How About That ETH?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 04:11:27 - 0300
Archived: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 14:54:51 -0400
Subject: How About That ETH?

Paul Kimball posted an article at his blog:

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

which, for the most part, I agree with.

He states:

"Of all the non - terrestrial theories that have been offered to explain the UFO phenomenon, the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) has always seemed the most plausible one to me. I don't think it's been proved, but I think it's a better bet than the others on offer when one looks at the evidence, and the science. The evidence seems to indicate that at least some UFO cases represent a non - human intelligence at work."

Kimball goes on to say that science tends to promote the idea that there is intelligent life, elsewhere in our galaxy or the universe. He also mentions that he has been hard on some ETH supporters amongst "ufologists" because the "H" in ETH represents a hypothesis.

And he is right. The ETH is a theory, like Black Holes, the Big Bang Theory [a very flawed theory it seems] and Worm Holes and M - branes and multiple universes. Relativity is a theory - known as the Theory of Relativity - but this one is the holy grail of physics and not to be considered anything but fact=85apparently. All of the above theories might in fact have some bearing on the ETH incidentally.

Kimball supposes that much of today's ETH debate among "ufologists" stems back to Keyhoe and the thinking back then. Probably so. But it is not my thinking.

I have stated on this list - and others - that, to my mind, this need to narrow down the ETH as some kind of point - to - point contact is wrong. By point - to - point I mean their planet and our planet; that somehow "they" learned of our existence and came here, not to make contact, but to study us. This thinking seems to me to want to maintain two "miracles" in one universe. It's a little easier to handle that than perhaps a galaxy teeming with life particularly if you are of the religious bent that favors the egocentric notion of man being the center of God's universe. Y'all know I am not of a religious bent. If you don't then you haven't been paying attention.

Kimball refers to nuts and bolts ufologists and the, "... reductionist approach that has been adopted by the nuts - and - bolts crowd, on the other hand, which seeks to make potential alien life over unto our own image, lacks vision"

I consider myself nuts - and - bolts though these days this might more properly described as more of a "technologically advanced intelligently [HI or AI] controlled craft", probably because of my association with aviation.

I don't subscribe to the premise that ETI is in our image

however. That too smacks of religious overtones; but to some degree there might be evidence to support certain traits among sentient beings which have evolved under similar conditions such as our own. Naturally there is the bias we have in favor of similar stature and two of everything like arms and legs and eyes but that has been burned into us by Hollywood who has difficulty finding actors with other traits that could be employed when an alien is needed on the set; at least up to now. CGI will and does let the artist's imagination run wild.

Maybe 40 years ago I might have believed that the point - to - point contact from some planet around a nearby star with Earth was the way things "really" were but not now.

My take on it is this. The universe has been around for 14.7 billion years; at least that's the current figure. Or galaxy some 8 or 9 billion years. That is plenty of time for thousands or millions or space faring civilizations to have evolved and ranged out into space, like we did. It allows more than enough time for them to do more than range locally, however.

Technological evolution being what it is would have accelerated the same as our own, building on itself and feeding on itself, changing outmoded technology for the new and changing "their" societies as it has done here. But more than that it would have changed space travel in ways that we can't even imagine right now.

How often has "science and technology" come up with something new because someone thought outside the box. Kirk's communicator was an idea dreamed up by either Gene Roddenberry or one of his writers but it impressed a teenager who later developed the first crude version of that which has developed into the cell phones of today; and not just to communicate verbally but textually as well with pictures and data streaming. And that's just this year's models.

IBM engineers came up with the modular computer design but it took a couple of guys like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs to set the world on its ass and provide us with these machines and the CIA to help out with the Internet. Low grade stuff really when you consider the leaps that must have been made to travel through whole galaxies.

I wonder, did they surge forward and perhaps travel to their satellite moons then slip back into mediocrity only to re-invent the same primitive space technology as we did of the 1960s for the 2020s? If we are to believe that the ETH has value then obviously they did not.

My thinking is that various intelligences have been ranging through this galaxy for hundreds of millions of years. If I'm right then perhaps one of them happened across our pretty, little, blue planet, took a look and reported back. "Found another one!"

Greech on planet Frob - one of 6,000 in the Gert Clique - learned of this new planet (after poring over some million year old documents in the dead files) which had a peculiar life form, some of which peed standing while the others did it sitting down. Amazing, Greech wondered...they peed?

Greech just happened to be doing its dissertation at Xzzryq U on new evolving life forms so it [Greech was genderless after all] applied for and got a low level grant that would allow a few thousand craft to bug the crap out of the life forms on that planet for 20 or 30,000 of that planets revolutions around its star. It was then discovered that virtually all of one species defecated sitting down. The stock on anal probes went through the roof on Frob when this came to light.

The above is nonsense of course - at least I think it is - but the idea that Earth was discovered by some deep ranging mission through the Cosmos perhaps thousands of years ago might just be the case in my estimation.

I would like to think that we eventually reach a plane of existence where war is a thing of the past or restricted to planets where it can be practiced - like a hobby - without pissing everyone else off; where the whole raison - d'etre is to get out there and explore, discover, learn and try to figure out

why? I suspect that if life has been ranging through this universe for billions of years, those spacefarers have likely found or punched into other universes as well.

Paul Kimbell relates that Michio Kaku evoked the analogy of us being as ants to some super intelligence. Somehow I don't think this would be the case. But Kaku might be right about us being below the radar of some super intelligences, like ants to ourselves; but it should not be forgotten that there are still many entomologists around the world studying ants, their structures and their societies. The anal probes must be really tiny, though. [Note, I am not making light of the abduction phenomenon - I have too many friends, acquaintances and relatives who have claimed the experience.]

Don Ledger

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From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 09:47:10 +0200
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 06:35:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Old French Case

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 10:21:32 +0200
>Subject: Old French Case

Hi Gildas,

Maybe you would like to have a look here:

<http://anakinovni.ifrance.com/1944.htm>

and here:

<http://users.skynet.be/sky84985/chron8.html>

A book is also mentioned by SOBEPS:

La chronique des OVNI
Par Michel BOUGARD - edite en 1977.

Best, Joachim

<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: Met J. Allen Hynek?

From: Donald Johnson <ufocat2006.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 06:09:58 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 06:40:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Met J. Allen Hynek?

>From: A. J. Gevaerd - Revista UFO <aj.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 11 Jun 2008 09:32:56 -0300
>Subject: Met J. Allen Hynek?

>I am writing a piece about pioneers in Ufology and I would like
>to ask anyone in this List who have met J. Allen Hynek
>_personally_ to contact me in private. Specially those who were
>his friends.

>A. J. Gevaerd: aj.nul
>or
>gevaerd.nul

>Many thanks.

Yes, I met Hynek personally on at least 3 occasions, along with
his wife Mini.

Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.
State College, PA

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Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 12:04:03 -0500
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 06:42:08 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 11:06:54 -0500
>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 12:23:22 -0500
>>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>SDI #459 20 Questions

>>20 Questions addressed with so much British reserve that stiff
>>upper lips well nigh litter the Debris Field! Contributing are
>>Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Dr. David Clarke, and Herb
>>Schirmer. As tintambulated masterfully by Errol Bruce-Knapp.

>>1. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, but how does her garden grow?

>What the heck does that mean?

Such language! <g>

All respect, ma'am, these questions are intended to entice an individual to the program. That said, on the program was explored, briefly, what it might mean regarding a person of some spiritual necessity so ready to condemn, define, label, reject, deny, or otherwise refuse another's point of view despite a rationality on which others might intelligently agree.

What grows in the gardens of such persons? What is the fruit produced?

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 16:54:31 -0400
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 13:50:24 -0300
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

<snip>

>I'd access these myself if I wasn't on this terrible dial-up
>connection.

Don or anyone -

Don't TV satellite dishes operate at fairly high data rates
these days? In this high tech age, isn't there an affordable
satellite dish Internet access rate?

Eleanor White

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UFOs In Thailand?

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 15:28:48 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 07:47:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs In Thailand?

These two pages of comments re. UFOs on the Thailand Forum

<http://www.thaivisa.com/forum/index.php?showtopic=194974>

are of little value except for a gem or two. For example,

QUOTE (thomast @ 2008-06-17 09:03:01)

Riza,

It is only the Govt paid debunkers who claim no conclusive evidence of UFOs/aliens. I have 2 excellent sightings, one over France at 25,000ft, (we were at 32,000ft), a formation of 5, witnessed by all 4 of us in the cockpit of the East African Airways Super VC10. in 1971, and one at Nairobi Airport. We carried a UFO report form in our nav. boxes for each flight, due to the many airline pilots sightings. No sightings in Thailand. Go to < www.theyfly.com > for a reality check. And where do you think you came from? Surely if a chimp in ten million years is still a chimp, and doesnt turn into a blond 6 foot German traffic cop, then???

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Re: Old French Case

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 10:44:08 +0200
Archived: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 07:49:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Old French Case

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 08:04:20 -0500
>Subject: Re: Old French Case

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 10:21:32 +0200
>>Subject: Old French Case

>>A friend of mine is trying to learn more about an old case in
>>France which was mentioned in The Enquirer of September 1972.

>>In September 1944, at Epinal, a city in the east of France near
>>the Vosges, some German soldiers were about to surrender to
>>American forces when they saw a white disk hovering at low
>>altitude above railway cars. According to the story, they shot
>>at the UFO, without any reaction. One of the German soldiers
>>was named Erich Immel.

>>Would anyone know about that case, and perhaps have a copy of
>>that article of The Enquirer?

>>Thank you in advance for any confirmation.

>I found these pages referencing Erich Immel in Sept 1944

>In one he mentions the _oval_ shape of a Thunderbolts Cowling:

>http://www.squadron13.com/erich_immel/immelman.htm

>The others are UFO references in French:

><http://anakinovni.ovh.org/1944.htm>

><http://users.skynet.be/sky84985/chron8.html>

>There is also a PDF file in French:

><http://erwan.corre.free.fr/tyron29/Pdf/genese.pdf>

>Hope these help

Terry,

Thank your very much for your search.

The testimony of the German soldier Erich Himmel seems clear to me: he saw Thunderbolt fighter planes! It strongly suggests that the UFO story refering to him is just another far fetched tale, copied around by too many authors.

I also note on the French site anakiovni that it comes with a long development on the myth of Nazi flying saucers. This is definitely not a credible subject to me.

Gildas

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Another Sort Of Eulogy - Cox

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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<http://www.heraldtribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?CATEGORY=BLOG32>

Monday, June 16, 2008

Another Sort Of Eulogy
By Billy Cox

Last November, in his PBS report on the media meltdown in the run-up to the Iraq invasion, veteran journalist Bill Moyers questioned NBC's Tim Russert about his own role in the fiasco. Among other things, he cited Russert's 9/8/02 "Meet the Press" interview with Dick Cheney, which Moyers described as "the classic case of how the press and the government became inseparable."

That was the Sunday morning in which The New York Times ran the fake story, planted by the administration, about how Saddam Hussein was trying to acquire aluminum tubes for a uranium centrifuge. This "bombshell" ran counter to what investigative reporters for the Knight-Ridder chain were discovering, that international inspectors could find no evidence that Iraq was still pursuing its nuclear program. The Beltway crowd ignored the evidence and, like most other opinion-shapers with the dominant media, Russert gave Cheney the forum he needed to keep selling the war.

"My concern was," Russert told Moyers five years later, "is that there were concerns expressed by other government officials. And to this day, I wish my phone had rung, or I had access to them."

Stunning.

It's been a long and lugubrious weekend on NBC and many other MSM outlets, eulogizing the man whose work became synonymous with Washington insider politics. Clearly, Russert was adored by colleagues and lawmakers on all sides of the fence. But implicit amid the anecdotes about his famous loyalties, his blue-collar Buffalo roots and his joyous mastery of policy-wonk arcana is another self-evident truth: Russert was the king of conventional wisdom who helped circumscribe the boundaries of Capitol Hill's talking points.

That's why it was such a hopeful shock last October when Russert decided to flirt with The Great Taboo by asking Dennis Kucinich about his UFO sighting in the 1980s. During a presidential primary debate. Live, in prime time. On national TV.

Kucinich handled the curveball as best he could, and in the awkward exchange that followed, the Ohio congressman asked for more time to clarify. Which he never got. UFOs were just a "gotcha" prop for the noise machine, and Russert never resorted to that device again.

Had Russert decided to stage an honest hearing on this

profoundly political issue, given his clout, he would've found himself in an uncharted swamp without any rules whatsoever. Maybe he knew that, but probably not.

That's why Moyers' words in Minneapolis on June 7 are especially dispiriting. The occasion was the Media Reform Conference, and the topic was the media consolidation crisis, which the major networks - for obvious reasons - would just as soon ignore.

"So it is that democracy without honest information creates the illusion of popular consent while enhancing the power of the state and the privileged interests protected by it," Moyers said. "Democracy without accountability creates the illusion of popular control while offering ordinary Americans only cheap tickets to the balcony, too far away to see that the public stage has become just a reality TV set."

Unfortunately, not even public broadcasting has proven capable of exploring an issue that Tim Russert unsheathed only as a gag to demolish a presidential candidate. At the height of his game, Russert - like everyone else - played into the con, where a truly critical approach to UFOs has been smooth-bored for decades by the repetition of denial.

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All Is Forgiven Buffalo Bill - Cox

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Thursday, June 19, 2008

All Is Forgiven, Buffalo Bill
By Billy Cox

Local UFO activity in the days preceding the end of the world was light, so that should've been a tip-off.

According to the National UFO Reporting Center database, a retired detective and two buddies spotted a cylindrical object while fishing in Port Charlotte Harbor on June 2. The thing showed itself at 6:23 p.m. and stayed visible for three minutes. Three days earlier, a motorist traveling north on 41 near Sumter Boulevard in North Port reported a disc emitting red and green lights in a blinking clockwise pattern around 11:15 p.m. Thirty seconds and out.

And that was pretty much it for around here. Fairly routine. You'd expect a lot more for The Big One.

It's been a week now since Yisrayl "Buffalo Bill" Hawkins' prophecy of a hell-wreaking nuclear war failed to materialize and destroy the Earth on June 12. But De Void waited a few days before leaving the bunker and rendering judgment, just to be sure.

Truthfully, De Void had never heard of Buffalo Bill until ABC aired a report a couple of weeks ago. But after a little Googling, it was clear why he'd built such a following and, no, it has nothing to do with his alleged bigamy issues in Texas.

After establishing the House of Yahweh in Abilene in 1980, the Texas prophet has gone on to build one awesome honkin' Web site at:

<http://yisraylhawkins.com/>.

It integrates a scholarly long view with hip, youth-oriented graphics, such as the "Nuclear Baby" illustration which shows a demonic Chucky-looking toddler riding either an atomic explosion or a cloud of flatulence.

Loaded with enough Scripture and warnings to rattle even the most reptilian blasphemers, Buffalo Bill's site has predicted nuclear holocausts four or five times since February 2006. That's fearless.

Better yet: Buffalo Bill bears more than a slight resemblance to Dennis Hopper. You could picture him holding court with "Apocalypse Now" riffs:

"Do you know what the man is saying? Do you? This is dialectics."

It's very simple dialectics. One through nine, no maybes, no supposes, no fractions - you can't travel in space, you can't go out into space, you know, without, like, you know, with fractions - what are you going to land on, one quarter, three-eighths - what are you going to do when you go from here to Venus or something - that's dialectic physics."

So Buffalo Bill missed the date of his nuclear war. Big deal. De Void wants more. More, more, more!

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Lots Of Acronyms Tracking UFOs - Cox

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Lots Of Acronyms Tracking UFOs
By Billy Cox

Last month, the Vietnam New Agency announced that an explosion above Phu Quoc Island had littered the coastline with metallic debris. Residents showed off recovered scraps for the cameras, but no nation or corporation stepped forward to demand it back. No media followups on the analysis.

Last October, a Romanian Mig 21 allegedly got dinged and battered by several UFOs, but the local TV report:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxUjD4vqsZQ>

didn't hit the West until a few weeks ago. If only Romanians spoke English.

The point is, there's a lot of stuff falling from the sky these days, but it usually passes with little more than a blurb and a shrug. Last year, however, a newsflash out of Somalia prompted Frank Warren to do a double-take.

According to Shabelle Radio, something crashed outside a town called Buulo Burde in March 2007, and allegedly killed a grazing camel upon impact. The report stated, somewhat awkwardly, that the thing glittered during the day and "in the nighttime it turns lights and speaks a strange language which can't be understood by the villagers."

Warren, who runs a UFO Web site in Sacramento, posted the news immediately. What intrigued him most were the government Internet Service Providers tuning into the story: U.S. Central Command, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Sandia National Laboratories, NASA/Cleveland, the U.S. Army Research Laboratory, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

"They all stacked up on top of each other within minutes, and I can guarantee you that was no accident," says Warren. "It may have been something as simple as somebody making a call to a friend and saying, 'Hey, check this out.' But who knows."

Warren says the Somalian mystery crackled along the Internet for about 72 hours. "Then it went black. There was no more news. I tried to track it through local forums asking, 'Have you heard any more?' and they said no. I even e-mailed one of the local papers and never heard back."

Lacking additional data, Warren suspects what slammed into east Africa was a spy satellite, and that it was recovered by rapid-response teams. He hasn't seen such a concentrated crush of

government traffic before or sense. But authority types people are clearly trolling his page for the latest developments on the UFO frontier.

Warren forwarded a sampling of the ISPs scoping:

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

over the years: the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Fredericksburg, Va.; Department Of Veterans Affairs/Little Rock, Ark.; Oak Ridge National Laboratory; U.S. Patent And Trademark Office, Arlington, Va.; The Boeing Company, Everett, Wash.; Computer Sciences Corp, Lexington Park, Md.; National Archives And Records Administration, Temple Hills, Md.; Information Systems, U.S. House Of Representatives, Oxon Hill, Md.; U.S. Department Of Transportation, Washington, D.C.; Contra Costa County Office Of Education, Oakley Calif.; State Of Texas General Services Commission, Bastrop, Tex.; City Of Austin, Texas; State Of New Jersey, Department Of Treasury, Trenton, N.J.

Also: Department of Energy/Western Area Power Administration, Fort Collins, Colo.; Headquarters 5th Signal Command; Naval Construction Training Center, Arlington, Va.; State Of New Mexico, Santa Fe; State of Alaska, Anchorage; Army Information Systems Command, Huachuca City, Ariz.; Department of Defense Network Information Center, Vienna, Va.; Massachusetts Institute Of Technology; RCN Corporation, Baltimore, Md.

Not to mention: U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.; NASA/Cleveland; 75th Air Base Wing, Hill AFB, Utah; U.S. Military Academy, Newburgh, N.Y.; U.S. Department of Agriculture, Office Of Operations; National Defense University, Accokeek, Md.; Joint Services Command And Staff College, Second Assignment, London; NASA/Huntsville; Hughes Network Systems, Germantown, Md.; Arlington County Government, Arlington, Va.; Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Palo Alto, Calif.

And there's: Argonne National Laboratory, Chicago; State Of Delaware, Georgetown, Del.; Shaw AFB, South Carolina; NASA/Kennedy Space Center; Massachusetts Institute Of Technology Lab For Nuclear Science; Government Of The Province Of Ontario, Toronto; Federal Election Commission, Washington, D.C.; State Of New Jersey Department Of Treasury, Trenton; Space Science Institute, Boulder, Colo.; National Environmental Trust, Annapolis, Md.; Science Applications International Corporation, Washington, D.C.; Space Science Institute, Boulder, Colo.

P.S.: Department of Defense Network Information Centers in Hugo, Minn., San Diego, and Columbus, Ohio; Northrop Grumman Corp, Huntington Beach, Calif.; Directorate of Information Management, Fort Meade, Md.; NASA/Hampton, Va.; Army Information Systems Command, San Antonio; 20th Communications Squadron, Sumter, S.C.; Defense Medical Systems Support Center, Falls Church, Va.; U.S. Dept. Of Justice, Washington, D.C.

P.S.S.: National Aerospace Laboratory, Leeuwarden Friesland, Netherlands; National Computer Security Center, Baltimore; Defense Contract Management Agency, Boston; Reseau D'informations Scientifiques Du Quebec (Risq Inc.), Montreal, Quebec; NASA/San Jose; Andrews AFB, Md.; Federal Aviation Administration, Egg Harbor Township, N.J.; U.S. Department Of State, Washington, D.C.; TRW Space And Defense Sector, Redondo Beach, Calif.; NASA/New Orleans; National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration, Seattle; Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Virginia Beach.

We're not done yet: Defense Reutilization And Marketing Service, Battle Creek, Mich.; U.S. Army Corps Of Engineers, Vicksburg, Miss.; Canadian House Of Commons, Ottawa; State Of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Lockheed-Martin Corp., Denver; Munitions System Division, Eglin AFB; Federal Aviation Administration, Curtis Bay, Md.; Allied Signal Technical Services, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Northrop Grumman Corp, Laurel, Md.; The Boeing Company, Chicago; Defense Contract Management Agency, Oak Park, Ill.; DoD Network Information Center, Tampa.

As well as: National Library Of Medicine, Gaithersburg, Md.; Fannie Mae, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Geological Survey, Littleton, Colo.; Director Of Logistics/Ttransportation Office, Fort Campbell, Ky.; Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, Palo Alto,

Calif.; Public Defender office, Rockville, Md.; Army National Guard Bureau, Columbia, S.C.; Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.; Headquarters U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky.; Spacelabs Medical, Issaquah, Wash.; Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio; United Technologies Research Center, Manchester, Conn.; Air National Guard Arlington Virginia United States; NASA/Las Cruces; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.; Internal Revenue Service, Washington, D.C.; U.S. Bureau Of Indian Affairs, Ariz.; Australian Department Of Defence, Adelaide; NASA/Greenbelt, Md.

Plus: Air Force Flight Test Center, Anchorage, Alaska; NASA/Slidell, La.; U.S. Southern Command, Miami; U.S. Senate, Sergeant At Arms, Washington, D.C.; National Weather Service, Kansas City, Mo.; Army Information Systems Command, Fort Knox, Ky.; National Archives And Records Administration, Temple Hills, Md.; Board Of Police Commissioners, Plano, Tex.; Department Of Prime Minister And Cabinet, Sydney, Australia; 355th Communications Squadron, Tucson, Ariz., NASA/Glennie, Mich.; Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport Board, Irving, Tex.; NASA/Houston; General Services Administration, Silver Spring, Md.; Battelle Memorial Institute, Columbus, Ohio; Naval Research Laboratory, Lorton, Va.

De Void has just run out of transitions: Offutt AFB, Nebraska; Army Personnel Command, Grovetown, Ga.; New Mexico Institute Of Mining And Technology, Socorro, N.M.; The Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, Calif.; National Radio Astronomy Observatory, San Antonio, N.M.; North Carolina Research And Education Network, Raleigh, N.C.; U.S. Geological Survey, Fairfield, Calif.; Texas Railroad Commission, Austin, Tex.; USAF Systems Command, Los Angeles; V.C. Summer Nuclear Station, Columbia, S.C.; Federal Reserve Information Technology, Richmond, Va.; 49th Fighter Wing, Holloman AFB, N.M.; Naval Research Laboratory, Picayune, Miss.

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Re: The Conspiracy Begins

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 12:55:47 -0300
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 11:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 16:54:31 -0400
>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 13:50:24 -0300
>>Subject: Re: The Conspiracy Begins

><snip>

>
>>I'd access these myself if I wasn't on this terrible dial-up
>>connection.

>Don or anyone -

>Don't TV satellite dishes operate at fairly high data rates
>these days? In this high tech age, isn't there an affordable
>satellite dish Internet access rate?

I checked into that but they supply service only in Ontario and Quebec. Wireless service is out as well - it went out of business. The best hope is hi-speed or perhaps broadband which won't be available until the end of this year or early in 2009.

Don Ledger

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Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 18:20:25 +0000
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 11:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 12:04:03 -0500
>Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>From: Katharina Wilson <K_Wilson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 11:06:54 -0500
>>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 12:23:22 -0500
>>>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>>SDI #459 20 Questions

>>>20 Questions addressed with so much British reserve that stiff
>>>upper lips well nigh litter the Debris Field! Contributing are
>>>Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Dr. David Clarke, and Herb
>>>Schirmer. As tintambulated masterfully by Errol Bruce-Knapp.

>>>1. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, but how does her garden grow?

>>What the heck does that mean?

>Such language! <g>

>All respect, ma'am, these questions are intended to entice an
>individual to the program. That said, on the program was
>explored, briefly, what it might mean regarding a person of some
>spiritual necessity so ready to condemn, define, label, reject,
>deny, or otherwise refuse another's point of view despite a
>rationality on which others might intelligently agree.

>What grows in the gardens of such persons? What is the fruit
>produced?

Alfred:

I'm with Katharina on this one. My response?

Huh?

Oh great space man, what is it you are trying to communicate?

KK

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Latest Astronaut UFO Sightings?

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 15:38:04 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 11:59:00 -0400
Subject: Latest Astronaut UFO Sightings?

Hello Aall,

I am writing an article about the latest astronaut UFO sightings - the latest 'smoking guns'.

Sightings, declarations, revelations and etc. If someone could help I would be thankful.

Thanks a lot,

Thiago Luiz Ticchetti

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Water Or Stone?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 01:28:34 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 13:00:00 -0400
Subject: Water Or Stone?

Hello List,

After observing for a relatively short time I am getting irritated by a common untruth: that "there is at present no evidence of UFO/ ET presence".

No evidence? Absolute rubbish. Crap.

By all the 'rules of evidence' the UFO/ET presence was proven, absolutely, even before the massive input of testimony and film from the 1950s onwards.

Alone, the Bonilla (1883) and Fatima (1917) sightings meet all the requirements of both courtroom and scientific proof of a

UFO/ET presence. And now NASA's own recordings have similarly 'proved' the lively and ubiquitous existence of UFO/ ET beyond any reasonable doubt.

When we see this 'no evidence' phrase used by an uninformed and/or corrupt media we can maybe understand the reason. But how can we tolerate its use by those who claim to be informed on these matters? Some even claiming membership of the Ufological discipline?

There's an old saying that constant drops of water wear away the strongest stone.

Which do we want to be?

Cheers

Ray D

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Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

From: **Chaz Stuart** <daydisk2.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 06:14:59 GMT
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 13:02:00 -0400
Subject: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/4amtfs>

20/06/2008

Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff
By Laura Clout

A police helicopter crew gave chase to a UFO after it almost collided with their aircraft near a military base.

The pilot was forced to bank sharply to avoid being hit by the mystery aircraft as the helicopter was returning to the Ministry of Defence base of St Athan, near Cardiff.

The three crew, who described the UFO as 'flying saucer-shaped', then gave chase, getting as far as the North Devon coast before they ran low on fuel, it was reported.

The police aircraft was hovering at 500ft and waiting clearance to land on June 7, when those onboard spotted the other craft hurtling towards them from below.

A spokesman for South Wales Police said: "We can confirm the Air Support Unit sighted an unusual aircraft. This was reported to the relevant authorities for their investigation."

It was reported that the aircraft closed in at great speed, aiming straight for the helicopter which swerved sharply.

"They are convinced it was a UFO. It sounds far-fetched, but they know what they saw."

The helicopter crew are said to have crossed the Bristol channel in pursuit of the UFO, but lost sight of it and had to turn back due to a fuel shortage.

The sighting comes weeks after the most comprehensive Government files on UFO activity are opened to the public for the first time today and they disclose that even air traffic controllers and police officers have seen mysterious craft in the skies over Britain.

The sightings range from incredible tales of little green men visiting the Wirral to corroborated accounts from policemen and pilots of Unidentified Flying Objects hovering above towns and cities.

All were recorded on official forms, held by air bases and police stations, and compiled by the Ministry of Defence between 1978 and 2002.

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Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 12:48:27 +0100
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 13:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

Gary Anthony, Dave Clarke, and myself are onto this already.

The MoD UFO department have told me that they have no knowledge of this event, though I enquired about the date provided in the newspaper article (7th June).

Dave Clarke has spoken to the Police and they informed him that the event took place on 8th June at 00:40. They also told him that they did not attempt to pursue the object and that it was not saucer-shaped but shaped like an aircraft.

Dave has already been asked to participate in radio programmes for BBC Wales and the British Forces Broadcasting Service!

The Police would not say who they reported the incident to, just "the appropriate authorities". We suspect that this will definitely include the Civil Aviation Authority, and either Counter-Terrorism and UK Operations or the flying complaints section of the Provost and Security Squadron of the Royal Air Force.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 11:41:16 -0500
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 14:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 19 Jun 2008 18:20:25 +0000
>Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 18 Jun 2008 12:04:03 -0500
>>Subject: Re: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 17 Jun 2008 11:06:54 -0500
>>>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

>>>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Sat, 14 Jun 2008 12:23:22 -0500
>>>>Subject: SDI #459 20 Questions

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>>>>20 Questions addressed with so much British reserve that stiff
>>>>upper lips well nigh litter the Debris Field! Contributing are
>>>>Dave Furlotte, Stuart Miller, Dr. David Clarke, and Herb
>>>>Schirmer. As tintambulated masterfully by Errol Bruce-Knapp.

>>>>1. Mary, Mary, quite contrary, but how does her garden grow?

>>>>What the heck does that mean?

>>>>Such language! <g>

>>>>All respect, ma'am, these questions are intended to entice an
>>>>individual to the program. That said, on the program was
>>>>explored, briefly, what it might mean regarding a person of some
>>>>spiritual necessity so ready to condemn, define, label, reject,
>>>>deny, or otherwise refuse another's point of view despite a
>>>>rationality on which others might intelligently agree.

>>>>What grows in the gardens of such persons? What is the fruit
>>>>produced?

>>>>I'm with Katharina on this one. My response?

>>>>Huh?

>>>>Oh great space man, what is it you are trying to communicate?

Reach must exceed grasp, or what's heaven for, Ms. Kasten?
What's a heaven for?

Perhaps you could respond to my admonition to listen to the
program where, perhaps, your question could be further answered
or addressed. It remains that some of us learn to evaluate trees
by the manner of fruit produced year after year, eh?

So what's in your "produce section," I wonder. How does your
"garden" grow?

Ride gets decidedly bumpy from here. "Great space", indeed.

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Pringle On CBC Radio - Clip

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Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 14:09:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 14:09:00 -0400
Subject: Pringle On CBC Radio - Clip

For those interested in Agri-glyphs, Lucy Pringle of

<http://www.lucypringle.co.uk/>

was interviewed on CBC Radio 1's As It Happens yesterday evening regarding the Pi formation.

That interview is available at:

virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/audio/aihpringle.mp3

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 13:19:40 EDT
Archived: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 15:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>From: Chaz Stuart <daydisk2.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 06:14:59 GMT
>Subject: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>Source: The Daily Telegraph - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/4amtfs>

>20/06/2008

>Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff
>By Laura Clout

>A police helicopter crew gave chase to a UFO after it almost
>collided with their aircraft near a military base.

Luckily I was up last night when this story broke. I was also
lucky enough to be able to have reached Nick Pope via email and
he graciously gave me some data he allowed me to quote him on.
It's on my blog:

www.ufomafia.com/blog

Although we're waiting on what the object was, Nick's point
gives more weight to what it did that is of great concern.
Endangering the lives of police officers is not the stuff of
pranks.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 11:15:47 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 09:15:21 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 18:13:50 +0100
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Yes, we could save a lot of muss and fuss, and thinking outside
your highly evident box if we just let some ecumenical council
decide all these things for us.

That was tried once before, I verily do believe.

What a strange thing today to attempt to re-employ.

JCH

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 20:21:30 +0100
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 09:19:50 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 18:13:50 +0100
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Hi Joe,

Think I know what you mean, but this is a precise point:

i) the Bonilla sighting was clearly 'extra-terrestrial' - the objects, photographed over two days, were more than half-way to the Moon;

ii) the Fatima sighting, or part of it, was clearly of a 'UFO' (unknown flying object) - the spinning disk or sphere was seen to descend by many, many witnesses, some of them professional folk (maybe even Vatican scientists - see reports below).

One could claim that the events had religious, mystical or magical meaning, but any scientifically or legally accurate description of those two events should contain the words 'extraterrestrial' and 'ufo' - or equivalents thereof.

For coverage of the events and links to Vatican reports and records and its other announcements:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla.html

www.perceptions.couk.com/fatima.html

www.perceptions.couk.com/ghosty.html#fatima

Cheers

Ray D

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From: **Jim Deardorff** <deardorj.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 13:02:06 -0700
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 09:21:25 -0400
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It's easier (more logical) to argue it the other way around.
Angels, in biblical days, were ETs, and even the Old Testament
"God", whether Yahweh or "LORD" or Elohim, was, in most
instances, a leading ET. There are some pretty good books on
this.

Jim Deardorff

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From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 17:02:20 -0400
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 11:01:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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>discipline?

>There's an old saying that constant drops of water wear away the
>strongest stone.

>Which do we want to be?

Which is why I urge a debunk-the-debunkers DVD for no-copyright
distribution to Earthlings. Times now favour this type of
information dissemination.

Good pro bono work for the producers on this list.

Eleanor White

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Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 19:37:25 -0300
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 11:02:59 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 12:48:27 +0100
>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>Gary Anthony, Dave Clarke, and myself are onto this already.

>The MoD UFO department have told me that they have no knowledge
>of this event, though I enquired about the date provided in the
>newspaper article (7th June).

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>the event took place on 8th June at 00:40. They also told him
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>definitely include the Civil Aviation Authority, and either
>Counter-Terrorism and UK Operations or the flying complaints
>section of the Provost and Security Squadron of the Royal Air
>Force.

Why the discrepancy between what the police told Dave and what
the Telegraph reported? Since the pilots were not contacted are
you relying on a non-involved spokesman for the Police
Department? I'm guessing the latter.

How about Laura Clout at the Telegraph, was she contacted? The
pilot having reported it to the CAA - probably right at the time
via ATC - would make the most sense. The CAA would contact the
RAF if there was an infraction and one of their pilots was
suspected. Was Cardiff ATC contacted to see if there were radar
or transponder conflicts? What about Cardiff's tower logs.

Don Ledger

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 22:07:32 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 11:06:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 01:28:34 +0100
>Subject: Water Or Stone?

>After observing for a relatively short time I am getting
>irritated by a common untruth: that "there is at present no
>evidence of UFO/ ET presence".

>No evidence? Absolute rubbish. Crap.

>By all the 'rules of evidence' the UFO/ET presence was proven,
>absolutely, even before the massive input of testimony and film
>from the 1950s onwards.

<snip>

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>and/or corrupt media we can maybe understand the reason. But how
>can we tolerate its use by those who claim to be informed on
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I agree whole heartily, Mr. Dickenson. How could a reasonable person explain away the volumes of testimony, photographs and other evidence?

There are over 500 military, intelligence, government, corporate and scientific witnesses that have come forward in the 2001 and 2007 National Press Club disclosure initiatives alone.

The weight of this first-hand testimony, with supporting government documentation and other evidence, establishes without any reasonable doubt the reality of this phenomenon.

As an experienced attorney, I can testify to the fact that evidence at murder trials, where men have been found guilty and executed, has less evidentiary substance. We do not need one more testimonial or photo. Nor do we need to analyze another video.

Clearly the evidence proving this case is sufficient. We are ready for a public trial. It is time to shift from investigator to activist.

The UFO/ET presence is real!

Best,

Frank

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Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/4tmln9>

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Video: <http://www.tbo.com/video/xml/MGBEHOM8PHF.html>

Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video
By Stephen Thompson

PASADENA -- Great balls of fire.

At about 11:15 p.m. Wednesday, Charles Marcum and his girlfriend were on the balcony of their condominium in Pasadena when they saw a round, fiery object traveling slowly across the sky.

"She turned the same time I did and I said, 'What the heck is that?'" Marcum said. "It looked like a fireball."

Marcum scurried to the bedroom to get a camcorder and started taping the object. It traversed the horizon in a direction that appeared to be north to south, and was at the point of disappearing when another one appeared from the north, Marcum said.

As he did the first, Marcum followed the object with his electronic eye, and was about to turn the machine off when it, too, was about to vanish. Then a third one appeared, he said.

"I noticed something strange," Marcum said. "They were all spaced at about the same space between each other, at the same altitude, and were traveling at the same trajectory and speed."

"I'm almost 64 and I've never seen that," he said. "I thought it was man-made because it was following a pattern."

Authorities had no explanation for the objects, however.

"We can't speculate as to what they were," said Lt. Rebecca Heyse, spokeswoman for MacDill Air Force Base. All of the base's aircraft has been accounted for and they are all on the ground before 11 p.m., she said.

Marcum is curious as to why no one else has reportedly seen the objects.

"I am absolutely floored that the phones weren't ringing off the hook at the police department and fire department and so forth," Marcum said. "I can't believe it. It was a nice clear night, a full moon and no wind."

A dispatcher who worked Wednesday night said there were no reports on the objects that came into the county dispatch system.

Reporter Stephen Thompson can be reached at (727) 451-2336

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Hello Joe, Ray and List,

To say the least, it is interesting that someone - Joe - playing
devil's advocate, should invoke the evidence of God to balance
an argument in favor of ET - ET being used in the broader sense,
not of the exact same nature of who or what you see in the
mirror every morning.

The most interesting and essential part of Ray's post, if I
understood Ray correctly, the alien nature of UFO has been
proven and to pretend the contrary... well... one might think
he's right, but would in fact be wrong.

Semantics. The essential thing is semantics. You're pointing at
the noise, Joe, to ignore the nature of the signal.

A neat trick. But for what purpose?

Vincent Boudreau

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Hello Greg and List,

Nick Pope's words:

"Whatever one believes about UFOs, this illustrates that the phenomenon raises serious defense and flight safety issues. The Ministry of Defense and the Civil Aviation Authority [the UK equivalent of the FAA] need to make urgent inquiries into this incident. As ever, radar data may hold the key to this matter."

It seems people don't get it.

The MOD's release proves beyond any doubt that they can consider a threat only events implying humans. Anything non-terrestrial is deemed to be no threat and thus outside MOD's jurisdiction.

It is a twisted equation:

Human intervention = threat = MOD reacts

Non-human intervention = no threat = no MOD reaction

It is as simple as that.

Nick Pope should know that and probably does.

Vincent Boudreau

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Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:52:53 +0200
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 14:57:32 -0400
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>>><ufoupdates.nul>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008
>>>01:28:34 +0100 Subject: Water Or Stone?

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Even now if you go to Israel you can hear angels singing!

Angels singing = birds of passages flying over

Bert RvB.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 20:21:30 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 18:13:50 +0100
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>i) the Bonilla sighting was clearly 'extra-terrestrial' - the
>objects, photographed over two days, were more than half-way to
>the Moon;

So it could be an extraterrestrial Angel?

>ii) the Fatima sighting, or part of it, was clearly of a 'UFO'
>(unknown flying object) - the spinning disk or sphere was seen
>to descend by many, many witnesses, some of them professional
>folk (maybe even Vatican scientists - see reports below).

No dispute - an Unidentified Flying Object is exactly that - not
necessarily an Extraterrestrial UFO.

>One could claim that the events had religious, mystical or
>magical meaning, but any scientifically or legally accurate
>description of those two events should contain the words
>'extraterrestrial' and 'ufo' - or equivalents thereof.

<snip>

Hi Ray,

In what context is Fatima 'Extraterrestrial', and how do you
know?

Cheers,

Joe

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What a strange way of looking at things.

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Joe

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:42:58 +0100
Archived: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 19:37:25 -0300
>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 12:48:27 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

<snip>

>Why the discrepancy between what the police told Dave and what
>the Telegraph reported? Since the pilots were not contacted are
>you relying on a non-involved spokesman for the Police
>Department? I'm guessing the latter.

You would be correct in assuming the latter.

>How about Laura Clout at the Telegraph, was she contacted? The
>pilot having reported it to the CAA - probably right at the time
>via ATC - would make the most sense. The CAA would contact the
>RAF if there was an infraction and one of their pilots was
>suspected. Was Cardiff ATC contacted to see if there were radar
>or transponder conflicts? What about Cardiff's tower logs.

'The Telegraph' appears to have plagiarised the story from 'The
Sun' if 'The Sun's' claim to exclusivity is to be believed - see:

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1315843.ece>

so I doubt that any contact with The Telegraph would achieve
much. The Sun doesn't name it's source, but I have emailed them
just in case, requesting that my message be passed on to the
source. As yet I have had no response (and I don't really expect
any).

Several routes are being explored, some using the FoIA and some
taking a more journalistic approach.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 12:34:57 -0500
Archived: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 07:08:20 -0400
Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

><http://tinyurl.com/4tmln9>

>June 20, 2008

>Video: <http://www.tbo.com/video/xml/MGBEHOM8PHF.html>

>Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video
>By Stephen Thompson

<snip>

The video is kind of boring until it gets to about 1:30 then it gets a little more interesting when two more objects are sighted.

The last object seemed to have a flat bottom which almost makes me think it's behind something that is obscuring the light.

Terry

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From: **Ray Dickenson** <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 19:30:03 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 07:10:34 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 01:25:28 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

<snip>
>It is a twisted equation:

>Human intervention = threat = MOD reacts
>Non-human intervention = no threat = no MOD reaction

<snip>

Hello Vincent, that's the 'threat to governmentts paradox, as repeatedly claimed by the governments of the US & UK.

If we take them at their word - what are the - various - logical conclusions?

Cheers

Ray D

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Hello Joe,

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During the period they occurred we were just about qualified to observe - i.e. relativity & quantum theories were emerging - but not to reproduce or even properly understand the phenomena.

Suspect things haven't changed all that much.

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Ray

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Mr. McGonagle,

I do not understand why you are convoluting the argument. The last time I checked UFO Updates was a forum for discussing UFOs not Angels.

You said that you could not prove that "Aliens exist at all". Is it also your position that you can not prove that UFOs exist?

Please don't get wrapped around the semantics axle. When I say UFO I mean a flying physical object that is not identifiable in terms of known earth phenomena.

Best,

Frank

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I would never accuse you of understanding me correctly.

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Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:20:44 -0400
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>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>Clearly the evidence proving this case is sufficient. We are
>ready for a public trial. It is time to shift from investigator
>to activist.

Bravo! Hear! Hear!

Eleanor White

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Joe,

I don't believe it is critical to define or name the occupants of the UFOs at this juncture. There is a great deal of evidence to support the ETH and I do follow that school of thought. However, they could be Angels, aliens, extra-dimensional beings, super humans, secret society humans, black government or any other group.

The real problem is that someone or something is building and flying objects in our atmosphere that are not defined nor understood by the vast majority of earth humans. There is a magnitude of testimony, supporting documentation, and other evidence to reinforce this conclusion.

Even if one still disputes the reality of this understanding, there is at least enough evidence available that earth's governments, universities, private research organizations, and media groups should be scouring the planet looking for an explanation.

The fact that none are, speaks to the magnitude of the problem and the powerful control this unknown group exerts.

Best,

Frank

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Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 15:36:42 -0600
Archived: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 09:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:30:14 EDT
>Subject: Mantell Case Bombshell

>Part 1-A Revised Draft for Review and Comment

>THE MANTELL CASE REINVESTIGATED
>by Brad Sparks (c) 2008

Brad,

A tardy response. You've clearly invested some effort in this, here are some snippets of feedback. A worthwhile reconsideration of a case widely - perhaps mistakenly - considered settled.

<snip>

>The accident report form specifically asks here if the accident >was caused by reason of any "oxygen equipment ... not being in >the plane" or if such a lack of oxygen equipment "contributed" >in any way to the crash. If Mantell for example was missing an >oxygen mask then this is where that was *required* to be noted. > The mask was obviously an absolutely essential part of the >"oxygen equipment" so if it was "not ... in the plane" the >oxygen system would *not* be in "working order."

>Failing or refusing to complete a required item on a fatal >accident report required by AAF Regulation 62-14 would be a >matter for military discipline as a violation of those >regulations. Clearly, the accident report is saying here that >all of Mantell's oxygen equipment was present and his mask was >not missing if his "oxygen system ... was in working order."

As this issue seems to form a large part of your argument, it calls for some scrutiny. Many people might interpret a less-than-strictly-literal reading of the accident report as admitting the possibility that the onboard oxygen system was in working order, but that the pilot had no mask at take-off.

However, even if that was the case, it certainly seems negligent to not specifically report that no mask was present in the wreckage.

<snip>

>But it was Mantell's subordinates, the men in his flight, who >disobeyed his orders and went AWOL by abandoning Mantell. If, >as his wingman Lt. Clements claimed, it was "known" by all that >Mantell did not have oxygen then they endangered Mantell's life >by not calling his attention to that fact (if it was a fact, but >it evidently was not). If Mantell was suffering from hypoxia >(low oxygen) and its resulting mental confusion, then his >wingmen needed to step in and intervene to save his life, as >Mantell was unable to do so (if this story was true).

What form of intervention could the wingmen actually undertake under these circumstances, if, for sake of argument, he was in

fact incapacitated and/or not to be dissuaded from his pursuit?

<snip>

>(2) Contrary to the accident report, Mantell must have regained
>consciousness and tried to regain control by throttling back
>from maximum power settings after his plane dived back to lower
>altitudes where there was more oxygen for him to breathe. The
>wrecked plane was found with throttle set at only 1/ 4 power,
>mixture control in "Idle-Cut-Off" (Accid. Rpt., p. 4, section M)
>not at maximum power. Mantell had gone to maximum power only at
>the very end of the UFO pursuit, and not during the whole
>pursuit, which would have been impossible (see discussion
>below).

The possibility that immediately comes to mind is that these were not the actual pre-crash settings, but were artifacts of the crash itself. If you have reasons to consider this unlikely, they should be included here.

>(3) The location of the 70-foot Skyhook balloon, Flight B
>launched by General Mills in Minnesota at 8 a.m. on Jan. 6,
>1948, is rather precisely known. The Skyhook was not even
>within the State of Kentucky but was in Tennessee near Nashville
>at the time of the UFO sightings the next day (Jan. 7), and it
>was physically impossible to see it with the unaided eye from
>Godman Field in Kentucky, or by Mantell and crew, from about 140
>miles away.

The proximity of the Skyhook balloon, however distant or off-angle in actuality, has been the primary dilution of this otherwise highly anomalous incident. Specific data and/or references to back up any assertions about the track and location of the balloon are critical here (unless they are forthcoming in your Part 2 of this discussion).

Regards,

Mike

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Thanks for the Sun's URL. What's your opinion of the Sun; they a
tabloid or a respected newspaper?

Certainly is a lot in there that is either fabricated by the Sun
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Messengers Of Deception Available Again

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 13:53:14 +1000
Archived: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 10:30:00 -0400
Subject: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

Hi list,

Just wanted to announce that I have published a reprint of Jacques Vallee's hard-to-find book Messengers of Deception: UFO Contacts and Cults. Full details here:

<http://dailygrail.com/news/messengers-of-deception>

Here's a snippet from Vallee's Foreword to this 2008 edition:

"I believe that UFOs are physically real. They represent a fantastic technology controlled by an unknown form of consciousness. But I also believe that it would be dangerous to jump to premature conclusions about their origin and nature, because the phenomenon serves as the vehicle for images that can be manipulated to promote belief systems tending to the long-term transformation of human society."

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 12:00:28 +0100
Archived: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 10:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:19:52 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 20:21:30 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 18:13:50 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

><snip>

>>i) the Bonilla sighting was clearly 'extra-terrestrial' - the
>>objects, photographed over two days, were more than half-way to
>>the Moon;

>So it could be an extraterrestrial Angel?

Can anyone on this List having experience of eyepiece projection with an astronomical telescope explain to me how Bonilla was able to determine that the objects (silhouettes against the projected image of the solar disc) were "more than half way to the moon"? If that was reliable then clearly it was an observation of major astronomical importance, even if neither aliens nor angels. Ray Dickenson's website claims that Bonilla was able to determine a distance of 242,000km because his scope had "sufficiently precise focussing" [sic]. I have tried to interpret Bonilla's report which does refer to differences in focus I but find the details difficult. Perhaps better linguists on the List can help? The relevant part reads as follows in French:

"Aussitot apres l'observation du 12, j'avais telegraphie aux Observatoires de Mexico et de Puebla pour les prier d'observer ce phenomene, mais il fut invisible de ces Observatoires. En vue de verifier d'une fa=E7on indirecte la distance approximative de cet essaim de corps, je mis avec soin au point le chercheur de la lunette, l'equatorial et une lunette a miroir argente de Foucault de 0 m, 10 de diametre, en les dirigeant sur le disque solaire et sur les corps; en outre, j'eus dans la nuit l'occasion de les diriger egalement vers les planetes et la Lune, qui etait depuis depuis deux jours dans son premier quartier, sans changer le foyer, et la Lune seule se voyait presque au foyer. "Cette circonstance, jointe a l'invisibilite du phenomene a Mexico et a Puebla ou ailleurs, me fait croire que ces corps etaient assez proches de la Terre, a une moindre distance que la Lune, et que leur parallaxe considerable etait cause qu'a Mexico et a Puebla ils etaient projetes hors du disque solaire."

<http://tinyurl.com/5md4r5>

But surely the near-focus distance beyond which light rays are already effectively parallel for any telescope system is very

much closer than 242,000km? All objects in space - whether half way to the moon or half way to Andromeda - are at infinity for optical purposes. If Bonilla was able to selectively bring these objects to a focus separately from the solar disc then surely they must have been very close - i.e. little objects in the nearby atmosphere (such as seeds, or birds - as was the opinion offered by L'Astronomie when it published Bonilla's observation in 1883)?

Bonilla also pointed out that the objects were not visible from other observing sites. An upper limit calculated from this implied parallax may be the origin of his rather precise figure of 242,000km. But such an upper limit is also consistent with objects much closer by, in the local sky of Zacatecas.

Any comments from optical experts?

Martin Shough

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 16:03:39 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:01:24 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 20:38:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:19:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Ray,

Just for some focus, I have no issue with the suggestion that the case for the existence of Unidentified Flying Objects would stand up in court, but I struggle with the term Extraterrestrial. Most people assume that it means 'from another planet'. If that is the intended meaning, then I don't agree that there is sufficient evidence for that to stand up in court.

It all hangs on the definition of 'ET'

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

From: Ole Henningsen <oleh.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:16:08 +0200
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:05:57 -0400
Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 12:34:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>>Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

>><http://tinyurl.com/4tmln9>

>>June 20, 2008

>>Video: <http://www.tbo.com/video/xml/MGBEHOM8PHF.html>

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>>By Stephen Thompson

<snip>

Just have a look.

No one can find out in just a moment that this is indeed a small hot air balloon.

Have another look.

Regards,

Ole Henningsen
Denmark

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 16:16:35 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:07:40 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 15:43:15 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:16:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hello Frank,

<snip>

>Mr. McGonagle,

>I do not understand why you are convoluting the argument. The
>last time I checked UFO Updates was a forum for discussing UFOs
>not Angels.

>You said that you could not prove that "Aliens exist at all". Is
>it also your position that you can not prove that UFOs exist?

>Please don't get wrapped around the semantics axle. When I say
>UFO I mean a flying physical object that is not identifiable in
>terms of known earth phenomena.

I was writing in the context of Ray's first post in which he
wrote:

"By all the 'rules of evidence' the UFO/ET presence was proven,
absolutely..."

As you will have seen, I have no issue that the case for
Unidentified Flying Objects would stand up in court, but that I
have issue with the term 'ET' which needs to be defined. Your
suggestion "...is not identifiable in terms of known earth
phenomena" doesn't address the 'ET' part of Ray's comment.

Regards,

Joe

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From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 16:18:37 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 08:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 13:19:21 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:23:38 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>>If I understand you correctly, you are effectively accusing me
>>of not being open-minded because I don't limit myself to the
>>ETH?

>I would never accuse you of understanding me correctly.

I am sure that if what you wrote was either important or
relevant, you would have provided clarification.

Regards,

Joe

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From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 12:34:54 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:46:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>The video is kind of boring until it gets to about 1:30 then it
>gets a little more interesting when two more objects are
>sighted.

>The last object seemed to have a flat bottom which almost makes
>me think it's behind something that is obscuring the light.

I also noticed the piece occasionally missing from the bottom of
the disc as if it were occluded. Notice, however, at 1:16 the
occlusion is only partial. That is, the obscured area is just
not as bright as the rest of the disc.

The disc seems to consist of a ring and a pulsating center. It
often has an asymmetrical aura that dims with distance.

There are a few frames near the end (e.g., at 2:18) where the
object morphs to a small bright orb sitting at the opening of a
conical object with its tip cut off. In retrospect, the above-
mentioned aura might also be interpreted as a conical form with
an orb fitting tightly at the truncated tip.

Given what people say can be done with computer graphics now-a-
days, this video could be a hoax. An argument that it is not
a hoax is the frame at 1:03 where the orb is connected to a much
fainter toroidal form. One way to make this more visible is to
adjust the gamma function. The torus may appear in this frame
because the light from a second orb is behind it. I've seen such
a torus in many other photos of ufos. My guess is that it
indicates the presence of an energy source. It's unlikely that a
hoaxer would add this kind of detail to a video for the simple
reason that most people are still skeptical about the presence
of the tori or their relationship with ufos.

William

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Did You See A UFO Over Cardiff?

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:58:18 -0400
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 07:58:18 -0400
Subject: Did You See A UFO Over Cardiff?

Source: NewsWales - Knighton, UK

<http://www.newswales.co.uk/?section=Environment&F=1&id=14444>

22/6/2008

Did You See A UFO Over Cardiff?

A leading magazine about visitors from space is asking people if they saw an unidentified flying object over Cardiff last week.

UFO DATA magazine is launching a full investigation into the alleged sighting of a UFO by the crew of a police helicopter over Cardiff at 12.40 a.m. on June 8.

"We have already elicited a freedom of information request to the Ministry of Defence, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Gwent Police," says features editor Philip Mantle.

"We would simply like to ask if any of your readers have any information concerning the alleged UFO sighting made by the police helicopter crew who were part of the South and East Wales Air Support Unit which is shared between the South Wales police and Gwent police. We would also like to ask if any or your readers observe anything unusual themselves overnight on the 7th & 8th of June."

Mr Mantle says information can be reported in confidence at:

UFO DATA Magazine,
PO Box 280,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire,
LS26 1AN.

Tele: 07790257 2356.

Email: philip.nul

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Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:34:53 +0200
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Source: ThaIndian News - Bangkok, Thailand

<http://tinyurl.com/3vtoz3>

June 21st, 2008

Scores Make UFO Sighting Claims After Helicopter Chase Report

London, June 21 (ANI): Hundreds of people have come up with UFO sighting claims following recent reports that a British police helicopter crew chased a mystery craft in Cardiff.

Many say that they saw the UFO on the same night when the three-man crew chased it.

One Dawn Williams said that she feared an Independence Day-style alien invasion when she saw an unusual object in the sky above Aberdare Country Park on June 8.

It came over the horizon and was travelling for about a minute and a half before it disappeared, British tabloid The Sun quoted the 45-year-old woman.

It was circular and had a dome on top it looked like a planet with rings. I didnt say anything at the time because I didnt think anyone would believe me, she added.

Cabaret duo Katy Cunnion and Russell Quinn say that a weird light in the sky followed them an hour after the helicopter scare.

It was hovering. At first I thought it was a helicopter, but every time I changed direction it was in the same place. It disappeared, then I got a bit freaked out when the light came back close enough for us to see it was saucer-shaped with lights which flashed from one to another in a chain. It looked like no plane or aircraft I had ever seen, said Katy.

It finally zoomed off like a shooting star after an hour, added Katy.

The description of the UFO coming from Katy was very similar to the one given by the helicopter cops.

David Coggins, an expert who has studied UFOs for about three decades, said: I'm told that in the past three months airline pilots have been reporting at least two or three encounters a week with UFOs over the Bristol Channel. Many of them will have rational explanations, but the probability is around 15 to 20 per cent cant be identified.

The Ministry of Defence, which investigates UFO sightings, said it was still awaiting the police report on the helicopter incident.

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>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:27:47 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Frank,

>I don't believe it is critical to define or name the occupants
>of the UFOs at this juncture. There is a great deal of evidence
>to support the ETH and I do follow that school of thought.
>However, they could be Angels, aliens, extra-dimensional beings,
>super humans, secret society humans, black government or any
>other group.

Thank you, a direct answer to a direct question. It does however
point out the weakness in the extraterrestrial solution if it
might be 'super humans, secret society humans, black government'
for instance.

>The real problem is that someone or something is building and
>flying objects in our atmosphere that are not defined nor
>understood by the vast majority of earth humans. There is a
>magnitude of testimony, supporting documentation, and other
>evidence to reinforce this conclusion.

I regard that as a possibility, in some specific cases a near
certainty, but I don't think it applies to every truly anomalous
report, and it doesn't necessarily include some of the 'big'
cases. Cases such as Roswell are now so dated and contaminated
that I doubt there is any realistic prospect of resolving them
to everyone's satisfaction or even attaining a majority
consensus. Still, it keeps the UFO industry going, I suppose.

>Even if one still disputes the reality of this understanding,
>there is at least enough evidence available that earth's
>governments, universities, private research organizations, and
>media groups should be scouring the planet looking for an
>explanation.

I think that most establishments you mention would argue that
they already have, and not found anything to interest them
(other than the private individuals and research groups ie
'us').

>The fact that none are, speaks to the magnitude of the problem
>and the powerful control this unknown group exerts.

If the group is unknown, how can you be sure it exists? That
sounds a bit like invoking 'evil forces'.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Joaquim Fernandes <j.fernand.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:01:00 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 15:43:15 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:16:41 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>I do not understand why you are convoluting the argument. The
>last time I checked UFO UpDates was a forum for discussing UFOs
>not Angels.

>You said that you could not prove that Aliens exist at all. Is
>it also your position that you can not prove that UFOs exist?

>Please dont get wrapped around the semantics axle. When I say
>UFO I mean a flying physical object that is not identifiable in
>terms of known earth phenomena.

List members,

The Fatima, 1917 aerial phenomena show a lot of common physical, and physiological patterns between cultural frames and belief systems that try to understand or represent a possible unique archetypal source for all events registered: 'extraterrestrial, divine, angelic or evil'. They are only cultural and temporal concepts beyond the people/witnesses perception: it's only a semantic detail, not a essential 'nominal' issue, I think.

We show in a comparative, didactic and patient way those parallels in our Fatima Trilogy - Anomalist Books, 2007/08 - see:

<http://www.anomalistbooks.com/fatima3.html>

Only a religious/atheist fundamentalist will refuse to use his intelligence, and deny some outstanding patterns, that could not be invented in 1917. The data was collected from primary, original and fist-hand Portuguese sources at the Fatima Sanctuary; not third-hand sources replicated and translated along the years by dozens of pseudo-researchers: read the narratives, the effects, the processes; study and think about it carefully. Don't worry, for now, about the alleged "true" and ultimate sources of it.

Best,

Joaquim Fernandes, Ph.D
CTEC
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Portugal

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Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:06:09 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 00:32:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:42:58 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

<snip>

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1315843.ece>

>Thanks for the Sun's URL. What's your opinion of the Sun; they a
>tabloid or a respected newspaper?

Most certainly in the 'tabloid' category.

>Certainly is a lot in there that is either fabricated by the Sun
>or not. Somebody's lying.

>Also this: The MoD, which usually investigates UFO sightings,
>said:

>"We've heard nothing about this. But it is certainly not
>advisable for police helicopters to go chasing what they think
>are UFOs."

>Why not? What an odd thing to say. It was obviously a UFO
>because the police didn't know what the hell it was. Even the
>MoD can't get that UFO abbreviation right. If the MoD thinks
>these things are not a threat to national security maybe the
>police figure they should take a shot at it:)

I suspect that there are a few issues here. Firstly, according
to the South Wales Police (SWP) press office, the 'saucer'
description was a fabrication, they used the term 'unusual
aircraft'.

That being so, and if the proximity to the helicopter is more or
less as described, an AIRPROX report should have been generated.
It also seems probable that a report will have been made to the
RAF Provost and Security Squadron (Low Flying Complaints flight)
since it took place over or near a military airfield (which was
reportedly closed for operations other than the police
helicopter). This may be where any confusion has arisen within
the MoD, since DAS (the UFO desk) would not necessarily be aware
of the P&SS report at the time. A report may also have been sent
to Counter-Terrorism and UK Operations which has absorbed the
function of the Air Force Operations Room.

This leads me to another point - the confusion over the date.

The newspaper articles refer to the event having occurred on the
7th June, but the SWP say it was at 00:40 on the 8th June.
Generally speaking, the police work in local time which is
currently an hour ahead of GMT. The military and the CAA
generally operate in GMT. This leads me to suspect that the leak

to the media originated from the CAA or the military, since the event would have been recorded by them as occurring at 23:40 GMT on 7th June.

Another curious detail in the Sun article is "They [the air crew] reported it to senior officers, who passed on the report to Britain's UFO investigators".

If, as it appears, the event was not reported to Britain's 'official' (MoD) UFO investigators, it may be that it was reported to one or more civilian investigators.

I am also intrigued by the anonymity of the source of the report. It is as if they realised the inaccuracy of the details provided to the press, and didn't want to be directly associated with the exaggerated reports.

Another factor which requires attention is how it disseminated so quickly - The Sun published it's 'exclusive' on 20th June. It appeared in the Telegraph, and the Metro on the same day, and by 10:00 it had world coverage. This suggests to me someone behind the scenes, feeding the story to the media, exaggerating the details and remaining anonymous.

This could take some unravelling, it will be interesting to see what spins out of it all.

Cheers,

Joe

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Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:15:00 -0400
Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 12:00:28 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hello Martin,

Like you I'm interested in trying to confirm distance of observations, so have collected some where details like timings, or an observed shadow (on the Moon's surface), or simultaneous observation from widely separated sites on Earth give indications of distance from Earth.

Here's parts of the list...

August 7th, 1869:

"during the eclipse of the sun, ... in the sky of Ottumwa, Iowa: here, crossing the visible part of the sun, twenty minutes before totality of the eclipse, Prof. Himes and Prof. Zentmayer saw objects that marched, or that moved, in straight, parallel lines (Les Mondes, 21-241).(6) In the Jour. Frank. Inst., 3-58-214, it is said that some of these objects moved in one direction across the moon, and that others moved in another direction across another part of the moon, each division moving in parallel lines.(7)

...at Shelleyville, Kentucky. Here were seen, by Prof. Winlock, Alvan Clark Jr., and George W. Dean, things that moved across the moon, during the eclipse, in parallel, straight lines (Pop. Astro., 2-332).(8)

www.resologist.net/lands205.htm

September 26th, 1870:

In the London Times, there was a description of a queer object that was seen crossing the moon. It was reported as elliptical, with some kind of tail, and it took almost thirty seconds to complete its passage of the moon. --The Flying Saucers Are Real

August 1st, 1871:

A French astronomer, E.A. Coggia, known for cometary discoveries, saw, in Marseilles, an object slowly moving across the sky, he was unable to explain. According to his description, it appeared at 10:43 pm, and was a magnificent red object moving slowly eastward. At 10:52:30 pm it stopped, and then moved northward, until stopping again after a further seven minutes. Its next movement was once again towards the east, finally disappearing, or falling behind the horizon at 11:03:20 pm.
--New Lands

August 29th, 1871(?):

Another leading French astronomer, Etienne Trouvelot, saw a great number of seemingly opaque bodies crossing the sun, and similar sightings for some days until September 1st, 1871.
--New Lands

June 17th, 1873:

Two astronomers, a Dr. Galle in Austria, and a Dr. Sage at Rybnik, Poland, were watching the planet Mars through their telescopes when they reported having seen a glowing, missile like object "emerge and separate itself from the disc of the planet Mars" - travel at a fantastic speed and seemingly explode upon reaching the Earth's atmosphere.

Fort, P.399, from Report Of The British Association For The Advancement Of Science, 1874-272

1873:

During the Summer of 1873, residents of Bonham, Texas, saw a fast moving object flying over the south-west section of town in broad daylight. The huge, cigar shaped object flew so rapidly that it's shape was blurred. It swooped low over the town twice as citizens rushed into their homes, dove under wagons, and sought whatever shelter they could find. The object disappeared quickly to the east.

Major Donald E Keyhoe, U.S.M.C. (Ret), 'The flying saucers are real' (New York:Fawcett Publications, inc. 1950) p.57 Twenty Four hours after the sighting at Bonham, soldiers on the parade field at Fort Scott, Kansas, about 350 miles to the North East, were thrown into a panic as a similar object flashed over the grounds of the military post. It took only a few seconds to disappear to the North. Ibid

April 24th, 1874:

Prof. Schaffarik of Prague Observatory saw an unidentified object crossing the moon. He reported that it was '..of such a strange nature that I do not know what to make of it. It was bright white and moved slowly across the face of the moon. I saw it even after it had left the disc of the moon. In other words, the object was no part of the moon because it left the moon behind and wandered out into space. What else can it be other than a flying machine?'

December 1875 - January 22nd, 1876:

Rio De Janeiro Observatory reported '..a vast number of bodies crossing the sun, some of them luminous and some of them dark..'

July 29th, 1878:

Reports from both Professor James Watson (from Wyoming) and Professor Lewis Swift (from Colorado) that they had seen two shining objects at a considerable distance from the sun, during the time of the total eclipse.

(BoD)

November 30th, 1880 (?):

Ricco, an Italian astronomer, saw at Palermo Observatory while watching the sun a number of objects crossing its surface. (date uncertain - see Nov.30 1888)

November 17th, 1882:

E W Maunder, Superintendent at the Royal Observatory, Greenwich, and others, saw a greenish object, torpedo-shaped and luminous. He definitely did not link it to an auroral display and [at later date] after seeing zeppelins in the First World War, he linked it in shape to these airships.

February 23rd, 1883:

Camille Flammarion, who is still very well-known in our day and one of the most known astronomical writers of all times, saw an object remaining stationary for some time, he could not link to anything known to him. He saw also at other times objects similar to this one: he even named them Bradytes.

April 15th & 25th, 1883:

At Marseilles, Monsieur Bruguiere observed bodies crossing the sun that were 'irregular in form. Some of them moved as if in alignment.' BoD

August 12th and 13th, 1883:

Bonilla, director of Zacatecas Observatory, Mexico saw whilst observing sun-spots, not less than 283 bodies crossing the sun. He admits the count was only approximate, as many appeared at the same time. Photos taken are still in existence - the earliest known UFO photos. Some objects were also seen the following day. [447 in total] UFOsTSH

Feb. 3, 1884:

M. Staeverf, of the Brussels Observatory, saw, upon the disc of Venus, an extremely brilliant point (Ciel et Terre, 5-127).(12) Nine days later, Niesten saw just such a point [140/141] of light as this, but at a distance from the planet. If no one had ever heard that such things can not be, one might think that these two observations were upon something that had been seen leaving Venus and had then been seen farther along.--New Lands

July 3, 1884:

a luminous object was seen moving slowly in the sky of Norwood, N.Y. It had features that suggest the structural: a globe the size of the moon, surrounded by a ring; two dark lines crossing the nucleus (Science Monthly, 2-136).(13)--New Lands

July 26, 1884:

a luminous globe, size of the moon, was seen at Cologne; it seemed to be moving upward from this earth, then was stationary "some minutes," and then continued upward until it disappeared (Nature, 30-360).(14) --New Lands

1886:

An astronomer and a number of others at Adrianopole, in European Turkey, and Scutari, in Asiatic Turkey, made sightings of strange aerial objects on two successive days in 1886. The sightings were reported in the 1886 edition of L'Astronomie

November 30th, 1888(?):

Palermo, Italy. Senor Ricci of the Palermo observatory saw 'a number of spindle-shaped flying objects crossing the sun's disc at a great height.'--UFOsTSH - date uncertain, see Nov.30, 1880

April 4th, 1892:

A Dutch astronomer, Muller saw a large black disc slowly crossing the moon, unexplainable to him.

July 31st, 1896:

At Smith Observatory, U.S.A., astronomers noticed a dark circular disc-shaped object going across the moon's surface very quickly, timed at about four seconds, which should prove its closeness to Earth.

April 10th-11th, 1897:

From California to Michigan... a mysterious bright light, which reportedly could move in several different directions, became visible at various times in the western two-thirds of the country. The most popular explanation of the time was that the mysterious light was an "airship" equipped with electric lights and some kind of searchlight. One person in La Crosse who observed the light through opera glasses reported seeing an oblong object suspended from the light. This had been reported in other parts of the country as well, with the yet-to-be-famous UFO parlance of "cigar-shaped" being the most-often-used description.

www.lacrossetribune.com

Source: La Crosse Public Library Archives. (608) 789-7136.

November 20th 1902:

(At) 9.27 a.m., Mr.Griffiths, the assistant astronomer at Adelaide Observatory and colleague were taking weather observations when a 'brilliant globular light' appeared to the SSE at about 45 degrees elevation. It moved slowly north and remained visible until 9.31 a.m., covering about 20 degrees of arc in that time, and was lost sight of about 45 degrees above the northern horizon. When it was near overhead it appeared elongated 'and took an elliptical form' with its axis in the direction of motion. --FATA/Bill Chalker

January 27th - 28th, 1912:

Astronomer Frank B. Harris wrote to Popular Astronomy and The Times that he saw 'a huge object of some kind, moving across the moon's surface.' He stated that the object was opaque, black, approximately 250 miles long and 50 miles wide, and close enough to the surface to cast a shadow on the moon. Observation spanned 10.30 pm - 2.00 am.

PA 20, 1912/MU (see below)

January 27, 1912:

In 'Popular Astronomy' (see above) a Dr. F. B. Harris described an intensely black object that he saw crossing the moon. As nearly as he could tell, it was gigantic in size - though again there was no way to be sure of its distance from him or the moon. With careful understatement, Dr. Harris said, 'I think a very interesting and curious phenomenon happened that night.'

February 25, 1942:

The Battle Of Los Angeles

May 3rd, 1947:

USA; Nighttime - 'An amateur astronomer in Boulder, Colorado, after training his telescope on the moon, saw a dark object hurtle across the disk of the moon in a horizontal straight line path.' Pr.N47

August 20th, 1949:

Clyde Tombaugh, discoverer of the planet Pluto in 1930, saw at about 10:45 p.m. while sitting outside his home at Las Cruces, New Mexico, with his wife and mother-in-law, between six and eight greenish objects which were travelling soundlessly across the sky.

He reported - 'In all of my several thousand hours of night sky-watching, I have never seen anything so strange as this. I was so astonished that my impression of it was somewhat confused. How I wished I could have had some binoculars at hand. No sound

whatever.' --Michel

Letter from Clyde Tombaugh to Richard Hall, dated September 10th 1957:

'Dear Mr.Hall:

Regarding the solidity of the phenomenon I saw: My wife thought she saw a faint connecting glow across the structure. The illuminated rectangles I saw did maintain an exact fixed position with respect to each other, which would tend to support the impression of solidity. I doubt that the phenomenon was any terrestrial reflection, because some similarity to it should have appeared many times. I do a great deal of observing (with telescopic and unaided eye) in the backyard and nothing of the kind has ever appeared before or since.' --AId/TUE

In 1956 Tombaugh had the following to say about his various sightings:

"I have seen three objects in the last seven years which defied any explanation of known phenomenon, such as Venus, atmospheric optic, meteors or planes. I am a professional, highly skilled, professional astronomer. In addition I have seen three green fireballs which were unusual in behavior from normal green fireballs ... I think that several reputable scientists are being unscientific in refusing to entertain the possibility of extraterrestrial origin and nature." [8] --Wikipedia

Large Circular Phenomena: if anyone's interested in these, some very large indeed (miles across), reminding me of Martyn Stubbs' "space phenomena one", I've just started collecting early reports of them but have snipped them from the list because they were almost all seen locally to Earth, sometimes in the air or in the ocean.

Cheers

Ray D

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A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:09:19 EDT
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:20:00 -0400
Subject: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

Msr. Vallee, the empty oracle, a "chauncy" of ufology

Almost thirty years ago, a book appeared that was a masterpiece. A masterpiece, certainly, but not in the way that the many gullible readers meant that word.

The book Messengers Of Deception, by Jacques Vallee was a masterpiece in fact, a masterful propaganda tract, sharing kinship with the multiple propaganda efforts by the hired spinners of the intelligence agencies, attempting to convince many UFO researchers that most of the flaps and sightings of late 50's and 60's, were due to spy planes flying at high altitude near the Mach or beyond.

Palpable nonsense, and the book is far worse than CIA propagandists.

This book, first edition was painful for this reviewer, after the two superb books by Msr.Vallee, A thanks to Dick Hall who placed this reviewers critique in the MUFON JOURNAL shortly after Messenger appeared.

Painful for two of the finest solid hard hitting analytical tracts ever written were written by this same author. I speak of course, with respect of Anatomy Of A Phenomenon, and Challenge To Science. Both models of an exceptional clear vision.

The contrast couldn't be greater. Something intervened or changed this researcher in a mind-bending and in the direction of exhibiting the very behavior and thinking he excoriates in others. Invoking murky "control systems" and a neglect and dismissal of the massive amount hard data, from interaction with physical craft, to the multiple crash retrieval mountain of data, with probable ET databases decrypted even translated terabytes of archived details off of these fallible far off vehicles.

Msr. Vallee a guest on a recent national late night talk show, asked about Roswell, answered in muddled riddles, that the real answer to Roswell was far beyond the literal minded nuts and bolts simple-minded US researchers. Asked what that might be, was unable to answer except for circular mumbo jumbo.

One wonders at the mind free genuflecting when Msr. Vallee intones his 'Chauncy' like mystic meanderings, a string of empty oracular pontifications. that have some losing any track of what the actual content of this Gallic logician of incomputable squared circles is.

One wonders how many read this book paragraph by paragraph and have thought about what he is really saying? Aliens will do this and not this. Ex cathedra categoricals by the dozens.

Real empirics do not obey his simplistic filters and rules about what travelers will do or not. He would say the Apollo astronauts after an ocean of money had been spent for their travel to the moon certainly would not frolic and play golf on the moon, yet they did. So similarly he excludes as extraterrestrials because they gather samples endlessly, yet consider the many strange states and forms of matter and life

that have been found in just the last ten years,

He is an anti-empiricist, and is willing to out guess and out science the science that may have been gathering samples for ten millennia.

UFOs are machines of deception, their resemblance to space craft is crafted clever illusion. This is quite mad. If an abductee sees a star map on board a vehicle this is part of the careful camouflage. This thinking resembles a common form of clinical process. He complains the star map aboard the vehicle that the Hill's were taken wasn't the right scale. What analytical arrogance, how does he know the cartographic parameters that this trading party, according to the map itself, were using?

They are here too often, what backwards chutzpah. For all he knows the galactic interstate runs thorough here - and a dozen tourist bureaus advertise over a hundred light years.

I only have one request. That the worshippers at the church of Vallee get off their knees of lazy acceptance and just read line by line what Vallee is actually saying.

I can only hope the revised edition has corrected and qualified some of the worst howling-nonsense that was packed into the first edition. Msr. Vallee's statements on a recent talk show indicate that this deceptive early edition has likely not been un-gnarled from the twisted hodge podge of paranoid nonsense that the first edition was full of.

Vince White

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Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 01:19:41 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 19:30:03 +0100
>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 01:25:28 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>>It is a twisted equation:

>>Human intervention = threat = MOD reacts
>>Non-human intervention = no threat = no MOD reaction

>Hello Vincent, that's the 'threat to governments paradox, as
>repeatedly claimed by the governments of the US & UK.

>If we take them at their word - what are the - various -
logical conclusions?

Hello Ray,

The logical conclusion is that the powers that be know what they are dealing with and they know that they can do nothing. If any country had the UFO technology, it would rule the world. Imagine: Mac 10 at least, silent, hovering, vertical take-off, escaping detection, space-ready, capable of jamming electronically avionics and ICBM missiles, invulnerable to enemy fire.

May even have a sense of humor.

Of course, the same powers wouldn't like you to know they are powerless.

The American policy is that they don't exist. The British policy is that they don't care if they exist or not.

I do not know what the governments do not know about UFOs.

It would be interesting to know what they know though.

We could then go to the next level.

No more debunking, no more fanatical advocates. Only a bunch of people asking the questions and analyzing the data.

<sigh> That would be nice.

And very productive too.

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 05:29:30 EDT
Archived: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 15:36:42 -0600
>Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:30:14 EDT
>>Subject: Mantell Case Bombshell

>>Part 1-A Revised Draft for Review and Comment

>>THE MANTELL CASE REINVESTIGATED
>>by Brad Sparks (c) 2008

>Brad,

>A tardy response. You've clearly invested some effort in this,
>here are some snippets of feedback. A worthwhile reconsideration
>of a case widely - perhaps mistakenly - considered settled.

Mike,

Thanks for your comments.

<snip>

>>The accident report form specifically asks here if the accident
>>was caused by reason of any "oxygen equipment ... not being in
>>the plane" or if such a lack of oxygen equipment "contributed"
>>in any way to the crash. If Mantell for example was missing an
>>oxygen mask then this is where that was *required* to be noted.
>> The mask was obviously an absolutely essential part of the
>>"oxygen equipment" so if it was "not ... in the plane" the
>>oxygen system would *not* be in "working order."

>>Failing or refusing to complete a required item on a fatal
>>accident report required by AAF Regulation 62-14 would be a
>>matter for military discipline as a violation of those
>>regulations. Clearly, the accident report is saying here that
>>all of Mantell's oxygen equipment was present and his mask was
>>not missing if his "oxygen system ... was in working order."

>As this issue seems to form a large part of your argument, it
>calls for some scrutiny. Many people might interpret a less-
>than-strictly-literal reading of the accident report as
>admitting the possibility that the onboard oxygen system was
>in working order, but that the pilot had no mask at take-off.

The question was not just about oxygen equipment but any
equipment-related issue that could have caused the crash or
could have contributed to it, including absence of any
equipment.

Forgive me if I get rather impassioned here, this is not
directed at you personally. You raise questions that no doubt
others will try to raise, so bear with me.

What you are suggesting is that the accident board took a

perversely less than literal reading of the accident form's question just to play games. The question on the form is asking why a pilot was dead. Why play games with a straight question? Why the hell Mantell was dead and what the \$\$\$^ was the reason? If the ^%*(\$% oxygen mask was missing and that caused Mantell's death then why the \$\$\$* didn't they just say that here on the accident form where it asked for such an omission to be reported????

Furthermore, there is additional evidence that Mantell had oxygen and was not missing an oxygen mask:

(1) the post-accident maintenance report said nothing about Mantell missing any oxygen mask, even though it was glaringly obvious and well-known that the crash was being attributed to lack of oxygen so it was important in a crash investigation to have documented that if it was true (it was not true, and that is why the maintenance report said nothing about an allegedly missing oxygen mask); and

(2) Mantell's wingmen never reported to Godman Tower controllers about Mantell having an oxygen problem or missing a mask even though they radioed Godman Tower that THEY themselves had oxygen problems. They radioed that one of them had no oxygen and/or equipment (Hammond) and that the other (Clements) was low on oxygen and needed to be resupplied on the ground. They were very talkative about oxygen issues. But they had nothing to say about Mantell missing oxygen because Mantell had his oxygen and they #&*@ \$# knew it.

Please don't now propose that the wingmen merely did not know whether Mantell had his oxygen mask or not, and that that is why they didn't tell Godman Tower controllers. Their official lying story claims that everyone knew Mantell was unequipped with oxygen and knew it before the flight. They wanted to make sure that this was an emphatic claim, since the only so-called "evidence" that would be presented was to be one man's word saying this, just one wingman, the one with most to lose. That is what is called a #&*@ \$# lie.

Either it is true or it is a lie, there is no in-between here and one cannot have it both ways. If it was true that Mantell had no oxygen then they would have said so to Godman over the radio, for many reasons:

- (a) it jeopardized Godman's assigned air defense intercept mission,
- (b) it was a flight safety problem for Mantell,
- (c) it was a flight safety problem for the wingmen because Mantell could have swerved out of control and killed them,
- (d) it was a flight safety problem for innocent people on the ground if Mantell crashed,
- (e) it was an air search and rescue issue requiring every clue on how to find Mantell.

The official story would have us believe the wingmen knew Mantell had no mask or oxygen but didn't bother to tell Godman Tower after unexplainably losing radio contact with Mantell, even though they were chatty over the radio about their own oxygen troubles. That official story is therefore total bull.

I concisely covered all these arguments in parts of my revised article that were not quoted in your posting, and were in my original full-length posting on UFO Updates on June 7. What I did not do was spend many pages arguing to death each and every possible question. I don't see how I could spend additional pages on each question without the article becoming overly tedious and unreadable. I would have to repeat the same pieces of evidence over and over again, and in most cases the points require extended description each time in order to be convincing, for example, the failure of Mantell's wingmen to report by radio to Godman any purported problem Mantell was supposedly having with a lack of oxygen equipment, which means Mantell was not missing an oxygen mask.

>However, even if that was the case, it certainly seems negligent >to not specifically report that no mask was present in the

>wreckage.

<snip>

>>But it was Mantell's subordinates, the men in his flight, who
>>disobeyed his orders and went AWOL by abandoning Mantell. If,
>>as his wingman Lt. Clements claimed, it was "known" by all that
>>Mantell did not have oxygen then they endangered Mantell's life
>>by not calling his attention to that fact (if it was a fact, but
>>it evidently was not). If Mantell was suffering from hypoxia
>>(low oxygen) and its resulting mental confusion, then his
>>wingmen needed to step in and intervene to save his life, as
>>Mantell was unable to do so (if this story was true).

>What form of intervention could the wingmen actually undertake
>under these circumstances, if, for sake of argument, he was in
>fact incapacitated and/or not to be dissuaded from his pursuit?

Geez, my article goes into all that! Please re-read the full-length post of June 7 as well as the revision of the first portion of Part 1 on June 16. My very next sentence which you did not quote but was cut off, states one of a number of painfully obvious "interventions" that Mantell's wingmen could have and should have undertaken if they had truly believed Mantell was flying too high without oxygen, then outlines several other blatantly obvious "interventions" never carried out:

(1) Mantell's wingmen could have warned Mantell by RADIO or other means that he (Mantell) was purportedly flying too high without oxygen. But that was not true so that was not radioed to Mantell or anyone else. Godman Tower heard no one warning Mantell about his oxygen.

(2) Mantell's wingmen could have reported Mantell's alleged hypoxia danger to Godman Tower control (if it was true and it was not) so that Godman could launch a search and rescue mission to assist Mantell and/or a supplemental intercept mission which could have come to Mantell's aid (done by Godman Tower via the radio or interbase intercom or phone to Standiford Field, or by the wingmen directly radioing Standiford).

(3) Mantell's wingmen were 1.5 hours into 3+ hours of fuel so there was no legitimate reason why they could not have followed Mantell for say, another 1/2 hour, to make sure he was "okay" (<wink><wink> based on the bull - lie that they actually thought he was flying too high without oxygen). They had just flown over the Bowling Green Airport and commented on it over the radio, when they decided to desert Mantell and go AWOL, so they could have landed at Bowling Green for fuel if after 1/2 additional hour of trailing Mantell they felt anxious about fuel. They knew where Bowling Green was and that it had an airport they could land at.

Please do not repeat the official lie that the wingmen "could not keep up" with lunatic Mantell in his crazed maximum climb. Max climbs reduce speed to about 200 mph. They could easily have followed Mantell from below him in altitude, without climbing with him, and they could do it at low cruise speed matching his 200 mph and saved on fuel - or flown at max speed in level flight up to 440 mph if necessary.

Apparently, this is exactly what wingman Lt Hammond did all along on the UFO intercept mission, stayed at 15,000 ft because he had no oxygen supplies, tagging along well below Mantell and Clements who climbed gradually (not max climbed) to about 22,500 ft. Godman got radio reporting of this. So the concept of trailing from below was not unheard of and was actually done on this very same UFO intercept. Clements could have done this too, in order to follow Mantell, but he did not. He and Hammond deserted Mantell, right at the point when Clements (later) claimed Mantell was flying too high without oxygen. Again this is a lie but I am pointing it out for sake of argument.

(4) Mantell's wingmen could have immediately landed at Bowling Green Airport, refueled, possibly gotten resupplied with oxygen, then took off after Mantell again. But they did not (Lt Clements flew all the hell back to home base in Louisville to refuel and replenish oxygen then flew all the way back across the State of Kentucky but not to look for Mantell, supposedly, but only to continue the UFO intercept mission!).

I hope I don't have to belabor the math here on Mantell at 200 mph, wingmen at up to 440 mph as needed.

<snip>

>>(2) Contrary to the accident report, Mantell must have regained >>consciousness and tried to regain control by throttling back >>from maximum power settings after his plane dived back to lower >>altitudes where there was more oxygen for him to breathe. The >>wrecked plane was found with throttle set at only 1/ 4 power, >>mixture control in "Idle-Cut-Off" (Accid. Rpt., p. 4, section M) >>not at maximum power. Mantell had gone to maximum power only at >>the very end of the UFO pursuit, and not during the whole >>pursuit, which would have been impossible (see discussion >>below).

>The possibility that immediately comes to mind is that these >were not the actual pre-crash settings, but were artifacts of >the crash itself. If you have reasons to consider this unlikely, >they should be included here.

No, sorry, I do not need to belabor this point. If someone wants to argue the absurdity that the controls were changed by the crash, coincidentally both amazingly in agreement to make it look just like Mantell was throttling back for a landing (or getting out of a deadly dive), then they have the burden of proving it, not me. The Accident Report did not even make such a claim, that the crash changed the control settings - and they (the board) had every reason to do so, in order to make things consistent with their bogus scenario of a crazed Mantell at full power settings for 20 to 35 minutes.

>>(3) The location of the 70-foot Skyhook balloon, Flight B >>launched by General Mills in Minnesota at 8 a.m. on Jan. 6, >>1948, is rather precisely known. The Skyhook was not even >>within the State of Kentucky but was in Tennessee near Nashville >>at the time of the UFO sightings the next day (Jan. 7), and it >>was physically impossible to see it with the unaided eye from >>Godman Field in Kentucky, or by Mantell and crew, from about 140 >>miles away.

>The proximity of the Skyhook balloon, however distant or off- >angle in actuality, has been the primary dilution of this >otherwise highly anomalous incident. Specific data and/or >references to back up any assertions about the track and >location of the balloon are critical here (unless they are >forthcoming in your Part 2 of this discussion).

You mean "solution" not "dilution"? No the Skyhook location is not critical here in Part 1 which is concerned with the crash not the UFO. Part 2 deals with the UFO and includes a minute by minute reconstruction of the entire incident. I cannot understand why the specific location data I gave you already is not sufficient here and why more is needed now and can't wait till Part 2.

This really feels like the "damned if you do, damned if you don't" strategy of getting me coming and going. Or maybe you are unhappy with me splitting the report into a Part 1 on the crash and a Part 2 on the UFO. I'm sorry but I am unfunded and do not have infinite resources to do ALL of this ALL at one time. That is why I split the report into two parts.

Shouldn't you instead be asking why established UFO researchers who have written on Mantell and have had access since 1976 to the same AF documents that I used but somehow did not read the things I read or raise the same questions I did? Why did they all go along with the official AF party line on the case? But I explode the AF propoganda line with the AF's own evidence and I am the one who is challenged.

An IFO like a Skyhook must obey all the laws of physics and math and cannot violate a single one of them just for the convenience of skeptics and debunkers. The Skyhook's location must work out correctly every single minute. The unpowered Skyhook balloon cannot flit around hundreds of miles in a few minutes' time or be in two places at the same time. If a Skyhook could do that it would be functioning as a UFO, in which case instead of proving you have an IFO you would be proving a UFO. Well, in psychotic debunker hallucinations anything goes, but we'll get to that in

Part 2.

I hope you understand my frustration and exasperation and don't take it the wrong way.

Brad

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>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:19:52 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 20 Jun 2008 20:21:30 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>>>i) the Bonilla sighting was clearly 'extra-terrestrial' - the
>>>objects, photographed over two days, were more than half-way to
>>>the Moon;

>>So it could be an extraterrestrial Angel?

>Can anyone on this List having experience of eyepiece projection
>with an astronomical telescope explain to me how Bonilla was
>able to determine that the objects (silhouettes against the
>projected image of the solar disc) were "more than half way to
>the moon"? If that was reliable then clearly it was an
>observation of major astronomical importance, even if neither
>aliens nor angels. Ray Dickenson's website claims that Bonilla
>was able to determine a distance of 242,000km because his scope
>had "sufficiently precise focussing" [sic].

Martin,

Thanks for digging out the original report on the Web. See
the link below:

<http://tinyurl.com/5md4r5>

Of course these distances are nonsense and based on
misinterpreting a calculation using assumptions as if it was a
direct observation, observation of distance as if distance can
be directly observed.

>But surely the near-focus distance beyond which light rays are
>already effectively parallel for any telescope system is very
>much closer than 242,000km? All objects in space - whether half
>way to the moon or half way to Andromeda - are at infinity for
>optical purposes. If Bonilla was able to selectively bring these
>objects to a focus separately from the solar disc then surely
>they must have been very close - i.e. little objects in the
>nearby atmosphere (such as seeds, or birds - as was the opinion
>offered by L'Astronomie when it published Bonilla's observation
>in 1883)?

Thanks to the data in the original astronomical journal report
we can estimate a range of distances, speeds and sizes. The
Bonilla report indicates the objects crossed the sun's 0.5

degree disc in about 1/2 to 1 second, thus an angular velocity of about 0.5 to 1 deg/second.

If the objects were 1 mile away, then this angular velocity corresponds to a real, transverse speed of about 30 to 60 mph. Typical bird speeds (keeping in mind that winds aloft could add additional velocity, so birds flying with an airspeed of say 30 mph in a 30 mph wind would then have a ground speed as seen at the observatory of 60 mph).

The size of the objects at 1 mile distance would be about 1 foot, or typical bird dimensions. Bonilla's article states that although to the eye the objects appeared round, when he took photos they turned out mostly to be irregular in shape, again just as we would expect from birds.

>Bonilla also pointed out that the objects were not visible from >other observing sites. An upper limit calculated from this >implied parallax may be the origin of his rather precise figure >of 242,000km. But such an upper limit is also consistent with >objects much closer by, in the local sky of Zacatecas.

From an approximately 300 mile baseline from Zacatecas observatory to the Mexico City and Puebla observatories, objects closer than about 30,000 miles would be parallax shifted away from the sun by at least 1/2 degree and thus not be seen crossing the sun's disc. Obviously, birds only about 1 mile away from Zacatecas fits that parallax shift and could not be seen 300 miles away in Mexico City and Puebla anyway.

Brad

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UFO Near Cerro El Avila Venezuela

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Venezuela: UFO Near Cerro El Avila

by Hector Escalante

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

[Photos at Blog]

Caracas - Venezuela. 06/21/08. On Saturday, June 15 in the afternoon I was able to photograph fortuitously two objects with a strange appearance in the vicinity of Cerro El Avila around San Jose - Cotiza, while attempting to record the wake of an aircraft after it crossed the skies over Caracas.

The vehicle moved in a southeast - northeast direction and viceversa, generating a sort of "gaseous tissue" in the heights, white in color and of broad dimensions, which took approximately 30 minutes to vanish.

The objects were photographed with a Panasonic Lumix digital camera, 6.0 mpix, and maintained a considerable distance with regard to the flight trajectory followed by the aircraft.

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UFO Photo Taken During Mexico's San Marcos Fair

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Mexico: UFO Photo Taken During San Marcos Fair
By Ana Luisa Cid

Mr. Mario Castaneda Marquez took this photo during the San Marcos Fair in the state of Aguascalientes, Mexico.

According to his eyewitness account, it was taken during the preparation of the Los Voladores de Papantla ritual in front of the San Marcos Church. The date was April 30, 2008, the time 12:35 hrs., and a DSC P-43 Sony camera was used.

[Photo at:

<http://www.analuisacid.com/snmarcos.htm>]

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Date: 06.21.08

Mexico: Airliner Personnel Report UFOs over MCIA

June 9 2008 - Flight Mechanic Octavio Piedras reported five unidentified flying objects during a flight from Cancun to Mexico city between 7:08 and 7:10 a.m.. The event occurred during the descent toward MCIA (Mexico City International Airport).

The witness photographed the objects with his cell phone, and according to his account, the objects emerged from a cloud and were in front of the airplane until they lost themselves in the sky. The weather conditions were sunny and clear.

The crew (commander and first officer) also saw the UFOs, which were spherical and metallic. They described that three objects emerged first, followed by two more. Aircraft: Boeing 737-300, Flight 777.

Note: Mr. Octavio Piedras will not disclose the photograph due to personal and professional concerns.

June 16 2008 - At 7:30 a.m. a spherical, red object was seen suspended at 2000 meters over MCIA. The Airport flew over the area near the control tower and adjacent hangars. This was seen by air traffic personnel (mechanics and ramp personnel) working at that time.

According to this report, the spherical object began rising until it became lost from sight at high speed. For this reason, witnesses rule out the possibility that it could have been a balloon.

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UFO Sighted In The Skies Above Bala

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UFO Sighted In The Skies Above Bala
By David Simister

A UFO has been sighted at Bala rekindling memories of a similar visitation more than three decades ago.

One family, from Llanuwchllyn, reported seeing orange circular objects flying around above the Berwyn mountains, in events which echo a suspected flying saucer incident in 1974.

Hywel Rhys Roberts, from Caernarfon, was visiting family in the area with brother Alwyn earlier this month when the pair spotted strange flying objects in the skies above Bala.

"My brother saw it first. We were in the lounge and he looked out of the window in the direction of Bala and called us over. It was a circular shape moving towards the Berwyn mountains," he said.

"We sat down and minutes later we saw another light much closer on the other side of Llyn Tegid in front of the mountain. It was more than a helicopter light flashing - it was very odd. It rose up quickly and we could see it silhouetted against the side of the mountain."

The sighting is reminiscent of another incident in the same area three decades earlier, often referred to as the Welsh Roswell.

Although MOD files released earlier this year officially conclude that nothing unusual happened in the area on January 23, 1974, reports from the area said bright lights were seen in the skies, along with a loud bang and tremors in the ground which measured 3.5 on the Richter scale.

Claims suggest that a UFO crashed in the area and that "bodies" of extra terrestrial beings were retrieved and taken away by soldiers, although this theory has never been proved.

The recent Bala sightings coincide with similar claims from Caerwys, where drinkers in the area reported seeing more objects in the night sky last Wednesday [June 18].

Sion Davies, who was in the Royal Oak pub that night, said: "A few people scoffed at the idea they were UFOs but you could not explain anyway what we were seeing.

"I am a sceptic but I cannot explain what was going on in the sky that night."

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Re: Water Or Stone?

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>>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
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>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 17:08:58 -0400 (EDT)
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>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>>The fact that none are, speaks to the magnitude of the problem
>>and the powerful control this unknown group exerts.

>If the group is unknown, how can you be sure it exists? That
>sounds a bit like invoking 'evil forces'.

Joe,

The group's identity is unknown but it exists. You conceded this point with your agreement for the UFO case. After all some group is responsible for the UFO presence.

I believe there is also enough evidence to conclude that they (meaning the creators of UFOs) are extraterrestrial or extra-dimensional. Your point that they could be something else is relevant and worth discussion. Why play devils advocate and draw this out. Please state your case.

The point is that the evidence is already strong enough to conclude UFOs are real and that one can simply infer someone or something made them without getting into whom at this juncture. Of course that inquiry is important but not from the standpoint that enough is already known to demand action from our governments, universities, etc.

Your point that the establishments would argue that they already have may be correct in some cases. However, their inquiries were either window dressing for the public or covert and the conclusions hidden. They should not be allowed to get away with that argument.

My point is that it is time for Ufology to incorporate the investigative into activism. It is time to present the case and I do not mean just write another book or examine another video. I mean with a real activism campaign. How about a million man/women march?

This forum, for example, should include more discussions and progress reports on activism. Action groups should be formed. Courses of action decided. There is enough evidence to move this out of the "giggle" mode and into the main stream. This can only

Re: Water Or Stone?

happen if this group and others start taking action.

I know this post will be judged by some as naive or worse, but it must be said again and again until things change.

Frank

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>>I don't believe it is critical to define or name the occupants
>>of the UFOs at this juncture. There is a great deal of evidence
>>to support the ETH and I do follow that school of thought.
>>However, they could be Angels, aliens, extra-dimensional beings,
>>super humans, secret society humans, black government or any
>>other group.

>Thank you, a direct answer to a direct question. It does however
>point out the weakness in the extraterrestrial solution if it
>might be 'super humans, secret society humans, black government'
>for instance.

Joe,

This is not a substantive argument against the ETH.

The universe and all life in it could have been created over
the course of seven days by an omnipotent being 6000 years ago.
Does this point out the weakness of modern cosmology?

It is not sufficient that alternative theories are
conceivable... they must be weighted according to plausibility.
Do you consider angels, super-humans, etc., on equal footing
with the ETH in this regard? If not, then in what sense do these
alternatives indicate weakness in the ETH?

Regards,

Mike

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Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 10:58:14 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 08:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 12:34:54 -0400
>Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 12:34:57 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

>>>Source: The Tampa Tribune - Florida, USA

>>><http://tinyurl.com/4tmln9>

>>>June 20, 2008

>>>Video: <http://www.tbo.com/video/xml/MGBEHOM8PHF.html>

>>>Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video
>>>By Stephen Thompson

>><snip>

>>The video is kind of boring until it gets to about 1:30 then it
>>gets a little more interesting when two more objects are
>>sighted.

>>The last object seemed to have a flat bottom which almost makes
>>me think it's behind something that is obscuring the light.

>I also noticed the piece occasionally missing from the bottom of
>the disc as if it were occluded. Notice, however, at 1:16 the
>occlusion is only partial. That is, the obscured area is just
>not as bright as the rest of the disc.

>The disc seems to consist of a ring and a pulsating center. It
>often has an asymmetrical aura that dims with distance.

<snip>

>Given what people say can be done with computer graphics now-a-
>days, this video could be a hoax.

<snip>

Hi William, Everyone!

The distant multiple moving lights just above the eastern horizon exhibit captured on video all the characteristics of civilian air traffic approaching St. Petersburg and Clearwater International Airport and Tampa International Airport located to the northeast of the witnesses and MacDill Air Force Base directly east across Tampa Bay (as determined by the full Moon and from the city lights shown briefly in the video that are reflecting off the water).

William, the pulsating orbs are just out-of-focus distant aircraft with flashing navigation lights. The flat bottoms noted in the

zoomed-in, out-of-focus, images of these "UFOs" (and the dirt or hair in the lense also clearly seen in the lower left of the large orbs) is a camera aperture/diaphragm obstruction inherent in the camera design and cannot be a structure of the "UFO" itself. The impossible sharp edge of the flat bottom of an otherwise fuzzy out-of-focus orb is confirmation of this and I have many examples of this effect with my digital camera.

This UFO video is 'real' but is a good example on how witnesses using video cameras can obtain results that would make something familiar such as local air traffic seem to appear as something not of this world. The fact that no one else report these "UFOs" over this highly populated area to the police or media is further confirmation that nothing unusual was going on in the partially cloudy (not clear as was reported) night sky over this large metropolis.

If this is what the media is presenting as compelling evidence of UFO activity in our skies, I would not be surprised that this is a ploy to have the public dismiss all reports of UFOs as something that can easily be explained.

Nick Balaskas

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Another 1947 UFO Story

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 03:52:03 EDT
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 08:44:31 -0400
Subject: Another 1947 UFO Story

<http://tinyurl.com/5mbz8s>

I've always found this episode of the classic sci-fi TV show
Lost In Space rather charming.

It's about a UFO that lands on Earth in 1947.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Helicopter UK Chases UFO

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:16:06 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 08:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Helicopter UK Chases UFO

List,

Sorry if this has been posted already, but worth a watch or listen.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jsh4yVL87wU>

Apparently since this incident many more people have reported to the SUN of UFO sightings and incidents taking place around Wales.

I understand that there is a welsh triangle for UFO sightings, meaning a triangle on a map of wales where such incidents have been occurring over many years.

Oh, and the MoD said last month UFOs were not around the UK , okay, I'll bear this in mind.

Roy

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Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:24:54 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 08:49:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Pasadena Couple Capture UFO Fireballs On Video

Dear List

FYI this is what I wrote recently on another List about this video. Any comments or corrections are welcome.

(BTW the "cut-off disc" shape referenced by William is an artefact of camera defocus.)

Martin

The Tampa Bay area winds are recorded for midnight GMT (1900 local) Weds 18 June and noon GMT on the 19th (0700 local). These soundings bracket the stated filming time of 2315 local.

About 4 hours before the sighting low level winds were from the W, rotating to the NW at about 1200m before swinging back towards the W again at higher levels. By the following morning after the sighting the winds at all levels had rotated further towards the S, low levels wind being generally SSW. So at the sighting time one would not expect winds from the N. If the newspaper's description of lights travelling N-S is accurate then this would be problem for fire balloons.

On the other hand the video clearly shows the lights passing the moon on a rising trajectory from right to left. At 19:0415GMT (18:2315 local) the moon was at about 155degs in the SSE, so the lights are apparently not heading anywhere near N-s and could well be heading W to E. This would be consistent with wnds aloft.

The full moon determines an angular scale. As the light is filmed passing the moon I judge the angular rate to roughly 1deg/sec and the apparant angular diameter to be about 1/5 moon. A 30cm diameter fire balloon subtending 0.1deg would be only about 170m away, but allowing for halation exaggerating the angular size the true slant range would probably be somewhat more than this. Perhaps about 300m would be a fair guess? To cross check this we note that the light passes a few degrees above the moon, which was at 32deg elevation at the time, so at a slant distance of 300m the altitude is approximately 175m AGL. Interpolating between the balloon readings the wind speed at this level was about 10kts or ~5m/sec, which corresponds to an angular rate of 1deg/sec at a slant range of 286m. So the measured angular rate, angular diameter, wind speed and wind direction all appear consistent with a small fire balloon.

Finally, about 2 min 15 sec into the video the camera zooms and appears this time to achieve focus. There appears to be a bright upper ovoid with a darker horizontal ellipes below containing a bright centre. If this is the true structure of the object and not a camera artefact then it does - to my eye at least - resemble something like an internally illuminated translucent envelope with an aperture at the bottom.

Regards

Martin Shough

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Re: Distance Calculations

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:31:35 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 09:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 12:00:28 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>Hello Martin,

>Like you I'm interested in trying to confirm distance of
>observations,

That's good, Ray. Then please will you explain, as I requested,
how you believe Bonilla made the determination of 242,000km by
means of focusing his telescope eyepiece?

so have collected some where details like timings,
>or an observed shadow (on the Moon's surface), or simultaneous
>observation from widely separated sites on Earth give indications
>of distance from Earth.

>Here's parts of the list...

All very interesting, truly. But I have read every word of
Charles Fort. At the moment I would like to get to the solid
ground for your claim that Bonilla's objects, in particular,
prove the existence of extraterrestrial UFOs.

Martin Shough

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Re: Distance Calculations

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 19:13:55 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 09:52:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

>July 31st, 1896:

>At Smith Observatory, U.S.A., astronomers noticed a dark circular
>disc-shaped object going across the moon's surface very quickly,
>timed at about four seconds, which should prove its closeness to
>Earth.

Just a mention - using that timing to judge distance means making
a perhaps unwarranted assumption: that the UFO's speed must be
limited to those we can achieve.

Also - if anyone wondering why the list ended with Clyde
Tombaugh's 1949 sighting -

the evidence is that by 1952 US scientists were being told not
to report sightings, from Hynek and that by c 1960 European
scientists were similarly obeying strong gov't/establishment
pressures from USA (from Vallee, who tells how a senior
astronomer at Paris destroyed observational records of an
anomaly for fear of 'repercussions' from USA).

Cheers

Ray

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 14:18:13 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 09:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:09:19 EDT
>Subject: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>I only have one request. That the worshippers at the church of
>Vallee get off their knees of lazy acceptance and just read line
>by line what Vallee is actually saying.

I don't worship at the 'Church of Vallee', or any other,
although I have a great deal of respect for the man, and his
point of view. I can only reply by rephrasing the question for
you, to one that is far more pertinent given the way ufology has
developed in the past sixty years:

"I have only one request: that the worshippers at the church of
the ETH get off their knees of lazy acceptance, and keep an open
mind about a phenomenon that may have multiple explanations,
none of which have been proved to any standard that you would
use in a court of law, much less science."

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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The Guadalupe Event

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 15:28:45 -0500
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Subject: The Guadalupe Event

Below is the introduction to an article that the late Johannes Fiebag wrote some years ago. I thought it might be of interest since the 'water or stone'/Fatima discussion is continuing.

I hope you find it of interest.

Katharina Wilson

The Guadalupe Event
by Johannes Fiebag, Ph.D.

According to the centuries old Mexican manuscript Nican Mopuhua, in 1531, an unusual apparition of the Virgin Mary was reported at Guadalupe near Mexico City, Mexico.

An ancient artifact from this encounter is still in existence today. It is the tilma or the upper garment of the visionary Juan Diego. Numerous analyses of the tilma have revealed unusual features. For example, the eyes of the image seem to mirror particular people. This might imply that instead of a 'miracle' creating these images, that photographic technology was somehow utilized.

A detailed investigation of the Nican Mopuhua text, as well as the mysterious properties of the tilma show that the event had nothing to do with the Virgin Mary or God. My investigation points toward an encounter with an extraterrestrial technologically developed intelligence (ETI), who left the tilma as evidence of themselves for future generations.

To read the entire article:

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/TheGuadalupeEvent.html>

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PRG Update - June 23, 2008

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:13:40 -0400
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 10:02:00 -0400
Subject: PRG Update - June 23, 2008

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PRG Update - June 23, 2008

Censorship Rides Again - Wikipression

Media have the right to print what they want. When they choose to not write about an issue you hold dear, that is not censorship, that's First Amendment free speech. If they write about it poorly, it's not censorship, it's incompetence. Now if a third party, say the government, tells media what and how to cover an issue, THAT's censorship. As it happens the Internet has created global constructs which millions of people are sourcing. This creates new realms for censorship to manifest. Two examples involving PRG:

First Google deletes/blocks pages from the top of search results, now after two years an Administrator at Wikipedia has removed the "Exopolitics" article from the online "people's" encyclopedia. This from a publication with huge articles on Britney Spears, the Incredible Hulk and Mr. Ed (the talking horse). Efforts to get the article reinstated were rebuffed, and essentially impossible, given the absurd complexity of the process.

Wikipedia is a powerful concept. Six percent of all netizens use it. It draws upon the collective intellectual resource to create something with huge potential. Sadly, in order to deal with attendant issues such as inaccuracy, vandalism and malicious intent, operationally it has become an impenetrable, incomprehensible labyrinth populated by crypto-fascist geeks who rule over imaginary fiefdoms while hiding behind screen names.

The Administrator/CFG in this instance who deleted the "Exopolitics" article goes by the screen name "Sandstein." His home in Wikiworld is located at:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User_talk:Sandstein#Exopolitics>

He has no knowledge of exopolitics, its history or the attendant issues and his "decision" was derived from a mock consensus of a few other CFG's who know even less - a rationale based upon the premise that collective ignorance is somehow smarter than individual ignorance - a case of the arrogant leading the blind.

Google deletes the Open Letter to Senator Hillary Clinton web pages at or near the top of the search results going into the key Indiana and North Carolina primary elections, which miraculously reappear a few days after the elections are over. Now Wikipedia has deleted the "Exopolitics" article which had been in place for over three years.

Every time this kind censorship by non-governmental entities takes place PRG is going to point it out and name names. The Truth Embargo remains in place because people and organizations not only believe the government's propaganda, they step up to help enforce it.

Neither government suppression nor censorship by the likes of Google or Wikipedia will prevent the inculcation of exopolitics into the mainstream or the end to the Truth Embargo. If you believe that exopolitics should have an appropriate article in the mighty Wikipedia, feel free to convey your views to Sandstein via the above link.

Robert Bletchman
Obituary at:

<http://tinyurl.com/59cjeh>

PRG regrets the passing of Robert Bletchman. Bob was the public relations director for MUFON and an advisor to CUFOS. He organized symposia at the United Nations to advance the subject of UFO's and taught an adult education class on UFO phenomena. Bob was an activist and helped to develop the idea of UFO state ballot initiatives ten years ago along with Larry Bryant and Bruce Widaman.

He did not live long enough to witness the end of the Truth Embargo, but he helped bring it about. Our thoughts go out to his family.

PRG Launches the Exopolitics United States Network (EUSN)

<http://www.exopoliticsunitedstates.net/>
www.exopoliticsworld.net

Like the Exopolitics World Network (EWN), the EUSN will be a network of websites (which may or may not have organizations attached), one per state, which track exopolitical developments within each state, link to other exopolitical sites and whatever else the webmaster wishes to engage.

Like the EWN it is all volunteer. The only criteria required for listing on the EUSN central hub is an URL and naming protocol, i.e., www.exopoliticsmontana.us Exopolitics - Montana, www.exopoliticscalifornia.us Exopolitics - California, www.exopoliticsmissouri.us Exopolitics - Missouri.

The websites for Arizona, Florida and Georgia are in development.

PRG is looking for webmasters to create sites in the other 47 states and the District of Columbia. Preferably you are a resident of the state in question, can create a website, have some knowledge of UFO/ET issues and history. It would be your URL, your site and your project. Others who are interested but can't create a website may want to help out and will be referred to the webmaster for that state.

Only a few nations are large enough for such an intranet. They include Canada, China, India, Australia and Russia. PRG will not attempt to create intranets for those countries, but hopes others will and will use similar URL and naming protocols.

The goal is simple: to create as quickly and inexpensively as a possible a powerful presence on the Internet search returns for "Exopolitics" and build a worldwide movement to end the Truth Embargo.

If you would like to create the EUSN site for a particular state, please contact PRG ASAP.

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Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 23:15:16 +0000
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 10:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 13:53:14 +1000
>Subject: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

>Just wanted to announce that I have published a reprint of
>Jacques Vallee's hard-to-find book Messengers of Deception: UFO
>Contacts and Cults. Full details here:

><http://dailygrail.com/news/messengers-of-deception>

>Here's a snippet from Vallee's Foreword to this 2008 edition:

>"I believe that UFOs are physically real. They represent a
>fantastic technology controlled by an unknown form of
>consciousness. But I also believe that it would be dangerous to
>jump to premature conclusions about their origin and nature,
>because the phenomenon serves as the vehicle for images that can
>be manipulated to promote belief systems tending to the long-
>term transformation of human society."

Thanks, Greg for this service. I have wanted to own this book
for years.

KK

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Alien Worlds Magazine Issue 3

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 10:38:32 +0100
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 11:10:37 -0400
Subject: Alien Worlds Magazine Issue 3

Issue 3 of Alien Worlds Magazine is now published and available either on newsstands or from us at:

http://alienworldsmag.com/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=101

The magazine is on sale at a large number of retail outlets in the UK, a few across Europe, and in Barnes and Noble in the States.

The magazine's web site is <http://alienworldsmag.com>

Here are some of the articles, features and interviews to be found in this edition.

Interviews

A conversation with Greg Bishop

Greg is an outstanding and experienced observer, author and critique of the UFO field. What marks him out is his ability to think outside the box and to keep an open mind. Without any particular angle or position to hold or promote, he intelligently reads the situation in a thoroughly objective manner. He is, frankly, one of the best minds in the field and is a man I much admire.

Professor Paul Davies

It is quite a coup for Alien Worlds to have been granted an interview with Professor Paul Davies, one of the world's leading cosmologists and thinkers. Innovative, imaginative, brilliant, and an outstanding mind, this charming man runs the rule over a few of the major debates and arguments to do with the likelihood of cosmological intelligence, possible messages in our DNA, the Great Filter, life on Mars, the Earth as a computer, the Goldilocks enigma, and, amongst a host of other things, his own early interest in UFOs and the abduction phenomenon. You will need your science hat on.

Why Do I Feel Like Someone Is Watching Me?

Diana Tumminia is an American lady who is a member of the Sociologist sub species of Academicus - a tribe of Humans who secretively study the lifestyles and whims of alien worshipers. That's the likes of you and me pal. She is the editor of a book which is nothing to do with this magazine but is nevertheless called Alien Worlds. It is a large collection of essays written by a respected number of fellow members of the Academicus tribe as well as a couple of human escapees by the name of Jerome Clark and Jacques Vallee, who have all piled in to give us their observations about UFO's, contactees, alien related religions and similar.

Rich Reynolds; Ufology's Biggest Pain In The Ass

A man who attracts large dollops of odium, Rich Reynolds is the perpetual outsider who knocks on the door of UFOlogy only to spit in the face of the person who opens it for him. He perches on the fringe and throws slingshots and ridicule at those who take the subject seriously. Untroubled by the technicality of hypocrisy, 69 years old Rich blunders on in his quest to cleanse the subject of anyone over the age of 30 while remaining the person that many will not touch with a ten foot barge pole. So naturally we had to talk to him.

Life On Mars On Earth

One day Man will go to Mars. Before that happens he will need to practice a bit so the Mars Society have built these toys, sorry, Mars Desert Research Stations (MDRS) in various locations around the world for people to go and practice in. Heather Allaway, a young Canadian gal from the Science of Reproduction Faculty at Saskatchewan University went on one of these expeditions back in April. As she also has a keen interest in the problems of human reproduction in space, she was an ideal person for Alien Worlds to speak to.

Features

Cosmic Questions and Conundrums - Examining The Evidence For Alien Abduction

Starting off with the alleged Betty and Barney Hill abduction, Nigel Watson engages in an excellent and very thorough review of the phenomenon, covering every conceivable aspect of the experience that so many thousands of people have claimed to have. This is a balanced, no punches pulled article.

Ufologists swamped with Ministry of Defence (UK) data

Joe McGonagle gives us a quick general overview of the recently released MOD files of UFO sightings.

Beyond Bedtime Closets (and continental shelves) - Meet 'Angelic Aliens' And 'Monsters' [that] Ink!

Instead of looking upwards for his aliens, Nick Parkins turns his gaze downwards beneath the oceans and examines some of the weird life and organisms that we never see. When you remember that two thirds of the surface of this planet is liquid, Nick takes us down, down, down, into a beautiful and slightly scary world of beauty and majesty that is only matched by the poetic style of his prose.

Hypothetical Model for Space Travel with Medieval Level Technology

Daniel Schilling is a one off. I'll be honest and say that for the first five minutes after I originally came across his writings, I thought he was off his trolley. That thought lasted as long as it took to realise that behind the madness was a genius who made me smile. He started a blog on the Internet called How I discovered that Romans used to live on Mars in which he alleged that they managed to get there in wooden sailing ships, and it soon became obvious that we were heading off into the land of epic narrative. In this specially written piece, Daniel expands upon his thinking.

UFOs, Sonic Booms, F-16s and an Earthquake

On Wednesday 16th April this year, a series of loud explosions and earthquake like tremors accompanied by reports of strange lights and fireballs were seen and felt in Kokomo, Indiana, panicking the local residents and prompting a flood of 911 calls to the emergency services. Inevitably, a massive search was launched but nothing was found. Confused and concerned, local folk began to suspect the air force who thoughtfully issued a statement. And it was at that point that things started to go a little funny. Frank Warren reports.

Readers Articles

Yet again two outstanding articles by, gentlemen take note, two women! In the first, S.J. Porter runs the rule over Sex and (its) Consequences in Space. In a witty and remarkably insightful piece, S.J. casts her eye a few years into the future and finds that some things still remain the same.

In the meanwhile, my old friend Kithra runs riot with the Cumberland Spaceman and the Ilkley Moor alien, and just for good measure, there's a large rubber Frenchman thrown in as well. Thank you both ladies and a message to you all: I sit here all day waiting for you lot to do my job and write this magazine for me. Please send me articles.

Warminster - The Forgotten Enigma

It's true that the Warminster phenomenon was conveniently forgotten about for many years, but thanks to Steve Dewey and Kevin Goodman, we seem to have made up for it in recent times. And quite rightly so. A strange mixture of a charismatic figure, a town gripped with fear, strange lights in the sky and something called "The Thing" rampant along the village lanes, this sleepy Wiltshire town was suddenly catapulted to national fame. In a revised and updated article, Kevin Goodman recounts the details of what happened from a personal perspective.

Opinion

Above And Beyond

Award winning columnist Paul Kimball combines his love or travelling and his interest in UFOs and takes us on a tour of The Seven Wonders of the Ufological World, revealing in his choices symmetrical beauty, oddness, mystery and a brush of wackiness.

Rob Bignell

Our Rob picks up a great big flat and soggy wet fish and whacks Professor Andrew Watson of East Anglia University full in the face with it as he refutes the points that the Proff raised in his recent paper on The Great Filter, in which he alleges that the chances of finding other intelligent life elsewhere in the Universe are not very high.

Why do I bother?

Regular columnist Joe McGonagle explains what drew him in to the subject of UFOs and why, as a self respecting sceptic, he still stays, by highlighting some intriguing cases involving sightings by children.

The Round Files: The Really, Really Secret Mission of Apollo 18

We are very pleased to extend a warm welcome to Las Vegas new columnist Daniel Brenton who, like me, likes to push your buttons a little. Very dry, you'll need to be on your toes and awake with this one.

Brittany Babakioff

The brightest and most exciting new star in the glittering world of cosmological clutter, Brittany is a breadth of fresh air that is untinged by the bitterness and cynicism that befall wizened old hacks like myself. Here she recounts in detail her recent visit to her first UFO conference at Landers in Southern California where she attended the Retro UFO 3 Convention held at the Integratron.

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 21:18:15 +1000
Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 11:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:09:19 EDT
>Subject: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>The book Messengers Of Deception, by Jacques Vallee was a
>masterpiece in fact, a masterful propaganda tract, sharing
>kinship with the multiple propaganda efforts by the hired
>spinners of the intelligence agencies, attempting to convince
>many UFO researchers that most of the flaps and sightings of
>late 50's and 60's, were due to spy planes flying at high
>altitude near the Mach or beyond.

Hi there,

(Far be it from me to speak on behalf of Dr Vallee - I only published the book - but I do have some opinions of my own. So what follows is exactly that.)

Are you sure you've read the book? If so, I suggest taking off whatever filter you're using, because the above paragraph is palpable nonsense. Indeed, a large portion of the book is about being cautious of the propaganda of intelligence agencies or other 'messengers of deception'.

>The contrast couldn't be greater. Something intervened or
>changed this researcher in a mind-bending and in the direction
>of exhibiting the very behavior and thinking he excoriates in
>others. Invoking murky "control systems" and a neglect and
>dismissal of the massive amount hard data, from interaction with
>physical craft, to the multiple crash retrieval mountain of
>data, with probable ET databases decrypted even translated
>terabytes of archived details off of these fallible far off
>vehicles.

Firstly, there is no dismissal of hard data. Indeed Vallee puts a premium on such. He only cautions to show skepticism when investigating the topic.

Secondly, perhaps it's worth not descending into the hyperbole of "multiple crash retrieval mountain of data, with probably ET databases decrypted even translated terabytes of archived details." Unless you have some evidence to back that up? Because otherwise, you are simply proving Dr Vallee's point - that people often swallow UFO stories whole without an ounce of critical thinking.

>I only have one request. That the worshippers at the church of
>Vallee get off their knees of lazy acceptance and just read line
>by line what Vallee is actually saying.

My advice might be for you to do the same. You seem to be angry at this book because it goes against your belief system, and as such you're imposing your own filter on it. Because your analysis of the message of the book is not only ass-backwards, it even actually goes a long way to confirming much of Vallee's suggestions...

Kind regards,

Greg

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Archived: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 11:09:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 08:20:07 -0600
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Michael,

<snip>

>This is not a substantive argument against the ETH.

>The universe and all life in it could have been created over
>the course of seven days by an omnipotent being 6000 years ago.
>Does this point out the weakness of modern cosmology?

>It is not sufficient that alternative theories are
>conceivable... they must be weighted according to plausibility.
>Do you consider angels, super-humans, etc., on equal footing
>with the ETH in this regard? If not, then in what sense do these
>alternatives indicate weakness in the ETH?

I'm not actually trying to argue against the ETH, but against
the assertion that there is sufficient evidence to prove the
case for the ETH in a court (according to Ray's initial post).

Unfortunately, as I write Ray has still not defined what he
means by 'ET' in his post, so I don't actually know if he
includes angels in that definition.

I would argue that there is as much anecdotal (modern and
historical) evidence for angels as there is for the ETH, yet I
don't believe that either could be proven in court (depending on
how narrow or broad the definition of ET is). If ET just means
'something strange' then yes, there is enough evidence. If it
means sentience from another planet, then I disagree - there is
the same evidence for that as there is for angels.

Regards,

Joe

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>The group's identity is unknown but it exists. You conceded this
>point with your agreement for the UFO case. After all some group
>is responsible for the UFO presence.

Sorry, you're right, I assumed that you were hinting at some
global-conspiracy style group due to the implication that a
single group is responsible for all such sightings.

>I believe there is also enough evidence to conclude that they
>(meaning the creators of UFOs) are extraterrestrial or extra-
>dimensional. Your point that they could be something else is
>relevant and worth discussion. Why play devils advocate and draw
>this out. Please state your case.

Quite simply, whether the case for 'ET' would stand up in court
is dependent on the definition of 'ET'. Most people would assume
that it means a sentience from another planet - if that is the
definition that Ray intended, then I would disagree with him. The
broader that you define 'ET' the easier it would be to prove in
court, because then you could assimilate evidence of a wide range
of phenomena and postulated phenomena to support the case.

This is one of the reasons that I suspect people supporting the
ETH (as in coming from other planets) generally avoid being
specific, eg comments like 'read the literature' when challenged
to provide examples that demonstrate the reality of the ETH.

>The point is that the evidence is already strong enough to
>conclude UFOs are real and that one can simply infer someone or
>something made them without getting into whom at this juncture.
>Of course that inquiry is important but not from the standpoint
>that enough is already known to demand action from our
>governments, universities, etc.

I don't dispute that Unidentified Flying Objects are real. I have
never claimed that they are or even are not from other planets -
I don't know either way and I don't know how anyone (even direct
experiencers) can know.

>Your point that the establishments would argue that they already
>have may be correct in some cases. However, their inquiries were
>either window dressing for the public or covert and the
>conclusions hidden. They should not be allowed to get away with
>that argument.

My view is that for whatever reason (most likely self-inflicted
by ufologists IMO) the authorities were unwilling to give serious
consideration to the identification of UFOs.

>My point is that it is time for Ufology to incorporate the
>investigative into activism. It is time to present the case and
>I do not mean just write another book or examine another video.

>I mean with a real activism campaign. How about a million
>man/women march?

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How do we divest ourselves of the crank factions? That is the first (apparently insuperable) obstacle IMO.

>I know this post will be judged by some as naive or worse, but
>it must be said again and again until things change.

Cheers,

Joe

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Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance]

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:46:27 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:17:44 -0400
Subject: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance]

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

<snip>

>>Here's parts of the list...

>All very interesting, truly. But I have read every word of
>Charles Fort. At the moment I would like to get to the solid
>ground for your claim that Bonilla's objects, in particular,
>prove the existence of extraterrestrial UFOs.

The strangeness of the sighting by Bonilla must be compatible with a massive number of objects crossing the sky for at least 24 hours, as he saw the same phenomenon on both August 12th and 13th, 1883. This is why the bird (migration?) hypothesis must be considered seriously.

Bonilla published his note in the Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of France, September 1885. In the issue corresponding to October 1886, Jacques L'E9otard, from the Flammarion Scientific Society Observatory at Marseille, describes another set of similar observations (passage of black corpuscles in front of the Sun) on August 30, 1886. This time he confirms it were birds, with no speck of doubt.

Regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Wedding Sparked Cop Chopper UFO Alert?

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Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:22:43 -0400
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Source: BBC News - London, UK

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/7471724.stm

Tuesday, 24 June 2008

[Pictures of actual lantern at site]

Wedding Couple Sparked UFO Alert

Special glow lanterns set off at a wedding could have been mistaken for a UFO by police officers in a helicopter.

The three-man crew spotted an unusual object in the sky above St Athan on 8 June in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It made headlines around the world but it was only when newlyweds Lucy and Lyn Thomas saw reports on honeymoon that they realised what could have happened. The lanterns were lit in Cowbridge and floated off towards St Athan, close to an RAF base and Cardiff airport.

"There's no doubt in my mind it was our lanterns," said Mr Thomas, 30, a salesman from Llantwit Major in the Vale of Glamorgan.

"We went on the internet on our honeymoon in Turkey and saw a report about this UFO. I thought, 'oh no, it was exactly the same time and I remember they were going straight towards St Athan way'."

The couple first saw the glow lanterns at the Glastonbury festival last year and thought they would make an ideal alternative to fireworks for their "mini festival" wedding party for 150 guests in a field near Cowbridge.

Mr Thomas bought 100 lanterns on an internet auction site and set off about 30 - with guests making wishes - from about 2300 BST on 7 June until 0200 BST on 8 June.

"I can see how they'd look like UFOs. They are about 2ft 6in (0.79m) high and are paper lanterns with a wax ball underneath.

"You light them and they inflate and float off - exactly the same principle as a hot air balloon," said Mr Thomas, who said he checked aviation regulations and made sure the lanterns were set off five miles away from Cardiff International Airport.

"You can't judge their size [in the air] because they're so bright. They just look like a big ball of light. When you light them they just go up and up and up."

"Strangely enough we saw them in Glastonbury last year and sat there for hours trying to work out what they were."

Wedding guest Geraint James, from Llantwit Major, said he did

not think about the connection between the lanterns and the UFO sightings until his newlywed friends rang him on Tuesday after returning from their honeymoon.

"They rang me and said 'do you realise that was probably us?' It was the exact time we set them off," he said.

"A few people had said they looked like UFOs, kind of spooky as they floated off.

"I read about the UFO on the BBC website and saw it had had coverage in India and in the New York Times. It made us laugh. I suppose this sheds a bit of light."

The police helicopter crew reported seeing the UFO at about 0040 BST on 8 June but could not capture any images before the object vanished over the Bristol Channel.

South Wales Police said the helicopter did not give chase and described the crew as very experienced. The sighting has been reported for investigation.

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UK Police Helicopter Captures 'UFO' On Video

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Subject: UK Police Helicopter Captures 'UFO' On Video

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[Video at site]

UK Police Helicopter Captures 'UFO' On film

Raw video:June 08/08:Recently released footage:Welsh police confirmed that one of their helicopter crews had spotted an "unusual aircraft" flying over Cardiff earlier this month.

An investigation into the sighting had been launched, they said.

The police clarification came after tabloid newspaper The Sun reported a UFO had "attacked" a police helicopter, following it for several miles over the Bristol Channel.

"The pilot banked sharply to avoid being hit, then launched into a high-speed pursuit. But he was forced to give up the chase as the helicopter's fuel ran low - and the UFO escaped," the tabloid reported.

The helicopter crew had described the object as "flying saucer-shaped and circled by flashing lights," it added.

That description was rather more dramatic than the official police version, which said: "South Wales Police can confirm its air support unit sighted an unusual aircraft.

"This was reported to the relevant authorities for their investigation," they added in a brief statement, avoiding the use of the term 'UFO', or Unidentified Flying Object.

At the time of the incident, the helicopter with three men on board was waiting to land at the St Athan RAF base near Cardiff. The sighting reportedly took place at 00:40 am (23:40 GMT) on June 8.

South Wales Police denied there was a pursuit and indicated that the helicopter crew was never in any danger.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said it had heard nothing about the incident.

"But it is certainly not advisable for police helicopters to go chasing what they think are UFOs," he added.

Terry

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First you say "we are all 'cranks'". Then, "How do we divest
ourselves of the crank factions?". Sounds like an existential
crisis in the making.

William

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Literature Precedents To UFO Crashes

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Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 16:20:28 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 13:32:00 -0400
Subject: Literature Precedents To UFO Crashes

Not exactly a crash, but the story of a =E2=80=9Cmass=E2=80=9D found on a Paleozoic terrain, a sort of aerolite, ovoid-shaped, 45x30 yards (41x27 meters), covered by a black enamel, inside of which it was found a mummified small being of 4 feet long (1,2 meters), wrapped on a lime's shroud, with very long arms arriving beyond his thighs.

This story develops in a book under the title of Un Habitante Del Planeta Marte - An Inhabitant from Planet Mars, by Enrique de Parville, published in Madrid, Spain, 1868! Obviously a work of fiction.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:31:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>That's good, Ray. Then please will you explain, as I requested,
>how you believe Bonilla made the determination of 242,000km by
>means of focusing his telescope eyepiece?

Calm down Martin, anyone would think you were angry that the
Bonilla case exists.

Try:

<http://tinyurl.com/68egas>

which should be a translation of some observations about the
Bonilla case. The original is at:

<http://www.perspectivas.com.mx/in/ovnisbonilla2.htm>

You should find this translated quote from Bonilla -

"In order to verify indirectly the approximate distance it was
in this swarm of bodies, carefully prepared the form of the
lens, the equatorial and a silver mirror lens Eddy 0.10 m in
diameter and what went on the record Solar and on the bodies,
while at night I was able to steer this system also towards the
planets and the moon, which had been in the first quarter over
the past two days. Without changing the focus of the system,
only the Moon noted with sharpness.

This fact, coupled with the invisibility of the phenomenon in
Mexico and Puebla or elsewhere, makes me think that these bodies
were coming to Earth, to a lesser distance than the moon, and
that its parallax was significant for that reason Mexico and
Puebla were projected outside the solar disc." - end of quote.

It seems Bonilla made further experiments to check the focus,
leading him to refine his estimate from "not more than 300,000
kms" to "242,000 kms", about three quarters of the Moon's
distance.

Cheers,

Ray D

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sat, 21 Jun 2008 16:42:58 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Police Helicopter Chases UFO

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>>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1315843.ece>

>>Thanks for the Sun's URL. What's your opinion of the Sun; they a
>>tabloid or a respected newspaper?

>Most certainly in the 'tabloid' category.

I can't place the chopper in the illustration [I use an
accelerator on my dial-up and it degrades the images] bu8t I can
make out the registration on the tail. Is that valid? If so I'll
have to give them points for ferreting that out-unless, of
course, it is a popular and visible police helicopter familiar to
the local media.

>>Certainly is a lot in there that is either fabricated by the Sun
>>or not. Somebody's lying.

>>Also this: The MoD, which usually investigates UFO sightings,
>>said:

>>"We've heard nothing about this. But it is certainly not
>>advisable for police helicopters to go chasing what they think
>>are UFOs."

>>Why not? What an odd thing to say. It was obviously a UFO
>>because the police didn't know what the hell it was. Even the
>>MoD can't get that UFO abbreviation right. If the MoD thinks
>>these things are not a threat to national security maybe the
>>police figure they should take a shot at it:)

>I suspect that there are a few issues here. Firstly, according
>to the South Wales Police (SWP) press office, the 'saucer'
>description was a fabrication, they used the term 'unusual
>aircraft'.

I suspect the police pilot didn't call it a "flying saucer".
Nothing wrong with the UFO apeelate if used in context. Unusual
aircraft [wonder what that measns?] or whatever it was it was an
unknown, and obviously still unidentified.

>That being so, and if the proximity to the helicopter is more or
>less as described, an AIRPROX report should have been generated.

Depends how it was followed through by the pilot of his co-pilot if there was one. Their first instinct would have been to call whoever was controlling them and asked re aircraft their vicinity. They might have mentioned they had had an unusual encounter. If so that can't be ignored. I assume you went after the air-to-ground recordings and the radar recordings.

>It also seems probable that a report will have been made to the >RAF Provost and Security Squadron (Low Flying Complaints flight) >since it took place over or near a military airfield (which was >reportedly closed for operations other than the police >helicopter).

If it was closed then likely no contact was made with them but some ther TRACON. who was handling their traffic. That's not unusual for military air force bases to shut down operations afte 7PM local or so.

>This may be where any confusion has arisen within >the MoD, since DAS (the UFO desk) would not necessarily be aware >of the P&SS report at the time. A report may also have been sent >to Counter-Terrorism and UK Operations which has absorbed the >function of the Air Force Operations Room.

A protocol of course but probably not a "terrorism " event. Waste of resource to be blunt.

>This leads me to another point - the confusion over the date.

>The newspaper articles refer to the event having occurred on the >7th June, but the SWP say it was at 00:40 on the 8th June. >Generally speaking, the police work in local time which is >currently an hour ahead of GMT.

Daylight saving time, I assume even though Cardiff looks like it falls into the zone of the Prime Meridian

>The military and the CAA >generally operate in GMT. This leads me to suspect that the leak >to the media originated from the CAA or the military, since the >event would have been recorded by them as occurring at 23:40 GMT >on 7th June.

>Another curious detail in the Sun article is "They [the air >crew] reported it to senior officers, who passed on the report >to Britain's UFO investigators".

This was the only report they made or another report to their superiors? The CAA regs would require them to report an AirProx whether they are police or not. The pilot isn't immune from the CAA regulations. They issued his license.

>If, as it appears, the event was not reported to Britain's >'official' (MoD) UFO investigators, it may be that it was >reported to one or more civilian investigators.

Yeah? That's different. I've had police reports to myself, usually by one officer who has not reported to higher authority.

>I am also intrigued by the anonymity of the source of the >report. It is as if they realised the inaccuracy of the details >provided to the press, and didn't want to be directly associated >with the exaggerated reports.

Thing is who reported the inaccuracies.

>Another factor which requires attention is how it disseminated >so quickly - The Sun published it's 'exclusive' on 20th June. It >appeared in the Telegraph, and the Metro on the same day, and by >10:00 it had world coverage. This suggests to me someone behind >the scenes, feeding the story to the media, exaggerating the >details and remaining anonymous.

Don't under estimate the power of those ridiculous words "flying saucer" in conjunction with a police helicopter.

>This could take some unravelling, it will be interesting to see >what spins out of it all.

Well when you nail it down'Joe, I'd appreciate a heads up.

Don Ledger

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11th Anniversary Of USAF 'Final Report'

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Source: The Air Force Times - Springfield,VA,USA

http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/06/airforce_roswell_062408w/

Jun 24, 2008

Air Force Closes The Book On UFO Reports

11 years ago, today, the following story appeared in Air Force Times. For years, people had wondered if U.S. government, and specifically, the Air Force had hidden secrets of a UFO crash in New Mexico.

Bunk, they said.

And they made it official.

Read on:

The Air Force wants its June 24 report disproving UFO sightings in Roswell, N.M., to clear up any possible mystery on the subject: The 231-page "Roswell Report" is subtitled "Case Closed."

"We're confident that this will be the final word", said Col. John Haynes, the deputy chief of the Air Force secretary's declassification and review team at the Pentagon.

But if the slew of telephone calls the Air Force received in reaction to the report indicates anything, it's that to many UFO believers the Roswell case is far from closed.

"Most of the public is claiming that they still think something is out there", said Staff Sgt. Donna Burgess, an Air Force community-relations officer at the Pentagon. "I had a couple of people just screaming at me that we weren't telling the truth."

The truth, according to the Air Force, is that the alien bodies that witnesses reported seeing removed from a crash site in the New Mexico desert near Roswell Army Air Field - closed since 1967 - were really anthropomorphic dummies used in high-altitude crash experiments in the mid-1950s.

The dummies seemed to match the witnesses' descriptions of bald, four-foot tall beings with blank expressions, pale skin and holes for ears. Although they were rarely seen by the public in 1947, two such dummies - Vince and Larry - now star in the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's "Buckle Your Safety Belt" campaign.

The creature that one witness reported to have seen walking into a Roswell hospital was probably a man who in 1959 was hit on the head by a balloon gondola and suffered a massive hematoma, according to the report.

"The injury that caused (Capt. Dan) Fulgham's head to swell,

resembling the classic science-fiction alien head, makes this account (and some others) that at first appeared to be the work of over-active imaginations, seem possible", the report says.

The flying saucers witnesses reported seeing in 1947 were explained away by the Air Force in 1994 as the metallic parts of a weather balloon used for a then-classified reconnaissance mission.

The report goes on with hundreds of pages of events that, the Air Force says, explain various witness accounts. But that gives many people fodder to be skeptical of the Air Force. The Air Force is claiming that witnesses are combining the sightings of the balloon in 1947 with the sightings of the dummies in the mid-1950s with the sightings of the hematoma victim in 1953 - and mixing them up into one memory.

"You find that if people talk about things over a period of time, they begin to lose exactly when the date was", Haynes said.

Dennis Balthaser, a "certified UFO investigator", does not buy that explanation.

"I believe it's the biggest insult to the intelligence of the American people to come along in 50 years. There are too many holes in it. The testing of the dummies was years after the Roswell incident", said Balthaser, the operations manager of the International UFO Museum and Research Center in Roswell. "The report is looked at by all the people I've talked to as outright garbage."

His is the sentiment of most of the people who have called the Air Force to request a copy of the report, according to Burgess.

"I haven't gotten any calls saying, 'We believe your report'", Burgess said. "They all say, 'We do not believe your idea of weather balloons and dummies.'"

According to Burgess, the "Case Closed" report has fanned the ire of UFO enthusiasts.

"Before the report came out, we just got requests for UFO fact sheets", she said.

The Air Force provides, at no charge, a one-page explanation about UFOs, which can be found on its home page at <http://www.af.mil>. The "Roswell Report" is not available through the Air Force. People who want a copy, Burgess has explained to hundreds of people, must call the Government Printing Office.

"I've been swamped by requests for the report", she said. "But the Air Force provided free copies only to the media."

Gloria Cales, an Air Force spokeswoman, also handles queries about Roswell. She is supposed to deal only with news organizations, but sometimes other calls slip through.

"One lady called me and said that she has aliens living in her back yard", Cales said. "It's very hard to get people like that off the phone. I sat and listened to her and then went through my normal pitch."

Project Blue Book

Cales tells UFO witnesses to report any sightings to their local police department. The Air Force no longer takes reports because "Project Blue Book is over."

Project Blue Book was the Air Force's investigation into extraterrestrial life. The project began in 1947 and ended in 1969.

"Out of 12,618 reports from the public, only 701 could not be explained", Cales said. "The conclusion was that none of these UFOs gave any indication of threat to our national security."

Balthaser said that the conclusion of the project in 1969 gave him even more reason to doubt the new "Roswell Report."

"They say they've done nothing with UFOs since they closed Blue

Book", he said.

"And yet they want us to believe a 1997 report (on the subject.)"

But he was happy to hear that Haynes, who presented the report during a Pentagon news conference, had fielded questions about Area 51, officially known as Groom Lake. That is a secret military site north of Nellis Air Force Base near Las Vegas.

The Air Force is rumored to be conducting experiments on aliens at this location. Stories of such experiments led screenwriters of the movie "Independence Day" to develop a subplot in which Americans used an alien spacecraft stored in Area 51 to fight off aliens who were attacking Earth.

When a reporter asked him about the veracity of Area 51, Haynes said he assumed the reporter was talking about Groom Lake and replied, "There's classified stuff going on there, but I don't know anything about it."

"Hmmp", Balthaser said when he heard of Haynes' response.

"At least they're admitting it exists. That's a start."

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South Wales Police Statement On 'UFO'

From: **Thiago Luiz Ticchetti** <ticchetti.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:06:40 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 14:39:00 -0400
Subject: South Wales Police Statement On 'UFO'

Hello Friends,

I received this e-mail from the South Wales Police.

I think that it is what everybody received...

Hi Thiago

Please find below all the information we are releasing regarding this incident.

Many thanks,

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A South Wales Police spokesperson said:

"South Wales Police can confirm the South & East Wales Air Support Unit sighted an unusual aircraft. This was reported to the relevant authorities for their investigation. In today's skies, there are a wide variety of aircrafts which come in a range of different shapes and sizes and in all probability, this sighting has just confirmed that one of these was in the area at the relevant time."

Extra information:

**It was not a flying saucer and has not been described as so.

**the helicopter did not chase it.

**the police helicopter was not attacked.

**The unusual aircraft did not speed straight at the helicopter.

** The helicopter did not have to swerve sharply to avoid being hit and the crew would not have been "dead" as stated in The Sun.

**The helicopter did not follow it, or chase it, across the Bristol Channel and the North Devon coast.

**we haven't confirmed any of the details in The Sun story and a lot of the details are inaccurate.

**The South & East Wales Air Support Unit is a facility shared between South Wales Police and Gwent Police.

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The Sun "Alien Army"

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 15:40:00 -0400
Subject: The Sun "Alien Army"

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece>

Wednesday, June 25

[See side-bars & video at site]

Alien Army

A shaken soldier told last night how he saw thirteen UFOs spinning in the skies above his military barracks.

Corporal Mark Proctor was among three squaddies who spotted the objects while out on night patrol.

He filmed them on his mobile phone and reported the close encounter to Army top brass.

Ministry of Defence experts were studying his report and video yesterday - after ordering Mark and his pals NOT to say anything else about the incident.

The sighting, at Tern Hill barracks near Market Drayton, Shrops, came two hours before helicopter police officers reported an encounter with a huge craft 80 miles away near Cardiff.

And three hours before a couple claimed they were followed by a strange light in the sky along the A5 near Shrewsbury.

Yesterday further mind-boggling evidence emerged as dog walker Bonnie Lewis, 29, told how she filmed seven UFOs at Bromsgrove, Worcs, last Friday.

To see the amazing footage of Bonnie's alien encounter click on the multimedia link for Saturday night lights, below right.

Cpl Proctor, 38, of the 1st Battalion Irish Regiment, recalled how he saw the amazing "craft" just after 11pm on Saturday, June 7.

He said: "I was on duty in the guard room when the other boys outside began shouting. I went out to see what the commotion was about and could see thirteen craft in the skies.

"They were zig-zagging, but I filmed two before they disappeared. They were like rotating cubes with multiple colours.

"I made a full report to my commanding officers and gave them my footage. The other lads were as amazed by it as I was."

A 19-year-old private on patrol said he also saw the "fleet".

The soldier, who asked not to be named, said: "I saw these things flying in the sky and I told my guard commander.

"There were about 30 lights passing over for a few minutes, very high but not at a great speed. They were bright red. Another soldier saw them too."

An MoD spokesman said: "We deal with any UFO sightings to see if there was a military threat."

The Sun told last week how helicopter cops were confronted by an object as they attempted to land at their base near Cardiff the same night.

Cabaret duo Katy Cunnion and Russell Quinn claimed they were pursued by the light in the sky for nearly an hour at lam the following morning.

And last night Bonnie told of seeing cylinder-shaped craft.

She said: "They weren't from this world. They made no sound and had flashing dots inside."

a.parker.nul-sun.co.uk

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Re: Distance Calculations

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:47:54 +0100
Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 15:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 19:13:55 +0100
>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

>>July 31st, 1896:

>>At Smith Observatory, U.S.A., astronomers noticed a dark circular
>>disc-shaped object going across the moon's surface very quickly,
>>timed at about four seconds, which should prove its closeness
>>to Earth.

>Just a mention - using that timing to judge distance means making
>a perhaps unwarranted assumption: that the UFO's speed must be
>limited to those we can achieve.

Ray,

You cannot use the timing to judge distance, period. It could
have been a giant body half way to the moon with a velocity
transverse to the line of sight (7.5arcmin/sec) of about 80,000
mph. Or it could have been a little balloon at 10,000ft
travelling at 15 mph, i.e. wind speed.

The remark that the angular rate tends to "prove closeness to
the Earth" interpreted in the context of astronomy in 1896
indicates that they thought it unlikely to be a body in space
(i.e. some newly discovered near-Earth asteroid) and more likely
to be an object within the atmosphere, i.e. a balloon. Nothing
here proves - or even really suggests - your interpretation of a
spaceship under power.

Martin Shough

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:14:53 +0200
Archived: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 15:44:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 21:18:15 +1000
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:09:19 EDT
>>Subject: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>The book Messengers Of Deception, by Jacques Vallee was a
>>masterpiece in fact, a masterful propaganda tract, sharing
>>kinship with the multiple propaganda efforts by the hired
>>spinners of the intelligence agencies, attempting to convince
>>many UFO researchers that most of the flaps and sightings of
>>late 50's and 60's, were due to spy planes flying at high
>>altitude near the Mach or beyond.

<snip>

>Firstly, there is no dismissal of hard data. Indeed Vallee puts
>a premium on such. He only cautions to show skepticism when
>investigating the topic.

Greg,

We could test his approach to hard data. I suggest that you ask
Jacques Vallee his opinion on a case like Minot AFB, October
1968.

A big, glowing, UFO hovering at low altitude during a couple of
hours just above the missile silos of that base.

From memory, about twenty witnesses have ben traced by the Sign
Historical Group, including the copilot Bradford Runyon of the
B-52 bomber which flew over it, and who was interviewed in the
ABC show "Seing is believing". If Vallee is not familiar with
the case, tell him to ask Thomas Tulien, for instance.

How does Vallee interpret that? A fake UFO staged by the
mysterious control force to make us believe in extraterrestrials
and hide its true nature?

Same question to Paul Kimball, by the way.

Gildas Bourdais

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UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:49:35 EDT
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 06:57:47 -0400
Subject: UK Military Probing UFO Video

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece>

This story is getting hotter by the minute.

Looks like the invasion is in full effect over the UK and let's all pitch in and help good ol' Nick Pope in whatever fashion we can. This is his territory and his field investigation and we all know what a stand up guy Nick is.

I'm handling an emergency at home. I'll be helping out if I can too.

Nick Pope, if you get this message in time, please let us know how we can help you out.

Best,

Greg
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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:46:06 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 07:01:43 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Evolbaby.nul
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:49:35 EDT
>Subject: UK Military Probing UFO Video

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>us know how we can help you out.

Greg,

Many thanks. I've been working with The Sun (the UK's best-selling national daily newspaper) on this. They're taking it seriously and have further UFO news stories and features planned.

Best wishes,

Nick Pope

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Strange Lights Over Liverpool UK

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 12:35:15 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 07:07:15 -0400
Subject: Strange Lights Over Liverpool UK

List,

Are there any UFO researchers in or around Liverpool who have taken a look at this case?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/7472310.stm>

Video at site...

God the the BBC are trapped in a time warp with their production thoughts... vis the X-Files music on the page.

Roy

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Britain Faces Calls For UFO Inquiry

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:12:11 -0400
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:12:11 -0400
Subject: Britain Faces Calls For UFO Inquiry

Source: Radio Telefis Eirenin - Donnybrook, Dublin, Ireland

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2008/0625/ufo.html>

Wednesday, 25 June 2008

Britain Faces Calls For UFO Inquiry

The British ministry of defence today faced calls to launch an official inquiry into a series of UFO sightings, including one filmed by a soldier on night patrol.

UFO experts believe the incidents, which happened in south Wales earlier this month, are 'particularly significant' because they included observations made by the crew of a police helicopter and military personnel.

The ministry confirmed today that it had been handed footage captured on a mobile phone by a corporal on guard duty at Tern Hill barracks, near Market Drayton, Shropshire, on 7 June.

Corporal Mark Proctor told The Sun newspaper that he witnessed a 'fleet' of objects zig-zagging across the sky at about 11pm.

The 38-year-old soldier, a member of the 1st Battalion Irish Regiment, said: 'I was on duty in the guard room when the other boys outside began shouting.

'I went out to see what the commotion was about and could see 13 craft in the skies. They were like rotating cubes with multiple colours.'

Former UFO expert at the British ministry of defence Nick Pope said that an inquiry to establish what had been seen by the witnesses was vital.

Mr Pope said: 'Something quite extraordinary does seem to be going on in British air space at the moment.

'There has got to be an official inquiry into all this and we need a senior air force officer to take personal charge and oversee the inquiry.'

Radar tapes, as well as footage of the incidents, should be examined as part of the investigation, said Mr Pope, who added: 'It's indisputable that something was seen - the very fact that it was seen by military personnel over a military base makes it a national security incident.'

A British army spokesman declined to comment in detail on the sightings at Tern Hill.

'The ministry examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity,' the spokesman said.

'Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported.'

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UFOs Sighted Over Army Barracks

Ministry of Defence officials are investigating after an army corporal reported seeing a UFO in the skies over Shropshire. Corporal Mark Proctor was on night patrol with two colleagues at Tern Hill Barracks, near Market Drayton, when he claimed he saw 13 cube-shaped "craft" in the sky, zig-zagging from side-to-side.

Corporal Proctor, from the First Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment, said the lights, which were bright red, passed over the barracks very high, but not at a great speed.

Ministry of Defence spokeswoman Belinda Steele said MoD staff were investigating the incident purely to check there was no threat to the barracks.

She said: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity.

"If required, sighting reports are examined with the assistance of the Department's air defence experts. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported. "

No one from the Royal Irish Regiment was available to comment.

A similar sight over south Shropshire was also reported early today. Martin Curtis, of Dorrington, near Shrewsbury, says he spotted a huge bright light with a couple of smaller ones hovering over Caer Caradoc, Church Stretton, between 1am and 2am.

He said: "It stayed hovering in the sky for about an hour."

A national newspaper also reported that two hours after the Tern Hill sighting, a Shropshire couple claimed to have "been followed" by strange lights along the A5 near Shrewsbury.

There were also reports a huge unidentified object rising from the ground towards a police helicopter in Cardiff at 12.40am on Sunday June 8 and photographs of alleged UFOs taken by a woman in Bromsgrove on Friday June 20.

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Subject: As Seen From BUFORA's Chair

Source: BUFORA - London, UK

<http://www.bufora.org.uk/>

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As Seen From The Chair
Robert Rosamond
BUFORA Chair

We recently received a complimentary copy of Stuart Millar's new newsstand publication Alien Worlds, followed some time later by a phone call from Stuart expressing his 'disappointment' - he definitely wasn't happy- that we hadn't yet featured a review of his magazine. Subsequently prompted by the arrival of yet another complimentary copy, of issue number two this time, we have been suitably shamed into finally mentioning it! It is definitely a very well put together journal and clearly a personal and glossy romp through those issues that fascinate Stuart most. On balance it deserves to find favour amongst those of us who, like Stuart, enjoy looking at the UFO phenomenon from a much broader and more thought provoking perspective. The fact that he's doing it all by himself impresses me no end quite frankly and certainly deserves respect and support from the ufological community for a gutsy endeavour with, lets face it, no guarantees at the end of it all. A long overdue review of Alien Worlds and details relating to subscription etc. can be found on the news and reviews page on this site.

Given that I'm largely uninterested in the overblown hype and publicity surrounding the release of UFO files from the Ministry of Defence's dusty archives at the best of times, the use of the word 'uninvestigated' did, on this particular occasion however, make it somewhat more interesting from a speculative point of view. As has been the case in the past, this latest example of the ministry trying to play 'Honest John' certainly came close to forcing us to strap ourselves to the mast in an effort to avoid being washed overboard by the endless waves of gushingly enthusiastic press releases and quotes that crashed over the decks of the good ship Ufology. Instigated, so I'm led to believe, largely through the efforts of Dave Clarke and Joe McGonagle and others, the ministry ultimately intend releasing some 160 files amongst which will be those allegedly uninvestigated cases.

Call me suspicious or perhaps even cynical, but something just isn't quite ringing true here, coming as it does from the absolute masters of secrecy, deception and dishonesty. Are we seriously being asked to believe that what is probably the most anally secretive organisation in the world is about to turn over a new leaf and adopt a policy of total openness concerning the UFO issue by offering civilian UFO buffs and enthusiasts an as yet undetermined percentage of uninvestigated cases sent to them by the public since 1978? The undertone here of course is that in taking such a casual gamble with uninvestigated files ufologists just might come up with enough material amongst them

to further the argument of a UFO reality or at the very least add weight to the fact that a genuine but unknown phenomenon of some kind from an equally unknown origin(s) actually exists.

On face value perhaps such a suggestion shouldn't raise too many eyebrows, coming from a government noted for its history of spectacular policy U-turns, and I suppose if we all slip into a altered state of mind for a moment or two, then we indeed might just fleetingly begin to believe what the Ministry of Defence is suggesting. The problem is that we're not going slip into a collective altered state of mind (well, most of us anyway, as there are of course exceptions to every situation) anytime soon and as a result surely cannot be expected to accept such unadulterated rubbish being uttered by the ministry. They assert that they are gradually releasing "all" their UFO files; I somehow find that doubtful, for different (and understandable) reasons. May I suggest that they are releasing all their safe, sanitised files, suitable for public consumption. Any hint that a real "unknown", of any provenance, terrestrial or otherwise, had made an unauthorised incursion into British territory would not be suitable fodder for the global public.

In my personal opinion the only element of truth contained within this situation involves the motives of those who unfortunately chose to send their reports to the ministry in the first place. Beyond those circumstances the truth became the first casualty and was never going to be taken prisoner thereafter, not whilst the ministry had anything to do with it anyway!

Let's cut to the chase and state that virtually from the very start the ministry of defence have been, publicly anyway, quite dismissive of the UFO/alien subject via their opinion that it contains little to no real or valid substance. They have, by and large, treated any concerned members of the public with something bordering contempt by virtue of their standard and well known reply, which in essence states that unless containing any real or perceived threat to the security of the nation, they are simply not interested in pursuing the situation. Behind this smug and barely concealed sneering, however, ufology has long been aware of the fact that the ministry are far from uninterested in the phenomenon and have conducted numerous studies and specific scientific enquires over the distance as well as involving themselves in many investigations whereby intelligence service troops have appeared in the field to interview witnesses (and analyse effects upon the environment).

All in all then, quite a significant amount of interest in something that they continuously claim to be uninterested in, isn't it?

To further my argument that the ministry are not remotely interested in playing Honest John anytime soon in relation to anything, let alone the UFO issue, let me draw your attention to the fact that BUFORA have first hand knowledge of the ministry's ability to withdraw at will any files previously released into the public domain if it so suits them and irrespective of such an action being illegal. We are in possession of photocopied pages taken from files that were withdrawn immediately thereafter on the basis that they had been 'erroneously' released and are consequently now locked up -a decision that we reluctantly understand and uphold in this instance-under the hundred-year rule.

In my personal opinion, this latest announcement from the Ministry of Defence simply smacks of P.R. and a chance to get irritating ufologists off of their backs for a while. Neither has any basis in openness from an organisation charged with playing its own part in maintaining the security of this nation and its various global interests. If they suddenly elect to take a chance on being made to look stupid as a result of something as obscure as the UFO phenomenon, what would that say in terms of their effectiveness in any other area of operation, particularly to their allies and even more so to their enemies, perceived or otherwise?

Think on.

Regards and best wishes,

Robert

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Kathy Kasten** <catraja.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:49:49 +0000
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 10:55:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:33:35 -0400
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:35:49 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

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I would say researchers into the phenomena first show they have
a sense of humor to the public, and joke with the media about
their area of interest without apology.

You know, like William's comment stated above.

KK

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Re: Distance Calculations

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 20:55:14 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 10:55:48 -0400
Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:47:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 19:13:55 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>>>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

>>>July 31st, 1896:
>>>At Smith Observatory, U.S.A., astronomers noticed a dark circular
>>>disc-shaped object going across the moon's surface very quickly,
>>>timed at about four seconds, which should prove its closeness
>>>to Earth.

>>Just a mention - using that timing to judge distance means making
>>a perhaps unwarranted assumption: that the UFO's speed must be
>>limited to those we can achieve.

<snip>

>The remark that the angular rate tends to "prove closeness to
>the Earth" interpreted in the context of astronomy in 1896
>indicates that they thought it unlikely to be a body in space
>(i.e. some newly discovered near-Earth asteroid) and more likely
>to be an object within the atmosphere, i.e. a balloon. Nothing
>here proves - or even really suggests - your interpretation of a
>spaceship under power.

Martin you seem to have a strong imagination - or are fond of
attributing people with slightly more than they have said.

Read my sentence again.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:03:52 EDT
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 10:55:48 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:14:53 +0200
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>How does Vallee interpret that? A fake UFO staged by the
>mysterious control force to make us believe in extraterrestrials
>and hide its true nature?

>Same question to Paul Kimball, by the way.

Certainly not as definitive proof of extraterrestrial
visitation, as you seem to think. I interpret it as a mystery,
still waiting to be solved. Nothing less (memo to debunkers),
and nothing more (memo to ET believers). Any other
interpretation, frankly, says more to me about the interpreter
and what they want to believe, or not believe, than it does
about the actual event itself.

Regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com
www.bestevidence.blogspot.com

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 21:35:34 +0100 [was: DistanceCalculations]
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 12:34:16 -0400
Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
To: ufoupdates.nul
Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:46:27 +0000 (GMT)
Subject: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance Calculations]

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>with a massive number of objects crossing the sky for at least
>24 hours, as he saw the same phenomenon on both August 12th and
>13th, 1883. This is why the bird (migration?) hypothesis must be
>considered seriously.

Recent interest in this case made me go back to Bonilla's own notes.

He wrote that some at least, maybe all, of the objects were luminous seen away from the face of the Sun, that they had a luminous 'trail' (or exhaust), and that both object and 'trail' were seen as opaque (dark) while crossing the Sun, as also seen in the photographs and negatives.

That seems to rule out birds, insects and even the 'volcanic dust' I've seen suggested - quite apart from the detail of focus, which Bonilla carefully noted with some forethought.

Google and Babelfish translations of Bonilla's notes should be available at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla.html#bon-rep

Cheers

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: **Brad Sparks** <RB47x.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:42:10 EDT
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 12:35:54 -0400
Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:46:27 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance Calculations]

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 17:22:49 +0100
>>>Subject: Distance Calculations [was: Water Or Stone?]

<snip>

>>>Here's parts of the list...

>>All very interesting, truly. But I have read every word of
>>Charles Fort. At the moment I would like to get to the solid
>>ground for your claim that Bonilla's objects, in particular,
>>prove the existence of extraterrestrial UFOs.

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>Bonilla published his note in the Bulletin of the Astronomical
>Society of France, September 1885. In the issue corresponding to
>October 1886, Jacques L'otard, from the Flammarion Scientific
>Society Observatory at Marseille, describes another set of
>similar observations (passage of black corpuscles in front of
>the Sun) on August 30, 1886. This time he confirms it were
>birds, with no speck of doubt.

As I posted here previously, the angular size and velocity of
these hundreds of objects as seen by Bonilla were consistent
with 1-foot objects at 1-mile distance traveling at about 30 to
60 mph. In other words, birds.

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From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 12:41:22 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Joe,

What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all cranks".

What nonsense.

I have over the last 41 years given more than 700 illustrated lectures, mostly Flying Saucers ARE Real and mostly to college and professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, 8 cities in the UK, about 9 in Australia, and in 14 other countries.

Crowds have been as large as 2000. I have appeared on hundreds of radio and TV programs. I have never been treated as a crank.

There is an entire chapter in my new book Flying Saucers And Science covering a load of polls.

An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good, and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer. 100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio audience "Only" 75% said yes.

My team won a debate at the Oxford University Debating Society getting 60% of the member votes even though it as clear from my 40 + interviews that trip that the media and public knew very little about the subject. I have had only 11 hecklers despite my coming on very strong and 2 of them were drunk.

Let us not substitute proclamation for investigation though that seems the norm for debunkers.

Stan Friedman

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Re: 11th Anniversary Of USAF 'Final Report'

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 18:17:33 -0300
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:46:39 -0400
Subject: Re: 11th Anniversary Of USAF 'Final Report'

>From: ufo-updates.nul
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Date: Wednesday, June 25, 2008 3:37 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: 11th Anniversary Of USAF 'Final Report'

>Source: The Air Force Times - Springfield,VA,USA

>http://www.airforcetimes.com/news/2008/06/airforce_rosswell_062408w/

>Jun 24, 2008

>Air Force Closes The Book On UFO Reports

>11 years ago, today, the following story appeared in Air Force
>Times. For years, people had wondered if U.S. government, and
>specifically, the Air Force had hidden secrets of a UFO crash in
>New Mexico.

>Bunk, they said.

>And they made it official.

<snip>

I admire the chutzpah of the Air Farce. Their own report has a picture of one of the dummies with the man in charge of the project. I spoke with him, Colonel Madsen, in person - (though the Air Farce apparently couldn't be bothered) - and he pointed out that the dummies, for the tests to be meaningful, had to be the same size (6' tall and 175lbs) as pilots as is clearly the case.

Try morphing that down to a big headed skinny 4' tall guy.

They also were time traveled back to 1947. None had been dropped before 1953. The red head with the damaged head was in Roswell In 1959... more time travel!!!!.

I discuss the totaling misleading Air Force claims in TOP SECRET/MAJIC...

Stan Friedman

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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I don't know why it is, but nearly every time I engage on
UpDates, I finish up having to repeat myself continually.

To them (the public and the the authorities) all ufologists are
tarred with the same brush as the Exopolitics and Greerian
factions (because they actively court the media and are
entertaining news).

It has ever been thus, with for example Hynek, on one hand,
trying to promote a level of scientific recognition for ufology,
and Adamski on the other hand, claiming contact with Venusians.

I think that this is an insuperable obstacle, because the likes
of the Exo and Greer camps will always form a parasitic
relationship with whatever we choose to call 'serious ufology'
for their own ends without any invitation, and there are enough
gullible people to embrace and support the crank factions.

Regards,

Joe

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Source: The Independent - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/4dcss7>

Thursday, 26 June 2008

Against The Grain: 'UFO Sightings Should Be Taken More Seriously'

Interview by Nick Jackson

David Clarke is a lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University who believes that UFOs are a worthy subject for academic study.

UFOs are laughed off because of the lunatic fringe who are attracted to the subject and because the media cannot bring themselves to take the subject seriously. But it's a serious subject. The lack of respect in the media feeds back into popular culture, so that if you're an academic looking for funding you're not going to get yourself involved in UFOs and their study because it's career suicide.

I've tried to apply for funding to study this subject and it's taboo. Nobody's interested in it because it's got this image. It's a real shame, because there's massive amounts of interesting material, but we're too close to the material in time. It's perfectly acceptable for historians to study witchcraft mania in the Middle Ages, but because this is happening here and now, and these are people we can go and speak to, it's a little too close. When you begin to talk to someone about UFOs, they start to question your own motives for being involved.

If you look at the discussion there's been in the media as a result of the release of the government's UFO files, you can't get away from the question: are they alien visitors? It's tired. There's a lot more of interest to academia in these papers than this business about whether or not there are aliens. There are two or three hundred sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence each year, and that is only the people who report things to the MoD. Extrapolate that across the world and you are talking about hundreds of thousands of sightings across the world every year.

People used to come up to the astronomer Carl Sagan after lectures and ask: "Do you believe?" He was struck by the question. Not, is there evidence? But, do you believe? It's a matter of faith to a lot of people and UFOs can become a substitute for religion. What they like is the mystery, they don't want a solution. In 1956, an American sociologist joined a flying saucer cult, predicting the end of the world. Obviously this didn't come to pass, but rather than the people who followed this cult saying what a load of rubbish, they went on to strengthen their belief.

So there is a massive amount of material for sociologists, psychologists, and anthropologists to study. And the Ministry of Defence itself has come to the conclusion that UFOs do exist, but are not spaceships. So these are reports of some kind of natural phenomenon we do not understand, which could be studied by atmospheric physicists. It's a pity no one takes it seriously.

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: **Frank Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:46:15 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 20:31:37 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:46:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: RE: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>From: Greg Bopone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:49:35 EDT
>>Subject: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece>

>>This story is getting hotter by the minute.

<snip>

>Many thanks. I've been working with The Sun (the UK's best-
>selling national daily newspaper) on this. They're taking it
>seriously and have further UFO news stories and features
>planned.

Nick,

The Sun has been called a "tabloid" in an attempt to discredit
it and the UFO story. Please give us your opinion on the
newspaper and it's credibility.

Best regards,

Frank

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Explanation For All UFO Reports In US?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 12:18:04 -0300
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 20:36:16 -0400
Subject: Explanation For All UFO Reports In US?

From AV Web... More hi-tech and Top Secret technology from the First World war will probably generate UFO reports. Is this back engineered technology from a crashed blimp or a US Navy museum?

Posted by Don Ledger

Navy Will Test Fuel-Efficient Airship For Marine Patrol

A Skyship 600 will be tested by the U.S. Navy this summer off the coast of Florida to evaluate its performance as a surveillance aircraft. Working with the Coast Guard, the Navy will collect data about the utility and cost-effectiveness of airships in this role. The ship will carry a crew of three on patrols of up to eight hours to test both the systems and crew fatigue. The ship's cabin, with room for up to 12 passengers, has plenty of space for surveillance equipment, and vibration is minimal. It can fly for up to 52 hours without refueling, and consumes only about 10 to 12 gallons of fuel per hour. The airship's ability to deploy to an area of operation, lift a sizeable payload, provide a stable platform for sensors, and stay aloft for long periods is unique, according to the Coast Guard.

The airship is owned and operated by Airship Management Services and leased by the Navy. It requires a crew of 20, including two pilots, three engineers and 15 ground crew. While on the ground, the ship's systems are monitored by a watchman located at the airship at all times.

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 17:41:54 +0100
Archived: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 20:36:11 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:46:06 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: RE: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>From: Evolbaby.nul
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:49:35 EDT
>>Subject: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>><http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/article1336870.ece>

>>This story is getting hotter by the minute.

>>Looks like the invasion is in full effect over the UK and
>>let's all pitch in and help good ol' Nick Pope in whatever
>>fashion we can. This is his territory and his field
>>investigation and we all know what a stand up guy Nick
>>is.

>>I'm handling an emergency at home. I'll be helping out
>>if I can too.

>>Nick Pope, if you get this message in time, please let
>>us know how we can help you out.

>Many thanks. I've been working with The Sun (the UK's best-
>selling national daily newspaper) on this. They're taking it
>seriously and have further UFO news stories and features
>planned.

Taking it seriously? Does The Sun take anything seriously? It
is full of celebrity and sporting trivia, lies and smut. Its
purpose in covering recent British UFO reports is to provide not
factual information but popular entertainment.

Anyone who thinks that the news media in general, and newspapers
in particular, are a source of reliable information should read
the recent book by journalist Nick Davies: "Flat Earth News: An
Award-winning Reporter Exposes Falsehood, Distortion and
Propaganda in the Global Media", Chatto & Windus, London, 2008.

John Harney

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 11:25:44 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 09:35:49 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>>The point is that the evidence is already strong enough to
>>conclude UFOs are real and that one can simply infer someone or
>>something made them without getting into whom at this juncture.
>>Of course that inquiry is important but not from the standpoint
>>that enough is already known to demand action from our
>>governments, universities, etc.

>I don't dispute that Unidentified Flying Objects are real. I have
>never claimed that they are or even are not from other planets -
>I don't know either way and I don't know how anyone (even direct
>experiencers) can know.

This raises an important issue that has never been addressed
headon before. How do we determine the extraterrestrial origin
of an unidentified object?

At the simplest level, there is the rhetorical trick, and that
is all it is, it hardly qualifies as scientific "evidence,"
which seemingly eliminates terrestrial explanations. This
debater's trick merely says there were no IFO's in the right
place at the right time. Therefore, so says the trick, it must
be "extra"-terrestrial or ET if there are no "terrestrial"
explanations. But that really places enormous stress on the
completeness of one's catalog of terrestrial explanations and
one's database of IFO occurrences.

At a slightly higher level, there is the more reasonable
argument that lays stress on the shape and flight performance of
a UFO, to argue that it is beyond the characteristics of natural
phenomena and terrestrial devices.

However, this still does not identify the origin of the UFO.
Some will still wonder if some secret earth-based military
project created it, or if it was some extradimensional
phenomenon or some such, assuming such can exist.

For there to be an observation of the ET origin of a UFO someone
or some instrument must observe the UFO coming to or from that
place of origin. It's that simple. Everything else is an
inference not a direct observation.

Identifying the origin of an unknown object, substance or even
person is always difficult. Labels prove nothing. Lots of people
have bought merchandise advertized as "Made in the USA" on the
outside of the box only to find "Made in China" or "Made in
Mexico" on the inside. And there must be many with no labels
inside saying "China" or "Mexico" who are still fooled to this

day.

Statements of alleged "aliens" alone prove nothing either. A witness who is told by an alleged ET alien that the alien comes from Zeta Reticuli 2 is not a percipient witness of that origin. The witness has not observed that alleged place of origin, but is only a witness to a statement made by some alleged entity who could very well be lying (if the entity even exists and is not hallucination or lie by the witness). The statement may be true or false, but the witness only observes the statement, not the facts alleged in the statement.

Even in human experience we know that controversial or disputed statements (allegations) must be cross-examined and corroborated by independent evidence. The alleged alien from Zeta Reticuli 2 has not been cross-examined closely by experts seeking to verify the claim. The alleged alien has not been put to the test. To use a courtroom analogy, no witness testimony is accepted without cross-examination, under US law.

This confusion between observation and interpretation is widespread in UFO research. It is used to great advantage by debunkers who seize upon a witness' mistaken interpretations of what he saw in order to discredit his observations. Most witnesses are accurate in their observations if one carefully strips away the interpretations, which are usually mistaken. In my study of the IFO cases in the Condon Report, used as a control sample, I found that witness observations were 97% to 98% accurate, if their interpretations were excluded.

The bottom line is that for the extraterrestrial origin of a UFO, say, from at Zeta Reticuli 2, to be observed, some instrument or observer must see or detect the UFO coming from Zeta Reticuli 2. Alien "say-so" is worthless. Traces of a UFO path between Earth and Zeta Reticuli 2 may lead to the inference of a ZR2 origin, but it still isn't direct observation of the origin.

>>Your point that the establishments would argue that they already >>have may be correct in some cases. However, their inquiries were >>either window dressing for the public or covert and the >>conclusions hidden. They should not be allowed to get away with >>that argument.

>My view is that for whatever reason (most likely self-inflicted >by ufologists IMO) the authorities were unwilling to give serious >consideration to the identification of UFOs.

As I have pointed out in previous posts, the USAF adopted a policy in 1952 of bypassing anecdotal UFO reports in favor of sensors and instrument data. This anti-case anti-anecdotes policy discouraged what was regarded as worthless or nearly worthless investigations of anecdotal UFO reports given by military pilots and other credible witnesses. It also meant bypassing Project Blue Book which was converted from an intelligence function to a propaganda role. This was long before the Bolender memo of 1969 which talked about real UFO intelligence data already bypassing the Blue Book system anyway so that BB could now be shut down.

All the "credibility" and truthfulness in the world, of a human eyewitness, in almost all cases cannot determine a 1-mile distance from a 10-mile distance from a 100-mile distance or a 1-foot UFO from a 10-foot UFO from a 100-foot UFO traveling at 10 mph or 100 mph or 1,000 mph or 10,000 mph, unlike instruments which can do so, which can so determine size-speed-distance-altitude data.

There are people who love to wallow in worthless cases where 1 mile cannot be distinguished from 10 miles or 100 miles, or where they have decided in their heads this must be "proof of ET" so they "know" it is a huge spaceship 100 feet in size 100 miles away or whatever, instead of a 1-foot bird at 1 mile. But USAF Intelligence wisely decided to get out of that hopeless losing game back in 1952, and stick with data of scientific intelligence value. Maybe they went too far with that policy in discouraging or rejecting UFO sightings of limited value and accidentally lost some good data but they were right to do something about the mass of worthless reports, so that intelligence analysts were not bogged down with thousands of junk cases.

So, yeah, "authorities are unwilling to give serious consideration to the identification" of anecdotal UFO reports - because they have something much better to work with. But some want to turn this lack of interest by "authorities" in story-telling UFO anecdotes as proof of their lack of interest in UFO's altogether.

All the beatings of the dead horse of anecdotal UFO sightings will not change these facts and decisions of US intelligence history to bypass the anecdotes in favor of instrumented UFO data.

>>My point is that it is time for ufology to incorporate the
>>investigative into activism. It is time to present the case and
>>I do not mean just write another book or examine another video.
>>I mean with a real activism campaign. How about a million
>>man/women march?

>While we have the likes of the Disclosure Project and Exopolitics
>playing very visible roles under the umbrella of ufology, the
>authorities and the public in general will never support ufology.
>To them, we are all 'cranks'....

>How do we divest ourselves of the crank factions? That is the
>first (apparently insuperable) obstacle IMO.

Good question. And how do we divest ourselves of the planted disinformation agents, who force their way into the public spotlight as alleged spokesmen for the entire UFO research community while trotting out "crank witnesses" as the "best evidence" that all UFO researchers have to offer?

Their strategy is to discredit the whole UFO research field with the "giggle" factor using their array of lying or deluded nutballs in public, and using stinker "witnesses" whose "testimonies" would implode under any serious questioning at a Congressional or other hearing.

The USAF has a long track record of applying this discrediting technique, including its clever setting up of the CIA at the Robertson Panel with known or suspected IFO cases misrepresented as "best" UFO Unknowns. When the Panel scientists scrutinized these planted false "UFO" cases the cases of course blew up in their faces, humiliating the CIA which had gone out on a limb to defend UFO research and even ETH, and naturally led to the searing, caustic anti-UFO conclusions which have now become famous. And it got the CIA off the AF's turf, the UFO business, for a long time, which was the point of this AF interagency disinformation scheme.

For a more recent example of a stinker time-bomb "witness" whose testimony is ready to explode in the faces of the UFO community, I refer to liars such as the alleged "witness" military radar operator who claimed he personally tracked a UFO on his radar (not multiple radars) for 2,000 miles up and down the Eastern Seaboard, including height-finding, when in reality no such radar existed then or now, such radars being limited to no more than about 300 miles maximum range.

These bogus "witnesses" are designed to have "testimony" that sounds plausible, even impressive, to the non-experts, but are ready to blow up the moment they are scrutinized, with the intent that the exposure occur at the most humiliating moment for the UFO research community, such as perhaps under intense questioning at a Congressional hearing should one ever occur. This is a setup, so the government can bring on their own witnesses who will easily make mincemeat out of the UFO claims made by their disinformation agents pretending to be "spokesmen" for the UFO research community.

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Re: Distance Calculations

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 17:56:03 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 11:27:36 -0400
Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 20:55:14 +0100
>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:47:54 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 19:13:55 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>>Just a mention - using that timing to judge distance means making
>>>a perhaps unwarranted assumption: that the UFO's speed must be
>>>limited to those we can achieve.

><snip>

>>The remark that the angular rate tends to "prove closeness to
>>the Earth" interpreted in the context of astronomy in 1896
>>indicates that they thought it unlikely to be a body in space
>>(i.e. some newly discovered near-Earth asteroid) and more
>>likely
>>to be an object within the atmosphere, i.e. a balloon. Nothing
>>here proves - or even really suggests - your interpretation of
>>a
>>spaceship under power.

>Martin you seem to have a strong imagination - or are fond of
>attributing people with slightly more than they have said.

>Read my sentence again.

It will read exactly the same no matter times you re-post it.

You posted the above anecdote explicitly as an example of
observations which "give indications of distance from Earth",
and you did this in support of your other strong claim that
similar astronomer sightings were "proof" of ET spaceships
travelling in space beyond the atmosphere.

Everyone can see that you made the argument that this object
need not be a small object like a balloon (as considered likely
by the observing astronomers) but could be a big UFO far off in
space and travelling at speeds faster than we can achieve. But
obviously this is not based on "indications of distance from
Earth", it is a groundless speculation. The observation does
not provide any such "indication of distance". That's it.

In point of fact neither do 95% of the mostly
astronomer-sightings in your long list of "observations... that
[supposedly] give indications of distance from Earth" - a
possible exception being the object apparently casting a shadow
on the moon observed by "astronomer Frank B. Harris" on January
27th - 28th, 1912.

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But your complacent self-deception is so deep-rooted that you will continue to convince yourself that yours is the voice of perfect reason whatever anyone says, so knock yourself out.

Martin Shough

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 11:29:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Stan,

>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>cranks".

That is the public perception, certainly in the UK.

>What nonsense.

>I have over the last 41 years given more than 700 illustrated
>lectures, mostly Flying Saucers ARE Real and mostly to college
>and professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, 8
>cities in the UK, about 9 in Australia, and in 14 other
>countries.

What proportion of these presentations were to groups with no
declared interest in the paranormal or UFOs?

How many presentations in the 41 years have been to purely
academic, engineering, or military groups, and not to minority
interest groups?

>Crowds have been as large as 2000. I have appeared on hundreds
>of radio and TV programs. I have never been treated as a crank.

Again, you are mainly talking about closed interest groups -
readers of UFO magazine, MUFON supporters, you have even spoken
at events organised by the Exopolitics movement lending support
(just by your participation) to people like Stephen Bassett,
Jaime Maussan, Michael Salla, Richard Hoagland, Thomas Van
Flandern, Philip Corso, Steven Greer, Roger Leir, just to name a
few of the people who also made presentations at your venues.
Association with many of them dilutes your own and ufology's
credibility in general in the minds of some ufologists, let
alone the 'public mind'.

Unless 'serious' ufologists refuse to participate at events where
some of the more dubious elements are given a platform, we will
always be seen as one and the same.

As for TV programmes, generally they are for entertainment, not
education - subject to the commercial constraints of air-time
limits, viewing audience, advertising revenue, etc. In general
they provide a very distorted view of ufology which is for the
most part very boring and not very entertaining.

>There is an entire chapter in my new book Flying Saucers And
>Science covering a load of polls.

>An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course
>of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good,
>and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer.
>100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are
>aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio
>audience "Only" 75% said yes.

80% of a hundred thousand people is only in the order of 0.14%
of a population of 60 million. Many of the viewers will already
have been interested in UFOs, so the result is hardly
surprising, is it?

More people will vote on the next person to be evicted from the
Big Brother House - it's just entertainment, and you were part
of the show.

>My team won a debate at the Oxford University Debating Society
>getting 60% of the member votes even though it as clear from my
>40 + interviews that trip that the media and public knew very
>little about the subject. I have had only 11 hecklers despite my
>coming on very strong and 2 of them were drunk.

The public and the media are used to the cranks being in the
spotlight, occasionally with supporting acts by 'serious'
ufologists - small wonder they know little about the subject.

>Let us not substitute proclamation for investigation though that
>seems the norm for debunkers.

Nice cliché or sound-bite, but getting a little stale.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 18:26:37 +0000 (GMT)
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Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:42:10 EDT
>Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>>From: Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos <ballesterolmos.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 15:46:27 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance Calculations]

<snip>

>As I posted here previously, the angular size and velocity of
>these hundreds of objects as seen by Bonilla were consistent
>with 1-foot objects at 1-mile distance traveling at about 30 to
>60 mph. In other words, birds.

Brad, List,

If ufology would behave as a mainframe science, calculations of this sort would settle the case forever, and the energy of existing researchers could be concentrated on other, still inexplicable, events. This is how advances are made in other disciplines. But, why do I have the impression it will not happen here?

Thanks, Brad, for your input.

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 14:34:18 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:03:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:14:53 +0200
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>How does Vallee interpret that? A fake UFO staged by the
>>mysterious control force to make us believe in extraterrestrials
>>and hide its true nature?

>>Same question to Paul Kimball, by the way.

>Certainly not as definitive proof of extraterrestrial
>visitation, as you seem to think. I interpret it as a mystery,
>still waiting to be solved. Nothing less (memo to debunkers),
>and nothing more (memo to ET believers). Any other
>interpretation, frankly, says more to me about the interpreter
>and what they want to believe, or not believe, than it does
>about the actual event itself.

Hello Paul, Gildas and List,

I guess it is a natural process of integration to try to understand the unknown by trying to relate it to our own experience: every experience we have must have a meaning and the only way to do so is to somewhat break it into discrete familiar elements.

The failure to integrate probably leads to the "high strangeness" cases Hynek and Vallee wrote about. At some point your mind starts to drift because it cannot relate to what it is experiencing.

Flaming shields, chariots of fire, angels and airships are in context demonstrations of this principle.

Since we have become a more technologica! l society, we shouldn't be surprised to see the UFO phenomenon as nut and bolts.

We are still trying to understand an unfitting experience and we are still placing it on familiar grounds. It is much easier for us to think of them as space travelers coming from distant planets than time travelers of inter-dimensional explorers.

It is also more reassuring: somehow their existence proves that there is a way out of our planet and that there is a future for our civilization, with a great adventure awaiting us.

One shouldn't be to harsh towards ET proponents.

I think the problem with the "other than ET" hypothesis is that it offers nothing to sink our teeth into. It supposes all sorts of paradigms that are way outside our experience and offer

nothing to the imagination.

Time traveling? Other dimensions? Hidden civilization? Where can we go from there? There is no ground for analysis, no possible way of grasping those realities. Our mind simply hits a wall as there! is no way to relate to those possibilities.

One can grasp the ET hypothesis. This is what makes it more compelling, more palatable.

I am not sure there is much to speculate on if it is un-ET.

It just seems too unnatural.

Vallee may have been among the first to contemplate that hypothesis and has somewhat gone overboard by putting all strange phenomena in the same gray basket.

He seems to have become confused and to have fallen in some sort of intellectual void: his discourse is extremely vague, with no substance. It is more smoke and mirrors than anything else.

I can understand that: where can you go if you have landed nowhere you can relate to?

Vincent Boudreau

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 20:20:03 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 14:34:18 -0400
Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 21:35:34 +0100 [was: DistanceCalculations]
>Subject: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>He wrote that some at least, maybe all, of the objects were
>luminous seen away from the face of the Sun, that they had a
>luminous 'trail' (or exhaust), and that both object and 'trail'
>were seen as opaque (dark) while crossing the Sun, as also seen
>in the photographs and negatives.

>That seems to rule out birds, insects and even the 'volcanic
>dust' I've seen suggested - quite apart from the detail of
>focus, which Bonilla carefully noted with some forethought.

I've been waiting for astronomer Tom De Mary's post to appear on the List after he cc'd it to me a few days ago. It seems to have gone astray. Therefore I'm posting it here myself as it is directly relevant to the points I raised about the telescope focal distance and the question of the brightness of the objects before entering and after leaving the solar disc:

Hello Martin and Brad and List,

Some analysis of Bonilla's report is buried in the same website as previous sited. To get it in English, Google for the phrase: "photo de zacat=E9cas" Include the accent and quotes. Click on the translate link next to the first page found, then on the analysis link on that page. You may have to highlight (select) the text to read it against the background color. Sorry for the messy method, but it does yield a decent English translation.

Bonilla's comments about judging the distance from the precise focus of the telescope are not clear at all. The useful range for judging the distance of an object by the position of the focus hardly extends as far as the Moon. A simple formula for distance vs focus position is given in the above analysis. Tens, maybe a hundred, kilometers is a more credible range for Bonilla's telescope. The effect depends on the square of the focal length of the telescope, and is much greater for telescopes than camera lenses.

Not yet discussed here is Bonilla's observation that his objects were dark against the sun's disc, and bright before and after transiting the disc. I have seen this kind of lighting change in birds while observing the sun. Solar filters are purposely very dense, passing only a small amount of light. So, I was surprised to see through my own telescope dimly illuminated, high-flying birds (turkey buzzards, or maybe hawks) next to the sun. When they cross the disc they are dark silhouettes, but they can be seen as brighter than the sky when off the solar disc (through a telescope equipped with solar filter). I presume that this effect is due to the almost direct sunlight filtering through their feathers. Whatever the cause, it is another reason to suspect that birds were the cause of this particular instance.

Tom DeMary

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'08 MUFON Symposium Experts Present Credible

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Subject: '08 MUFON Symposium Experts Present Credible

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Date: June 26th, 2008

International Experts Present Credible Evidence Of UFOs
Former high-ranking government and military officials say
phenomenon is real

The United States is not alone when it comes to UFO sightings and evidence. Military and government officials, pilots and aviation specialists from around the globe are now coming forward with results of investigations documenting military and aviation encounters with UFOs. Beginning July 25th, the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) - the United State's largest and most respected UFO investigative organization ? will host some of these experts presenting their remarkable discoveries.

For the first time in the US, General Wilfried De Brouwer (Ret.) of the Belgium Air Force will report on his official investigation into a ?UFO wave? from 1989 to 1991. Evidence included one extraordinary, close-up photograph of a triangular object with four bright lights ? perhaps the most striking and evidential picture of a UFO ever taken. Despite General De Brouwer's inquiries to the US military and NATO, no explanation for the origin or nature of the Belgium UFOs was found.

Nick Pope, former officer responsible for the UK's Ministry of Defense UFO investigations, will make his first appearance here since the release of the official British UFO files, which made international headlines. Chilean Army Captain Rodrigo Bravo, working in cooperation with Chile's FAA, will report on current cases affecting aviation safety, and former senior NASA research scientist Richard Haines will reveal the results of three decades studying the potential adverse affects of unidentified aerial phenomena on aircraft. Anthony Choy of Peru is bringing stunning videos of his research into UFOs conducted in 2001 - 2003 for the Peruvian Air Force.

MUFON was created in 1969 to pursue the scientific study of UFOs for the benefit of humanity through investigations, research, and education. It has become the largest civilian UFO investigation organization in the US with hundreds of certified investigators across the country actively researching UFO reports. For more information, go to www.mufon.com.

WHO:

John Greenwald, founder, BlackVault.com, M.C.

Rodrigo Bravo, Captain and pilot for the Aviation Army of Chile
General Wilfried De Brouwer, former Deputy Chief of Staff,
Belgian Air Force (Ret.)

Jeronimo Flores, President, Organizacion Mexicana del Investigadores del Fenomeno Ovni (OMIFO)

Victor Camacho, Vice President, OMIFO

Dr. Anthony Choy, founder, 2001, OIFAA, Peruvian Air Force

Dr. Richard Haines, Sr. NASA Research Scientist (Ret.)

Leslie Kean, investigative reporter, the Coalition for Freedom of Information

George Knapp, 14-time Emmy Award-winning Journalist

Don Ledger, author and pilot, Canada

Larry Lemke, aerospace engineer

Nick Pope, Ministry of Defense, UK, 1985-2006

Ted Roe, Executive Director and co-founder, the National Aviation Reporting Center on Anomalous Phenomena (NARCAP)

Farah Yurdozu, author, Turkey's leading UFO researcher

WHAT: The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) will be hosting a three day event which will feature researchers and former high-ranking government and military officials from eight countries presenting credible evidence for what the US Air Force describes as Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs). Representatives from Mexico, England, Belgium, Chile, Peru, Turkey, Canada and the US will be providing insight into the global nature of this phenomenon.

WHEN: Symposium: Friday, July 25th 6 pm ? Sunday, July 27th 5 pm.

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel
2050 Gateway Place
San Jose, CA 95110

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For more information on the symposium, go to www.MUFON.com

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Re: Water Or Stone?

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Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 15:56:37 -0700
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>Joe,

>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>cranks".

What nonsense.

>I have over the last 41 years given more than 700 illustrated
>lectures, mostly Flying Saucers ARE Real and mostly to college
>and professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, 8
>cities in the UK, about 9 in Australia, and in 14 other
>countries.

>Crowds have been as large as 2000. I have appeared on hundreds
>of radio and TV programs. I have never been treated as a crank.

>There is an entire chapter in my new book Flying Saucers And
>Science covering a load of polls.

>An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course
>of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good,
>and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer.
>100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are
>aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio
>audience "Only" 75% said yes.

Stan,

You have a great rap. I've been in the audience. "Crash At
Corona" has soul. But your reliance on the ETH limits your
perspective.

Yes there are creatures flying around our sky in unusual
machines. Why must they be from the stars?

Ed

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UFOs Invade Australian Town

From: Sheryl Gottschall <gottscha.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 09:45:38 +1000
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:39:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs Invade Australian Town

Source: Northern Territory News, Darwin, Australia

<http://tinyurl.com/4alshc>

Friday 27th June, 2008

UFOs Invade NT town

A small Territory community is still reeling with shock after four UFOs descended on their Outback homes.

Families spent hours in fear as what appeared to be three spaceships hovered in the distance with another just metres above their houses.

The drama at Marlinja, population 112 and 730km south of Darwin, began at 8pm on Sunday.

Resident Janie Dixon said it started as an "ordinary" night.

"The kids were on the basketball courts, shooting a few hoops, and I was indoors talking to my two nieces when we heard a strange, loud noise," she said.

We ran outside but at first we couldn't see anything -- it was really dark and we could hear the sound.

The sound was horrible. It sounded like something was going past.

We thought it was a jet. I saw what I thought at first was the evening star, the first star you usually see at night.

But then we saw three red lights in the distance, and the sound kept getting louder.

The ground felt like it was shaking, so we ran inside and shut the doors.

My nephew and niece were looking out through curtains. The thing came closer, circled around the basketball courts and then came so close above our house.

"The kids at the basketball courts ran -- two girls stood there looking towards the sky.

They tried to see what it was but all they could see was this bright red light in the pitch black."

Ms Dixon said the UFO hovered above the homes for what seemed like a couple of hours.

She said at one stage the phone rang, but went dead when she tried to answer it.

"Then the light in the house became so bright, it was like we were sitting in a football stadium," she said.

"After a while, after the things all disappeared... I think it was about 11pm by then.

We went outside and were just sitting around drinking tea and talking about it all. The kids were put to bed.

We heard the noise again and it came back, but disappeared again moments later.

We were all really frightened.

It was a big shock and I couldn't sleep."

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NASA Tests Show Mars Can Support Life

From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 21:17:19 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 19:08:59 -0400
Subject: NASA Tests Show Mars Can Support Life

Source: Computer World - Framingham, Massachusetts, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/3jgp7m>

June 26, 2008

NASA: Tests Show Martian Soil Can Support Life

Scientists find elements that could support the growing of asparagus or turnips

By Sharon Gaudin

June 26, 2008 (Computerworld) Finding more familiar than alien elements, NASA scientists today announced that their initial analysis found that Martian soil could support life.

Scientists on Wednesday received the first test results from the wet chemistry laboratory on the Mars Lander, which is using a robotic arm to dig a shallow trench and then scoop up and analyze soil samples on the northern pole of the planet. Earlier this week, the microscopic imager on the Mars Lander sent back pictures of the trench, dubbed Wonderland, that contained the tested soil.

NASA researchers are now waiting to analyze the data set to come down from one of the Lander's eight ovens, which will heat the matter so the gases that are emitted from it can be analyzed.

"We were all very flabbergasted at the data we got back [from the wet chemistry tests]," said Samuel Kounaves, a professor at Tufts University and a research affiliate with the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "We basically have found what appears to be the requirements to support life, whether in the past, present or future. We have elements that you might find in your backyard."

Kounaves said in a conference call with the media that, though the findings are preliminary, they've found the minerals that are essential to life in the Martian soil. The dirt there is very alkaline, with a pH level of between eight and nine. They've also found magnesium, sodium, potassium and chloride. They're still waiting on analysis regarding evidence of sulfate in the soil.

The minerals in the Martian soil, according to Kounaves, are typical of soils here on Earth.

"Some kinds of Earth life would be happy to live in these soils," he added. "Asparagus, green beans and turnips love alkaline soils."

William Boynton, a professor at the University of Arizona and a co-investigator with the Mars mission, noted that they received interesting findings in an earlier oven test on a different patch of soil.

In that test, when the soil was heated to about 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit, small amounts of carbon dioxide and water vapor were

released. That, he said, shows that there had been water there in the past.

"There's nothing about it that's toxic. If you had it here, you could grow something in it," said Kounaves. "We found that a broader range of life could grow there. It allows for the possibility for an environment like you would find on Earth, with a lot of different organisms. The amazing thing about Mars is not that it's not an alien world, but it's actually quite familiar."

Last week, NASA scientists reported that they had found ice on the Martian north pole.

Dice-size pieces of whitish matter dug up in a trench on the Martian north pole appears to be ice, according to Ray Arvidson, a co-investigator for Mars Lander's robotic arm team and a professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Dug up in a 7- to 8-cm deep trench by the Lander's robotic arm, the material disappeared after being exposed to sunlight, leading scientists to believe it was ice that simply melted.

The chunks were left at the bottom of a trench that NASA engineers have dubbed "Dodo-Goldilocks" on June 15, during the 20th Martian day since landing. Several chunks were gone when the Phoenix Lander examined the trench about four days later.

"If they're ice deposits, they should disappear because water ice is not stable on the surface of Mars at that latitude," said Arvidson in a previous interview. "As soon as the sun hit that material, it disappeared. It's ice. This is why we went, so it's pretty exciting."

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 22:23:50 -0400
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 19:12:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: UFOupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 22:24:35 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:33:35 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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>I think that this is an insuperable obstacle, because the likes
>of the Exo and Greer camps will always form a parasitic
>relationship with whatever we choose to call 'serious UFOlogy'
>for their own ends without any invitation, and there are enough
>gullible people to embrace and support the crank factions.

Hello Joe,

I understand that you would like to not be connected to the likes of Greer and Adamski. Rather, what I responded to was the implicit labeling of all people as 'cranks' versus 'not cranks'. What is a crank exactly, anyway? Is it anyone with whom we disagree? And why is it necessary to attack the messenger rather than the message as the 'crank' label does?

I'm a bit out of the loop with respect to the Exo and Greer camps, but I suspect it's their politics and their actions that offend rather than their beliefs concerning UFOs. As you say, "they actively court the media and are entertaining news". Does this make them cranks? One may not agree with their actions, but who knows how much they may have contributed to the increasing acceptance of UFO sightings by the mainstream media? Greer seems a bit 'out' there sometimes, but he is doing a good thing with the Orion initiative, assuming it's on the up-and-up. And I thought his efforts to organize the hearings to encourage disclosure were also positive.

Hynek is admired for trying to promote a level of scientific recognition for UFOlogy, and you suggest that this has been impeded by the likes of the Exo and Greer camps. But I think we have done it to ourselves without needing much help from them. UFOlogy is a discipline in name only. I know of no system of peer review in this field that can evaluate theory and evidence, create a consensus about what's happening, and thus give scientific respectability to the field. Perhaps the J. of Abduction-Encounter Research is an exception. The only recourse for someone with something to say is to self-publish a paper on-line. I suggest that what is needed is a centralized on-line journal where people can post articles and receive comments filtered by a moderator to eliminate non-constructive and rude feedback. A rating system used by registered readers could rank the articles in terms of quality. This might help to develop UFOlogy as a respected and credible scientific discipline.

Regards,

William

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 09:29:24 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 19:14:06 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:46:15 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 08:46:06 +0200 (CEST)
>>Subject: RE: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>Many thanks. I've been working with The Sun (the UK's best-
>>selling national daily newspaper) on this. They're taking it
>>seriously and have further UFO news stories and features
>>planned.

<snip>

>The Sun has been called a "tabloid" in an attempt to discredit
>it and the UFO story. Please give us your opinion on the
>newspaper and it's credibility.

It is a tabloid and is unashamedly populist in its approach.

Like all media, it attempts both to inform and entertain.

All their UFO stories are now available here:

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

Best wishes,

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

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 13:22:42 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 20:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: John Harney <magonia.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 17:41:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>Taking it seriously? Does The Sun take anything seriously? It
>is full of celebrity and sporting trivia, lies and smut. Its
>purpose in covering recent British UFO reports is to provide not
>factual information but popular entertainment.

Hi,

I understand The News of The World, a UK weekend tabloid, was one of the papers that broke the Rendlesham Forest incident when it first happened? I also know that the Sun is it's sister paper, I can see no harm in doing so?

Or should UK news be something just for the elite in our Islington champagne drinking Party going society!

Roy

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:09:09 +0200
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 20:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:03:52 EDT
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 11:14:53 +0200
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>>How does Vallee interpret that? A fake UFO staged by the
>>mysterious control force to make us believe in
>>extraterrestrials and hide its true nature?

>>Same question to Paul Kimball, by the way.

>Certainly not as definitive proof of extraterrestrial
>visitation, as you seem to think. I interpret it as a mystery,
>still waiting to be solved. Nothing less (memo to debunkers),
>and nothing more (memo to ET believers). Any other
>interpretation, frankly, says more to me about the interpreter
>and what they want to believe, or not believe, than it does
>about the actual event itself.

Paul,

I could join you in your courageous flight above the head of
believers and debunkers, if I knew nothing else about UFOs. But
one of the things that I have learned along the years is that the
ETH has been and remains the number one line to debunk. One
method is something like this : tell any story, as far fetched as
you dare, provided it exludes, or at least puts in doubt the
ETH.

To take a recent exemple, you can claim in a book that all
quantum physicists admit today the existence of an infinite
number of universes, which is not true at all, and claim, in the
same book, that the ETH is probably wrong. That's in the book
Hunt for the Skinwalker, page 276:

"The prevailing view among quantum physicists is that there is an
infinite number of other universes..."

That's the far fetched tale. It is also called the "multiverse"
theory, often promoted by JacquesVallee, and it is not accepted
by everybody, even in quantum physics.

The ETH seems more plausible to me than any other theory that I
heard of, to explain a cased like Minot AFB. It is better, at
least, than the mysterious control force of Jacques Vallee, or
an intrusion of malicious beings living in another universe. It
does not exclude the hypothesis that ETs might know ways to
manipulate space as we know it, in order to shorten trips
between stars (sorry, Stan, to have to go as far as that).

At any rate, we don't have to choose between the "nuts and

bolts" ETH and far out tales like the multivers, or works the Devil, or of a mischevious control force, or a demonic entity. Or fake UFOs staged by a mysterious cabal to seize power and rule the world. Etc. What about an enlarged ETH?

Cordially,

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:34:11 +0100
Archived: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 20:19:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

I have put together a summary of where we are at, with a few speculative remarks. This is work in progress, I will add to the page as new information becomes available.

<http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/swphelo.html>

Cheers,

Joe

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Re: Terrestrial Or ET?

From: Jim Deardorff <deardorj.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 09:53:11 -0700
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 09:53:33 -0400
Subject: Re: Terrestrial Or ET?

>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 05:11:50 EDT
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>>I don't dispute that Unidentified Flying Objects are real. I have
>>never claimed that they are or even are not from other planets -
>>I don't know either way and I don't know how anyone (even direct
>>experiencers) can know.

>This raises an important issue that has never been addressed
>headon before. How do we determine the extraterrestrial _origin_
>of an unidentified object? ...

The usual way, or astronomical way, is to demand that we obtain
a piece of the object, then have the isotope ratios of its
elements examined, to see if the values lie close to earthly
values or significantly outside of them. This has been done for
a few artifacts, but usually with results that get questioned in
one way or another.

Jim Deardorff

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We're A Bunch Of Dorks

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 10:05:58 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 10:05:58 -0400
Subject: We're A Bunch Of Dorks

Source: Wired - New York, New York, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/47j34n>

06.25.08

Earth To Aliens: We're A Bunch Of Dorks
Lore Sj=F6berg

Humans have been attempting to send messages to the stars since... I'm going to say the early '70s. I mean, theoretically some caveman could have yelled, "Hey! Stars! You suck!" a hundred thousand years ago, but he was an idiot.

But of all the messages sent into space, which ones are good? Which ones conform to quality standards? That's what I'm here to tell you.

The Pioneer Plaques

These are identical, gold-plated plaques attached to the Pioneer 10 and 11 spacecraft. They feature a picture of the solar system, a picture of the probes and a pictorial representation of the hyperfine transition of neutral hydrogen. Ring any bells? No? Well, it also has a picture of a naked man and woman on it. Ah, yes. Now you remember.

Many people considered this nothing more than interstellar porn. Others objected to the fact that the man is the one waving his hand, presumably to give the woman time to bake the aliens a nice batch of muffins. My objection is that the people depicted have no body hair at all. Aliens are gonna come down and think we're living in symbiosis with our pubes.

Grade: C

The Voyager Record

I love that we sent an LP. It's so delightfully retro! I expect alien life forms to discover it and say, "Clearly, this is the work of a truly groovy civilization. We do not know what to expect when we visit their planet, but we should prepare ourselves for an extremely mellow experience." In actuality, the funkiest track on the album is "Johnny B. Goode," which I think is a poor choice. I mean, I'm not sure how one carries a guitar in a gunnysack, and I was born on this planet.

Grade: B

The Arecibo Image

This is actually a short binary message beamed into space. When decoded, it creates an image that looks remarkably similar to an Atari 2600 videogame. The apparent object of the game is to maneuver your guy through the cavern and up the waterfall, bypassing the attacking spacecraft and grab a delicious slice of cake while avoiding the evil letter M. I'd play that game.

It should be noted that the human depicted here is also naked, but he's a pixel guy so it's fine. We don't want aliens to know we have genitals, but it's OK if they mistake us for table lamps.

Grade: A

The Teenage Message

This was beamed into space in 2001. It starts with some radio-transmission Doppler-tuning boring-boring-boring thing, segues into Theremin music - Theremin music - and finally ends with some more binary images, including the logo of the Teenage Message program itself. So lame.

It's called the Teenage Message because it was put together by Russian teenagers. I think that will be apparent to anyone who receives it. "Blaxnorvag! What is this tedious message from another world?" "I don't know, Jerry, but it sounds like something put together by Russian teenagers."

Grade: D

Television Signals

A common science fiction trope involves aliens intercepting our television shows and being so impressed that they use it as a basis for their entire civilization. That's pretty egotistical. Even human beings don't base their entire lives on one long-defunct television show. Well, except for Firefly fans.

Presumably aliens who can detect our faint signals can get any channel on any planet, and I hear Canopus has some pretty compelling public-access shows. Still, we should use this to our advantage. We need to immediately produce a television show about benevolent aliens who come to Earth and give human beings candy and hugs and play Super Smash Brothers Brawl with them, but don't use Pit because he's cheap.

Grade: C-

Born helpless, nude and unable to provide for himself, Lore Sj=F6berg eventually overcame these handicaps to become a futurist, a futurologist and a futilitarian.

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

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Soldier Spots 13 UFOs Above Barracks

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 10:11:51 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 10:11:51 -0400
Subject: Soldier Spots 13 UFOs Above Barracks

Source: The Telegraph - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6bw8w3>

25/06/2008

Soldier Spots 13 UFOs Above Barracks
By Urmee Khan

A soldier has reported seeing 13 unidentified flying objects in the sky while out on night patrol.

Corporal Mark Proctor was one of three soldiers who saw the objects above his military barracks.

He filmed the sighting, at Tern Hill barracks near Market Drayton, Shropshire, on his mobile phone and reported the sighting to Army officials.

Cpl Proctor, 38, of the 1st Battalion of the Irish Regiment, saw the "craft" which he described as "rotating cubes" in the sky, just after 11pm on Saturday, June 7.

"I was on duty in the guard room when the other boys outside began shouting. I went out to see what the commotion was about and could see thirteen craft in the skies," he said.

"They were zig-zagging, but I filmed two before they disappeared. They were like rotating cubes with multiple colours.

"I made a full report to my commanding officers and gave them my footage. The other lads were as amazed by it as I was."

A 19-year-old private on patrol also saw the "fleet".

"There were about 30 lights passing over for a few minutes, very high but not at a great speed. They were bright red. Another soldier saw them too," he said.

The Ministry of Defence experts are studying Cpl Proctors mobile phone footage and have told the soldiers not to speak about the incident.

MOD spokesperson said: "The MoD examines reports solely to establish whether UK airspace may have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised military activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat, there is no attempt to identify the nature of each sighting reported."

The sighting above the military barracks came two hours before helicopter police officers reported an encounter with a huge craft 80 miles away near Cardiff.

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The World's Best Ever UFO Vids

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 11:15:00 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 11:15:00 -0400
Subject: The World's Best Ever UFO Vids

Source: The Sun - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/4q6emk>

26 Jun 2008

The World's Best Ever UFO Vids
By David Lowe

FORGET Superman =96 when it=92s not a bird, and it=92s certainly not a plane, it must be a UFO.

And The Sun=92s astonishing new footage of strange objects in the skies above Shropshire and Staffordshire caused a storm yesterday.

Amazingly the film is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to video recordings of anomalous aircraft.

We=92ve trawled the net for more proof that little green men really are visiting Earth.

The result is a fascinating selection of videos captured throughout the UK, the USA and even India.

Click on the small pictures to the right for footage that=92s just out of this world.

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:04:33 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 11:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:46:15 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>The Sun has been called a "tabloid" in an attempt to discredit
>it and the UFO story. Please give us your opinion on the
>newspaper and it's credibility.

The Sun is a tabloid, owned by the Murdoch organisation. It is generally regarded as one of the least serious of the British national dailies, although its right-wing political views are said to be influential, particularly with the current Labour government. It is perhaps best known for its 'Page Three Girls' - topless models. Although it is Britain's best-selling national paper, many people would not wish to be seen reading it. I, and most other serious ufologists in Britain, would be very cautious about taking and UFO reports in it seriously.

You are free to regard this as an attempt to discredit it, but I think you will find most British newspaper readers (including I suspect many readers of The Sun itself) would agree with me.

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John Rimmer
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Re: Canadian Search For Threats From Space

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:25:11 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 11:19:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Search For Threats From Space

Hi Everyone!

Here is an opportunity for people from all around the world to have their name fly in space aboard Canada's NEOSSat space telescope, a spacecraft with the independent capability of detecting potentially dangerous near-Earth objects and secret high-altitude satellites, including derelict alien spacecraft or UFOs in space.

<http://www.neossat.ca/>

Although the NEOSSat space mission is funded by the Defence Research Development Canada (DRDC) and the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) and is intended to demonstrate the ability of such small satellites to enhance the Canadian Forces contribution to NORAD, Prof. Alan Hildebrand with University of Calgary's Department of Geoscience will be involved. For this reason you can be assured that the public will be made aware of potential threats to us, either natural (eg. asteroids, comets, etc.) or artificial (eg. satellites, Fast Walkers, etc.), soon after they are discovered.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:29:42 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 12:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>cranks".

Given those fairly recent surveys, it would seem that a majority of
the public are ready to be told that UFOs are real craft.

The guys with agendas are the ones claiming ufologist crankhood.

Eleanor White

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Maynard Gelinas** <maynard.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:41:53 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 12:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 15:56:37 -0700
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>Yes there are creatures flying around our sky in unusual
>machines. Why must they be from the stars?

What else could they be? Hey, if you argue that they're principally natural occurrences, like ball lightning, swamp gas, or otherwise unknown - yet undirected - phenomena... well, OK. I don't buy it, as I've seen one in broad daylight. It was a silver disc shaped object, not a 'wandering light.' However, at least I can understand the 'natural phenomena' claim.

But when folks go to spirits, time travelers, interdimensional beings, et al... IMO the statement is utterly meaningless because it makes no predictable assertions. Hell, there's not even an agreed upon definition for what an 'interdimensional being' or 'spirit' or 'time traveler' might be, never mind how to test for the existence of one.

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:59:31 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 12:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 18:55:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>Unless 'serious' ufologists refuse to participate at events where
>some of the more dubious elements are given a platform, we will
>always be seen as one and the same.

I think exactly the opposite is true. Nothing is more characteristic of a crank than this constant obsession with social status, and the attendant belief that the way to resolve this problem is through evangelism and political positioning. People who think this have simply no idea how science works.

It's typical of pseudosciences that they stratify according to the degree to which their adherents feel out of step with the culture of the time, and people on one tier of the stratification will invariably pour scorn on anyone below them that they feel is bringing down the neighborhood. I don't doubt the Disclosure conspiracy theorists get together and worry about the polluting influence of crystal healers and reincarnationists. You see the same stratification among "wannabe" academic disciplines like psychology and media studies. But you will never see it in the real sciences.

It isn't that there are no weirdos, cranks and just plain mad people in science - there are plenty. But science doesn't depend on the character of its individual practitioners, it depends on results. And results are the one thing no pseudoscience ever provides. Results depend on testable hypotheses and repeatable experiments, and if you don't have testable hypotheses and repeatable experiments then no amount of political positioning is going to rescue you. But only a thorough-going crank thinks they know in advance which untestable hypothesis is going to be better than which other testable hypothesis, without actually doing the work to find out. And if you believe something that society reckons is weird, it behooves you not to be too judgemental on other people who happen to be weird, just because you happen to think they are weirder than you are.

Cathy

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Interesting Paper On Heim Theory

From: **Maynard Gelinas** <maynard.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 17:30:54 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:25:00 -0400
Subject: Interesting Paper On Heim Theory

Warning: 5MB PDF file:

<http://tinyurl.com/3xhgk9>

Salient points:

"In a recent experiment, funded by the European Space Agency and the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Tajmar et al. [7] report on the generation of a toroidal (tangential, azimuthal) gravitational field in a rotating accelerated (time dependent angular velocity) superconducting=

Niobium ring. In a recent presentation at Berkeley university Tajmar [30] showed improved experimental results that confirmed previous experimental findings.

This would be the first time that an artificial gravitational field has been generated and, if correct, would have great impact on future technology. Furthermore, the experiment would demonstrate the conversion of electromagnetic interaction into a gravitational field. This is exactly the effect that is predicted by EHT, and both a qualitative and quantitative explanation of this effect will be given below. Since the experiment generates a tangential gravitational field, it cannot be used directly as a propulsion system. It is, however, of great importance, since it shows for the first time that a gravitational field can be generated other than by the accumulation of mass. In this section we will=

also discuss the validity of the physical explanation, namely the Higgs mechanism to be responsible for the graviton to gain mass, given by Tajmar= and de Matos [21], which they termed the gyromagnetic London effect. According to these authors, this effect is the physical cause for the existence of the measured gravitational field." (Page 11)

The study then goes on to suggest a new experiment which - if the authors are right - would generate an acceleration field (gravitational field) in the Z axis of a rotating superconducting disk.

"The superconducting current loop (blue), see Fig. 10, provides an inhomogeneous magnetic field at the location of the rotating disk (red). The z-component of the gravitophoton field, b_z is responsible for the gravitational field above the disk. This experimental setup also serves as= the field propulsion device, if appropriately dimensioned. Moreover, using=

EHT, a gedankenexperiment can be devised that produces a gravitational force in the direction of the axis of rotation. Fig. 10 describes the experimental setup for which an insulating disk rotates above a superconducting solenoid. The material would not be niobium.

In the gedankenexperiment of Fig. 10, the gravitophoton force produces a gravitational force above the disk in the z- direction upward and also in the radial direction. It should be noted that the actual experiment would be different. The velocity of the Cooper pairs with regard to the lab system is given by ωr in the gedankenexperiment of Fig. 10. The actual=

velocity of the Cooper pairs can be determined from Fig. 10.

A detailed analysis predicts an acceleration in z-direction of some 4.0×10^{-4} g. From these numbers it seems to be possible that, if our theoretical predictions are correct, the realization of a workable space-propulsion device that can lift itself from the surface of the earth seems to be feasible with current technology. (page 16)"

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:51:00 -0700
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>It is much easier for us to think of them as space
>travelers coming from distant planets than time travelers
>of inter-dimensional explorers.

Vincent, List,

It isn't at all easy for me to understand star travel. I don't think it will never be possible for humans to travel from star to star. I don't doubt that there are human-like creatures on other planets in other star systems, but they are isolated, too. There must be another explanation.

Since I am convinced, and have been for a long time, that intelligently controlled machines move in our sky, I've searched for other possibilities rather than the ETH, which I see as a hindrance in understanding our common UFO dilemma.

>It is also more reassuring: somehow their existence proves that
>there is a way out of our planet and that there is a future for
>our civilization, with a great adventure awaiting us.

The creatures responsible for this UFO situation are proof that we could survive for many millions of years, but humans won't be traveling freely in the universe. If we survive, as they obviously have, we might go crazy in the process.

>One shouldn't be too harsh towards ET proponents.

I don't know why not. They're dead wrong, have no evidence, and have closed minds toward other opinions.

>I think the problem with the "other than ET" hypothesis is that
>it offers nothing to sink our teeth into. It supposes all sorts
>of paradigms that are way outside our experience and offer
>nothing to the imagination.

But what if that's reality? Humdrum existence and then death. No ET, no time travel, or other dimensions, just plain old reality, and a few distant, rich cousins.

No dreams to dream for. Perhaps that's why the powers have deceived us with the ETH. For our own good, of course.

Ed

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>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>Joe,

>>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>>cranks".

>>I have over the last 41 years given more than 700 illustrated
>>lectures, mostly Flying Saucers ARE Real and mostly to college
>>and professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, 8
>>cities in the UK, about 9 in Australia, and in 14 other
>>countries.

>>Crowds have been as large as 2000. I have appeared on hundreds
>>of radio and TV programs. I have never been treated as a crank.

>>There is an entire chapter in my new book Flying Saucers And
>>Science covering a load of polls.

>>An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course
>>of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good,
>>and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer.
>>100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are
>>aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio
>>audience "Only" 75% said yes.

>Stan,

>You have a great rap. I've been in the audience. "Crash At
>Corona" has soul. But your reliance on the ETH limits your
>perspective.

>Yes there are creatures flying around our sky in unusual
>machines. Why must they be from the stars?

Ed

Extraterrestrial means from outside the Earth. It doesn't name
specific places. There could be way stations in space... the
equivalent of the British Coaling stations of not too long ago.

Planets seems a better choice to provide minerals, metals, etc
needed to construct the vehicles that are bringing them here
from some place else.

People are seeing mechanical manufactured objects. Some intelligence had to build them someplace else because if we Earthlings could build such devices, they would have been used in all the wars. They haven't been, ergo ET.

It doesn't matter whether they warp space and time or use a 10th dimension. They are of ET origin. Very straightforward.

Stan Friedman

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:09:48 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 14:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:09:09 +0200
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 16:03:52 EDT
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>Paul,

>I could join you in your courageous flight above the head of
>believers and debunkers, if I knew nothing else about UFOs. But
>one of the things that I have learned along the years is that the
>ETH has been and remains the number one line to debunk. One
>method is something like this : tell any story, as far fetched as
>you dare, provided it exludes, or at least puts in doubt the
>ETH.

>To take a recent exemple, you can claim in a book that all
>quantum physicists admit today the existence of an infinite
>number of universes, which is not true at all, and claim, in the
>same book, that the ETH is probably wrong. That's in the book
>Hunt for the Skinwalker, page 276:

>"The prevailing view among quantum physicists is that there is an
>infinite number of other universes..."

>That's the far fetched tale. It is also called the "multiverse"
>theory, often promoted by JacquesVallee, and it is not accepted
>by everybody, even in quantum physics.

>The ETH seems more plausible to me than any other theory that I
>heard of, to explain a cased like Minot AFB. It is better, at
>least, than the mysterious control force of Jacques Vallee, or
>an intrusion of malicious beings living in another universe. It
>does not exclude the hypothesis that ETs might know ways to
>manipulate space as we know it, in order to shorten trips
>between stars (sorry, Stan, to have to go as far as that).

>At any rate, we don't have to choose between the "nuts and
>bolts" ETH and far out tales like the multivers, or works the
>Devil, or of a mischeivous control force, or a demonic entity.
>Or fake UFOs staged by a mysterious cabal to seize power and
>rule the world. Etc. What about an enlarged ETH?

It should be noted that other than time travel, some unknown
crypto-species and the "illuminati" theory, everything else IS
extraterrestrial muti or parallel universes included. I
personally discount the illuminati theroy and Ed's shy
crypto-species so that leaves only time travellers for the
terrestrial source.

I'd like to see a little more courage shown in this argument for
- or against - the ETH. Too many are taking the safe and what
they consider the high-brow line on this argument simply because

it is safer to discuss that way in polite company. The fact is there is no way at present to prove it or disprove it.

If you are going to embrace the popularly held possibility of intelligent life elsewhere in our galaxy/universe then why not space faring species in our galaxy? You then have to consider the possibility that some species may have stumbled across this planet thousands or millions of years ago.

Some investigators and researchers have been up to their eyeballs in this phenomenon for 50 years or more, yet they still won't say what they think on this issue. Michio Kaku can say these words and he has a lot more to lose than any of us. Get off the fence, jump in the pool, the water's fine.

Hell, I don't have a problem with the ETH. Makes sense to me.

Don Ledger

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Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:43:30 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 14:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:34:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>I have put together a summary of where we are at, with a few
>speculative remarks. This is work in progress, I will add to the
>page as new information becomes available.

><http://www.uk-ufo.org/condign/swphelo.html>

Re. this paragraph, Joe in your: South Wales Police helicopter
UFO incident 8th June 2008

"Cardiff airport advised that they received the report from the
police helicopter, and relayed it to South Wales Police. Other
than that, the only action they took was to check their radar
for unusual traffic (they also checked primary radar) which was
negative."

The heck with UFO radar contact, get the recordings re the
police helicopters actions during that time frame as claimed by
the Sun story; quote: "The Sun goes on to report that the
helicopter then pursued the object until it ran short of fuel
near the North Devon coast and had to return to St. Athan."

That's a very readable flight track. The chopper was transponder
equipped. If indeed the helicopter took off in hot pursuit
despite waiting for clearance to land that would be significant.
"According to the report, the helicopter was hovering at 500
feet awaiting clearance to land at RAF St. Athan which is where
it is based."

I assume that RAF St. Athan is a quasi military/civilian
airfield? If it had to wait for clearance to land then it is a
controlled airfield/airport which means if the helicopter left
the area to pursue this object it had to get permission to chase
because if it was holding there waiting for clearance, it was
doing so for a reason which means there was probably other
traffic involved. You can't just go tearing off willy-nilly
while you are holding for a clearance. That other traffic might
have some info.

Upon the helicopter's return the pilot would have had to get
permission to re-enter the zone. All of that would be a matter
of record.

This case could be detail rich if you can get journey logs,
tower logs and the hard drive recordings of the radar.

If none of this shows up on the radar recording then it's a bust
as far as I'm concerned.

If they balk at giving you a copy of that recording, then you
are
back to square one.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFO Photographed Over Hampshire

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 14:34:00 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 14:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Photographed Over Hampshire

Source: The Southern Daily Echo - Southampton, UK

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

28 June 2008

[Picture at site]

UFO Photographed Over Hampshire

Remarkable new evidence of UFOs in the skies over Hampshire can be revealed today.

Daily Echo readers captured these bizarre images of what appear to be flying saucers zooming through our skies.

The UFOs were snapped over Beaulieu and Woolston by pure accident and only noticed days later by the photographers.

Hampshire has been in the grip of an X Files-style UFO mystery after black triangles were seen flying over Millbrook and Shirley in recent months.

Last week the Echo thought it had explained the phenomenon - a mini-hot air balloon made out of four black bin bags. But the latest sightings are clearly something completely different - and remain a mystery.

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:55:14 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 15:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

Hello List,

It seems that some folk haven't yet had the chance to read Bonilla's report on his 1883 sighting - so here's a note from me of some salient points:

[Begin Quote]

Bonilla had noted that the objects were 'luminous' and left a bright 'trail' - or exhaust - and that both object and trail were seen as 'dark' or opaque when actually crossing the Sun's face.

He also saw the significance of this fact - that is, the luminosity of each object changed to a dark surrounding blur when seen against the Sun, which could be caused by a field of some sort - even intense heat has a similar but lesser effect; whereas its bright track or trail became a dark line when silhouetted and therefore must have consisted of 'matter', say a jet of gas or even of ions.

A beam of light, say, would have just disappeared when crossing the Sun: light (photons) doesn't generally block or absorb other photons.

[End Quote]

You can find the Spanish original at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla2.txt

Please let me know of any typos;

An English version is now at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/bonilla.html#bon-rep

Cheers

Ray D

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Astronomer UFO/ET Reports

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:55:22 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 15:37:00 -0400
Subject: Astronomer UFO/ET Reports

Hello List,

Social amnesia, which politicians rely on, stops us remembering the mood or the facts from even one short generation ago - about 30 years in Europe/US.

So it's interesting to see how professional astronomers (and other academics) felt free to report and speculate on their UFO sightings, many or mostly extraterrestrial, in earlier years - before the big clamp-down c. 1950.

A list collected by Fort and later by others is at:

www.perceptions.couk.com/fortrel1883.html

and any more references will be welcomed.

The list ends with the 1949 sighting and a quote from astronomer Clyde Tombaugh - "I think that several reputable scientists are being unscientific in refusing to entertain the possibility of extraterrestrial origin and nature."

Cheers,

Ray D

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Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:12:44 +0200
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 15:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 23:15:16 +0000
>Subject: Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

>>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 22 Jun 2008 13:53:14 +1000
>>Subject: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

>>Just wanted to announce that I have published a reprint of
>>Jacques Vallee's hard-to-find book Messengers of Deception: UFO
>>Contacts and Cults. Full details here:

>><http://dailygrail.com/news/messengers-of-deception>

>>Here's a snippet from Vallee's Foreword to this 2008 edition:

>>"I believe that UFOs are physically real. They represent a
>>fantastic technology controlled by an unknown form of
>>consciousness. But I also believe that it would be dangerous to
>>jump to premature conclusions about their origin and nature,
>>because the phenomenon serves as the vehicle for images that can
>>be manipulated to promote belief systems tending to the long-
>>term transformation of human society."

>Thanks, Greg for this service. I have wanted to own this book
>for years.

Kathy,

I read the book when it was published, in 1979.

I did not like it, but I must admit that it brought some food
for thought.

It said, for instance, that all organized UFO groups are
infiltrated by disinformation agents.

It was the first advice of a Major Murphy to leave them. He said
(p. 69):

"First you should work entirely outside of the organized UFO
groups; they are infiltrated by the same official agencies they
are trying to influence, and they propagate any rumor anyone
wants to have circulated. In Intelligence circles, people like
that are historical necessities. We call them 'useful idiots'."

No doubt, with words like that, Vallee appeared himself as an
expert in the field. But on what side?

It seems that this warning still has some validity. But I have
two comments to make:

First be aware, but don't quit UFO groups - at least not all of
them!

Second, you don't have to be inside a group to spread disinformation. There are so many other ways to do it, and on a larger scale.

Writing books, if possible best-sellers, and articles in the press, talking on radio and TV shows, for instance.

Incidentally, and perhaps significantly, this passage is quoted in Hunt For The Skinwalker (p. 267).

Who is doing what? It often looks like a "hall of mirrors", as Stringfield said.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: The World's Best Ever UFO Vids

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 12:07:47 -0400
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: The World's Best Ever UFO Vids

>Source: The Sun - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/4q6emk>

>26 Jun 2008

>The World's Best Ever UFO Vids
>By David Lowe

<snip>

>We've trawled the net for more proof that little green men
>really are visiting Earth.

>The result is a fascinating selection of videos captured
>throughout the UK, the USA and even India.

>Click on the small pictures to the right for footage that's just
>out of this world.

Hi Everyone!

If this is the best selection of UFO videos that The Sun can up with as "proof that little green men really are visiting Earth", they have unintentionally(?) made fun of those who hold these beliefs and provided reasons for skeptics to doubt everything the media reports about UFOs, especially those significant UFO sightings that were observed or recorded on film or video by single witnesses.

By breaking the rule used by the late Dr. J. Allen Hynek to use only multiple-witness cases in our study of UFOs, we will continue to be frustrated in our attempt to prove (the reason why most of us are interested in UFOs in the first place?) that Earth is indeed being visited by ETs since our raw unfiltered data would only provide evidence in support that all UFOs are or can be explained as misidentifications and hoaxes.

Nick Balaskas

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:14:10 -0300
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:04:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 08:46:15 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>The Sun has been called a "tabloid" in an attempt to discredit
>>it and the UFO story. Please give us your opinion on the
>>newspaper and it's credibility.

>The Sun is a tabloid, owned by the Murdoch organisation. It is
>generally regarded as one of the least serious of the British
>national dailies, although its right-wing political views are
>said to be influential, particularly with the current Labour
>government. It is perhaps best known for its 'Page Three Girls'
>- topless models. Although it is Britain's best-selling national
>paper, many people would not wish to be seen reading it. I, and
>most other serious ufologists in Britain, would be very cautious
>about taking and UFO reports in it seriously.

>You are free to regard this as an attempt to discredit it, but I
>think you will find most British newspaper readers (including I
>suspect many readers of The Sun itself) would agree with me.

I don't disagree with this but then you have to consider the
other side of the coin as well, the so called serious newspapers
who don't report any of these events because it's beneath them
regardless of the high strangeness of some cases and the
credibility of the witnesses. The New York Times for instance
has a rep it doesn't deserve and wouldn't survive outside of the
US because of its insular reporting technique.

Even middle line newspapers turn tabloid when they report UFO
news; quickly reverting to "little green men" and "space alien"
jargon suggesting right off that they don't take these reports
seriously and attempting to distance themselves from the report
while "informing" the public at the witnesses expense of course.
I think they forget that these witnesses, many millions of them
now, are the ones that buy the papers. If these people have had
an odd encounter they will purchase these tab-papers if the UFO
news they are reporting reflects something similar to their own.
They are looking for answers.

I've posted - on this List - some questions to Joe that would
either support the Sun's story or put it to bed depending on how
successful he and his buddies are at getting the ATC radar
recordings of the helicopter's actions [never mind the UFO] re.
avoidance and chasing this thing to the coast.

Don Ledger

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Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 17:33:01 +0100
Archived: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 22:09:54 +0100
>Subject: Re: Bonilla 1883 Telescope Sighting [was: Distance Calculations]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 23 Jun 2008 17:31:35 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Distance Calculations

>>That's good, Ray. Then please will you explain, as I requested,
>>how you believe Bonilla made the determination of 242,000km by
>>means of focusing his telescope eyepiece?

>Calm down Martin, anyone would think you were angry that the
>Bonilla case exists.

Very amusing. If anyone else had described such a question as
"angry" I would have said they were over-sensitive. But certainly
no-one could accuse you of that ;-). I think you affect this
patronising pose in order to blow smoke over your evasion of the
issue.

It's a perfectly calm question. Your first response was a
typical sidestep into a long list of irrelevant quotations about
totally different sightings, hence my politely repeated request.
I'm happy that you have at least returned to the issue.

You made a very large claim about this one specific feature of
this one specific sighting, which requires you in conscience to
attempt to understand the scientific basis for it, if there is
one. I'm sure you're a busy man so to save time I've made a
start for you.

I previously explained why I think there are problems with
Bonilla's distance estimate of 242,000km because the method
indicated is optically and geometrically incoherent, and I
invited discussion. Brad Sparks and Tom De Mary have both
responded directly and to the point, agreeing that it doesn't
add up.

>Try:

><http://tinyurl.com/68eqas>

>which should be a translation of some observations about the
>Bonilla case. The original is at:

><http://www.perspectivas.com.mx/in/ovnisbonilla2.htm>

>You should find this translated quote from Bonilla -

>"In order to verify indirectly the approximate distance it was
>in this swarm of bodies, carefully prepared the form of the
>lens, the equatorial and a silver mirror lens Eddy 0.10 m in
>diameter and what went on the record Solar and on the bodies,
>while at night I was able to steer this system also towards the
>planets and the moon, which had been in the first quarter over
>the past two days. Without changing the focus of the system,

>only the Moon noted with sharpness.

This autotranslation from a Spanish version is slightly but not materially different from the one which I have already read, made from the French text of Bonilla's L'Astronomie article (for which I gave the URL in my first post). It would certainly be interesting if the source of this version is an original Spanish language manuscript of Bonilla's article, but that's not at all clear. It may be a re-translation from a Spanish translation of the French.

Howsoever, it does not remove the problems already referred to; it makes them slightly more explicit.

Bonilla's article states that the objects in his photos are in focus but that the solar disc behind them is not. He then says that he used the telescope at night to observe the moon and planets, without changing the focus setting, and found that although the moon was in focus the planets were not; and on this basis he argues that the transiting objects which had also been in focus during the day must have been closer than the planets and probably not further away than the distance of the moon.

Now apart from the questions one might have about whether the focus really was unchanged between the day and the night (for example, changing temperature can alter a telescope's focus appreciably and Zacatecas is at a few thousand metres altitude where perhaps the temperature difference between a sunny Mexican day and a starry night might be significant) this claim seems suspect.

It isn't uncommon for astronomers photographing astro subjects "at infinity" with large telescopes to record chance meteor trails in the atmosphere (about 100km distance or less) which appear slightly blurred. But I've never heard of a telescope being focused on the moon which, when swung onto planetary subjects "at infinity", would be out of focus. Has anyone else? (Apart from Bonilla's report)

Sun, moon and stars are effectively in the same object plane containing everything beyond 1/2 the hyperfocal distance out to infinity. Any object capable of being brought to a focus on a different image plane from the heavenly bodies would be inside the telescope's hyperfocal distance_ and thus would have to be vastly nearer than Bonilla's hundreds-of-thousands of kilometres, probably as Tom De Mary says by at least a factor of 10^3 or 10^4 .

The hyperfocal distance h is given by

$$h = f^2 / F \cdot c$$

where f is the focal length, F is the F ratio and c is the "circle of confusion" which is the limit of perceptible defocus for an image by an average eye in normal viewing conditions and varies with image format. The rule of thumb formula is

$$c = D / 1730$$

where D is the frame diagonal. Adapting this to the 250mm-diameter projected solar disc would give, crudely, $c = 0.14\text{mm}$.

The 160mm (6") 'Secretan' equatorial refractor Bonilla used had a focal length of 2.02m at the prime focus and therefore a prime ratio of $f12.6$, so we get

$$h = 2.02^2 / 12.6 \cdot 0.00014 = 2313\text{m}$$

There's nothing very precise about this because focus is subjective. But it's indicative. Obviously such a hyperfocal distance makes any estimation of range by means of differential focus impossible beyond a kilometre or two.

But although this would apply for visual inspection of a 250mm image, the transit times were typically a fraction of second and good focus would have been impossible to estimate visually at such angular rates. Bonilla reports that the focus difference between sun and objects was determined from photographs, and these were projected at a smaller scale - set presumably by the photographic plate size allowed by the dark-slide apparatus. This changes things.

The plates recorded a sun image of 67mm diameter according to Bonilla. This would indicate a circle of confusion just a little larger than the 0.03mm used as standard for 35mm photography, or $c = 0.04$.

So for solar photographs taken with this telescope we have

$$h = 2.02^2 / 12.6 * 0.00004 = 8096m$$

or in other words, anything beyond $h/2 = 4048m$ to infinity would be in focus.

But this might not tell the real story either. The focal length in this case will, I think, not be the focal length of the telescope objective (i.e. the usual distance from the objective to the prime focus) but a longer effective focal length because of the use of eyepiece projection. I don't think there's any way to know what the effective f is exactly because we'd need, in addition to the objective f , the eyepiece f and the distance from the eyepiece to the projected image plane. But we can get the feel for the likely distance of h by working some examples.

An extended effective focal length in eyepiece projection will extend the hyperfocal distance of the telescope and so push outwards the nearest distance at which an object will be blurred when the system is focused "at infinity", or inversely the nearest distance at which an object can be brought to a focus when an object "at infinity" (in this case the sun) is blurred.

This doesn't help Bonilla's argument. A longer effective focal length always increases depth of field, and since the far focus is already at infinity this can only mean that the near focus comes even closer.

This isn't just me. The above result $h = 8.1km$ is a fairly good check on Tom De Mary's guess from experience of about 10km. Another astronomer's similar analysis can be read here:

<http://pagesperso-orange.fr/oncle.dom/paranormal/ovni/cas/zacatecas/etude.htm>

Again, I appeal to anyone on the list with expertise in astronomical imaging to shoot down this conclusion if possible and explain why Bonilla's telescope could have shown a perceptible focus difference between the images of the moon and other planets, or between the sun and the moon.

>This fact, coupled with the invisibility of the phenomenon in
>Mexico and Puebla or elsewhere, makes me think that these bodies
>were coming to Earth, to a lesser distance than the moon, and
>that its parallax was significant for that reason Mexico and
>Puebla were projected outside the solar disc." - end of quote.

>It seems Bonilla made further experiments to check the focus,
>leading him to refine his estimate from "not more than 300,000
>kms" to "242,000 kms", about three quarters of the Moon's
>distance.

This shows that Bonilla was aware that his indirect comparison of the focus of the "corpuscle" images with the focus of the moon image (assuming a focus difference between moon and planets existed) could place only an upper limit on the distance.

Notice that both of the websites that you have linked to for detailed discussions of Bonilla's observation conclude - as did L'Astronomie at the time, and as do both Brad Sparks and Tom De Mary on this list - that the objects were probably birds, and for the same reasons I've raised.

As for the brightness of the objects observed before entering and after leaving the solar disc, refer to Tom De Mary's account of having observed this effect when the objects were identifiable as birds. Bonilla's description (based remember on his photographs) describes at least some of the objects as showing a bright tail or trail at these times. This could be explained as motion blur. With a transit time of 1/2 sec and an exposure of 1/100 sec a bird would travel 1/50th of the solar diameter during the exposure, or about 1.5mm on the scale of Bonilla's photographic plates. This is nearly 40 times the diameter of the circle of focus confusion (effective naked eye resolution) calculated above and would be easily visible. The

same motion blurring would account for at least some of the elongation of the dark silhouettes, as mentioned by Brad Sparks.

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos's comments are also pertinent. Similar telescope observations in that era were identified in real time as migrating birds, and Bonilla's observations stretching over two days imply a colossal number of continuously transiting objects which is most naturally explained by huge migrating bird flocks in the local sky.

A related point is that the sun does not stand still. Its motion across the sky over this span of many hours means that, unless a narrow stream of the UFOs obligingly followed the sun so as to keep silhouetted in front of it for the convenience especially of observers located at Zacatecas and nowhere else on Earth (see below), there must have been a broad river of these objects covering many degrees of sky but all unseen except those that happened to pass across the face of the sun as it moved through the sky behind them.

The number of objects counted per unit time was greater when the sun was low in the sky than when it was at the meridian, which is consistent with the line of sight intercepting a broad horizontal layer of objects at a reducing elevation angle (such as a large swarm of migrating birds at high altitude) because the density of objects per unit area would tend to increase in inverse proportion to the sine of the angle.

If these arguments are valid then the crude parallax calculation of distance, based on neighbouring Mexican observatories having seen nothing because of their slightly different lines of sight to the half-degree solar disc, is invalid. The angular swath of sky over which transits could have occurred would be many degrees wide, not a half degree, tending to argue that the objects were in fact much closer to Zacatecas.

One can suppose that if there was a narrow stream of large objects in space staying in the plane of the ecliptic, they would only transit the sun's disc for observers within a band about +/-0.5deg either side of the projection of the ecliptic plane on the surface of the earth. This is a band around the Earth about 70 miles (112km) wide or 1,736,000 sq miles of the earth's surface. I have no idea how many potential solar observers may have fallen within this area. An incomplete listing (it doesn't include Zacatecas) of major observatories

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

includes 58 around the world established before 1883. I imagine this figure could be multiplied many times over to include unlisted and minor observatories, and observatories long since disestablished, as well as individual amateurs. One would think that some other potential observers might have been within this band besides Bonilla during those two days.

But maybe there really were thousands of vast spaceships streaming by 242,000km away between us and the moon, travelling at a speed in the order of 10 million km/hour, 2100km/sec, or about 50 times the solar system escape velocity from within the Earth-Moon system (angular rate 0.5deg/sec). Maybe Bonilla was just lucky.

On the other hand, since all other lines of argument appear to point in the direction of birds it seems simplest - pending any evidence that disproves the arguments about the hyperfocal distance - to conclude that they were probably birds.

Martin Shough

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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I'm glad to see that the so-called 'giggle-factor' has finally
been overcome.

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John Rimmer
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Having shot off my previous one-liner, I had a rather longer
think about this matter.

The surveys may show that the public 'are ready to be told that
UFOs are real craft' - whatever that carefully crafted phrase
might mean, after all, the public have been told that UFOs are
real craft by people on this list and elsewhere, for years now -
but that does not mean that the public do not regard
ufologists as cranks.

Railway trains are real craft, and the public have accepted them
to the extent that millions ride them every day. But people who
'study' railway trains - those people in little huddles at the
end of station platforms with notebooks writing down train
numbers and carefully noting different types of locomotive - are
generally regarded, in an amiable sort of way, as cranks. In
Britain they are referred to as 'anoraks', from the warm zip-up
jackets they wear, and this word has become attached to anybody
with a rather obsessive attachment to something that the public
at large isn't really all that bothered about. I suppose 'geeks'
is the American equivalent.

So although the public may, rightly or wrongly, be fairly
sanguine about assuming UFOs are extraterrestrial craft, they
still think ufologists per se are anoraks, and pretty weird. And
we don't really give them a lot of evidence otherwise, do we?

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>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 22:26:56 -0300
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 15:56:37 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course
>>>of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good,
>>>and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer.
>>>100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are
>>>aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio
>>>audience "Only" 75% said yes.

>>Stan,

>>You have a great rap. I've been in the audience. "Crash At
>>Corona" has soul. But your reliance on the ETH limits your
>>perspective.

>>Yes there are creatures flying around our sky in unusual
>>machines. Why must they be from the stars?

>Ed

>Extraterrestrial means from outside the Earth. It doesn't name
>specific places. There could be way stations in space... the
>equivalent of the British Coaling stations of not too long ago.

>Planets seems a better choice to provide minerals, metals, etc
>needed to construct the vehicles that are bringing them here
>from some place else.

>People are seeing mechanical manufactured objects. Some
>intelligence had to build them someplace else because if we
>Earthlings could build such devices, they would have been used
>in all the wars. They haven't been, ergo ET.

>It doesn't matter whether they warp space and time or use a 10th
>dimension. They are of ET origin. Very straightforward.

Stan,

Yes, all that could be true, but is it probable? I doubt that it
is. What I'm suggesting is that another tool making civilization
(or civilizations) subject to the same evolutionary rules we
follow, is responsible for the strange machines and creatures we
observe and with whom we make occasional contact.

These are ancient civilizations, perhaps thirty to sixty million
years old, which evolved from early mammals or dinosaurs. They

now live where they wish in the Solar System or inaccessible places on earth.

There is no scientific rule that would prevent this from having happened.

These creatures have watched our evolutionary progress and may even have altered us to meet their demands just as we have been doing to our domestic animals for ten thousand years. Betty and Barney were excellent examples of this process. Betty's drawings show us how they looked, but not their intentions, which aren't clear. Their agenda remains hidden. It may not be something humans would readily agree to follow.

Ed

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:51:00 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>But what if that's reality? Humdrum existence and then death. No
>ET, no time travel, or other dimensions, just plain old reality,
>and a few distant, rich cousins.

Hi Ed,

Your message reminded me of R.A.W's attributed saying - "It only takes 30 years for a liberal (freethinker) to turn into a conservative (skeptic), without changing a single idea" - what happens is, a person closes down on alternatives or possibilities.

Ever thought what evolution can do? We've had less than 200 years of real `technology' but we've been using `cyborg' spectacles and other prostheses for a while already, and that looks set to accelerate. Some are foretelling the ability to download a human consciousness into a potentially immortal machine within a few decades.

Besides, nothing needs to be humdrum in the world of ideas - and that's the only `real' world after all.

Cheers

Ray D

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>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:59:31 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>Nothing is more characteristic of a crank than this constant
>obsession with social status, and the attendant belief that the
>way to resolve this problem is through evangelism and political
>positioning. People who think this have simply no idea how
>science works.

I believe, can't prove, that governments, especially the big ones, have huge amounts of information about UFOs hidden away.

I think "evangelism" in the form of educating the public about the very best cases, and passing out DVDs of rebuttals to the many debunkers who always get the last word in documentaries, are excellent steps toward prying that government information loose.

I.e., get the public interested enough to apply pressure to government.

I don't see that type of "evangelism" as somehow "unscientific" at all. Not at all.

And by the way, to only accept phenomena which are 100% repeatable as "real" is, in my view, exactly why "science" hasn't been able to explain and duplicate the level of physics exhibited by UFOs. It's time to understand that lack of 100% repeatability is very likely the familiar "failed experiments" found along the road to every new discovery.

If phenomena aren't repeatable, it doesn't mean they "aren't real", it just means that scientists don't yet understand how the phenomena work, and that more work on them is required.

Eleanor White

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Cherniack's Documentary Broadcast & Screening

From: David Cherniack <DavidC.nul>
Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:27:18 -0400
Archived: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 11:32:43 -0400
Subject: Cherniack's Documentary Broadcast & Screening

Hi All,

This is to let everyone know that the 2 hour feature documentary UFOs: The Secret History - a.k.a. UFOs and the Politics of Reality - will get its world broadcast premiere in Canada on History Television on July 15th at 8:00 p.m. EDT with a repeat at 12:00 a.m. midnight EDT.

For those in the Toronto area who would like to come, there will be a public preview screening at:

The Royal Cinema,
608 College St. West
Toronto M6G 1A1
Phone: 416-534-5252

on July 8 at 7:00 p.m.

The Royal has recently been renovated and has an HD projector so the documentary will be seen in all its glory on a 40-foot screen.

There'll be a nominal \$6 charge at the door with all proceeds going to the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies.

The doors open at 6:30 so if you're attending please be early or let me know so I can reserve a ticket at the box office.

With all best wishes,

David

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>To: <UFOupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: UFOupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 22:24:35 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi William,

<snip>

>I understand that you would like to not be connected to the
>likes of Greer and Adamski. Rather, what I responded to was the
>implicit labeling of all people as 'cranks' versus 'not cranks'.
>What is a crank exactly, anyway? Is it anyone with whom we
>disagree? And why is it necessary to attack the messenger rather
>than the message as the 'crank' label does?

That is one of the most difficult questions to answer.

The way that I see it, is that anyone stating something
extraordinary as a fact, but unable to support the factuality
with convincing evidence deserves the title 'crank'.

That includes religious belief in my opinion (no doubt someone
will be upset by that). In the UFO context, that includes the
assumption by the exopolitical movement in that their primary
tenet is that we don't need to research whether or not ET
visitation is taking place because we already know that it is.

This is however different from non-evangelical individuals who
have had direct personal experiences which have convinced them
of the reality of god or aliens - at least I can understand why
they hold the beliefs which they do.

>I'm a bit out of the loop with respect to the Exo and Greer
>camp, but I suspect it's their politics and their actions that
>offend rather than their beliefs concerning UFOs. As you say,
>"they actively court the media and are entertaining news". Does
>this make them cranks? One may not agree with their actions, but
>who knows how much they may have contributed to the increasing
>acceptance of UFO sightings by the mainstream media? Greer seems
>a bit 'out' there sometimes, but he is doing a good thing with
>the Orion initiative, assuming it's on the up-and-up. And I
>thought his efforts to organize the hearings to encourage
>disclosure were also positive.

Is this what you are referring to?

<http://members.tripod.com/orionaut-ivil/>

I don't know much about it, but it looks to me like a
continuation of eugenics, quite a frightening stream of thought,
especially when taken to extremes - see:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eugenics>

His "efforts to organize the hearings" were totally mis-managed and probably set ufology back 10 years or so. A far better effort is now in progress in the form of "The Coalition for Freedom of Information". although I do have reservations about CFI, I wouldn't describe them as 'cranks' - see:

<http://www.freedomofinfo.org/>

The saving grace of this effort is their declaration which includes the statement:

"We use the term 'unidentified flying objects' (UFOs) simply to mean any airborne phenomena that cannot be identified or explained, a definition first used by the U.S. Air Force in the 1950's. We make no claim as to the nature or origin of these objects."

There are no accusations that the US Government are responsible for the abduction phenomenon, no claims that 'free energy technology' is a reality, etc.

>Hynek is admired for trying to promote a level of scientific
>recognition for UFOlogy, and you suggest that this has been
>impeded by the likes of the Exo and Greer camps. But I think we
>have done it to ourselves without needing much help from them.
>Ufology is a discipline in name only. I know of no system of
>peer review in this field that can evaluate theory and evidence,
>create a consensus about what's happening, and thus give
>scientific respectability to the field. Perhaps the J. of
>Abduction-Encounter Research is an exception. The only recourse
>for someone with something to say is to self-publish a paper on-
>line. I suggest that what is needed is a centralized on-line
>journal where people can post articles and receive comments
>filtered by a moderator to eliminate non-constructive and rude
>feedback. A rating system used by registered readers could rank
>the articles in terms of quality. This might help to develop
>Ufology as a respected and credible scientific discipline.

I generally agree with the above comments, in the sense that they are steps towards establishing standards (see my response to Cathy Reason), but how do we break the public's association with ufology and the 'crank' elements as defined above? I don't think there is any 'quick fix', but it will only be possible through the introduction, maintenance, and improvement of standards within ufology. Part of that process is a distancing from the cranks.

Cheers,

Joe

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>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>It is much easier for us to think of them as space
>>travelers coming from distant planets than time travelers
>>of inter-dimensional explorers.

>It isn't at all easy for me to understand star travel.! I don't
>think it will never be possible for humans to travel from star
>to star. I don't doubt that there are human-like creatures on
>other planets in other star systems, but they are isolated, too.
>There must be another explanation.

<snip>

Hello Ed and List,

All of the following is being proposed without any acrimony.

This a very strange assumption: you cannot envision space travel
so it ceases to be a possibility?

Personally the space travel paradigm is much more palatable than
any theory we could come up with.

>Since I am convinced, and have been for a long time, that
>intelligently controlled machines move in our sky, I've searched
>for other possibilities rather than the ETH, which I see as a
>hindrance in understanding our common UFO dilemma.

<snip>

I guess the true origin of UFOs is an open issue, even for the
proponents of ETH. It is necessary though that the arguments
make sense on both sides of the fence.

>>It is also more reassuring: somehow their existence proves that
>>there is a way out of our planet and that there is a future for
>>our civilization, with a great adventure awaiting us.

>The creatures responsible for this UFO situation are proof that
>we could survive for many millions of years, but humans won't be
>traveling freely in the universe. If we survive, as they
>obviously have, we might go crazy in the process.

<snip>

You have lost me there, Ed. I do not get your message.

>>One shouldn't be to harsh towards ET proponents.

>I don't know why not. They're dead wrong, have no evidence, and
>have closed minds toward other opinions.

<snip>

I do not have a clue why we see obviously manufactured structures with occupants seemingly gathering samples or doing whatever they are doing before jumping aboard the machines et zipping into the sky.

But thinking th! at they might be voyagers from distant planets has more meaning and is closer to our own experience.

We are travelers ourselves, we have explored aboard vessels of some kind, we have set foot on unknown lands, tasted strange food and exchanged with alien cultures.

It is thus much easier - and practical for that matter - to recognize similar motives and behavior from beings who seem to do things in the same way we would.

If we were them, we would be very careful with a species like ourselves.

In more than one way they seem to have human behavior.

The step is a small one:

Our ultimate technology and limit presently concerns space travel. They are like us but they are more advanced. So, they have conquered space travel and are doing what we would do in their place.

Maybe simplistic but natural.

What do other arguments have to bring to the table?

>>I thin! k the problem with the "other than ET" hypothesis is that
>>it offers nothing to sink our teeth into. It supposes all sorts
>>or paradigms that are way outside our experience and offer
>>nothing to the imagination.

>But what if that's reality? Humdrum existence and then death. No
>ET, no time travel, or other dimensions, just plain old reality,
>and a few distant ,rich cousins.

>No dreams to dream for.

<snip>

You are giving me a choice between nihilism and dream.

No hesitation: I'd rather me ETH-happy than nihilist-depressed.

>Perhaps that's why the powers have
>deceived us with the ETH. For our own good, of course.

<snip>

By "powers" you probably mean the phenomenon itself.

What would be the reason of such deception?

One deceives to conceal and conceals to protect.

So far I have not seen much vulnerability from the phenomenon. It is exactly the opposite.

The only type! of protection they are providing seems to be towards us: they seem to be preventing a large scale shock that would occur from open mass contact.

Contact is occuring sighting by sighting, drop by drop.

Unless one supposes that they are archeologists from other dimensions or other times studying a planet that will have ceased to exist because of its own myopia?

That would not be consistence with the Coyne case where a helicopter got beam-tracted 1000 feet upwards by a manufactured

craft.

And then some.

Vincent Boudreau

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Jun 29 2008

Welsh UFO Sighting To Feature On US Show

by Nathan Bevan,
Wales On Sunday
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A mysterious UFO seen hovering in the sky above Wales is set to be the subject of a US TV show.

International interest in little green men was sparked after it was reported earlier this month that a police helicopter had almost been involved in a collision with a flying saucer while waiting for landing clearance at the Ministry of Defence's base in St Athan, Vale of Glamorgan.

The alleged incident saw the whole of Wales gripped by extraterrestrial excitement, prompting the phone lines in the office of Media Wales to jam as floods of readers rang in to tell of similar experiences with strange sights in our skies.

Now hit American investigative show UFO Hunters is looking for people who may have witnessed the events on or around June 8 to take part in a programme for its next series, due to begin filming in August.

"After the news of the incident over St Athan broke it went all over the world and the team behind UFO Hunters were straight on the phone to me asking for help find possible witnesses to that and other unexplained incidents," said Philip Mantle, 50, of UFO DATA magazine who is working as a consultant for the upcoming Wales-based episode.

"Wales has been a hotbed for UFO sightings over the years but what makes St Athan so extraordinary is that the story came from an official source, the police =96 that gives it that extra bit of credence."

But Philip added he'd also found some civilians who had seen it too.

"One woman we interviewed said she was standing in her back yard at around half past midnight that night having a final cigarette before bed and couldn't believe what she was seeing," he said.

"She saw the helicopter chasing another aircraft, but it was failing to keep up because this thing was going like a bat out of hell apparently."

And Philip himself is no stranger to close encounters of the third kind, having spotted two unusual lights in the sky while

driving home from work in 1984.

"It was at 9.57pm exactly on July 23, not that it made much of an impression on me, mind," he said.

"I saw two big luminous circles, like two white pearls hovering on the horizon out the passenger side window, which disappeared before my very eyes."

Philip added that his sighting was among the top-secret government records being made public for the first time in the next four years when they are handed over to the National Archives - 96 more than 160 MoD files which contain 11,000 reported sightings from the last 30 years

"UFOs are clearly as popular a subject as ever and I'm sure the show is going to be a huge success," he said.

Any who thinks they may have seen any unidentified flying object can contact Philip at philip.nul

Other UFO sightings:

Days before the St Athan incident a Bridgend man saw two aircraft, one at 200ft and the other at about 1,000ft, with "bright white lights at the front and flickering red and green lights at the rear." They flew silently, only emitting a faint drone as they turned and disappeared.

In May a 100ft high green and blue triangle was seen over Pont Robert, Powys, along with 'pink pulsating lights'.

Spotted near Port Talbot, two clusters of amber, orange and white lights in triangular formations, moving 'like a bobbing cork'.

Last year one holidaymaker in Cardiff claimed to have seen "spaceships" and that little green men had "abducted his dog, car and tent".

A silent bright orange globe-shaped light was seen by a Bridgend woman in February 2007, hovering over her mother's house. "It made me feel weird," she said.

In March 2006 a pensioner saw cigar shaped lights in the sky, moving down the Garth Mountain at speed for 30 minutes before vanishing.

[Thanks to Greg Boone for the lead]

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Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

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Archived: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:40:00 -0400
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>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:12:44 +0200
>Subject: Re: Messengers Of Deception Available Again

<snip>

>It said, for instance, that all organized UFO groups are
>infiltrated by disinformation agents.

<snip>

True.

Maybe check www.perceptions.couk.com/warn.txt

Cheers,

Ray D

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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Archived: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:51:00 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>>One shouldn't be too harsh towards ET proponents.

>I don't know why not. They're dead wrong, have no evidence, and
>have closed minds toward other opinions.

Okay Ed, I'll bite.

You proclaim that the ETH proponents are "dead wrong", and in the same breath complain that they "have closed minds toward other opinions". Hmmm.

The crux of your position on this topic has been that interstellar travel is impossible... not merely difficult, not merely beyond current human technology, but flat-out impossible.

The only thing I find impossible here is your knowledge that interstellar travel is impossible... you don't know that Ed, and you can't know that. You may surmise it as you choose, and may even be correct, but it is not even explicitly ruled out by existing physical theory, and even if it were, these theories may be incomplete, or simply wrong.

I cannot rule out that the UFO phenomenon originates from indigenous crypto-amphibians. I find that no more or less plausible than its deriving from the machinations of a single hyper-intelligent octopus residing in the Sea of Cortez. But I consider both of these hypotheses less plausible than the idea that the problem of interstellar travel can be, and has been, overcome during the eons available to do so by at least one of the myriad intelligent species that we have no reason to think are unique to this planet.

You seem to consider this conclusion to be the result of a stunted imagination or some insidious indoctrination. I assure you it is neither.

And in any case, how is this issue actually relevant to the study of the phenomenon itself? Dare I ask, what specific novel avenues of investigation are opened up by the terrestrial-origin hypothesis? Which lines of investigation are ETH-specific and should be abandoned? In short, even if you're correct, what are the practical implications, if any?

Mike

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:09:48 -0300
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:09:09 +0200
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>The fact is there is no way at present to prove it or disprove it.

Hi Don:

Bingo - my point exactly. The problem comes when someone like Stan Friedman or Gildas Bourdais wanders along and tells people that there is absolutely a way to prove, and that they have done so, and that some UFOs are alien spacecraft. That is an untenable position for anyone but the true believer, and it's the flip side of the illogical of the debunker coin that says that all UFO cases have prosaic explanations.

Lost in all of this, at least in reference to me, is that I actually favour the ETH as the most likely of the "paranormal" explanations for the UFO phenomenon. However, as opposed to the ET Believers, I'm smart enough to recognize that the key word in ETH is the "H" - it's a hypothesis. That's it.

>Some investigators and researchers have been up to their >eyeballs in this phenomenon for 50 years or more, yet they still >won't say what they think on this issue. Michio Kaku can say >these words and he has a lot more to lose than any of us. Get >off the fence, jump in the pool, the water's fine.

>Hell, I don't have a problem with the ETH. Makes sense to me.

Me neither. But what Kaku says is that yes, there is almost certainly life out there, and yes, it may even be possible that some have come here, although he is, to say the least, on the fence about that. I couldn't agree with him more.

Meanwhile, the ETFact people go about insisting that their case has been made, when it hasn't. Worse, the most notable ETFacters trot out the "Cosmic Watergate" line time after time, throw allegations of cover-up or character assassination at almost anyone who disagrees with them, hang their hats on the Roswell case and make that the poster case for ufology with the general public, at the expense of much better cases out there, like RB47 or the Minot AFB case or the Kelly Johnson case, and resort to the use of frauds like the MJ-12 documents to buttress their position. This stance, which has stood at the forefront of the public perception of ufology for the past several decades, has done more harm to the serious study of the UFO phenomenon than anything the debunkers could have dreamed up. It may play well to the people already sitting in the pews, but it does nothing to convince the broader general public, or science, or the media, or anyone else, that UFOs should be taken seriously.

These views don't make me popular within much of ufology... and that's a sad commentary on ufology.

Paul Kimball

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:14:10 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

<snip>

>I don't disagree with this but then you have to consider the
>other side of the coin as well, the so called serious newspapers
>who don't report any of these events because it's beneath them
>regardlws of the high strangeness of some cases and the
>credibility of the witnesses.

The people in the UK would not report UFOs to the Times or The
Guardian. They would report them to the Sun, Star or Mirror
newspapers, regardless on how seriously they are taken.

Roy

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UFOs Not Rare But Regular

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2008-06-29

Astronomy Researcher: UFOs Not Rare But Regular
www.chinaview.cn

BEIJING, June 29 -- An astronomy researcher reckons UFOs have been visiting Nanjing, the capital city of Jiangsu Province, every five to 10 years for the past three decades, the local Modern Express reported yesterday.

Wang Sichao, a researcher at the Purple Mountain Observatory in Nanjing has been studying UFOs for more than 30 years and says there are explanations for many of them especially those shaped like shooting stars, bright spots, stars and rods.

These are usually natural phenomena or man-made objects, Wang said.

But another seven shapes including spirals, fans, circles, spindles and V-shaped objects remain inexplicable, he said.

These UFOs may well hail from outer space, Wang said.

The first report of a UFO in China was in Nanjing in 1892 when a painting by Wu Youru, a Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) artist showed crowds gathered near Nanjing's Confucius Temple, looking up at a "fire ball" in the sky, Wang said.

The last visit of a UFO to the Jiangsu city occurred at about 5pm on January 10, 2006 when an orange V-shaped UFO with a long tail was seen near the northern side of the Purple Mountain and over the city's Jiangning and Jiangpu districts, said Wang.

On January 14, 1999, a rod-shaped UFO appeared for nearly four hours in the skies of Nanjing - the longest UFO sighting on record for the city. Witnesses said the shining red item, which was about 10 kilometers high and three kilometers long, moved slowly across the sky and its lights gradually faded as it passed over the city.

Source: Shanghai Daily
Editor: Du Guodong

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Source: New Kerala - Hiding somewhere in India/Europe?

<http://www.newkerala.com/one.php?action=fullnews&id=78556>

June 28, 2008

Alien Hunter Claims Mystery Metal Is Crashed UFO Remains

London -- If you think the existence of Martians is all nonsense, then here's something you should know: alien hunter Russ Kellett has revealed a lump of mystery metal which he says was recovered from a crashed UFO 34 years ago.

The shiny one-and-a-half inch melted blob was found near Llandrillo in Berwyn Mountains, Wales, after reports of a spaceship plunging to earth.

Russ says it is similar to melted aluminium, yet heavier.

Police logs described a "terrific explosion" shaking houses on January 23, 1974, and locals said hundreds of cops and military personnel ordered everyone off the mountain.

It has been claimed that alien spacemen were whisked off to a secret military installation - all hushed up by the Government.

"That and this piece of metal from the spaceship proves in my mind the existence of aliens. The metal was picked up by someone who was on the mountain at the time. They have since died and it was passed to me about a year ago," The Sun quoted Russ, as saying.

"I passed it to a jeweller who showed it to an expert but they have no idea what it is," he added.

Russ, who started studying UFOs after being surrounded by inexplicable lights while on a motorbike in 1988, said: "None of these incidents surprise me. It is only a matter of time before we get conclusive proof."

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Filer's Files #26 - Water On Mars

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George Filer Eastern MUFON Director

See all the photos at: www.ufofiler.com

June 25, 2008

Dedicated to 5 year old Georgie Filer V, and Eddie Pedrick my grandsons who drowned whose motto was "Be Happy"

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Water on Mars

Craft Over Venezuela

This week's Files report: Admiral Hellencotter claims UFOs are interplanetary devices, NASA Scientists Confirm Mars Has Water, Eygpt God Amun has Elongated Skull, Colorado Man Shows 'Proof' Of Alien Visitors

Unidentified Aerial Phenomena were spotted over: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey, Pennsylvani, Rhode Island, and Washington.

UFOs were also seen in Australia, Canada, Peru, Venezuela, and the UK.

These Files assume that extraterrestrial intelligent life not only exists, but my hypothesis is that the over one hundred UFOs reported each week represent technologically advanced spacecraft conducting surveillance of Earth. These Files assume that extraterrestrial intelligent life not only exists, but my hypothesis is that the over one hundred UFOs reported each week represent technologically advanced spacecraft conducting surveillance of Earth. I personally became interested in UFOs when I chased one over England when flying for the US Air Force. I've been investigating them ever since. The US Air Force under Project Blue Book investigated UFOs for more than twenty years, we continue this research. It is my belief that God has spread intelligent civilizations throughout the universe.

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UFOs Are Interplanetary Devices

Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, was the third Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) from 1947 to 1950, and the first Director of the CIA, which was established in September 1947.

Hillenkoetter was one of the first intelligence chiefs to make public his conviction that UFO's were real."

Hellenkoetter sent a letter to Major Keyoe and to Congress on 22 August 1960 stating,

"Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense." He also charged that 'to hide the facts, the Air Force silenced its personnel' through the issuance of a regulation. 'I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about Unidentified Flying Objects,' he continued. "Two dangers are steadily increasing: 1. The risk of an accidental war from mistaking UFO formations for a surprise Soviet attack. 2. The danger that the Soviet Government may, in a critical moment, falsely claim the UFOs are a secret Russian weapons against which our defenses are helpless." Thanks to Timothy Good from his new book, "Need to Know"

NASA Scientists Confirm Mars Has Water

For the last ten years these files have claimed there is water and life on Mars. Nasa scientists have revealed that the Phoenix Mars Lander has sent back the first definitive proof that there is water ice hidden beneath the surface of the planet.

NASA reports twenty days of scratching its way through the Martian top soil, the spacecraft uncovered a bright white layer just two inches below the surface. Four days after the white layer was first exposed to sunlight above, photographs taken by the lander's on board camera showed the white surface had disappeared. This proves, the scientists say, that the white layer was not salt as had been previously thought possible because it was melting. "It is with great pride and a lot of joy that I announce that we have found proof that this hard bright material is really water ice and not some other substance," said Peter Smith, from the University of Arizona, who is the principal investigator on the Phoenix mission. "We have found the proof that we've been seeking."

Chemical analysis of soil containing the white layer are still to be completed, but there is no doubt in the minds of Nasa scientists that they will further confirm the presence of water. Water generally means there is life as discovered by the Viking Lander in 1976

John E. Combest writes, "This inquiry is directed to Mr. Peter Smith, Principal Investigator and Project Leadership, Phoenix Mars Mission

Dear Sir:

Over the past five years I have spent many hours studying photographs made available through NASA of the various Mars missions, and I have just this day reviewed all the photos posted at the web site, Phoenix Mars Mission - Gallery - Images for SOL 13 for June 8, 2008, that include possible artifacts..

I have observed a striking contrast in the quality of photos made available to the public from those two missions - as follows:

1. The 36 landscape photos from SOL 13 for June 8, 2008 are all relatively low-pixel-count photos - all of which seem to be slightly out-of-focus, and those which I have downloaded have all been available in JPEG only - which lend themselves to only a small degree of enlargement at which point "pixilation" effects take over and render the scene useless for any kind of meaningful study. Further, are only black-and-white images available from the lander, or are there color photos available elsewhere?

2. Most of the photos posted to the NASA web site for the 1976 Viking missions are of strikingly good quality, and are available in both TIFF and GIF formats, and all seem to have been focused very well. Sections of most of those photos can be enlarged as much as 10X and still show fine detail of the items of interest with no pixilation effects at any level of magnification. And many of the photographs taken by the landers

- and all the photos taken by the orbiters - are in good color (albeit modified before release to make most everything have a rust-brown color to it (even the sky).

3. QUESTION: How does it happen that - after 32 years of improvement in every aspect of imaging techniques and associated electronics - the photos of Mars from the Phoenix Mission made available to the public are of such lesser quality and usefulness? Are better quality photos to be made available as the Phoenix mission develops?

Your assistance in this area of inquiry is appreciated. Thanks to John E. Combest

Ken Pfeifer writes, "I have been looking over the new mars photos and they are very clear. I found one with something unusual. See for your self. You may have to download the photo from the web site for a close and clear view. Tell me what you think...it's the Noctis Labaringth area. Page 4 or 5 of the mars photos.

Egyptian God Amun Has Elongated Skull

Amun From Karnak

One of the important gods in the Egyptian pantheon whose temple at Karnak (the best surviving religious complex of the New Kingdom) was a primordial Egyptian space god, whose name means "the hidden one". As the driving force of the invisible breeze he was originally a god of wind and ruler of the air. During the 11th dynasty (2133 - 2000 BCE) he became the powerful sun-god of Thebes, where he was worshipped as Amun-Re. Later he was made the supreme god of the entire realm and king of the gods. Originally a local god of Thebes. He was usually represented as a human figure wearing a double-plumed crown, sometimes with a ram's head. Note this god has an elongated head indicating an alien skull.

John Combest writes, "Pyramids Are Evidence of Advanced Technology" points out the physical impossibility that the Egyptians (or any other group of humans for that matter) could have built the Great Pyramid. I had some time ago made the observation that - if the Egyptians did build the Great Pyramid - why are there no murals at all showing them building the pyramids? Every other facet of Egyptian life appears in a mural somewhere - but there are no scenes showing the building of the pyramids. Case closed.

Colorado - Man Shows 'Proof' Of Alien Visitors

DENVER - Stan Romanek and Jeff Pekman on the Larry King TV Show claiming they have video of an alien. A man who is pushing to create a task force to deal with space aliens said he has proof they exist and showed the video to the media Friday morning. Denver resident Jeff Peckman believes the video is "irrefutable evidence" of alien visitation. The grainy, black and white video he showed was shot by Stan Romanek in Nebraska in July 2003. Romanek said in a film clip that he thought there might have been a peeping tom peering through his window, spying on his two teenage daughters, so he grabbed a video camera and started recording. The bald, whitish "being" with an elliptical head and big black eyes is seen in the video peering just over a windowsill, blinking, looking around and then going down, out of view. The creature raised its head several times but no other parts of its body is seen.

"It does have somewhat of an ET appearance as I recall, but the skin was much more smooth, not these deep old wrinkles. (It was) very gentle looking, benevolent, kind of had a soft appearance to it," said Peckman, describing the video.

News crews were told to turn their cameras away so no video of the "being" can be shown in public until the film can be analyzed. The video clip will be included in an upcoming documentary but first has to be looked at by experts to confirm that it was not doctored.

Jerry Hufmann, a professional video producer and an instructor at Colorado Film School, said he believes that the alien video

had not been altered in any way. Alejandro Rojas, education director of the Mutual UFO Network, said the creature did not look like a puppet and Romanek does not have the ability or motivation to fabricate a hoax. Peckman said extraterrestrials have visited earth frequently and the close encounters have been covered up by the U.S. government. "According to one report, there are as many as 57 species, that have been documented by our own government, that have visited our planet," Peckman said.

Peckman is spearheading a Denver ballot initiative to create an 18-member Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission that would form a strategy "dealing with issues related to the presence of extraterrestrial beings on Earth" and how humans and aliens can peacefully coexist. The 54-year-old needs 4,000 signatures to get the proposal on the ballot. The commission would cost \$75,000 to form and maintain, Peckman said. "We believe that the end result of all this information will ultimately lead to a higher quality of life, a cleaner planet, the availability of technology that will help us in multiple areas," Peckman said. In the case of extraterrestrial contact, the United States government would be the governing authority, superseding local authorities, so it's not known what the city commission would accomplish. However, Peckman believes that the U.S. government is not doing enough. Peckman sponsored a 2003 initiative that would require the city to implement stress-reduction techniques. That idea didn't garner enough support from voters. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Arizona - An Aircraft Cloaking Itself Witnessed

PHOENIX -- On June 11, 2008, 5:45 PM,. I was in my back yard with my two dogs. The day was warm with a clear blue, cloudless sky. I looked up at the moon in the southern sky and I noticed a white jet, a 747 type flying next to the moon. I kept my eyes on it because I was wondering how high he was flying. All of a sudden the jet blinked out right before my eyes. It just wasn't there anymore. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

California - Disk

SACRAMENTO - On June 6, 2008, we were driving to San Francisco and we had just passed a power plant and looking over rolling hills I saw something shiny, which I thought might be the sun reflecting on a plane, but it was far too bright. I thought it was a plane because of the shape, but then I realized it had no wings, so I was confused. Before I could say anything and in the blink of an eye it disappeared. Again I stared in shock and searched the sky, knowing a plane couldn't move that fast to get out of my line of sight in the blink of an eye. So then I realized what I had just seen. A friend of mine took my description and searched, finding this video for me to see and it's exactly what I had seen. Whether it was the same craft? I don't know. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director
<http://www.ufocenter.com/>

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK -- I saw a strange, green, round light over Death Valley on June 20, 2008, at 11:53 PM PDT. It was going back and forth across the sky. White lights lit up around it and it took off. It was headed west and I was headed north. Comments: The witness made some nice sketches, but the report is quite brief. The sequence of events is unclear. (Did the object land and then take off or did it take off and fly erratically?) Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest
<http://ufosnw.com>

Florida - Cylinder

PORT CHARLOTTE HARBOR -- On June 2, 2008, at 10:31 PM while fishing in Charlotte Harbor we observed an object in the sky. I was fishing with two other men, no drinking of alcohol. One man noticed the object and then I noticed it and said, "That plane looks strange; it looks like its flying backwards." Then we all three seemed to notice that it seemed strange so I reached for my binoculars and looked up again and it was completely gone. I am a retired Police Detective, and served 4 years in the Air force, one of the other men was a retired business man and the third was currently employed by a large conglomerate. The sky

was clear, blue. There were no clouds although a squall had just passed about five minutes earlier. The duration of the sighting was for three minutes when it just disappeared in a clear sky. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

TAVARES - I live in Lake County and I just witnessed the most incredible and startling activity of hovering aircraft on June 22, 2008, that changed colors from red to white and even a blue then green transformation. It lasted for about an hour and there were several craft that moved extremely fast and low in all different directions over our neighborhood. It started at approximately 9:50 PM on June 22nd. It was the most real UFO sighting that I have ever witnessed. I do not have a photo.

Comments: The witnesses saw lights for a considerable time period. The lights hovered at times and moved very fast. Given limited data I have no explanation for what was sighted. Perhaps with more witnesses and data an explanation could be found. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Georgia - Cigar

SUWANNEE -- I saw an object that was cigar shaped that had no contrail and no wings on June 6, 2008, 8:20 PM. It was silver in color or metallic and came in from the west and headed east. It never changed directions. The speed remained the same. I was at a Jazz concert so several people saw it. It also remained a cigar shape. There was no sound with the object. No aura or haze seen. No lights. It did reflect the sunlight off it. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Illinois - Flying Triangle

CHICAGO -- On June 4, 2008, 9:14 PM, I heard a jet fighter over Chicago and accelerate overhead. A fighter jet in Chicago and no air shows anytime soon... this may help if there was another report. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

CHICAGO -- On June 4, 2008, I was having a sleep over at midnight when a flying triangle flew right over my house. I don't know how many people were outside who also saw it. I saw it from my window as I heard a swift quite low sound from outside. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

NORTHLAKE -- On June 5, 2008, at 9:14 PM, I was outside watching my son play in his new wading pool, and taking pictures of him playing. Since we live near O'Hare airport, I naturally always snap photos of the planes taking off from the airport. I snapped three photos of three different planes about 8-10 minutes apart. When I went to upload them into my computer, I noticed that the first picture had these strange cigar shaped objects around the plane. I immediately checked the other pictures, they were clear and there were no objects on any of the photos. I checked my camera and even checked to see if there was debris on the lens, there was none. All my other pictures of planes were all clear and did not have anything on them. That is why I decided to submit the report and the picture to you. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Iowa Photo

CLINTON --Object was filmed above a truck window. I was driving thru town on June 22, 2008, noticed the clouds around the sun turned rainbowish, took a few pictures of the sun, then took a few more of the scenery. Upon developing the picture, I noticed a silver triangle type object in the top right. When zoomed in, the object appears to have three balls of light on the bottom. Not sure if it is dust from the windshield, but it seems to be catching the light from the sun. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Missouri - Triangle

COLUMBIA -- Two bright headlights in the sky caught my attention so I pulled over onto the shoulder of the road to get a better look. It flew over me and I saw three yellow lights on the

bottom in the shape of a triangle. The back had a straight line of red and green flashing lights. My cell phone was losing connection while it was overhead. The entire duration of the sighting was two minutes. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Michigan - Lights Over Eagle Lake

EDWARDSBURG -- On June 6, 2008, 9:45 PM, slow moving metallic balloon shaped objects with burning red undersides were seen for two hours. This was the second time in three days they were witnessed. One quickly moved across the sky another one transformed to a triangular shape and appeared to drop from the sky with lights off. I witnessed the objects for half an hour. The neighbor on the other side of lake witnessed very eerie high pitched screeching sounds outside his front door.

New Jersey - Diamond Orange Colored UFO

ROCKAWAY -- I am writing this for my parents. The sighting took place in New Jersey, on a 4th story balcony facing toward Pennsylvania during the sunset on June 11, 2008, about 8:30 PM. My dad saw a very narrow, diamond shaped orange object that was eclipse like in brightness. It was very low in the western sky and was very large, say 1 inch long equivalent to (10 - 15 airliners stacked on top of each other). He called my mom over to ask what she thought it was. They continued to watch it for about 15 minutes, when it suddenly disappeared. It happened abruptly, only my mom saw it because my dad turned away to pick up the phone to call me. My mom used the term "melted away", but has described it more like suddenly shrinking or maybe moving away from them quickly, very quickly. My parents are in their late fifties, both are skeptics. Thanks Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research

MIDDLETOWN - I was laying on my roof top hammock on June 1, 2008, when I witnessed a dark black object heading due north at a speed no aircraft could match at 2 PM. I timed it at two minutes before it disappeared. There were no lights and no sound. I would say the altitude was in-between 15,000 and 20,000 feet because the cloud levels were above that and it was below the layers of clouds. It was a black sphere with no lights headed north. Wind was 25 to 35 gusting west. It couldn't have been a balloon because it didn't track with the wind. Duration: 2 Minutes Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

MILLVILLE - On June 2, 2008, at 10:31 PM, for ten seconds I observed a triangular flying object with three red lights on each point. It flew straight across the sky very fast than it was gone. It made a loud sound. Thanks to Peter Davenport Director <http://www.ufocenter.com/>

Rhode Island - Huge Cigar UFO

CHARLESTOWN / SOUTH KINGSTOWN -- My friend and his dad were working building a fireplace and about 9:00 PM, were standing sipping their beer, when suddenly the entire sky above them filled with this huge cigar shaped craft, with lights and windows all around it. My friend said it just sat there quietly, making no noise what-so-ever. My friend said he shined his flashlight up at it and immediately it shot down a return beam of light on the deck where they stood.

He said to his dad - "Wohhhh - what the heck was that dad?" He said it sat there for a few more minutes and then - blip - gone! - I said gone! The next night when I got there he said, "well, of all nights for you not to show up, boy did you miss it last night and told me the story." United Nuclear facility is located nearby. I called my friend to confirm that it did happen, just as I've described.

Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research and host of the Vike Report UFO Eyewitness radio show. <http://www.hbccufo.org>

Pennsylvania - Red Glowing Craft

My 12-year-old daughter was up talking on the phone to a friend and looking out her bedroom window (facing south) at the moon when a red-glowing, pulsing craft came into view instantly to the right over a wooded valley in front of our house. It had a row of white lights along the lower edge that raced one at a time to the right, and then traveled back again, repeating. The whole craft glowed red that got brighter then dimmer. It moved slowly just above the tree line until it was directly in front of her window where it hovered silently. It moved slightly, and was not stationary for several more seconds. It did this light show several times before moving off quickly to the east. Her boyfriend on the phone told her as she described it that it must be a UFO because planes etc. don't do that. He then looked out his own window (about 5 miles away) in our direction and said he saw seven red dots all traveling in a group, he got scared and ducked.

NOTE: We've joked that our row of solar LED garden lights (PHOTO ATTACHED) that randomly pulse colors of green, red, blue that are lining our garden wall in a half circle about 25-30 feet in length might signal a UFO - perhaps they might think one of theirs is in distress... Perhaps it works! We're considering setting up a motion camera to catch one on film. Thanks to MUFON CMS

Washington - UFO Engaged Military Aircraft

SPANAWAY LAKE PARK - The witness reported that at 4:15 PM on Monday, June 16, 2008, he saw a spherical-craft that was "reflective," and as almost "chrome-like." It had a "subtle, horizontal band around the middle of the object," which was clearly visible during the sighting. The eyewitness estimated that the UFO was approximately at a mile in altitude. He compared the size of the spherical craft to a BB held at arm's length. The target was headed in a southeasterly direction before it vanished. The eyewitness reports, "It disappeared after about 10 seconds of being pursued by McChord Air Force Base jet fighters. It did not change direction, but just suddenly disappeared. Nobody else seemed to notice, they were too busy swimming and frolicking." Anyone with additional information is asked to contact uforc.com. Thanks to Christopher Montgomery Executive Director UFORC International Global Network, <http://www.uforc.com/cgi-bin/yabb2/YaBB.pl>

Washington, DC - Woman Sees Airborne Silver Ball

D.C. -- On June 12, 2008, at 9:20 AM, the witness saw an airborne silver ball flying quite high in the sky. The object was sighted to the South-Southwest. She said that the object moved towards the west and then back to its original location.

Additional Information Provided by Witness: In a follow-up phone call the witness stated that the object was close to a commercial airliner. The object was quite small, but the witness said that she could determine that it was shaped like a ball and of silver color. The object eventually just disappeared.

Comments: The explanation for this sighting cannot be made given available information. Sometimes conventional aircraft flying at a long distance from the observer can appear as a silver ball. However, given that the object returned to its original location makes a conventional aircraft a less likely explanation. Thanks to William Puckett UFOS Northwest <http://ufosnw.com>

Australia - UFO Photos

I just went to take a photo of the sky light on June 26, 2008, [easterly position] as the sun was coming up, but still a while to go. My camera flashed and I thought I got a star in the photo. I snapped another and then looked at it inside; there was an object on both of the photos. One closer than the other. I went back outside on the deck, but nothing was in the sky. I have attached photos and one enlargement. Thanks to MUFON CMS and Carol Pappas.

Canada - Green Ball of Light With a Tail

KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA -- My husband was awake around 2:30 AM, on June 14, 2008, when he looked out our bedroom window which faces southwest when he saw a green ball cross the sky going from west to east. At first he thought someone was lighting fireworks because of the green color but the object didn't fall to the ground, it went straight across the sky and disappeared. Thanks to Brian Vike, Director of HBCC UFO Research, <http://www.hbccufo.org>

Peru -- Alleged UFOs Photographed

CHACHAPOYAS - INEXPLICATA The Journal of Hispanic Ufology reports, "Town residents and tourists alike gathered to witness the celebration of the Raymillacta in the city of Chachapoyas and realized they were not alone. Two visitors in the sky went unnoticed, or so they thought. While video cameras, digital cameras and cell phones moved throughout the Plaza Mayor of the city to capture the best angle of the celebration, an enthusiast recorded images of a different nature.

According to a blog kept by journalist Manuel Cabanas Lopez, Nicolas Ruiz took eight photographs in the afternoon of June 7, 2008. Reviewing them on his computer, his attention was drawn to one of them: it showed two glowing objects that stood out in the skies over Chachapoyas.

Upon enlarging the photo, it was possible to see the presence of two objects that did not agree with the blue heavens that afternoon. The blogger notes that these strange objects could be classified as UFOs as they cannot be identified -- this is due to the fact that the area has no air traffic whatsoever.

This would not be the first case. Approximately one month earlier, Manolo Valdez Santillan photographed two strange objects flying over the city. These photos were published in the "Trome" newspaper on May 30 (2008). Asunta Huaman and hundreds escorting the Virgin in a procession witnessed three objects flying north to south. On June 6, amid the main ceremony honoring the battle of Higos-Urco, a strange object suspended in the sky for five minutes was seen by the entire population. Source: Diario Peru <http://www.peru21.com/p21online/Html/2008-06-12/onp2portada0906102.html> (Translation (c) 2008, S. Corrales, IHU. Special thanks to Guillermo Gimenez)

UK/England - UFO Filmed

A UFO was filmed over southeast England on June 16, 2008. You can observe the film at http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=0f3_1213645548

UK/Scotland - Police Officers' Sighting in UFO Reports

KINGUSSIE - Scottish Provincial Press Ltd. reports, "Memories of strange objects seen in the skies above the Strath have been reawakened by the release of thousands of Government 'X-Files' reports. The Government has made public 5,000 files from the National Archives on UFO reports across Britain made between 1979 and 1987 to dispel conspiracies of cover-ups of flying saucers and aliens.

The first batch of files to be released includes a report by two Kingussie policemen who spotted a massive "platinum-white" sphere in the sky during a routine patrol on the A889 between Dalwhinnie and Laggan on Hogmanay in 1984. Constables Donald MacLeod and Alasdair MacDonald were amazed to see the giant orb in the sky to the north of them. "It was about the size of a football on our windscreen, but the bottom of it was hidden by the hills in front, so it was far away," recalled Constable MacDonald, who is now based in Dingwall.

"Donald and I watched it for a couple of minutes, thinking, 'What the hell is this?' It just wasn't natural. I think I put in the report that it was magnesium white, and then it sort of imploded; it shrunk down in size until it disappeared.

"It wasn't hidden by clouds, but we were asking each other if they had seen it too, and we were both positive we had, so we decided to report it to Inverness.

"It was off to the north of us, so we thought people in Inverness would have been able to see it too, but there were no other reports."

Constable MacDonald, who was based in Kingussie from 1981 to 1985, stands by his story, despite immediate skepticism on the part of staff at Northern Constabulary headquarters in Inverness. He said: "I have never heard anything official about it since, but we knew what we saw and we thought it should be reported." He is still happy to discuss his not-so-close encounter with the UFO, and regularly tells colleagues of the strange sighting. "In fact, I was chatting to colleagues about it a couple of days ago, and a few others mentioned they had seen things like that they couldn't explain but not everybody reports it," he said. "I know it happened on Hogmanay, but we were both on duty and sober. In fact, I don't drink at all, so that rules out one explanation people come out with. "It wasn't covered by clouds and it wasn't the moon. No one knows what it was."

RAF KINLOSS -- Another sighting revealed in the records happened just over two months earlier when staff in the operations room at RAF Kinloss Air Base were told of a 50-foot-long "orange-yellow flame", four feet across, seen by witnesses at Tomintoul as it descended towards Grantown.

Around the same period, delivery driver Clement Muir, of Duke Street, Kingussie, reported seeing a saucer-shaped craft with an orange light on top as he drove along the old A9. "I only saw it because the car in front had stopped and the people were pointing into the sky," he said. "It was a grey, round thing with an orange dome on top."

We watched it for a few seconds and then it shot off at some speed. "I told my boss about and he phoned the papers to tell them about it and then I started getting calls from all sorts of people asking for details." "I don't think any of them were from the Government or the Army or police, just journalists, but I didn't want to talk about it." "Folk didn't believe me so I'm glad I'm not the only one who saw something like this. I never really talk about it these days." Mulders and Scullys wanting to wade through Britain's very own "X-Files" can see them at ufos.nationalarchives.gov.uk and anyone can file an alien abduction report with www.ufowatch.com - providing, of course, that they have had their own close encounter with extra-terrestrial life. copyright 2008, Published: 21 May, Scottish Provincial Press Ltd.

Venezuela - Sergeant Takes This Photo

LA ZORRA BEACH -- On April 9, 2008, a sergeant of the Venezuelan Armed Forces (name on file) photographed a group of children who were in the vicinity of the Caney del Chivo restaurant in the locality of La Zorra, Estado Vargas, capturing an image of an UFO. The image was taken with a 4 mpix HP digital camera near La Zorra Beach on the Caribbean Sea. It shows the object's body with great clarity. However, it is possible to see two luminous sources of bluish-white light bordering an indefinite, possibly circular surface, and a grey wake that appears to issue from the rear of the object.

According to Kirvic Lopez, who spoke with the author of the photo, nothing out of the ordinary was seen when the image was taken. "He told me there was nothing to be seen when he took the photo, but when he downloaded the images to the computer, he became aware of the "machine" that appeared there," he explained. The photographer is a serious and honest person, and even skeptical. This leads him to dismiss the possibility of a hoax or technique to garner public attention, since he is not even interested in having his identity, or that of the photographed children, made public.

An image analysis performed by Thony Huerta of the DALETH group directed by Mexico's Ing. Leopoldo (Polo) Lazcano found traces of texture, shadow and lighting on the object in question, ratifying that the object did not experience any manipulation whatsoever.

Huerta also dismissed the possibility that an airplane or known

aerial craft could be involved due to the size of the object, in comparison with its lights, and its shape, which appears to be circular or ovoid.

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>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
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>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:34:11 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

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>The heck with UFO radar contact, get the recordings re the
>police helicopters actions during that time frame as claimed by
>the Sun story; quote: "The Sun goes on to report that the
>helicopter then pursued the object until it ran short of fuel
>near the North Devon coast and had to return to St. Athan."

Hi Don,

This is an aspect that Nick Pope has expressed specific interest in. Since he has stated that he is also investigating the case, perhaps you would be better off addressing your questions to him?

I have already said that we have other lines of enquiry in progress and as they bear fruit, I will continue to update the List, but please don't expect me to either pre-empt the outcome of those enquiries or go into detail about them in advance.

Cheers,

Joe

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Sunday, 29 June 2008

UFO Alert! Aliens Everywhere

A woman was 'abducted', a helicopter 'attacked'. What exactly is going on?

By David Randall

If you still live with your parents, wear a zip-up cardigan over your collar and tie, have enamel badges in your lapel and don't get out much because you're too busy curating your collection of Star Trek memorabilia, it has been quite a week. While the rest of the country has been fussing over such trivia as Zim-babwe, you've been tabulating the latest activities of forces beyond our galaxy.

On Wednesday you awoke to a Sun exclusive from Shropshire: "A shaken soldier told last night how he saw 13 UFOs spinning in the skies above his military barracks." Not to be outdone, the Hastings Observer reported a woman's sighting of strange orange lights above the resort, and asked: "Are aliens the latest visitors to Hastings?" The following day, it was "orange orbs" over Liverpool, and The Sun's further report from Salop: "A mum who insists she was abducted by aliens on the A5 said yesterday, 'I knew they'd be back'."

Only the week before, according to the ever-vigilant Sun, a "flying saucer-shaped" object "attacked" a police helicopter over Cardiff. The story got so much coverage that, within days, hundreds of sightings were coming into the newspaper.

What is going on? Let us explain. First, those lights above Shropshire. Superior beings in their radar-defying supersonic craft? No, says the manager of the Tern Hill Hall hotel, near Market Drayton: they were Chinese lanterns released to celebrate a wedding. Like miniature hot-air balloons, they fly off until they burn up and disintegrate. It is quite common for them to be mistaken for the gathering forces of the planet Tharg.

As for the rest, there's a more prosaic explanation. In the middle of May, the Ministry of Defence announced it would be issuing its hitherto classified files on UFO sightings between 1978 and 1987. This got enormous publicity, and also produced a huge leap in sightings of lights and flying saucers. UFOINFO.com has logged more than twice as many reports this May and June than in the corresponding months last year.

And, in their database, there lurks another possible clue as to the cause of UFO sightings by the ever watchful, and suggestible, British public. Which date do you suppose was responsible for the most reports this year? The first of April?

No. It was 1 January, when there were more sightings in 24 hours than in the whole of the first four months of 2007 put together. It is also a night of fireworks and large numbers of people staring woosily into space. Some of them, it appears, are still doing so. Panic over. Back to the Star Trek collection.

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:29:42 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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>>>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>>>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>>>cranks".

>>Given those fairly recent surveys, it would seem that a majority of
>>the public are ready to be told that UFOs are real craft.

>>The guys with agendas are the ones claiming ufologist crankhood.

>Having shot off my previous one-liner, I had a rather longer
>think about this matter.

>The surveys may show that the public 'are ready to be told that
>UFOs are real craft' - whatever that carefully crafted phrase
>might mean, after all, the public have been told that UFOs are
>real craft by people on this list and elsewhere, for years now -
>but that does not mean that the public do not regard
>ufologists as cranks.

>Railway trains are real craft, and the public have accepted them
>to the extent that millions ride them every day. But people who
>'study' railway trains - those people in little huddles at the
>end of station platforms with notebooks writing down train
>numbers and carefully noting different types of locomotive - are
>generally regarded, in an amiable sort of way, as cranks. In
>Britain they are referred to as 'anoraks', from the warm zip-up
>jackets they wear, and this word has become attached to anybody
>with a rather obsessive attachment to something that the public
>at large isn't really all that bothered about. I suppose 'geeks'
>is the American equivalent.

>So although the public may, rightly or wrongly, be fairly
>sanguine about assuming UFOs are extraterrestrial craft, they
>still think ufologists per se are anoraks, and pretty weird. And
>we don't really give them a lot of evidence otherwise, do we?

John:

Perhaps you could enlighten us about the evidence as to what the
public thinks about ufologists?

Re: Water Or Stone?

Maybe some facts, some evidence, some data instead of proclamation? Just which "public" is being discussed?

Those who attend meetings of the Skeptical Society?

Who are the "we" who don't give them a lot of evidence? I present a lot of evidence even if you don't.

Frankly 'crank' is a term best applied to the nasty noisy negativists, as far as I can see.

Stan Friedman

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 21:32:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:09:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>Bingo - my point exactly. The problem comes when someone like
>Stan Friedman or Gildas Bourdais wanders along and tells people
>that there is absolutely a way to prove, and that they have done
>so, and that some UFOs are alien spacecraft. That is an
>untenable position for anyone but the true believer, and it's
>the flip side of the illogical of the debunker coin that says
>that all UFO cases have prosaic explanations.

This and other discussions go on about the presence or absence
of proof as if it were an absolute distinction, when it has more
to do with how well the evidence fits into a theoretical model.

To take an arbitrary recent example, scientists are now saying
that they have proof that there is water on Mars. All they
really have is photographic evidence changing in a way
consistent with what one might expect if there were water ice on
Mars. The point is that any statement of proof is contingent on
prior expectations.

The disagreement over UFOs as alien spacecraft seems to have
more to do with the words people use to state their positions.
Why don't we argue that the evidence is for or against the 'UFOs
as spacecraft' hypothesis and leave it at that? As more and more
evidence accumulates, so will our belief that a certain position
is true. Missing from this discussion may be clear criteria that
need to be met before we all can agree that the evidence proves
that the UFOs are alien spacecraft. This is in keeping with
proof being a consensus or 'belief' based on a shared model of
reality. If we cannot even agree on such criteria, then there
will be no way to agree on a statement of proof.

Regards,

William

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>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 11:41:59 -0700
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 22:26:56 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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>Yes, all that could be true, but is it probable? I doubt that it
>is. What I'm suggesting is that another tool making civilization
>(or civilizations) subject to the same evolutionary rules we
>follow, is responsible for the strange machines and creatures we
>observe and with whom we make occasional contact.

Same question to you as to Stan and the ETFactors - do you have
any evidence to support this claim? No, of course not. You're using
the same evidence that they are, and you're drawing the same silly
conclusions, just of a different sort.

I give the ETFactors a rough ride not because their hypothesis isn't
possible, but because they assert that it is a proven fact, when it
is not. But at least their hypothesis makes sense, particularly when
you update Stan's nuclear rocket material to the modern era, and
start talking about star travel in the way that someone like Kaku
does. Even if you can't imagine how it would be done, scientists
can, even if we're a long way from doing it. You remind me of someone
in 1491 Spain who would have been whisierping in the King and Queen's
ear as Columbus stood in front of them - "it's impossible, you
majesties; the world is flat; we don't know how to do it; I can't
imagine how it could be done... ergo, it cannot be done".

Your idea that we share the planet with this hidden species
makes no logical sense whatsoever. If you think otherwise, take one
major UFO case, and walk me through it in detail, describing how each
element supports you "theory". How about the 1957 RB47 case, which
many people think is the best on record? Explain that one using your
"creatures who share the planet with us" explanation.

Best regards,

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>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 03:29:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 13:14:10 -0300
>>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

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>>I don't disagree with this but then you have to consider the
>>other side of the coin as well, the so called serious newspapers
>>who don't report any of these events because it's beneath them
>>regardlsss of the high strangeness of some cases and the
>>credibility of the witnesses.

>The people in the UK would not report UFOs to the Times or The
>Guardian. They would report them to the Sun, Star or Mirror
>newspapers, regardless on how seriously they are taken.

Is that because they have a fear of being ridiculed by
contacting the Times or The Guardian, do you suppose?

It is beginning to look as though the Sun embellished heavily on
the Cardiff Police helicopter encounter. A quick check of the
radar recordings would indicate the helicopter's actions and
dispel the Sun's claims.

Don Ledger

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 18:55:17 +0100
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>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:55:08 -0300
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>>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 24 Jun 2008 14:02:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>Hi Stan,

>>What possible basis do you have for the outrageous claim "The
>>public in general will never support ufology. To them we are all
>>cranks".

>That is the public perception, certainly in the UK.

>>What nonsense.

>>I have over the last 41 years given more than 700 illustrated
>>lectures, mostly Flying Saucers ARE Real and mostly to college
>>and professional groups in all 50 states, 9 Canadian provinces, 8
>>cities in the UK, about 9 in Australia, and in 14 other
>>countries.

>What proportion of these presentations were to groups with no
>declared interest in the paranormal or UFOs?

What in the world is that supposed to mean? "No declared
interest"? If the committee didn't think their community had
some interest, they wouldn't invite me. More than 95% of my
college lectures are sponsored by student government or student
activities, etc., kind of groups who bring in all sorts of
speakers about all sorts of topics.

What possible basis, besides your ignorance and bias, do you
have for even suggesting these are paranormal or ufological
groups? Utter nonsense... as bad as your 'crank' comment.

>How many presentations in the 41 years have been to purely
>academic, engineering, or military groups, and not to minority
>interest groups?

Many many hundreds: the very great majority...

Again an outrageously biased notion. I have indeed spoken to
many Sections of the American Institute of Aeronautics and
Astronautics, The Institute of Electrical and Electronic
Engineers, the American Nuclear Society, the Engineering
Societies of Detroit, Cincinnati, Baltimore, etc.

Yes, I have also spoken to more MUFON symposia, with other
professional people, a small minority of the academic,

engineering or military Groups, than has anybody else... fewer than 20.

The answer is almost all are not minority interest groups. These include management clubs of Lockheed, North American Rockwell, NASA Downey, Motorola, McDonnell Douglas, etc., etc.

>>Crowds have been as large as 2000. I have appeared on hundreds >>of radio and TV programs. I have never been treated as a crank.

>Again, you are mainly talking about closed interest groups -

No,,I am not. Facts and data please? Totally and outrageously false. All kinds of people have also been brought in by the same groups.

What possible basis do you have for your ridiculous claim? You may believe it, for whatever reasons, but you are totally wrong.

>readers of UFO magazine, MUFON supporters, you have even spoken >at events organised by the Exopolitics movement lending support >(just by your participation) to people like Stephen Bassett, >Jaime Maussan, Michael Salla, Richard Hoagland, Thomas Van >Flandern, Philip Corso, Steven Greer, Roger Leir, just to name a >few of the people who also made presentations at your venues. >Association with many of them dilutes your own and ufology's >credibility in general in the minds of some ufologists, let >alone the 'public mind'.

Is this supposed to bother me? Lending support??
Pretty silly.

I have also appeared on Coast to Coast with Seth Shostak and Michael Shermer. Are you implying that I am lending support to them by demolishing their arguments?? Was I lending support to Peter Brookesmith at Oxford by debating him or to James Magaha by debating him at Middle Tennessee State University?

>Unless 'serious' ufologists refuse to participate at events where >some of the more dubious elements are given a platform, we will >always be seen as one and the same.

Says who? Joe, I have received hundreds of notes and email and post it comments from people thanking me for standing up to be counted and presenting facts and data and dealing so well with the arguments of the noisy negativists. Have you had loads of notes denouncing me for appearing where some of these people appear?

>As for TV programmes, generally they are for entertainment, not >education - subject to the commercial constraints of air-time >limits, viewing audience, advertising revenue, etc. In general >they provide a very distorted view of ufology which is for the >most part very boring and not very entertaining.

Another proclamation...

Are you suggesting there is more to be lost than gained by appearing on TV programs? Paul Kimball's The Best Evidence and Stanton T. Friedman Is Real and Do You Believe In Majic? are very educational and are not boring... from what I get told. Who are you to judge? Did you see any of them?

>>There is an entire chapter in my new book Flying Saucers And >>Science covering a load of polls.

>>An interesting one was conducted by ITV in the UK in the course >>of a TV debate on June 27, 1997, between Nick Pope, Tim Good, >>and myself vs 3 PhDs - psychologist, physicist, and astronomer. >>100,000 people called in to say yes or No to the question "Are >>aliens visiting Earth?". 92% said yes. In the large studio >>audience "Only" 75% said yes.

>80% of a hundred thousand people is only in the order of 0.14% >of a population of 60 million. Many of the viewers will already >have been interested in UFOs, so the result is hardly >surprising, is it?

Of course it is surprising since it conflicts with your proclamations and how can you possibly suggest only those listeners in the whole country agree with the proposition?

One hell of a silly extrapolation.

I wonder how many calls the network could have handled and how many callers got busy signals. For all we know only non-believers tuned in because of the debunkers known to be on.

>More people will vote on the next person to be evicted from the
>Big Brother House - it's just entertainment, and you were part
>of the show.

Which is supposed to mean what??

If the views agree with yours, they are reasonable. If they don't, they are those of a crank. Well spoken, Joe, as a true crank.

>>My team won a debate at the Oxford University Debating Society
>>getting 60% of the member votes even though it was clear from my
>>40 + interviews that trip that the media and public knew very
>>little about the subject. I have had only 11 hecklers despite my
>>coming on very strong and 2 of them were drunk.

>The public and the media are used to the cranks being in the
>spotlight, occasionally with supporting acts by 'serious'
>ufologists - small wonder they know little about the subject.

They know so little because few are willing to speak out in the face of noisy negativism from the likes of you. I am. You fit a dictionary definition of a crank..."one overzealous or fanatical in advocating his beliefs" since you don't provide facts to back up your beliefs, unlike scientists like myself.

Many commented to me about the contrast between the data I presented on Coast to Coast and the total lack thereof from Shermer, Shostak, et al.

>>Let us not substitute proclamation for investigation though that
>>seems the norm for debunkers.

>Nice cliché or sound-bite, but getting a little stale.

It sounds stale because it so correctly describes your approach and you know it.

Stan Friedman

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>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 16:27:18 -0400
>Subject: Cherniack's Documentary Broadcast & Screening

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>This is to let everyone know that the 2 hour feature documentary
>UFOs: The Secret History - a.k.a. UFOs and the Politics of
>Reality - will get its world broadcast premiere in Canada on
>History Television on July 15th at 8:00 p.m. EDT with a repeat at
>12:00 a.m. midnight EDT.

David,

Best of luck with the screening, and the premiere. I look forward to seeing it.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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>>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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>For there to be an observation of the ET origin of a UFO someone
>or some instrument must observe the UFO coming to or from that
>place of origin. It's that simple. Everything else is an
>inference not a direct observation.

Three different dictionaries define extraterrestrial as meaning
from Elsewhere than Earth. There is no requirement to provide a
specific place of origin to use the label ET. Not from Earth
ergo ET... no matter from what planet or the mode of transport

>Identifying the origin of an unknown object, substance or even
>person is always difficult. Labels prove nothing. Lots of people
>have bought merchandise advertized as "Made in the USA" on the
>outside of the box only to find "Made in China" or "Made in
>Mexico" on the inside. And there must be many with no labels
>inside saying "China" or "Mexico" who are still fooled to this
>day.

>Statements of alleged "aliens" alone prove nothing either. A
>witness who is told by an alleged ET alien that the alien comes
>from Zeta Reticuli 2 is not a percipient witness of that origin.
>The witness has not observed that alleged place of origin, but
>is only a witness to a statement made by some alleged entity
>who could very well be lying (if the entity even exists and is
>not hallucination or lie by the witness). The statement may be
>>true or false, but the witness only observes the statement,
>not the facts alleged in the statement.

I am flabbergasted. I have been talking about Zeta 1 and Zeta 2
Reticuli being the likely home base for the aliens who abducted
Betty and Barney Hill in 1961 since I published the first
article about the outstanding star map work of Marjorie Fish in
the early 1970s. I have never heard of an alien certainly not
those ,described in Captured! The Betty And Barney Hill UFO
Experience telling anybody he was from Zeta Reticuli. The claim
is an off the Earth origin.

>Even in human experience we know that controversial or disputed
>statements (allegations) must be cross-examined and corroborated
>by independent evidence. The alleged alien from Zeta Reticuli 2
>has not been cross-examined closely by experts seeking to verify
>the claim. The alleged alien has not been put to the test. To

>use a courtroom analogy, no witness testimony is accepted
>without cross-examination, under US law.

>This confusion between observation and interpretation is
>widespread in UFO research. It is used to great advantage by
>debunkers who seize upon a witness' mistaken interpretations
>of what he saw in order to discredit his observations. Most
>witnesses are accurate in their observations if one carefully
>strips away the interpretations, which are usually mistaken.
>In my study of the IFO cases in the Condon Report, used as
>a control sample, I found that witness observations were 97%
>to 98% accurate, if their interpretations were excluded.

>The bottom line is that for the extraterrestrial origin of a
>UFO, say, from at Zeta Reticuli 2, to be observed, some
>instrument or observer must see or detect the UFO coming from
>Zeta Reticuli 2. Alien "say-so" is worthless. Traces of a UFO
>path between Earth and Zeta Reticuli 2 may lead to the inference
>of a ZR2 origin, but it still isn't direct observation of the
>origin.

<snip>

I consider this an outrageous notion from someone much too smart
not to recognize it as such.

>As I have pointed out in previous posts, the USAF adopted a
>policy in 1952 of bypassing anecdotal UFO reports in favor of
>sensors and instrument data. This anti-case anti-anecdotes
>policy discouraged what was regarded as worthless or nearly
>worthless investigations of anecdotal UFO reports given by
>military pilots and other credible witnesses. It also meant
>bypassing Project Blue Book which was converted from an
>intelligence function to a propaganda role. This was long before
>the Bolender memo of 1969 which talked about real UFO
>intelligence data already bypassing the Blue Book system anyway
>so that BB could now be shut down.

>All the "credibility" and truthfulness in the world, of a human
>eyewitness, in almost all cases cannot determine a 1-mile
>distance from a 10-mile distance from a 100-mile distance or a
>1-foot UFO from a 10-foot UFO from a 100-foot UFO traveling at
>10 mph or 100 mph or 1,000 mph or 10,000 mph, unlike instruments
>which can do so, which can so determine size-speed-distance-
>altitude data.

>There are people who love to wallow in worthless cases where 1
>mile cannot be distinguished from 10 miles or 100 miles, or
>where they have decided in their heads this must be "proof of
>ET" so they "know" it is a huge spaceship 100 feet in size 100
>miles away or whatever, instead of a 1-foot bird at 1 mile. But
>USAF Intelligence wisely decided to get out of that hopeless
>losing game back in 1952, and stick with data of scientific
>intelligence value. Maybe they went too far with that policy in
>discouraging or rejecting UFO sightings of limited value and
>accidentally lost some good data but they were right to do
>something about the mass of worthless reports, so that
>intelligence analysts were not bogged down with thousands of
>junk cases.

>So, yeah, "authorities are unwilling to give serious
>consideration to the identification" of anecdotal UFO reports -
>because they have something much better to work with. But some
>want to turn this lack of interest by "authorities" in story-
>telling UFO anecdotes as proof of their lack of interest in
>UFO's altogether.

>All the beatings of the dead horse of anecdotal UFO sightings
>will not change these facts and decisions of US intelligence
>history to bypass the anecdotes in favor of instrumented UFO
>data.

<snip>

>Good question. And how do we divest ourselves of the planted
>disinformation agents, who force their way into the public
>spotlight as alleged spokesmen for the entire UFO research
>community while trotting out "crank witnesses" as the "best
>evidence" that all UFO researchers have to offer?

>Their strategy is to discredit the whole UFO research field with

>the "giggle" factor using their array of lying or deluded
>nutballs in public, and using stinker "witnesses" whose
>"testimonies" would implode under any serious questioning at a
>Congressional or other hearing.

>The USAF has a long track record of applying this discrediting
>technique, including its clever setting up of the CIA at the
>Robertson Panel with known or suspected IFO cases misrepresented
>as "best" UFO Unknowns. When the Panel scientists scrutinized
>these planted false "UFO" cases the cases of course blew up in
>their faces, humiliating the CIA which had gone out on a limb to
>defend UFO research and even ETH, and naturally led to the
>searing, caustic anti-UFO conclusions which have now become
>famous. And it got the CIA off the AF's turf, the UFO business,
>for a long time, which was the point of this AF interagency
>disinformation scheme.

>For a more recent example of a stinker time-bomb "witness" whose
>testimony is ready to explode in the faces of the UFO community,
>I refer to liars such as the alleged "witness" military radar
>operator who claimed he personally tracked a UFO on his
>radar_ (not multiple radars) for 2,000 miles up and down the
>Eastern Seaboard, including height-finding, when in reality no
>such radar existed then or now, such radars being limited to no
>more than about 300 miles maximum range.

>These bogus "witnesses" are designed to have "testimony" that
>sounds plausible, even impressive, to the non-experts, but are
>ready to blow up the moment they are scrutinized, with the
>intent that the exposure occur at the most humiliating moment
>for the UFO research community, such as perhaps under intense
>questioning at a Congressional hearing should one ever occur.
>This is a setup, so the government can bring on their own
>witnesses who will easily make mincemeat out of the UFO claims
>made by their disinformation agents pretending to be "spokesmen"
>for the UFO research community.

There is much here I agree with.. but certainly Notthe notions
noted above.

Stan Friedman

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Science = Inertia

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 20:44:36 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 08:38:20 -0400
Subject: Science = Inertia

Science = Inertia [Pun]

Hello List,

The history of science shows long periods of being 'stuck', sometimes for more than a thousand years, then a lurch forward, then sticking again for a while - like now.

E.g. Mars has problems: 'too small' for its position, had deep oceans/atmosphere - not now; thicker crust at South Pole; many more craters on southern hemisphere; was magnetic - not now; big 'scar' - Valles Marineris.

So a 'stuck' science just creates 'explanations' to add-on to the status quo, like this new one:

Mars' two-faced riddle 'solved'

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/7473128.stm>

On the other hand, the principle of parsimony demands one simple and convincing reason for all the Mars mysteries; like this one, which Tom Van Flandern has also been proposing for a while -

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/ansci3.html#other

As there's some counter-intuitive physics involved, like folk can get confused over actions of centrifugal/centripetal, and, once on this List, over inertia/momentum definitions, here are some examinations of them, step-by-step:

www.perceptions.couk.com/centri.html

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/inertmass.html

www.perceptions.couk.com/uef/mars.html

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 12:46:14 -0700
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 08:40:27 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 19:08:04 -0600
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 15:51:00 -0700
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Thu, 26 Jun 2008 14:38:28 -0400 (EDT)
>>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

><snip>

>>>One shouldn't be too harsh towards ET proponents.

>>I don't know why not. They're dead wrong, have no evidence, and
>>have closed minds toward other opinions.

>Okay Ed, I'll bite.

>You proclaim that the ETH proponents are "dead wrong", and in
>the same breath complain that they "have closed minds toward
>other opinions". Hmmm.

Michael,

I think I have an open mind; I've looked at all the possibilities and have personally come to the conclusion that star travel, by living beings, as a means of exploring the universe, is impossible and will remain impossible. There isn't any evidence that star travel by living creatures has ever occurred or will ever occur. I have an open mind toward any new evidence.

>The crux of your position on this topic has been that
>interstellar travel is impossible... not merely difficult, not
>merely beyond current human technology, but flat-out impossible.

Yes that's correct and I think that physics backs me up on this. Mass increases with speed and the speed of light is needed for star travel. I don't see how this limitation can be overcome. If that physical law changes, then I'll take another look. But there are other factors such as motivation and shielding that also need to be considered.

>The only thing I find impossible here is your knowledge that
>interstellar travel is impossible... you don't know that Ed,
>and you can't know that. You may surmise it as you choose, and
>may even be correct, but it is not even explicitly ruled out by
>existing physical theory, and even if it were, these theories
>may be incomplete, or simply wrong.

It is ruled out by "existing physical theory". That has always been my main contention and the reason that science doesn't accept the evidence that we are being visited. The vast majority

of scientists don't think its possible. Yes, there are individual scientist who disagree, but they are in the minority.

>I cannot rule out that the UFO phenomenon originates from
>indigenous crypto-amphibians. I find that no more or less
>plausible than its deriving from the machinations of a single
>hyper-intelligent octopus residing in the Sea of Cortez. But I
>consider both of these hypotheses _less_ plausible than the idea
>that the problem of interstellar travel can be, and has been,
>overcome during the eons available to do so by at least one of
>the myriad intelligent species that we have no reason to think
>are unique to this planet.

Then you don't understand evolution. There are no rules that prohibit the evolution of another tool making mammal, or dinosaur, or amphibian, or their ability to create a civilization equal to or better than our own.

>You seem to consider this conclusion to be the result of a
>stunted imagination or some insidious indoctrination. I assure
>you it is neither.

It's caused by being ignorant of the possibilities inherent in evolution.

>And in any case, how is this issue actually relevant to the
>study of the phenomenon itself? Dare I ask, what specific novel
>avenues of investigation are opened up by the terrestrial-origin
>hypothesis?

It means that we start looking for the creatures here on earth and in our solar system, not in the stars.

>Which lines of investigation are ETH-specific and
>should be abandoned?

What lines of investigation are you talking about? Who is investigating the ETH and where is this investigation taking place? What evidence have they produced?

>In short, even if you're correct, what are
>the practical implications, if any?

Can't you see the difference between being invaded from outer space or being controlled by a neighborhood gang of hostile relatives?

Ed

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Jan Aldrich <project1947.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 15:46:24 -0400
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 09:45:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 21:32:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:09:48 -0300
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 16:09:09 +0200
>>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

><snip>

>>The fact is there is no way at present to prove it or disprove it.

>Hi Don:

>Bingo - my point exactly. The problem comes when someone like
>Stan Friedman or Gildas Bourdais wanders along and tells people
>that there is absolutely a way to prove, and that they have done
>so, and that some UFOs are alien spacecraft. That is an
>untenable position for anyone but the true believer, and it's
>the flip side of the illogical of the debunker coin that says
>that all UFO cases have prosaic explanations.

>Lost in all of this, at least in reference to me, is that I
>actually favour the ETH as the most likely of the "paranormal"
>explanations for the UFO phenomenon. However, as opposed to the
>ET Believers, I'm smart enough to recognize that the key word in
>ETH is the "H" - it's a hypothesis. That's it.

>>Some investigators and researchers have been up to their
>>eyeballs in this phenomenon for 50 years or more, yet they still
>>won't say what they think on this issue. Michio Kaku can say
>>these words and he has a lot more to lose than any of us. Get
>>off the fence, jump in the pool, the water's fine.

>>Hell, I don't have a problem with the ETH. Makes sense to me.

>Me neither. But what Kaku says is that yes, there is almost
>certainly life out there, and yes, it may even be possible that
>some have come here, although he is, to say the least, on the
>fence about that. I couldn't agree with him more.

>Meanwhile, the ETFact people go about insisting that their case
>has been made, when it hasn't. Worse, the most notable ETFacters
>trot out the "Cosmic Watergate" line time after time, throw
>allegations of cover-up or character assassination at almost
>anyone who disagrees with them, hang their hats on the Roswell
>case and make that the poster case for ufology with the general
>public, at the expense of much better cases out there, like RB47
>or the Minot AFB case or the Kelly Johnson case, and resort to
>the use of frauds like the MJ-12 documents to buttress their
>position. This stance, which has stood at the forefront of the
>public perception of ufology for the past several decades, has

>done more harm to the serious study of the UFO phenomenon than
>anything the debunkers could have dreamed up. It may play well
>to the people already sitting in the pews, but it does nothing
>to convince the broader general public, or science, or the
>media, or anyone else, that UFOs should be taken seriously.

>These views don't make me popular within much of ufology... and
>that's a sad commentary on ufology.

Greetings Paul and List,

I don't engage in much public debate about UFOs these days.
However, I do subscribe to most of what you say, Paul.

ETH has a romantic component which is very compelling, the idea
of ET life having been around for centuries. Just consult
Stephen Dick's writings.

I am one of the poor souls who has been involved in UFO research
for 50 years, as Don says... well, 49 at least. At this point I
don't much care what their cause is. My main interest is
studying and documenting the phenomenon or more likely the
phenomena and looking for relationships in the data.

At this point I don't think there is any possibility of a
scientific inquiry into the subject. The opponents to this are
not just the skeptics, but a good part of ufology itself. Many
in the subject feel that a scientific investigation should start
by kowtowing to the current beliefs of ufology. Look that the
reaction to the slight scientific endorsement by the Rockefeller
Panel. Instead of using this a starting point to build on, its
discarded and basically disrespected.

My own approach is historical. Actual people existed and studied
UFOs, there are copious records available for study, and it
possible to interview individuals involved with the problem.

More importantly almost any aspect of UFOs and ufology can be
examined if the historical study is properly framed. This might
not be as compelling as an instrumented study, but it is all I
have access to, and can certainly clarify many aspects of the
problem.

I am also a passionate UFO advocate in the sense I wish both the
free flow of information, especially on official involvement
with the subject, and serious study of the phenom/a.

Ufology supposedly is the study of UFOs but it is also a cause
movement. As a cause, it wants information, mainly from official
sources on UFOs - and for many, an admission by officials that
know exactly what UFOs are. It also advocates representing the
subject as a serious topic which should engage mainstream
culture.

In many cases it is a platform for various beliefs and
speculation and in some cases a vehicle for people to advocate
their world views and philosophies.

Something that never ceases to amaze me is the amount of noise
added to the subject by people who supposedly are interested in
the subject. E.g., at the Seattle MUFON meeting some years ago,
I was told by an earnest young woman that "The greys are about
meet up with the Rebel Reptilians and if the Reptilians don't
come to their senses soon, there will be war."

Still waiting, after over a decade later.

There are indeed disinformation agents in ufology! In many
cases one can be seen staring back from the mirror at you in the
morning.

Harsh rhetoric? Indeed, and passionately felt!

Jan Aldrich

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Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:46:30 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 09:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

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>From: Brad Sparks <RB47x.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 16 Jun 2008 10:30:14 EDT
>Subject: Mantell Case Bombshell

>Part 1-A Revised Draft for Review and Comment

>THE MANTELL CASE REINVESTIGATED
>by Brad Sparks (c) 2008

Terry,

Again interesting.

A comment on item (2) below which states:

"Contrary to the accident report, Mantell must have regained consciousness and tried to regain control by throttling back from maximum power settings after his plane dived back to lower altitudes where there was more oxygen for him to breathe.

The wrecked plane was found with throttle set at only 1/ 4 power, mixture control in 'Idle-Cut-Off' (Accid. Rpt., p. 4, section M) not at maximum power. Mantell had gone to maximum power only at the very end of the UFO pursuit, and not during the whole pursuit, which would have been impossible...

The possibility that immediately comes to mind is that these were not the actual pre-crash settings, but were artifacts of the crash itself. If you have reasons to consider this unlikely, they should be included here."

It would be interesting to find out if the accident investigation discovered "witness markings" on the throttle quadrant and/or engine components indicating specifically at what power setting the engine was at during impact.

Tony Tambini

Terry W. Colvin
Sierra Vista, Arizona

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Re: UFO Alert! Aliens Everywhere

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 22:18:02 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 09:49:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFO Alert! Aliens Everywhere

>Source: The Independent - London, UK

><http://tinyurl.com/4y4cgn>

>Sunday, 29 June 2008

>UFO Alert! Aliens Everywhere

>A woman was 'abducted', a helicopter 'attacked'. What exactly is
>going on?

>By David Randall

<snip>

List,

What a piece of garbage, thinking that we should all take such
nonsense as the gospel truth.

I am afraid this kind of debunking is to be expected, even
before the full investigation's are finished, I am sure there is
a journalist school somewhere in some mountainous region of the
world, that holds courses on how to come across as a non
brainier when writing about UFOs and their investigations.

Come back Mickey mouse, all is forgiven!

Roy

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Re: UFOs Not Rare But Regular

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 17:24:45 EDT
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Not Rare But Regular

>Source: Xinhua News Agency - Beijing, China

><http://tinyurl.com/672rtl>

>2008-06-29

>Astronomy Researcher: UFOs Not Rare But Regular
>www.chinaview.cn

>BEIJING, June 29 -- An astronomy researcher reckons UFOs have
>been visiting Nanjing, the capital city of Jiangsu Province,
>every five to 10 years for the past three decades, the local
>Modern Express reported yesterday.

This is a very important story. For the debunkers who claim this
is a western phenom here's the evidence and proof it's not. It's
just a matter of more people communicating and as cell phones
and the internet expand you'll see more reports.

What we know of UFOs and what we know of Red China, is the
secret being kept by the Communists? Why so? Why wouldn't Red
China disclose these secrets and get back at us decadent
westerners?

That's your clue right there.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 23:11:39 +0100
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:52:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 16:06:36 -0300
>Subject: Re: UK Military Probing UFO Video

>Is that because they have a fear of being ridiculed by
>contacting the Times or The Guardian, do you suppose?

Don,

Quite, these main papers represent the main establishment view
on UFOs, and generally debunk them with great pleasure.

On the most I feel that UK journalism has a very archaic 1950s
green man view on UFOs, yet they wish to come across as to most
of us on any other topic as intelligent, rational, investigative
and holding the moral high ground, totally the reverse when UFOs
are discussed. Still I guess it keeps the paper mills running!

Roy

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How Smart Is Smart?

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 19:07:00 EDT
Archived: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:54:00 -0400
Subject: How Smart Is Smart?

I'm fortunate to be able to dialogue with scientists about intelligence, the new techniques in education and the levels of intelligence of ourselves and the creatures of the wild.

We've discovered recently that some animals can perform mental tasks better than we can. So that brought me to ask how smart might our UFO visitors be?

Some state on average using IQ tests that our genius levels begin at 136 on the scale. Some say higher around 165. Still others claim IQs in the low 200 range. It's a highly debatable realm and even our smartest people on Earth have problems with their computers sometimes or trying to put together that complicated Christmas toy for their kids.

Since toilet paper wasn't invented until the mid to late 1800s after tens of thousands of years of human civilization - I could never figure out how the Egyptians could design the great pyramids but not the toilet and toilet paper - I would assume we're not the brightest tools in the shed. Are we so preoccupied with the violent survival of our world that such advances as air conditioning and pocket lighters could have emerged earlier or are we just inherently mentally challenged in lieu of our hormones?

How smart? How about if our visitors were kicking a 500 level IQ in the butt on average? How much control, powers of deception could they possess and engage in? Our meager attempts at communication and contact might be akin to some unfortunate dullard of the town fool fame. We need to pack our arrogance up and realize we may not be anywhere near the neighborhood of intelligence of other life forms out here that we theorize are visiting us and to the abductees not theory but fact.

Let your imaginations soar on this one. It might explain some phenomena associated with UFOs. Mind you, super intelligence doesn't mean perfection or sanity. It means problem solving on levels that minimize risk and loss. What those risks and losses are, are relative but to each his own.

Me, I gauge intelligence on how much crap one doesn't step in and if one does how fast do you get rid of the stink.

Best,

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