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>To: ufoupdates.nul
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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?

>>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?

Hi Paul,

No, it came to me in a dream <G> Of course I have evidence, at
least evidence that I can live with. I doubt you can. First of
all, I've been influenced by Ivan Sanderson who was the first
scientist to popularize the notion that UFOs might be home grown.
He didn't have the advantage of knowing about what we now call
"convergent evolution". This evolutionary concept (not theory
but fact) makes what he only theorized about possible and even
probable.

So I did not invent the idea that we might be dealing with other
earthlings. I suggest you read "Invisible Residents" by
Sanderson. He's gathered a cartload of evidence.

>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.

Yes, I am using the same evidence as the ETH proponents to prove
that strange machines are in our sky.

>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.

I give them a hard time because I don't think it's possible.

>But at least their hypothesis makes sense, particularly when
>you update Stan's nuclear rocket material to the modern era, and
>start

In my estimation they are both very wrong.

>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 whispering 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".

This is a mischaracterization of my views.

>Your idea that we share the planet with this hidden species
>makes no logical sense whatsoever.

It may not make logical sense but it does make scientific sense.
The laws of physics state clearly that speed of light travel is
impossible. The laws of evolution show that another tool making
civilization is possible and probable.

>If you think otherwise, take one
>major UFO case, and walk me through it in detail, describing how each
>element supports your "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.

This case indicates to me that there are strange machines in our
sky. I believe they originate from here on earth and the ETH
believe they come from the stars. There's no way to distinguish
that I can tell. A strange machine is a strange machine. I think
we should follow up all possibilities before accepting the
impossible. That's scientific, isn't it?

Ed

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 20:53:48 -0300
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 07:49:55 -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

<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.

Gee, Paul, you have a very discerning eye. Can you please show us where I have said "there is absolutely a way to prove, and have done so, that some UFOs are alien spacecraft"? I can't find that in my new book Flying Saucers And Science nor in my other 3 books. I can't find it on my documentaries UFOs ARE Real and Flying Saucers ARE Real. Perhaps you have a tape of my saying that at one of more than 700 of my lectures? Did I say it in Stanton T. Friedman Is Real? Perhaps in my more than a dozen MUFON papers or my several years worth of monthly columns for UFO Magazine and the MUFON Journal??

The fact, as opposed to your large extrapolation and wishful thinking, is that I say the evidence is overwhelming that some UFOs are indeed alien spacecraft. That is a very different claim which I demonstrate to those who listen to what I say as opposed to substituting what they wish I had said

>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.

Why hypothesis? I suppose because you think that is a more acceptable notion. Why not a straight forward set of visitations by one or more advanced civilizations having capabilities which we don't yet have? Why should there be a "paranormal explanation"?

>>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 butress 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.

The sad commentary is that you think that making (false) charges
doesn't require you to establish their legitimacy. And your
evidence, besides in your imagination, that I haven't been
successful at convincing the broader general public or science
or the media who read my work or listen to me?

So what is wrong with the "Cosmic Watergate", Paul? I think most
people reading the Chapter by that title, looking at blacked out
and whited out government UFO documents and checking out the
many examples of government lies about UFOs as noted in my
article "Government UFO Lies" on my website, would agree that I
have been successful even though I don't dash off blogs.

Funny that I don't quarrel with Minot, Kelly Johnson, and RB-47
on your Best Evidence. But I do discuss a number of large scale
scientific studies in my book. Yes, I also discuss the Betty and
Barney Hill case, and Roswell and MJ-12. You make sweeping
attacks in a standard debunker fashion, but haven't explained
what is wrong with the "facts" about any of the three.

I think you would be well advised to listen and read what I
actually say rather than reading between the lines and
responding to your version

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PRG Update - 6/30/08 - Wikipression Redux

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Subject: PRG Update - 6/30/08 - Wikipression Redux

Paradigm Research Group

PRG Update - June 30, 2008

Wikipression Redux
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User_talk:Sandstein

Wikipedia is the 7th most popular website in the world (Alexa) and an information source for tens of millions of netizens. It is international - only 26% of its users are from the U.S. The English language component is overseen by approximately 2000 "Administrators" who operate within an esoteric protocol labyrinth. It is also a work in progress with many problems. Whatever those problems it has become a power on the Internet and what it does matters.

Soooo, when it repeatedly trashes and undermines an important article "exopolitics" then deletes it without the slightest interest in what experts in the field have to say, that's a problem. When a lengthy article on Mr. Ed the talking horse is readily available, but an article on Exopolitics is not, it sends the wrong message to the larger community.

For the earlier PRG Update on this matter see:
www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/Press_Releases/Updates.html#6-23-08

The principal problem with Wikipedia right now is the abuse of power and endemic arrogance of the Administrators. Administrator "Sandstein" has received numerous posts to his user page regarding the exopolitics article deletion. Here verbatim are some of his responses (bolding added by PRG):

The article Exopolitics was removed based on community consensus [12 administrators out of 2000] as established in the following discussion: Wikipedia:Articles for deletion/Exopolitics (2nd nomination). According to our deletion policy, no further basis for deletion, such as knowledge about the subject, is required or expected.

Listen, Jeffinatlanta, I have neither the time nor the inclination to respond to this. It really sounds like a good parody of the rantings of a "deluded conspiracy theorist" TV stock character. So, a final time: It is not I who decided to delete Exopolitics, but our community of editors. If you want to contest the deletion of the article, you must appeal to the community. You can do this at the page WP:DRV. Please stop badgering me about this. I can't tell you any more.

That is not a reason to undelete Exopolitics. See WP:DP and WP:DRV. Incidentally, such requests are usually prefaced with "please", at least in polite society.

I've had it with you people now. Wikipedia is not the place for you to push your WP:TRUTH. Go write about UFO conspiracies on your personal websites or blogs, please, but do not bother editing Wikipedia if you have no intention of cooperating civilly. This is a privately operated website, editing it is a privilege and not a right, and I have just removed that right

from StephenBassett (talk =B7 contribs =B7 deleted contribs =B7 logs =B7 block user =B7 block log).

[Administrator Sandstein also deleted PRG executive director Stephen Bassett's User page. The basis for this? He felt Bassett's User page was too much about, well, the User. They delete articles, they delete Users. One is reminded of Joseph Stalin's apparatchiks working in the Kremlin's back rooms erasing "undesirables" from thousands of photos - making them disappear from history.]

While others could put up a new exopolitics article, all indications are it would be deleted quickly. For now, this may be a time for exercising First Amendments rights and let Wikipedia know that a geek oligarchy is not what the founder of Wikipedia, Jimmy Wales, had in mind.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User_talk:Sandstein

A new article can be put up when Wikipedia shows a little respect for the most important issue of our time.

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UFOs Spotted Over Basingstoke

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 01:45:30 EDT
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 08:55:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Basingstoke

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

With all these UFO sightings in the UK of late I'm expecting maybe we'll see one hovering over Princess Diana's tomb or one will land at Stonehenge.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:52:54 +0200
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 08:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 14:33:03 -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
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>>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.

Paul Kimball is misrepresenting what I said. I never said that
there is absolute proof of anything. I said, for instance, that
a case like Minot AFB, October 1968, is best explained in terms
of ET visitors and spacecraft.

Paul has replied that it does not prove anything, one way or
another. Of course, it is not an absolute proof of
extraterrestrial presence, but it is strong evidence of it.

Such a proof would be, for instance, the public disclosure of a
secret UFO crash retrieval. Like in Roswell. But the time has
not come yet for such a disclosure, and may confess that I
understand that ? Too big a shock at the present time. Yes, we
will have to wait a bit more. But in the meantime, those who
want to know, the good researchers on the Roswell case, have
already gathered enough evidence and testimonies to be almost
certain that there was, indeed, a UFO crash in Roswell. By a
conservative count, there are today at least 80 witnesses on
strange debris, ET craft and bodies, and of a military cover-up.

It's not "Daddy's ufology", as I saw Vallee say at a conference
in Paris. It's today' ufology. The absolute proof is not there
yet, but the case is becoming stronger every year. Many people
are aware of that. This is not a believer's stand, it is the
real situation, Paul, whether you like it or not.

And yes, so far, the ETH is only an hypothesis, but it's getting
stronger every year. It is considered more and more seriously in
scientific, intellectual and even religious circles.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:48:19 +0100
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 08:59:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:35:38 -0300
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>John:

>Perhaps you could enlighten us about the evidence as to what the
>public thinks about ufologists?

>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.

"Proclamation" and "Noisy Negativists" in one posting. I feel a
game of 'Stanton Friedman Bingo' coming on.

For evidence of public attitudes, I draw your attention to an
item already referenced on this List:

<http://tinyurl.com/4y4cgn>

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Flying Saucers Fiction & Fact

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
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Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 08:59:00 -0400
Subject: Flying Saucers Fiction & Fact

Flying Saucers - Fiction And Fact

Hi Everyone!

At the annual Royal Astronomical Society of Canada General Assembly that was held at York University this weekend I learned about two new books, 'Saucer Fleet' by Jack Hagerty and Jon Rogers and 'Cold War Tech War' by Randall Whitcomb. The first book deals with the flying saucers we encountered in the cinema and saw on TV since the end of WWII that helped stir our interest and imagination about space travel and ETs while the later book deals with real made-in-Canada saucers built and flown in secret during the same period. Both books will be published by Robert Godwin's Canada based company, Apogee Books and are due out later this summer.

One of the speakers at today's final day of the RASC assembly was Dr. Phil Plait, an astronomer who is making a good living as a professional skeptic through his 'Bad Astronomy' blog (a new website as of today we were told). Phil plugged his own book, 'Death from the Skies!' during his talk on the 100th anniversary of the unknown object that exploded in the Tunguska region of Siberia which some think was an alien spacecraft from space. Phil's book is also due out later this summer. During his talk Phil pointed out some of the many threats from space, including meteor impacts in the distant past which he covers in his book but he failed to make a reference to the little known North American Tunguska-like event of 1871 which simultaneously destroyed Chicago and many other cities and towns in several north central States when fire was reported to have fallen from the sky!

After his talk Phil was presented with a toque by the president of the RASC who had read what Phil wrote in his blog a few days earlier: I am heading to Toronto to attend the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada's General Assembly meeting, where I'll be giving a couple of talks. I expect I will also see a moose, eat back bacon, and learn how to say "I left my toque at my hoose agane". To his embarrassment, Phil was informed that the people of Ontario don't speak this dialect of 'Merikan English.

Nick Balaskas

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Spanish Article On-Line

From: **Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos** <ballesterolmos.nul>
Date: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Subject: Spanish Article On-Line

An article, in Spanish, on the role that Lieutenant Colonel Angel Bastida played in the process of declassification of official UFO files in Spain (1992-1999) is now on-line in two versions, .pdf file and .html, at the following links:

<http://www.lanavedeloslocos.cl/bastida.html>

<http://www.lanavedeloslocos.cl/bastida.pdf>

Best regards,

Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 13:47:24 +0100
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 10:02:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 27 Jun 2008 21:59:31 +0100
>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?

Hi Cathy,

>>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.

I disagree with you, but there is actually a lot of common ground.

>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.

I actually think that the DP etc would actually embrace the
crystal healers and reincarnationists as long as their
messages didn't conflict, just as many otherwise 'serious'
ufologists tolerate the DP because it's message (positive
knowledge of ET visitation) doesn't conflict with the ETH.

>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

What you are actually arguing here (I think), and what I
actually agree with is not the lack of results, but the lack of
agreed standards.

Greer supporters who have paid \$600 or whatever the going rate
is to 'commune with the aliens' are probably satisfied with the
results as presented by Greer or experienced personally. Their
standard of evidence is lower than most people's, let alone

science's.

Groups like MUFON have tried (and I think failed) to introduce some standards into ufology, the same with BUFORA in the UK. But standards are what is required, without them, results will be meaningless.

I stand by my statement that the general public (including science) base their judgement of ufology as a whole on the public face of ufology. That in turn is based on the most newsworthy (read entertaining) activity within ufology, which will always be the crank faction.

We (serious ufologists) provide that crank faction with oxygen in the form of supporting their events and providing them with poorly researched material or premature comments. The authorities provide them with oxygen as well in unnecessary secrecy and excessive 'image paranoia' (scared to admit that they don't have all the answers). I doubt that it will ever be possible to cut off that supply of oxygen, but the establishment, maintenance, and improvement of standards would help in the mid to long term - just as Astronomy arose from Astrology. In comparison, ufology is very immature.

Regards,

Joe

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>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 16:04:13 -0300
>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?

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>>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.

Hi Stan,

It means what I wrote - Oxford University has had at least two
active groups interested in UFOs. If you are already preaching
to the converted, then your presentations make little difference
to public opinion. On the other hand, your participation in the
more 'fringe' conferences enhances their image and dilutes your
own and ufology's - the press will always emphasise the
'entertaining' aspects of ufology - that's how papers are sold.

>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.

As for the basis for my 'ignorance and bias', let's take the page at:

<http://www.v-j-enterprises.com/sfschedl.html>

listing your engagements for 2004 (I don't know if that is an
error in the date on your page?); 6 engagements listed, 5 of
them for UFO/Paranormal group venues (the 6th may also have
been, the organising group isn't specified). Taking that at face
value, for that year at least 83% of your engagements were to
audiences with a predisposition towards ufology.

>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.

It's unclear to me what you are saying here - fewer than 20
academic, engineering, or military groups? Almost all of those
20 not 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 -

>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.

See above - it still isn't clear to me that you have not been
mainly preaching to the converted.

>What possible basis do you have for your ridiculous claim? You
>may believe it, for whatever reasons, but you are totally wrong.

Again, it still isn't clear to me either from your statements or
from your site that I am 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.

It should bother you if you really are concerned about
influencing people outside ufology. Pretty silly if it doesn't
concern you, or maybe you are happy with spending 40+ years
without improving the public perception of ufology, in fact,
supporting the fringe elements.

>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?

Of course you weren't - you were engaged in a debate against
them! It is relatively easy to argue against SETI (I doubt that
it will produce the results it is looking for for several
reasons, but I can't be certain). I don't think James Magaha is
a particularly good debater, though I have some sympathy for his
objections. You 'won' the Oxford debate 60/40 in what was
probably a biased audience.

>>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?

Stan,

I don't want to turn this into something personal. I can of
course come up with adverse comments about the 'company you
keep' if you really want me to, but that is not why I engaged on

this thread initially.

Let's get a few points defined first.

1. I don't doubt that UFOs exist.

I'm sure we both agree on that.

2. I think it highly probable (nearly a certainty) that intelligent life exists elsewhere in the universe, probably even within our own galaxy.

I can't imagine that you object to that?

3. I don't know where UFOs originate from.

That is where we differ. You are adamant that they originate from another solar system in conventional space. My position is that you can't possibly be certain of that. If you were, in the case of Roswell for example, you would be able to prove that it couldn't possibly have been a device from our own future for instance. You and I can assign probabilities based on various things, which are to a large extent subjective and unlikely to be the same, but you can't assign a 100% probability to the ET origin (ET in the sense of a craft which has been transported to earth from another solar system) can you?

That is what 'noisy negativists' mainly disagree with, and what this thread started off about. The rest is a deviation (which is not without it's merits, but demanding far more input than I intended).

>>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...

And 'Flying saucers are spaceships from another planet' is more than a proclamation, is it?

How entertaining is watching someone plough through 10,000 pages of archive material (or even doing it yourself)? It is far more entertaining to recreate a story about a supposed crash of an alien spaceship, even if it did happen 60 years ago. For every entertaining (read 'exciting') case, there are hundreds of tedious cases. This is not how I perceived ufology before I became actively involved - I thought it was chasing aliens, being chased by the MIB, frequently dealing with a really interesting case (involving real aliens). That is the popular image of what being a UFO investigator is (for those that don't just think we are cranks).

For people entering ufology actively, it is very disappointing to find out how boring it really is. Some people compensate by simply accepting reports at face value and allowing them to fulfil their false expectations. Many more get bored and drop out. A few continue to do the boring bits, and strive to reach conclusions.

How many times have you been excited by 'real' ufology in the last 41 years? On the other hand, how many times have you either been entertained by it, or even been the entertainer?

>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?

Nowadays anything mentioning Roswell bores me. As you should be aware, I have a very narrow focus of interest (essentially the UK). This is for practical reasons - I don't have the resources to personally investigate cases outside the UK, and there is more than enough going on here to keep me occupied. Of course, I do need to know something of Roswell, Sign, Grudge, Blue Book, etc because all of those had repercussions in the UK, but the facts about those are static (ie, nothing new has been added about any of them for years if not decades). Rendlesham also

bores the hell out of me because the programmes just repeat old and frequently inaccurate information (presented as fact) which I am already aware of. On the other hand, it's a great place to take a weekend break.

The other thing about TV-length programmes (especially if they cover more than one case) is that there is insufficient time to cover all of the angles. The resulting programme usually (but admittedly not always) leaves out most of the sceptical material, because it is less entertaining. Not only are sceptics often dissatisfied by TV programmes, how many times have you heard protagonists complain about them on this list?

As for there being more to be lost, there could well be - attracting people into the field then either disappointing them or causing them to sensationalise the subject even more.

>>>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?

It doesn't take Einstein to work out that the majority of UFO club members, FSR and UFO Magazine subscribers, and a large proportion of the general conspiracy lovers would tune in to watch it. It is also interesting to read your own comment about the debate at:

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/mi6/stanton-friedman.html>

where you are quoted as saying:

"It surely wasn't a debate."

>One hell of a silly extrapolation.

If you are talking about the 80% figure I apologise, I must have been thinking of something else when I did the calculation. The order of magnitude is still in the right ball-park in the context of what I wrote though.

>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.

I think you will find that the protagonists are most inclined to sit through something like that - they tend to be more active than the antagonists when it comes to spectating.

>>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??

That people can develop strong short-term opinions about the most trivial things and vote on them.

>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.

It's not me insisting that spaceships from another planet are visiting earth.

>>>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.

When was the last time you were actually employed as a
scientist? That question may seem impetuous, but it really needs
to be placed in context since you place a lot of weight on it.

What is your belief in the ET nature of UFOs founded on (as
opposed say to a time-traveller solution) - science? Can you
disprove the time travel hypothesis? If you could prove the ETH
it would de facto disprove the alternatives.

>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.

You're a good debater with a sympathetic audience. Congratulations.

>>>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.

I know no such thing, just as I don't know what the origin(s) of
UFOs is/are unlike your proclamation that some UFOs originated
on planets other than earth.

Regards,

Joe

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Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 14:11:20 -0300
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 22:52:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Police Chase UFO Over Cardiff

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 00:43:30 -0300

>>>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

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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."

>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.

This is an odd reply, Joe. The question is, why you are not
interested?

I was unaware that Nick was looking in this direction.
Experience I guess.

You have 30 days to inquire about the recordings - if the
protocol holds true over there - usually after that they delete
the information to save tapes or hard drive space, though in this
case they just 'might' hang onto the recording.

It is the most logical avenue of investigation; not the
pronouncements of sources other than the pilots.

It is evidence unlike pronouncements by police or other factions
such as media relations people.

I have not asked you to pre-empt the outcome of inquiries or go
into any detail about them.

If Nick is going after these recordings then he is heading in
the right direction.

You should not be in fear of bugging up your relationship with
the MoD.

Don Ledger

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Villifying Vallee Or Stellar Visions?

From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 15:49:09 EDT
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: Villifying Vallee Or Stellar Visions?

Traffic that has been shouting ETH longer than we have been around.

Listers,

To some, it may seem this observer simply is attacking a research icon in the pursuit of perverse personal vendetta. Why belabor the critique of this individual, who is in fact, on the periphery of most debate and dispute, and admits that he has withdrawn to a great degree from the thick of the fractious fighting and rough and tumble of our divided quarrelsome ranks.

The answer is on the cover of many a book. When some of the very best UFO books, such as exquisite chronologies of the subject, have as preface, this esteemed authors endorsement and recommend, then the thoughts and arguments that this famed author is currently cultivating become relevant.

And always the bottom line is the pursuit of truth, undimmed, untrammled without detour or foggy obfuscation. Our highest allegiance not to name or notoriety, but clarity..to. look at the data straight on, and do this first and foremost.

Is this what Jacques F Vallee does with the data? The Gallic superstar I will contend is trashing the data, and ignoring the deep implicate patterns of the data, the tough data, fraught with methodological delicacy and in some cases simply doing a lazy avoidance all the data that doesn't lend itself to oracular inanities.

The abduction data he sniffs haughtily is corrupt and contaminated with the prejudices of the key investigative practitioners. I say he doesn't want to get his hands dirty with the real life nitty gritty messy sloppy entangled data, that shows a defacto dialogue takes place between the investigator and the abductors.

That these abductors lard and layer their interaction with a great deal of very calculated noise, screen memories, piled on screen memories, and refuse almost all direct inquiry. These same tricksters seem to have locked things, unknown things in the heads of great numbers of their hapless victims. But are they victims? Or are they Stellar scouts on incarnative missions? Did they agree to being here under some other sun and sky?

Dr. Vallee analytically walks away from this gnarled mess., What does he do with abductees who wake up, bolt upright, when images that seem like memories, of double suns, strange stars, deep space images of thousands of stars through a giant window, starship interiors, red gold planet surfaces that match none of the children of old Sol?

What does he think and say to the many many abductees who are told that they come from the region of sky where the constellation of: Cassiopeia is, or Dorado, or Auriga? Is all this camouflage?

Is the meticulously described and intricately detailed account

of a stellarium that Travis Walton walked into, room dimming and stars brightening, hand controls for a small hand, and caused the stars to shine and spin, that this is camouflage and cardboard deception? C'mon Jacques! Use your logic.

The evidence that most UFOs are space craft is colossal and it twists reality into a pretzel to think this is all illusion for our benefit ! what are we to think about the continuum of action and path of UFOs, streaking into the sky like meteors in reverse and the orbital zoo of non satellite powered vehicles seen by the Shuttle in the past - before secure downlinks, delayed video and astronauts actually mentioning with a grin as an unidentified light goes by the shuttle, "would you look at that"!

And what is a Fast Walker if not a UFO? A spacecraft by definition. What does the USSC track from deep space that slows and enters our atmosphere, is that not a spacecraft?

The ETH needs no wholesale use of Will of Ockham sharp razor. Yes UFOs may come from other times and dimensions, they may even come from deep in the earth or sea. But a towering stack of facts speaks for itself. It speaks of craft that have the power to streak through our skies and it seems plentifully evident, that also streak through the deep between the stars, and do this in ways that would have given Einstein a migraine or had him more likely yelping in delight discovering the universe was far more wondrous than he had imagined.

The profile of a true scientists who leaps for joy when empirics confound shibboleths.

This has been the traffic here for millennia, as likely alien bases built when Columbus small fleet of sea ships was watched by UFOs which is actually recorded in Christopher's log books.

Traffic here for millennia, as some aliens masqueraded as Leprechauns pointing their magic wands at the Irish who were perhaps told, "Walk sprightly slow human, or I shall use my magic stick on thee?" which in reality was a standard non lethal tool that disrupted ADP to ATP Cellular mechanisms in the voluntary nerve reflexes using a resonance microwave beam, an old tool of star travelers to defend from hostile natives on a thousand star systems.

The home address of most UFOs is written in the stars, and likely the recovered and interpreted databases of multiple vehicles that had the massed resources of super computers measured in acres applied to this issue.

The notion that this stellar spreadsheet, that computes to 99 decimal places is mostly calculated confabulation, is possible. just as it is possible that the mountains of data on UFOs themselves are all imagination. That thesis demands another. That is a thesis that the universe is both empty and utterly mad. I think not. Instead we are the beginner species that is watched, interfered with, abducted by, over flown by, and prepared for, a a day when our connections to a big busy galaxy will no longer be a matter of dispute.

This galactic traffic has been shouting ETH longer than we have been here.

Vince White

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 21:40:45 +0100
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 12:46:14 -0700
>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

<snip>

>>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.

Perk up Ed,

The 'majority of scientists' have always been wrong. Always,
throughout history.

In the 'Black Box' video Dr Richard Haines - ex-NASA - admits
modern science doesn't know how the inertial compasses/gyros of
an airliner were affected by a nearby UFO.

He said, "We can't do that...". Apparently they can.

And that means they are not limited to light speed; anyone who
can control 'inertia' is immune to the mass-increase effect of
Relativity theory.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 17:04:41 -0400
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 12:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:46:30 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

<snip>

>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."

Anyone know if idle cutoff on that aircraft was blocked by a
detent, requiring strong pressure against a spring or pushing
a button?

Idle cutoff seems like an odd position to be selected in flight.

Eleanor White

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Canadian Abduction Researchers?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 16:43:32 -0500
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 12:12:00 -0400
Subject: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

Dear List:

Can anyone provide the names and contact information
of reputable abduction researchers who reside in Canada?

Thank you,

Katharina Wilson

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Re: UFOs Not Rare But Regular

From: **Bill Chalker** <bill_c.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 15:03:33 +1000
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 12:14:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Not Rare But Regular

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Monday, June 30, 2008 4:47 AM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: 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.

>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.

<snip>

I agree this is an important story. While there might be elements of the Chinese UFO story that are 'covered-up', I have found there is a robust and energetic community of all complexions operating across China. I have had a good opportunity to review the scene in 3 visits - 2002, 2005 & 2006 - and have lectured to UFO groups and even university forums in Kunming, Yunnan and Beijing.

I met Sichao Wang in Dalian in 2005 and his Purple Mountain Observatory material was regarded as very important amongst local researchers.

The hidden dimension of the Chinese scene is something I have been exploring for some time and I have made some progress in this area, which I'll report on at an appropriate time. Meanwhile my contacts with Zhang Jingping, Sun Shili, Ma Ling Huan, Chen Gongfu and others confirm that there is a robust public ufology in China which continues the modern era of Chinese ufology that was ushered in in the late 1970s and popularised by the likes of Paul Dong in the US, Shi Bo via France, and Sun Shili via his various international lectures.

I'm sure we will be hearing a lot more about Chinese ufology.

Incidentally does anyone on the List have current contact

details for Paul Dong?

Regards,

Bill Chalker

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UFO Spotted By Navy Engineer Above The M5 Motorway
By Lucy Cockcroft

A Royal Navy aircraft engineer claims to have seen a "glowing" UFO hover over the M5 motorway.

Michael Madden, 25, said he watched in disbelief as the disc-shaped object floated above his head before it "zoomed off at incredible speed".

He said the unidentified flying object flew for up to three minutes above junction 21 of the M5, near Weston-super-Mare, Somerset.

Mr Madden was on his way back from Manchester with colleague Michael Casson, 22, at 9.50pm on Sunday June 29 when he saw the suspected 'extra-terrestrial' craft.

He said: "I work with aircraft and grew up next to Manchester Airport so I know exactly what a plane looks and sounds like. This was definitely not a plane.

"It was a circular disc which was glowing bright, hovering hundreds of metres up.

"Other people must have spotted it. It was unlike anything I've ever seen in my life. It really did look like the alien aircraft in films. It had an antenna fixed to the back."

Mr Madden's claim follows a string of recent UFO "sightings".

On June 7 three soldiers said they saw 13 UFOs, which looked like "rotating cubes", while on night patrol at Tern Hill military barracks near Market Drayton, Shropshire. One, Corporal Mark Proctor, 38, of the 1st Battalion of the Irish Regiment, recorded the sighting on his mobile phone and reported it to Army officers.

That sighting came just two hours before helicopter police officers reported an encounter with a huge craft 80 miles away near Cardiff. They claimed to have given chase to the "flying saucer-shaped" object after it almost collided with their aircraft near the Ministry of Defence base of St Athan.

Then Father-of-two David Osborne, 47, videoed 12 orange objects in the night sky above Basingstoke, Hampshire, at 10.40pm on June 28.

The alleged UFOs moved across the sky, switching from a D formation, to a random pattern, to a line then a triangle before

disappearing.

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Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 13:58:06 +0100
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 13:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 16:21:09 -0700
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 11:21:50 -0300
Archived: Tue, 01 Jul 2008 16:34:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 10:48:19 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:35:38 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>John:

>>Perhaps you could enlighten us about the evidence as to
>>what the public thinks about ufologists?

>>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.

>"Proclamation" and "Noisy Negativists" in one posting. I feel
>a game of 'Stanton Friedman Bingo' coming on.

>For evidence of public attitudes, I draw your attention to an
>item already referenced on this List:

><http://tinyurl.com/4y4cgn>

Sorry John that is the attitude of one ignorant journalist who
does her research by proclamation. Hardly evidence of anything
but her own ignorance and bias

Stan Friedman

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 10:33:25 -0700
Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 08:20:14 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 21:40:45 +0100
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>In the 'Black Box' video Dr Richard Haines - ex-NASA - admits
>modern science doesn't know how the inertial compasses/gyros of
>an airliner were affected by a nearby UFO.

>He said, "We can't do that...". Apparently they can.

>And that means they are not limited to light speed; anyone who
>can control 'inertia' is immune to the mass-increase effect of
>Relativity theory.

Ray,

The civilization I'm proposing could be 60 million to over a100
million years-old and technologically advanced but may have
taken a different path toward materialism.

What would be the reconized differences between 100 million
year tool-using advances made on an earth-like planet circling
Vega and the same advances here on earth?

The main problem is that you can't get your head around the idea
of a 100 million year advanced ancient earthly civilization.

Ed

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeed

From: Lyle Michel <courtroomevidence456.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 11:04:53 -0700
Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 08:27:18 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeed

>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 28 Jun 2008 21:32:36 -0400
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>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.

<snip>

Anyone who looks at the information as if they are sitting on a jury in a court room will reach the conclusion that beings from other planets are clearly coming to Earth from other planets and have been doing so for a very long time!

Lyle Michel

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Re: UFOs Spotted Over Basingstoke

From: Steve Gerrard <southampton.nul>
Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 20:31:33 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 08:31:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs Spotted Over Basingstoke

>From: Greg Boone
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 01:45:30 EDT
>Subject: UFOs Spotted Over Basingstoke

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

>With all these UFO sightings in the UK of late I'm expecting
>maybe we'll see one hovering over Princess Diana's tomb or one
>will land at Stonehenge.

Hi

Update... You only have to look at the stills - good old Chinese lanterns drifting across the sky yet again.

You just have to look at what is in front of you!!!!

Cheers

Steve Gerrard
Former Chair Southampton UFO Group
based in Hampshire and in the same county as
Basingstoke!

Editor of the new magazine UFONEWS UK
due to be published September 2008

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Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 09:35:00 -0400
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Hi Gerald,

We have been led to believe that humans are on top of the pack and are special. Nothing in science is special. We are ignorant of natural history, so it is not "logical" to us that there is another civilization living with us, side by side, that has been there for a long time, millions of years more than we humans have existed. Science says it is possible and since humans seem to exist, probable.

Probability is the key to understanding evolution. That and the role of the niche.

>Don't believe me? See how far any scientific process gets
>without rules of inference. And that's all logic amounts to, for
>our purposes here, at any rate.

The theory I propose is very scientific and follows all rules, no gaps, or mitigations.

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That's why I try not to fly.

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>against data that really does challenge our view as to what is
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This is exactly what I'm asking you to do. Reexamine your

Re: Water Or Stone?

assumptions.

Ed

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<http://tinyurl.com/6b2gzd>

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Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO
by Daily Post Correspondent

One of Britain's greatest UFO mysteries deepened last night after a new witness emerged after 34 years.

The Government allegedly covered up the 'Welsh Roswell' incident, in the Berwyn mountain range in 1974, after scores of residents reported a massive tremor, strange lights in the sky and "Men in Black" scouring the area.

Claims that aliens crash-landed and their bodies were then transported by the Ministry of Defence to the top-secret research base Porton Down in Wiltshire were dismissed by Whitehall officials.

But suspicions about what really happened were re-ignited in May this year when hundreds of MoD documents about UFO sightings were released, with none containing any details about the Berwyn incident, reviving rumours of a cover-up.

Now, fresh evidence by retired gamekeeper Geraint Edwards, of Llandderfel, Denbighshire, has reopened the debate.

He told the makers of a new Channel Five documentary, which is being broadcast tonight, how he stood in amazement as a flying saucer hovered for 10 minutes above the mountains before it disappeared into space at impossible speed.

He said: "It was definitely a flying saucer. It was a pity I didn't have a camera because it was there for at least 10 minutes, just hovering.

"We were on the way down to play darts when something caught our eye in the south-east, so we stopped.

"It looked like a rugger ball, but the ends of it were more pointy.

"When it took off, it just went like lightning on the same line as it hovered.

"It hovered back to the mountain, and (then it was) gone.

"I wrote it down in my diary. It was 6.45pm on the Friday night.

"If we were coming back from the pub, people would be saying, 'they've had one or two (drinks)' but we were going to the pub."

His former neighbour, Pat Evans, a district nurse who gave a

detailed eye-witness account of the phenomenon at the time, moved abroad to escape the mass attention she attracted from the media, UFO investigators and scientists.

But Mr Edwards has decided to speak out for the first time about his close encounter on February 15, 1974, for tonight's television programme re-examining the evidence.

Three weeks earlier, on January 23, the villages of Llandrillo and Llandderfel, near Corwen, were rocked by a tremor measuring 3.5 on the Richter scale.

Reports of unexplained strange coloured lights and objects in the sky immediately afterwards and unusual military activity in the following weeks fuelled speculation that a UFO had crash-landed.

Sceptics maintain the explanation was an unlikely combination of an earthquake which struck Wales at the same time that a meteor shower passed overhead, and that "Men in Black" who residents reported seeing were actually seismologists researching the quake.

They also insist Pat Evans, who saw a "bright orb, the size of the Moon" with twinkling around the edges, was actually looking at a lamp carried by poachers on a nearby mountainside.

The absence of any material on the incident from the newly released MoD documents in May has roused suspicions from other eye-witnesses.

But the Daily Post has gained access to documents on the Berwyn Mountains mystery which we have published on our website at www.dailypost.co.uk.

Farmer Huw Lloyd, 48, who was a teenager at the time, said: "Whatever it was, it was kept quiet. And things that have happened have been covered up."

Retired North Wales Police Assistant Chief Constable Elfed Roberts, who was a sergeant at the time of UFO incident, was rushing to Llandrillo moments after the tremor with his superior when they saw the mysterious lights.

He said: "As we were driving, all of a sudden we saw this green light in the sky ahead of us and it seemed to be an arcing light, but it was very sudden, totally unexpected, different to anything ever seen before."

UFO researcher Russ Kellett has asked anyone with information to call him on 0560 2826901.

Britain's Closest Encounters is on Five tonight at 8pm.

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<snip>

Seems to be a flap going on in the UK. There are certainly a lot
of newspaper reports of UFO sightings coming from there of late.

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 04:52:28 -0300
Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 10:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 17:04:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

>>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 13:46:30 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>>Subject: Re: Mantell Case Bombshell

><snip>

>>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."

>Anyone know if idle cutoff on that aircraft was blocked by a
>detent, requiring strong pressure against a spring or pushing
>a button?

>Idle cutoff seems like an odd position to be selected in flight.

It wouldn't be normal. No detent for idle cut-off. Too dangerous. When you pull power back to idle cut off you can be assured that in a prop plane in a dive it won't quit because the prop windmills maintaining some flywheel effect.

The magnetos always produce spark when the crank is turning over. [Never turn the blade on a lawn mower to clear grass etc. unless the spark plug wire is pulled off the plug]

An idle/cutoff detent would not be a good thing during a panicky attempt to jam on power. There was a detent - some pilots called it the "gate" - for War Emergency Power which added another 70 odd horsepower for short periods.

As Brad mentioned it was not a setting that could be sustained for long periods.

Brad and I discussed some other interpretations of what happened to the airplane on the way down. I didn't see that in his remarks. It's a gray area as to what happened and when I get some time I'll write up what I think could have happened during descent.

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From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 12:00:17 +0100
Archived: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 10:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 13:47:24 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Joe

>What you are actually arguing here (I think), and what I
>actually agree with is not the lack of results, but the lack of
>agreed standards.

If there's common ground, I'm afraid this certainly isn't it. As far as I'm concerned, standards arise from good practice, not the other way round. Who is supposed to agree these "agreed standards"? How are they supposed to agree them? And who appointed these people to the Standard-Agreeing Sub-Committee?

It seems to me you're confusing science with academic institutionalism - that you want to set up some sort of ersatz Magisterium which will interrogate people on the soundness of their standards and the rightness of their beliefs. Nothing good can possibly come of this. I simply don't believe you can improve anything by trying to impose controls on who is allowed to say what and who is allowed to talk to whom. Even in the unlikely event of anyone taking any notice of you, which of course they won't.

>Greer supporters who have paid \$600 or whatever the going rate
>is to 'commune with the aliens' are probably satisfied with the
>results as presented by Greer or experienced personally. Their
>standard of evidence is lower than most people's, let alone
>science's.

On the other hand there are people around who believe incantations can turn wine into blood, and they don't seem to be doing too badly.

>Groups like MUFON have tried (and I think failed) to introduce
>some standards into ufology, the same with BUFORA in the UK. But
>standards are what is required, without them, results will be
>meaningless.

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>I stand by my statement that the general public (including
>science) base their judgement of ufology as a whole on the
>public face of ufology. That in turn is based on the most
>newsworthy (read entertaining) activity within ufology, which
>will always be the crank faction.

I'm sure you're quite right apropos the general public and their judgement on ufology. What I don't understand is why you think this matters or why you think it could be sorted out by means of identity politics.

And I think it most unlikely "the general public" arrive at their judgements on ufology by watching very strange people on TV shows. I think it's far more likely they think people on TV

shows are very strange because that confirms their judgement on ufology. These sorts of judgements have far more to do with social compliance and deference to authority than with any rational consideration of evidence. People believe the things they do because they establish their group membership by believing them.

>We (serious ufologists) provide that crank faction with oxygen
>in the form of supporting their events and providing them with
>poorly researched material or premature comments. The
>authorities provide them with oxygen as well in unnecessary
>secrecy and excessive 'image paranoia' (scared to admit that
>they don't have all the answers).

I'm afraid that phrase "serious ufologists" sounds horribly pretentious to me. It sounds like a self-appointed group of chums who think they can make themselves look ever so much more important by setting up a club with all these dinky little special rules. If anyone were to come on a TV show and describe themselves as a "serious ufologist" I'd think that person was very strange indeed.

>I doubt that it will ever be
>possible to cut off that supply of oxygen, but the
>establishment, maintenance, and improvement of standards would
>help in the mid to long term - just as Astronomy arose from
>Astrology. In comparison, ufology is very immature.

Many of the greatest early astronomers were also astrologers: Tycho Brahe, Kepler. Their contribution to astronomy is based on the strength of their work, not on their social networking skills.

Cathy

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By Debbie Denmon
WFAA-TV

AURORA, Texas -- A century-old legend of aliens in Wise County could become part of history.

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Some people believe the metal came from a spacecraft that crashed in Aurora back in 1897.

The History Channel program UFO Hunters recently made the discovery while searching in a cemetery.

Because of an agreement with the network, UNT won't reveal what they determined after examining the evidence, so you'll have to watch the show when it airs in the fall.

Readers may care to review Kevin Randle's post to this List on Mon, 24 May 1999...

<http://tinyurl.com/6rsd9f>

and the Search Results:

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>the likeness evaporates. It is arguable that there is no remnant
>similarity at all beyond the number (16) of dots - which again
>is dictated by the Betty Hill drawing. Everyone should try this.

<snip>

Ever made those drawings where you connect numbers? I am always amazed by the final result.

I tried that once with a George Bush drawing with around 25 numbers and it sure looked like him! The dots were meaningless until you made the connections.

A treasure map does not need to be an aerial photo. A few dotted lines at a big X will make the trick.

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>view of only one of 10^{25} possible selections of 16 stars that
>can be made from the 46 sunlike stars within 55 lightyears of
>earth. Let us grant that some (doubtful) similarity exists
>between the two patterns: But how do you then prove that it is a
>unique solution? To show that the correspondence is
>statistically significant would require - at least - that each
>of those 10^{25} possible selections of stars be mapped from
>every possible viewpoint and the degrees of correlation with
>the Hill map compared quantitatively.

<snip>

The 10^{25} possible selections is only superficially impressive: Majorie Fish "constructed several three-dimensional models of the solar neighborhood! Using beads dangling on threads, she painstakingly recreated our stellar environment."

The human mind is keen to find patterns, ignoring the unimportant.

If you want to sell a house and put a picture in the newspaper with the address, I bet it will be easy to find where the picture was taken from. There may be 10^{25} possible points of view around your house but one will find the right spot where the picture was taken in a sinch.

Vallee is not very helpful: he rejects Fish's model and tells you it would be way too much work to prove he is wrong.

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>And what is the justification for Marjorie Fish's protocol? Why
>limit the pool of possible stars to sunlike stars within 55
>light years of Earth?

<snip>

I do not know exactly how Majorie Fish got her 55ly figure but she thought that the map showed local stars because, apparently, from Betty Hill's recollection, there were no concentration of stars to indicate the Milky Way.

>Aside from the arbitrary 55ly radius, the
>selection of sunlike stars would not today be thought so strong
>a criterion for selecting life-bearing planets (presumably Ms
>Fish's motivation) because the theory of planetogenesis has
>changed in step with new observational evidence of planet
>systems around a wider range of star types than was thought
>likely in the 1960s. Given that nothing can be known a priori

>about the means of travel, the pool of candidate stars might be
>enlarged to arbitrary size, in fact, multiplying the vast
>numbers mentioned above by some incalculable factor

<snip>

The new observational evidence of planet systems lending new theories about planetogenesis says nothing about earthlike planets or new categories of stars capable of supporting life.

"Stars capable of supporting life" and "stars capable of having planets" are two entirely different things.

I do not think any new evidence has enlarged the number of families of stars capable of supporting life.

Your use of "arbitrary" and "might" is just that - not much to go on. You can't use that to say that it multiplies some number and that it makes Majorie Fish's approach less valuable.

>Betty Hill did not (IIRC) say that the picture she saw contained
>only the 16 stars she drew for us. It contained many more, but
>she drew (after hypnosis about 3 years after the event) only the
>most prominent ones. The Fish assumption that "most prominent" =
>"most sunlike" is not inevitable

<snip>

You cut your sentence a bit too short. Betty Hill was "able to recall the prominent ones connected by lines and a small triangle off to the left."

So this makes the Fish assumption "most prominent" = "most sunlike" rather inevitable, especially if you recall that the lines rep! resent travel routes leading to frequently visited worlds.

>we've already conceded that
>the alien mapping algorithm could differ unpredictably from
>Fish's projection), and even allowing that Betty's hypnotic
>recollection of those 16 stars could have been eidetically
>flawless there is no way to guarantee that the inclusion of the
>neglected background of other stars would not have completely
>changed the comparison exercise. The 16 included stars
>themselves vary widely in prominence, for example. So how much
>less prominent were others that were left out? What is the cut-
>off?

<snip>

The is no guarantee that Betty Hill reproduced exactly what she saw and to suppose that her drawing has been eidetically flawless mainly serves to discredit the work of Majorie Fish.

I suspect that the drawing is not eidetically flawless and, even if it were, the 3D technology used cannot guarantee an exact match using another technology or piece of software. A Mercator projection is a good example of an in-exact tool universally used to represent our world.

Vallee's 10^{25} figure may be good show at a cocktail party but doesn't make when you're sober.

Majorie Fish's sunlike systems list is as good as any you'll find around this side of the Moon.

If I recall correctly, isn't our Sun supposed to be part of this map? Was it not hinted by the alien who showed the map to Betty Hill? This is important because it gives us a starting point.

Has this fact been taken into account by Vallee or yourself?

Vincent Boudreau

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July 2, 2008

UFO Investigators Drawn To Bucks

By James McGinnis
Bucks County Courier Times

The Mutual UFO Network said it will dispatch "field investigators" to Lower Bucks after four reports of strange craft hovering over the county between January and June.

The latest incident was reported Wednesday, when someone saw a craft "with six lights in the shape of a boomerang" over the Oxford Valley Mall in Middletown.

The first sighting was reported Jan. 27, and Falls police officer Jeffrey Omlor was dispatched to Don Pablo's on Route 1 across from the mall. Someone called 911 to report a craft "hovering like an octopus" over the Mexican restaurant. Omlor said he saw nothing strange over the restaurant that night.

But that same day, MUFON said it received a third report from a pizza deliveryman who said he saw an object "over the tree line of Vermillion Hills" that "appeared to be blinking red, white and green lights."

The fourth report was from Newtown on April 25. Someone claimed to see "an orange fire ball that seemed to be crashing out of the sky."

Each report filed with MUFON was anonymous. The caller to Falls police also didn't give a name. But that has hardly deterred MUFON.

Field investigator Elise Simon said the group probably would issue a finding in a couple of weeks. She wasn't sure when the investigators would arrive.

"We'll be talking to the local police, the FAA and the local media and any witnesses," said John Ventre, state director for MUFON, who estimated about 93 percent of UFO reports turn out to be conventional aircraft. "That 7 percent, though, that's the great part, because it really defies explanation," Ventre said.

MUFON has chapters throughout the world. It's considered one the largest UFO organizations, and claims about 3,000 members.

MUFON was featured in the Fox series "The X-Files." Members helped FBI special agent Dana Scully, played by Gillian Anderson, locate a microchip planted in her neck.

Visitors to the MUFON Web site =97 <http://www.mufon.com/> =97 can

search through and review UFO incidents dating to 1938.

To become a certified MUFON field investigator, applicants must study a manual available for \$28 and pass a 100-question test.

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Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 14:49:11 +0100
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 08:22:46 -0400
Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 01:22:00 -0300
>Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

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>Seems to be a flap going on in the UK. There are certainly a lot
>of newspaper reports of UFO sightings coming from there of late.

Don, All

I tend to find with "flaps" its all down to media attention. The more its reported the more people are willing to come forward to report theirs.

This doesn't necessarily mean an increase in the number of sightings, mere and increase of the reporting of the number of sightings.

Regards

Sean
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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.
<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

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Re: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 12:38:54 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 08:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

>From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 16:43:32 -0500
>Subject: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

>Dear List:

>Can anyone provide the names and contact information
>of reputable abduction researchers who reside in Canada?

Depends on how you define "reputable" abduction researcher.

Would our list be limited to psychologists and psychiatrists who study the mind and human behaviour? Would it include social scientists and anthropologists who look for common details in recently reported experiences as well as written historical accounts and oral traditions? Would it include police officers and school principals who hear about and investigate such abductions? What about astronomers and physical scientists who can identify the possible origin of the alleged abductors from a star map that was reproduced by an abductee or from the chemical identification of the same stain that is found on the clothes or body of many abductees? What about abductee help groups or media sponsored documentaries such as CBC's 'Man Alive' show which brought together professionals from a cross section of society who were introduced to and heard the accounts of abductees (including two unrelated women who were abducted on the same day and tearfully identified each other as the being the one they saw when they were taken aboard...).

Yes, we have many such individuals here in Canada who have studied one or more aspects of the abduction phenomenon. Some are no longer with us, such as psychologist Nicholas Spanos at Carleton University after his untimely death, but his colleagues are still here.

Regretfully, we do not have a center for abduction research where a dedicated team of professionals with various backgrounds (I would include priests) and training/skills (eg. hypnosis) would document, evaluate and provide support to the persons who claim to have been abducted or are suspected to be victims of alien abductions or harassment. Any ideas how we can rectify this? An informal affiliation of professionals holding regular meetings at a university setting to review cases currently under investigation and to increase public awareness about this major but still unaddressed problem may be a good start.

Nick Balaskas

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From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 08:25:35 -0400
Subject: Re: UNT Checks Authenticity Of UFO Claim

>From: ufo-updates-bounces.nul
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers -
>Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 9:44 AM
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I certainly wouldn't discourage anybody's hands-on analysis of alleged physical evidence, but the odds that anything will come of this are long indeed. Keep in mind that this is the same television series that not long ago represented the notorious Maury Island case - a confessed hoax - as a genuinely mysterious event.

Only someone who's spent a lot of time recovering 1897 airship items from the period press can appreciate how bogus-looking the Aurora story is on its face, characteristic of many prank yarns that filled newspaper space and obscured whatever was actually going on in the skies that memorable spring.

Besides that, the dynamics of the Aurora hoax have been exposed repeatedly. To every available appearance, it was the invention of a local correspondent and was recognized even at the time as satirical fiction, poking fun at the outlandish rumors and yarns associated with the mystery-airship phenomenon. Nobody followed it up, and it soon faded from the memories even of Aurora residents. Nobody recalled it until the 1960s, when a Texas newspaper columnist found the early press report.

I guess it just goes to show - as if it needed to be demonstrated once more - that you can't keep a good hoax down.

Jerry Clark

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Date: Wed, 02 Jul 2008 18:04:22 +0100
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Standards [Was: Water Or Stone?]

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 12:00:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 13:47:24 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

Hi Cathy,

<snip>

I am amazed that you don't recognise the need for standards, were it not for standards, we would still not even have reached the stone-age.

>If there's common ground, I'm afraid this certainly isn't it. As far as I'm concerned, standards arise from good practice, not the other way round. Who is supposed to agree these "agreed standards"? How are they supposed to agree them? And who appointed these people to the Standard-Agreeing Sub-Committee?

Standards are agreed by either mutual consensus (e.g. in academia or industry) or imposition (e.g. legislation or cultural pressure), but surely you didn't need me to tell you that, did you? Standards could be implemented in the same way that industry has done.

>It seems to me you're confusing science with academic institutionalism - that you want to set up some sort of ersatz Magisterium which will interrogate people on the soundness of their standards and the rightness of their beliefs. Nothing good can possibly come of this. I simply don't believe you can improve anything by trying to impose controls on who is allowed to say what and who is allowed to talk to whom. Even in the unlikely event of anyone taking any notice of you, which of course they won't.

You're probably right, no-one will take any notice. If so, we have the ufology that we deserve and it will never improve.

>>Greer supporters who have paid \$600 or whatever the going rate is to 'commune with the aliens' are probably satisfied with the results as presented by Greer or experienced personally. Their standard of evidence is lower than most people's, let alone science's.

>On the other hand there are people around who believe incantations can turn wine into blood, and they don't seem to be doing too badly.

Are they satisfied with the results? If you aren't and they are, that is because you are applying different standards to theirs. By your argument, what makes your standards 'better'?

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The standards have to come before results can be meaningfully shared. Here is a relatively insignificant (no-one died) example of the consequences of not applying the same standards:

<http://edition.cnn.com/TECH/space/9909/30/mars.metric.02/>

"(CNN) -- NASA lost a \$125 million Mars orbiter because a Lockheed Martin engineering team used English units of measurement while the agency's team used the more conventional metric system for a key spacecraft operation, according to a review finding released Thursday."

Standards are fundamental to society. Imagine a world where every district had a different language, different numerical system, different alphabet, different electrical supply etc. We would still be killing wild animals with spears, even the concept of time would vary without a standard like Greenwich Mean Time or the Julian Calendar.

Ufology is still in the stone age, and always will be without standards. Hell, there isn't even an accepted standard as to what 'UFO' or 'ET' mean!

Regards,

Joe

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I am supposing nothing whatever. Only Betty Hill "knows" what she intended to draw, and her drawing is the only physical representation of that intent. The question of what it might signify proceeds forwards from there, not ass-backwards from dependent inferences. The persuasiveness of the Fish comparison is what (supposedly) shows Betty's pattern to be a real star map, and you can't appeal to that conclusion to invent reasons why the comparison might after all not be persuasive. (Well, you can, and you do. Everyone else, I hope, can see that it's irrational.)

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Well there you go.

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I rather think these are some of the sorts of variables that
I've already alluded to.

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Quite. There's a huge number of possible ways of viewing these
stars and even when you know what you're looking for it's
difficult to find a match to Marjorie Fish's map. Ms Fish
couldn't find a match to Betty's drawing in the first place. She
only found a different pattern of 16 stars that can be
joined up in a very roughly similar way to the stars in Betty's
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>>This topology is taken directly from Betty's drawing, so it is
>>not surprising that when it is imposed on another pattern of
>>dots we recognise it.

>>Plot the dot patterns against one another without the lines and
>>the likeness evaporates. It is arguable that there is no
>>remnant
>>similarity at all beyond the number (16) of dots - which again
>>is dictated by the Betty Hill drawing. Everyone should try
>>this.

><snip>

>Ever made those drawings where you connect numbers? I am
>always amazed by the final result.

>I tried that once with a George Bush drawing with around 25
>numbers and it sure looked like him! The dots were meaningless
>until you made the connections.

>A treasure map does not need to be an aerial photo. A few
>dotted lines at a big X will make the trick.

You're joking, aren't you? The stars don't have numbers on them,
and the lines are not in the sky... but I don't think there's
much point me going on here. Have fun.

Does anyone else have any cogent arguments?

Martin Shough

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Rick Nielsen <nilthchi.nul>
Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 16:21:19 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 09:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 12:00:17 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>People believe the things they do because they establish their
>group membership by believing them.

Very interesting. But, continuing your quibble Cathy, is it
always true?

For example, does an abductee/kidnapee always believe the same
things that her newly imposed social group believes?

This List is a group membership. What do you believe the
subscribers to this List believe?

Do you believe what you think this List's members believe?

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Alien Mega-Resort Planned For 2010

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:35:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:35:00 -0400
Subject: Alien Mega-Resort Planned For 2010

Source: The Toronto Star - Ontario, Canada

<http://www.thestar.com/Travel/article/452292>

Jul 03, 2008

Mega-Resort For Alien Enthusiasts Planned For Launch In 2010

Tracy Hanes
Toronto Star

ROSWELL, New Mexico--It may seem, sometimes, like they're from another planet, but don't think of Gene Frazier and Thomas Armstrong as space cadets.

The two residents of this city in southeastern New Mexico are planning to capitalize on Roswell's famous UFO past with Earth Station Roswell, a \$45-million resort complex featuring a spaceship-shaped hotel, spa, restaurants, shops, sci-fi theatre, concert arena, exhibits, light shows and tropical garden. Just think of it all, they say, as a space station with out-of-this-world technology, left on Earth by aliens.

Since July, 1947 when a mysterious crash happened on the area's Foster ranch =96 whether it was an alien spaceship or weather balloon has been hotly debated and the subject of many movies =96 Roswell has become the "Holy Grail" for UFO fanatics, says Frazier, an architect/concept designer and a principal in Earth Station Roswell.

So much so that today through Sunday, 30,000 of them will trek to Roswell for the town's annual UFO festival, which features a UFO parade, alien costume contest, entertainment, book signings, lectures and panel discussions on topics such as alien abductions, alternate theories of UFO origins and talks about the Roswell incident.

And, of course, all those people need a place to stay.

Armstrong, who wrote the business plan for Earth Station Roswell

www.earthstationroswell.com

came up with the idea originally for a spaceship-style motel/restaurant, but Frazier expanded the idea into a full-blown resort, slated to open in 2010.

Another businessman, Bryan Temmer of Orlando, Fla., hopes to create an extraterrestrial-themed amusement park in Roswell (www.alienapexresort.com) with an indoor roller coaster simulating an alien abduction experience as the central attraction.

"But there will be no probing," jokes Temmer.

Alien Apex Resort would also include family-oriented rides and

attractions, the latest in alien and UFO studies and a fireworks/musical display recreating the Roswell incident.

The plan has the support of the city and city planner Zach Montgomery has worked with Temmer to develop the proposal.

The state had offered \$250,000 in start-up funds, but withdrew the money because it violated anti-donation rules. Now, he's seeking investors.

"I'm still determined to move ahead," says Temmer, who is a regular family guy who works in the information technology business and has a love for roller coasters and science fiction.

"It's not an easy task but the public is fascinated (by the Roswell incident), believers are fascinated, sceptics are fascinated."

The city's alien connection didn't really take off until the 1980s. That's when UFO researcher Stanton Friedman started gathering stories from those involved in the incident.

In 1992, Walter Haut, the army public relations officer who was ordered to write the July 8, 1947 press release saying the army had a "flying saucer" in its possession (he recanted the next day) and Glenn Dennis =96 a local mortician who claimed that a nurse on the base had told him of autopsies performed on aliens taken from the wreckage =96 founded the International UFO Museum and Research Centre.

Today it operates in a former movie theatre on Main St. (Haut and Dennis are deceased; Haut's daughter runs the museum now).

About 250,000 visitors come to Roswell (population 45,000) each year, strictly because of its UFO past, says Armstrong, who retired to the town in 2001 and operates the Roswell Landing gift shop.

But once the festival is over, there's not too much reason for visitors to stick around, except maybe to visit the kitschy UFO-themed shops along Main St. or visit the nearby Bottomless Lakes state park =96 named for the deep round lakes created by sink holes =96 and a trek through Bitter Lake Wildlife Refuge with its 357 species of birds and 59 kinds of mammals.

With so little to actually do, it makes you wonder: Why would aliens choose this isolated city to come calling?

Armstrong figures they saw Roswell as a nuclear hot spot, of sorts, given that the world's first nuclear bomb was tested in nearby White Sands in 1945 and developed to the north in Los Alamos, and Roswell's army base had bombs stored in underground bunkers.

"Roswell had the only live nuclear base in the world," says Frazier. "Everybody knows it wasn't a weather balloon."

The mystery remains and public interest continues to grow, says Frazier, pointing out that references to Roswell in the new Indiana Jones and X Files movies have fuelled the fire, as have releases of secret government UFO reports worldwide.

The idea of a resort celebrating Roswell's legacy has been well received, he says.

"People are totally sold on it ... they are already calling to make reservations," says Frazier.

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Wingless Electromagnetic Air Vehicle

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:37:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:37:00 -0400
Subject: Wingless Electromagnetic Air Vehicle

Source: TechDigest.tv - London, UK

http://techdigest.tv/2008/07/wingless_electr.html

July 3rd, 2008

Wingless Electromagnetic Air Vehicle (UFO! UFO! UFO!) Set To
Take Off This Year

Technically, that flying saucer to the left there is known as a wingless electromagnetic air vehicle, or WEAV for short. We'll just scream "UFO!" and run from it in terror, though, if that's OK.

It runs on "magnetohydrodynamics" - a way of propelling vehicles by ionising air with an electrical current then shooting it out at great speed. The thing also spins, to help keep it stable. It is, basically, your archetypal flying saucer.

The dream-machine of University of Florida scientist Subrata Roy, WEAV will be undergoing test flights possibly as early as this autumn. "If this works and we are able to fly it, this will be a quantum shift in how we see flying objects," said Roy, no doubt with half a mind on making several billion pounds by selling the idea to the military.

The test flights will hopefully be taking place over small farms in isolated parts of America, with a man playing a theremin hiding nearby to provide the soundtrack.

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Mystery Sighting 'May Be A UFO'

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:39:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 10:39:00 -0400
Subject: Mystery Sighting 'May Be A UFO'

Source: The Shropshire Star - Telford, UK

www.shropshirestar.com/2008/07/03/mystery-sighting-may-be-a-ufo/

July 3, 2008

Mystery Sighting 'May Be A UFO'

A pilot today claimed strange orange lights over south Shropshire could have been a UFO.

See also: Readers report light sightings

David Bemand said he was amazed to see the lights over Ludlow on Monday at about 10pm.

Mr Bemand said he was at home in Luston with his wife Michelle and a friend when he glanced out and saw the lights.

"At first I thought it was a hot air balloon, but we are reasonably familiar with what they look like. Apart from that it was too late in the evening for a balloon," he said.

Mr Bemand, who has held a private pilot's licence for 22 years, said it was also too orange to be a helicopter.

He added: "We went outside to have a look at it then it either went away from us directly or got smaller and disappeared."

He suggested it could be put down to a bizarre weather phenomenon.

The sighting comes just five days after cube-shaped UFOs were spotted across the county.

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From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 13:45:28 +0100
Archived: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 11:40:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

>From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 14:49:11 +0100
>Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

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Re: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 15:42:01 +0100
Archived: Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:08:42 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 2:37 PM
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

>Source: The Birmingham Post And Mail - UK
><http://tinyurl.com/6b2gzd>

<snip>

>One of Britain's greatest UFO mysteries deepened last night
>after a new witness emerged after 34 years.

<snip>

>The absence of any material on the incident from the newly
>released MoD documents in May has roused suspicions from
>other eye-witnesses.

Hello List,

Elapsed time can be a great deceiver, we tend to assume 'normal'
explanations must have prevailed.

So have raked out an extract from a message to the List on the
Berwyns incident -

[Begin Quote]

Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:40:22 -0500 Subject: Re: BBC Radio
4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

Looking at totality of the Berwyn event we see:

- a) reports of mystery lights in sky / mystery helicopters etc
over wide area of NW UK for some months before - ceasing at the
Berwyn event.
- b) on the night, amateur astronomers reported anomalous low-
flying 'meteors' from various parts of UK - one chap in eastern
England phoned a colleague to the west and between them got a
track on their 'meteor' - it was headed towards the Berwyns -
point X.
- c) on the night, a medium strength 'earthquake' at point X.
- d) on the night, circling 'lights in the sky' above point X.
- e) on the night, 'large circle of orange light' (with smaller
white lights moving around it) at point X.
- f) on the night and long afterwards, 'establishment / security'
presence, under various deniable guises, at and around point X.
- g) years afterwards - a continuing refurbishing of the records,
and maybe more importantly, continuing alteration of perceptions
of the event - the BBC program being only the latest.

Detailed perceptions of the Berwyn event seems to be following an all too familiar descent into obfuscation, but, from a longer-range and wider viewpoint, the events, however reported or 'explained', are statistically anomalous to say the least.

Indeed b) seems an especially impossible 'explanation'; since meteorites may explode or diverge but never converge with other meteorites. Ask astronomers for the odds on rocks from different parts of the universe agreeing to meet up over a Welsh mountain!

[End Quote]

Maybe I was younger and more arrogant in assumed knowledge back then, but so far as I know that (b) point still stands, even if all the rest was open to interpretation..

Cheers
Ray D

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Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 12:00:07 EDT
Archived: Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:10:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 13:45:28 +0100
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>Roy

Good points there Roy and thanks!

Bottom line with the media and the public and UFOs is trust.

The main problem with our news industry in the U.S. is that it
degrades far too much into evaluation instead of investigation.
Each newspaper or media outlet news service has it's news
division and it's editorial section. Problem is since the days
of old the editorial section appears where the news is supposed
to be. Informing the public is one thing but evaluating for the
public is just another form of hypnosis. That's called tabloid
journalism.

So when the public is reached with UFO stories and the headlines
and content evaluate all witnesses as mental cases, then the
public accepts that and is wary of venturing forward. Thanks to
the internet and alternate tv sources and radio sources that is
dwindling because at push button speed anyone venturing into the
study of UFOs can now find kindred spirits, raw data, and a
multitude of viewpoints to choose from.

Until the press gets away from the yoke of criminal control the public will have to seek support from themselves regarding UFO investigations and to tell you the truth the public ain't doin' such a bad job as some would critique.

We've got stories and documents in abundance, the goal now is for physical proof.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Rocket Moments From Striking Flight?

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 13:02:08 -0300
Archived: Fri, 04 Jul 2008 12:18:01 -0400
Subject: Rocket Moments From Striking Flight?

Chas Stuart posted this to another List.

I've made several comments below this mini reference to the article.

Source: KHOU-TV 11 - Houston, Texas

<http://tinyurl.com/6zq9dq>

Thursday, July 3, 2008

Was Rocket Moments From Striking Continental Flight?

By Cindy Horswell
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON -- A Continental airliner might have been only a minute away from colliding with what the pilot described as a model rocket that shot past his cockpit window, Federal Aviation Administration records obtained by the Houston Chronicle show.

On Memorial Day, the Continental pilot reported being startled by his encounter with this object that "went straight up" and left a long white vapor trail.

Yet the trail to identifying this object has appeared to run cold since the FAA and FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force launched their investigation into the episode.

For starters, the radar at George Bush Intercontinental Airport was unable to detect any unusual object in the sky when Flight 1544 took off. A video recording, acquired from the FAA through a Chronicle open record request, shows that the radar detected nothing but dozens of airplanes.

FAA authorities said this is not surprising since airport surveillance radar is designed to track the departure and arrival of planes, and officials want to avoid clutter. It would usually not pick up a small object such as a model rocket that is going straight up, the FAA said.

<snip>

NOTE: The Houston Chronicle was able to get the recordings from the FAA/tower.

I've suggested in the case of the Cardiff/Police Helicopter case that those investigating that case go after radar recordings of the helicopter's actions to see who's coming clean the police or the Sun. The helicopter's transmissions and exchanges with Cardiff would be another route to go.

You will note that the Cardiff thread has shut down as Joe McGonagle has grown a new interest in standards in abduction

research. He ignored my last comment to him.

I predict a press release out of Sheffield Hallam in the future re the Cardiff case. Probably had to reload when they realized their error of omission re the possible radar information.

Don Ledger

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Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 13:14:30 -0300
Archived: Fri, 04 Jul 2008 13:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Engineer Sees UFO Over UK's M5

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Unfortunately the press are poor substitute for a reporting
agency. As Sean mentioned it is about, selling papers and making
money. More importantly they usually just skim the surface of
the report for its lucrative value and leave out important
details. They seldom follow-up on these reports. Even the
simplist thing like the actual time of the sighting and the
direction of the thing's flight is ignored.

But I agree that the press is viewed by the public as a
reporting agency when no other seems to be available such as
their own government which, on the surface at least, appears
uninterested.

Don Ledger

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 12:16:40 -0400
Archived: Fri, 04 Jul 2008 13:22:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Gerald O'Connell <gac.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 13:58:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 16:21:09 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

><snip>

>>It may not make logical sense but it does make scientific sense.

>'Science' that does not make logical sense is of no scientific
>value. It is a mere story - on a par with any work of fiction.
>Science has to rest on something in order to function
>effectively, and logic is all we've got.

>Don't believe me? See how far any scientific process gets
>without rules of inference. And that's all logic amounts to, for
>our purposes here, at any rate.

>>The laws of physics state clearly that speed of light travel is
>>impossible. The laws of evolution show that another tool making
>>civilization is possible and probable.

>Your argument would be fine, were it not for the fact that the
>'laws of physics' are not a set of absolute truths. They are,
>like all science, a work in progress. At the frontier of physics
>there are more questions than answers. In all honesty, we have
>no way of telling how far down the road we are to discovering
>the whole story, or what it will look like when pieced together.

>This should not be taken as a justification for just about any
>speculation that people care to engage in, but If we come up
>against data that really does challenge our view as to what is
>physically possible, then we would be wise to take a few steps
>back and ask questions about both the data and what is possible.

If we find data that challenges our view of physical
possibilit)? Not "if" but "when". And as an example of a "when"
that has already occurred, consider the "magnetic personality"
case cited at

www.brumac.8k.com/MagneticUFO/MagneticUFO.html

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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>>People believe the things they do because they establish their
>>group membership by believing them.

>Very interesting. But, continuing your quibble Cathy, is it
>always true?

If you mean, is it talways rue that people are constantly
attempting to position themselves within the social hierarchy and
that everything they do, say and believe has to be seen in the
context of some sort of positioning statement, then yes, I think
it probably is. Human beings are affiliative and social animals
and all our communications contain within them some element of
social manipulation.

>For example, does an abductee/kidnapee always believe the same
>things that her newly imposed social group believes?

No. It depends whether that group is one they want to belong to.
People who are socially assigned to a group they don't like are
likely to expend a considerable degree of energy attempting to
position themselves outside of it.

>This List is a group membership. What do you believe the
>subscribers to this List believe?

I really have no idea.

>Do you believe what you think this List's members believe?

See above.

Cathy

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Re: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

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>>Subject: Canadian Abduction Researchers?

>>Can anyone provide the names and contact information
>>of reputable abduction researchers who reside in Canada?

>Depends on how you define "reputable" abduction researcher.

>Would our list be limited to psychologists and psychiatrists who
>study the mind and human behaviour? Would it include social
>scientists and anthropologists who look for common details in
>recently reported experiences as well as written historical
>accounts and oral traditions? Would it include police officers
>and school principals who hear about and investigate such
>abductions? What about astronomers and physical scientists who
>can identify the possible origin of the alleged abductors from a
>star map that was reproduced by an abductee or from the chemical
>identification of the same stain that is found on the clothes or
>body of many abductees? What about abductee help groups or media
>sponsored documentaries such as CBC's 'Man Alive' show which
>brought together professionals from a cross section of society
>who were introduced to and heard the accounts of abductees
>(including two unrelated women who were abducted on the same day
>and tearfully identified each other as the being the one they
>saw when they were taken aboard...).

>Yes, we have many such individuals here in Canada who have
>studied one or more aspects of the abduction phenomenon. Some
>are no longer with us, such as psychologist Nicholas Spanos at
>Carleton University after his untimely death, but his colleagues
>are still here.

>Regretfully, we do not have a center for abduction research
>where a dedicated team of professionals with various backgrounds
>(I would include priests) and training/skills (eg. hypnosis)
>would document, evaluate and provide support to the persons who
>claim to have been abducted or are suspected to be victims of
>alien abductions or harassment. Any ideas how we can rectify
>>this? An informal affiliation of professionals holding regular
>meetings at a university setting to review cases currently under
>investigation and to increase public awareness about this major
>but still unaddressed problem may be a good start.

Nick:

You bring into focus exactly the problem. Which is - in my
opinion - the fact no one has sat down and thought through just
how to begin to study the phenomena.

I agree with Vallee that UFOs are a phenomena that needs to be

studied using psychology, sociology, mythology, anthropology to look for solutions.

I agree with Vallee that collecting case reports (after 60 years) isn't going bring about a solution.

After my own reflections on the problem, the only way I came closer to a solution was to go far outside the box of UFO/alien abduction events. The search took me to look into technology for mind control and Russian experiments with distant mental influencing - please see articles in Paranoia Magazine.

The high strangeness ceased as soon as I used the critical mind and read the research results from technology that is able to influence the mind remotely without drugs. You would be amazed how the technology can mimic in the lab what contactees/abductees claim they experience in the field.

KK

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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<snip>

>>>Maybe the mismatches mean that the alien mapping projection is
>>>just tweaked in some way that accounts for these differences?
>>>However this ad hoc fix is uncomfortable. It takes some of the
>>>wind out of the argument based on a supposedly direct and
>>>compelling visual similarity of the two patterns and makes me
>>>ask the question: How similar are they really?

>>You are supposing that Betty Hill's drawing is identical to
>>what she really saw. The first question to ask should, IMO, how
>>accurate can a drawing be under the conditions it was made?

>I am supposing nothing whatever. Only Betty Hill "knows" what
>she intended to draw, and her drawing is the only physical
>representation of that intent.

<snip>

Betty Hill can't "know". She's dead.

She couldn't have had any intent as the drawing was made under
hypnosis. Ergo her subconscious was at work. Ergo she couldn't
have any intent.

<snip>

>The question of what it might
>signify proceeds forwards from there, not ass-backwards from
>dependent inferences. The persuasiveness of the Fish comparison
>is what (supposedly) shows Betty's pattern to ! be a real star
>map, and you can't appeal to that conclusion to invent reasons
>why the comparison might after all not be persuasive. (Well,
>you can, and you do. Everyone else, I hope, can see that it's
>irrational.)

<snip>

Not quite. Betty Hill's drawing being a real star map has never
been in question, it is rather the correspondence of Fish's map
to Betty's that has been discussed, as if the Majorie Fish map
could be definite proof of the reality of the Hill case.

So there are still people trying to refute Majorie Fish's work
as though this would definitely put the Hill case to rest.

I know, considering your exquisite manners, you don't give a
rat's ass about any argument exposing the shortcomings of your
type or reasoning, but I will tell you that Marjorie Fish's work

should only be taken as a curiosity.

This is evident when one considers all the variables that come into play: the fidelity of the Hill drawing, the real nature of the star! map device aboard the ship, the model used by Fish.

Heck, there are even discrepancies between the Fish model and the computer model on page 6 of the Zeta Reticuli Incident.

Not to mention that the Hipparcos data is different from the Gliese database originally used for this paper.

So, does the differences negate the reality of the Hill case?

No.

Would a perfect match have been a proof of the Hill case?

No, since a perfect match is impossible.

<snip>

>>As stated in "The Zeta Reticuli Incident" Betty Hill's physical >>description of the map "sounds very much like a! reflective >>hologram", and "Betty did not shift her position while viewing >>it, so we cannot tell if it would give the same >>three-dimensional view from all positions or if it would be >>completely three dimensional."

>>We have there another factor that could add some distortion to >>the accuracy of the drawing.

>Have you ever tried to put the Fish stellar data in 3D software >>and try to get what Marjorie Fish did?

>No. The accuracy of Marjorie Fish's model is not at issue here. >Obviously her case depends on it being reliable and reproducible. >If it isn't then all bets are off anyway.

<snip>

You are missing the point. I am only trying to illustrate the difficulty of 3D representation.

I am also at loss here: isn't "reliable and reproducible" the same as "accurate"? So the accuracy of Fish's model is not an issue here but her case depends on the accuracy?

<snip>

>>I have tried with the Hipparcos data - the most accurate stellar >>database so far - with the star positions retro-calculated to >>1961 and using 3D Studio.

>>My observations: I can get something similar to Marjorie Fish's >>reproduction but different at the same time. >Well there you go.

<snip>

Glad you got the point.

<snip>

>>Tweaking 3D perspective is no piece of cake and it depends on >>many factors: the angle of sight, the field of view to name a >>few.

>I rather think these are some of the sorts of variables that >I've already alluded to.

<snip>

You have alluded to no variables. I have.

So far you have alluded to the exactitude of Hill's reproduction which is not guaranteed, to the exactness of 3D modeling, which is not guaranteed...

You draw conclusions which are as valuable as the unreliable data they rely on.

Good science.

>>I couldn't match exactly the Fish drawing and ultimately lost
>>patience. What does that say about Majorie Fish's drawing? What
>>does it say about 3D models?

>Quite. There's a huge number of possible ways of view! ing these
>stars and even when you know what you're looking for it's
>difficult to find a match to Marjorie Fish's map. Ms Fish
>couldn't find a match to Betty's drawing in the first place. She
>only found a different pattern of 16 stars that can be
>joined up in a very roughly similar way to the stars in Betty's
>drawing. The point is that an indefinite number of other
>patterns of 16 stars can also be joined up using similar
>lines. Just look at the dots. This isn't difficult.

<snip>

>>Ever made those drawings where you connect numbers? I am
>>always amazed by the final result.

>>I tried that once with a George Bush drawing with around 25
>>numbers and it sure looked like him! The dots were meaningless
>>until you made the connections.

>>A treasure map does not need to be an aerial photo. A few
>>dotted lines at a big X will make the trick.

>You're joking, aren't you? The stars don't have numbers on them,
>and the lines are not in the sky... but I don't think there's
>much point me going on here. Have fun.

>Does anyone else have any cogent arguments?

<snip>

I am joking to illustrate a point: it is a false argument to
refute Majorie Fish's work on the basis of removing the lines
and looking only at the dots.

We are not looking for exactitude but for similitude.

Not surprisingly, you missed the point.

Myopia is not science, contrary to what you are inferring.

This is a discussion forum, bringing up arguments, trying to
understand.

You are not playing by the rules. The reason why is your
problem.

You obviously have a different agenda.

You are not very polite.

Don't bother to answer this.

Over and out as far as you are concerned.

Vincent Boudreau

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Hi Joe

>I am amazed that you don't recognise the need for standards, were
>it not for standards, we would still not even have reached the
>stone-age.

But scientific standards should be determined by scientific
results, not the other way round. And in any real science that
is always the way it happens.

>Standards are agreed by either mutual consensus (e.g. in
>academia or industry) or imposition (e.g. legislation or
>cultural pressure), but surely you didn't need me to tell you
>that, did you? Standards could be implemented in the same way
>that industry has done.

I don't know that I even want to comment on the idea that
science should be policed as though it were a branch of
industry, still less on the notion that scientific standards
should be imposed by legislation or cultural pressure - the
whole thing just seems so monstrously absurd I don't know what
else can be said. The take home lesson, I guess, is that science
and bureaucracy don't mix.

>You're probably right, no-one will take any notice. If so, we
>have the ufology that we deserve and it will never improve.

So if we ignore you we will get the ufology we deserve? I
certainly hope so.

>>On the other hand there are people around who believe
>>incantations can turn wine into blood, and they don't seem to
>>be doing too badly.

>Are they satisfied with the results? If you aren't and they are,
>that is because you are applying different standards to theirs.
>By your argument, what makes your standards 'better'?

Nothing at all - it's none of my business what they believe. The
point is that social status is not, as you seem to imagine,
inversely correlated with wackiness.

>The standards have to come before results can be meaningfully
>shared. Here is a relatively insignificant (no-one died) example
>of the consequences of not applying the same standards:

><http://edition.cnn.com/TECH/space/9909/30/mars.metric.02/>

>"(CNN) -- NASA lost a \$125 million Mars orbiter because a
>Lockheed Martin engineering team used English units of
>measurement while the agency's team used the more conventional
>metric system for a key spacecraft operation, according to a
>review finding released Thursday."

This is an engineering problem, Joe. And engineering is based on physics, which is based on scientific results. This example illustrates exactly the reverse of what you are claiming.

Or are you somehow under the impression that length constancy is a given, something so axiomatically obvious that it need never be questioned? Ever heard of Lorentz contraction? ;-)

Measurement theory is absolutely not axiomatic, Joe. Most sciences devote considerable effort towards establishing exactly what is, and is not, a valid measurement.

>Standards are fundamental to society. Imagine a world where every
>district had a different language, different numerical system,
>different alphabet, different electrical supply etc. We would
>still be killing wild animals with spears, even the concept of
>time would vary without a standard like Greenwich Mean Time or
>the Julian Calendar.

Maybe you haven't noticed, but we do in fact live in a world where many districts have a different language, different numerical system, different alphabet, different electrical supply etc. Or maybe you don't travel much. ;-)

By the way: Just how, in your view of the universe, did human beings ever learn to talk? Who or what laid down the standards without which - according to your view - human language would have been just so much incomprehensible gibberish?

>Ufology is still in the stone age, and always will be without
>standards. Hell, there isn't even an accepted standard as to what
>'UFO' or 'ET' mean!

Probably because as soon as someone comes up with a standardized definition, someone else will come up with an exception.

Cathy

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CNN Larry King Live

Roswell Truth Debated

Aired July 4, 2008 - 21:00 ET

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LARRY KING, HOST (voice over): Tonight: The Roswell incident, top secret no more. The evidence is in. (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

THOMAS J. CAREY, AUTHOR & ROSWELL INVESTIGATOR: We have hundreds of witnesses that have told us of an extraterrestrial event.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Did a UFO crash in New Mexico 61 years ago and did our government cover it up? The questions are finally answered.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

FRANKIE ROWE, SAYS ALIEN "SPOKE" TO DAD: This little person communicated they've been watching us for a long time. And he said they're not here to hurt us, not to be afraid.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Witnesses ordered to lie about alien invaders. And now they have their say.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Seeing a large disk-shaped craft which was following our airplane.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: You won't believe what they've seen, right now on LARRY KING LIVE.

(on camera): On July 8th, 1947, Colonel William H. Blanchard, commanding officer of the 509th Bomb Group at Roswell Army Air Field released a press statement that a flying saucer had crashed near Roswell and that the Army had recovered the disk within hours. A second press release was issued, claiming that it was nothing more than a weather balloon.

Let's meet our guests in Milwaukee, Don Schmitt. He is co-author of, "Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-year Cover-up." It's one of Don's bestselling books, became the TV movie "Roswell."

At Building 84 in Roswell, Thomas J. Carey, co-author of, "Witness to Roswell: Unmasking the 60-year Cover-up," he spent 16 years investigating all of this. Also at Building 84 is Earl Fulford, a staff sergeant stationed at what was the army field in 1947. He took part in what he calls the top secret retrieval of Roswell debris.

And here in Los Angeles, Jan Rooney, the actress, singer, wife of the great Mickey Rooney, her father, John Chamberlin (ph), was an Air Force colonel who traveled to New Mexico at the time of the incident, years later told her that there were documented files regarding UFOs that the government will never make them public, at least in our lifetime.

Tell us about your father, Jan. What type of man was he? Were you surprised by what he said?

JAN ROONEY, SAYS MILITARY DAD KNEW SECRETS: I was very surprised. My father was a highly respected man in his field. He -- it warms my heart to think about him, because he was in top secret and he actually was unable to tell my sister, my mother and myself about what he was doing.

KING: How did he finally bring it up?

ROONEY: We were at the dining room table one evening, and someone asked, "Tell me, Red (ph), as they called him, are there such a thing as UFOs?" And he said, he had to think for a minute and he said, "the best way to put it," without revealing anything, he said, "Actually, there are documented facts about UFOs, but we will never in our lifetime," as you've said, ever - "They will never be revealed, because of panic risk, mass panic."

KING: Do you think there would be mass panic?

ROONEY: I think for sure. Someone were...

KING: You do?

ROONEY: I absolutely do.

KING: He traveled to New Mexico, your father, right?

ROONEY: Yes, White Sands, New Mexico, and he went back to Wright-Patterson. I think it was Colonel Blanchard that asked him personally to go back during that time.

KING: Don Schmitt in Milwaukee. A cover-up, you're the co-author of "Witness to Roswell," why if true, Jan says panic. Do you believe panic?

DON SCHMITT, AUTHOR & ROSWELL INVESTIGATOR: Well, I always go back to the very incident itself. Let's look back to the very people who were involved. There was no panic. There was no mass suicide. These people all lived out their lives and worked their jobs and raised their families.

I'd hate to think that we've digressed over the past 61 years, to the point that this would be such a shock, not only to our very psyche and our very culture, that there would be such an overreaction. I think we're ready. I certainly know that they handled it the best they could back in '47. And it would be a tremendous tragedy after all this time that we wouldn't bring the information out.

KING: Why, Thomas Carey, why now? We've been hearing about Roswell for years, and everyone says the government covers it up. It's going to be released, the files will be released. Why now?

CAREY: Well, Larry, we hold no brief from the government. Don Schmitt and I are conducting our investigation on the belief that the government will never release this information. In 1947, there was ample reason for them to cover up the incident. The Cold War was just beginning. The Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" radio broadcast which set the East coast in the panic, was still in memory.

But as Don says, we are much more accepting today with the

knowledge we have now of the universe, other planets being found almost daily. We are ready, certainly ready for it. And the situation that attended in 1947 does not attend today. So, you know, I think, definitely, we are ready for release.

KING: Earl Fulford, now, you were there, you removed the debris from the wreckage. Will you tell me what it was like?

SGT. EARL FULFORD, MEMBER, UFO RECOVERY TEAM: It was similar in appearance to aluminum foil, like new aluminum foil which had never been crumpled.

KING: Jan, had your father described any of this to you?

ROONEY: No, he actually, as I said, he was in top secret, so he wouldn't be able to reveal anything to any of our family.

KING: Even at his death?

ROONEY: Even at his death. My dad had a heart attack and I was nowhere around at that time unfortunately.

KING: Didn't you question more fully when he admitted to having, to believing this? I would have gone nuts.

ROONEY: Of course. Yes, but I was a bit younger then. And I hadn't really thought about all this. I didn't know that this was all science fiction or what. It wasn't until I got older and dad was already gone when I really took hold of this idea and really wanted to investigate. And it's too late now.

KING: So, you believe in aliens, travel from outer space?

ROONEY: Yes, I do.

KING: The whole shebang?

ROONEY: Yes, the whole shebang.

KING: We'll be back. Jan Rooney will remain us. Don Schmitt will, so will Tom Carey. And we'll be joined by Carlene Green in an incredible deathbed confession story. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "OUT OF THE BLUE", COURTESY JAMES FOX)

ANNOUNCER: The American Broadcasting Company and affiliated stations today's headline edition with Peter Grant (ph).

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: The 509th Atomic Bomb Group headquartered at Roswell, New Mexico, reports that it has received one of the disks, which landed on a ranch outside Roswell. Colonel William Blanchard of the Roswell airbase refuses to give details of what the flying disk looks like.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Joining us now at Building 84 in Roswell, our panel is joined by Carlene Green. Her father was stationed at what was the Roswell Army Field in '47, a decorated soldier, highest military clearance. He fought in three wars. He never spoke to anyone about the incident until a week before he died when he broke his silence to Carlene.

And what did he tell you, Carlene?

CARLENE GREEN, SAYS FATHER SAW ALIEN BODIES: Well, what he told me, Larry, he said, "Don't let anybody tell you that the incident at Roswell did not happen." He said it did happen. "I was there. I saw the spacecraft. And I saw the graves."

KING: Why did he think that they kept it a secret?

GREEN: That he never told me. He never discussed it. He never uttered a word about it. Until just before -- they put him on the gurney to put him in the ambulance, and sent him to El Paso.

KING: Why did he not talk about it?

GREEN: That, I don't know, other than the fact that -- with the

incident, when it happened, that they were told, don't talk about it, it didn't happen. It was a weather balloon.

KING: So, he completely dismissed that to you?

GREEN: Yes, he did. He never mentioned anything else to me. He never said anything else to me.

KING: Did you ever doubt your father, what type of soldier was he?

GREEN: I never doubted him for a moment. He was an honest man. He loved his country, and he loved his family. When the military told him to do something, he did it. He never questioned it.

KING: Jan Rooney, did you ever doubt your father?

ROONEY: Never. My father was a very honest, hard-working man, very responsible, dependable individual, and a no nonsense kind of guy. And what he says goes.

KING: So, he would never say a fantasy thing?

ROONEY: No. No, never.

KING: And back to the original Don Schmitt, what are they hiding?

SCHMITT: Well, I think they're hiding, first of all, the fact that they did not provide many of the -- especially, civilian witnesses with due process. The fact that they threatened these people, that they went into their homes, and actually threatened physical violence if they should ever talk about this, it's hardly...

KING: But that was years ago. They're not going to do that now, would they?

SCHMITT: No. In fact, it's one of the reasons that we encouraged the witnesses to come forward. Because, after all, the official explanation after now 61 years, is still that, that this is nothing more than a weather balloon. So, in other words, that's forced their hand. Let's see how they retaliate.

We still have reluctant witnesses who are still very afraid to talk, fear of loss of pension, and benefits, fear of imprisonment if they speak about this. This was a sacred oath, an oath to the Constitution that they made back in 1947 -- part of that World War II generation, and you know, they keep their word, they certainly do.

KING: Thomas Carey, do you have any doubts the other way? Do you ever think that maybe you're wrong?

CAREY: At this point, Larry, no. We've interviewed so many witnesses. We have hundreds of witnesses that have told us of an extraterrestrial event. I can tell you and your audience tonight that none of them have told us about a weather balloon.

KING: Do you think, Jan, we will ever really learn the truth? I mean, do you think the government will ever come forward and say, "All the people on your show, they're right"?

ROONEY: I think at some point they will have to, because of the overwhelming evidence. They can't keep it a secret forever. How long can they go?

KING: Will it take, do you think, Carlene, somebody in the Pentagon? Who's going to announce this?

GREEN: That, I don't know. But, eventually, it will come out.

KING: Do you firmly believe -- in this lifetime?

GREEN: In my lifetime, yes.

KING: Because, Jan, we've been hearing this for years.

ROONEY: That's right. KING: And it's coming out tomorrow. It's coming out next week. It never comes out.

ROONEY: It never comes out, I know. But somebody has to do something.

KING: Don Schmitt, do you think it's going to come out in your lifetime?

SCHMITT: We've been hearing for years about this growing faction within the military that certainly would like it to come out. And as evidenced by the fact that the government is now up to their fourth official explanation regarding this incident, I've become more and more doubtful. I think it becomes all the more incumbent on us, as investigators, to still track down every surviving, every living witness, and get them to go on the record.

KING: We're going to get to break. We'll come right back to you. Thank you, Jan. Thanks very much.

ROONEY: Thank you very much, Larry.

KING: Thank you, Carlene.

Someone who witnessed the UFO wreckage first hand, plus, a skeptic who explains what people thought they saw -- when we come back.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "OUT OF THE BLUE", COURTESY JAMES FOX)

NARRATOR: In the summer of 1947, numerous UFOs were spotted by local authorities, airline pilots and civilians worldwide. By July, these sightings made headlines and newspapers all across the United States, culminating on the 8th of July with the alleged recovery of a crashed disk on a ranch near Roswell, New Mexico.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Don Schmitt and Thomas Carey remain with us.

Joining us now in Los Angeles, Bill Nye, the famed science guy, scientist, engineer, bestselling author and Emmy-winning television personality. He's the member of the Skeptics Society and a fellow with the Committee of Skeptical Inquiry.

And back at New Mexico, at Building 84 in Roswell, Frankie Rowe. Her father was a fireman in Roswell and he went out on a fire call in 1947, returned home and reported to his family that in addition to a crashed saucer, he saw two full body bags and one living little person about the size of a small 10-year-old.

Essentially, Frankie, your father was telling you he saw an alien, right?

FRANKIE ROWE, SAYS ALIEN "SPOKE" TO DAD: Yes. That's correct.

KING: What did he say? What did he make of it?

ROWE: He said that they tried to help it, and that the little person told them that there was nothing that they could do to help him.

KING: He spoke in English?

ROWE: He did not talk to them in words. He talked to them in their head. But they all understood and heard the same thing at the same time.

KING: Did he go a little berserk over this? Did he try to tell other officials? Did he try to go to the press?

ROWE: No. He didn't do anything other than he was out there to do his job. And that was all. And before they could actually do anything there at the crash site itself, the military came and escorted them off of the location.

KING: Bill, you're not saying these people are lying, are you? Or are you? Her father lied?

BILL NYE, "THE SCIENCE GUY", SAYS UFO WAS WEATHER BALLOON: I'm saying that their memory is not especially accurate.

KING: But, I mean, these are three different people we've had here tonight.

NYE: Well, here's what it is, Larry. Here's what it is. It was a program called the Skyhook weather balloon," and it was absolutely a secret. It was a U.S. military secret.

The Skyhook balloon was to be part of a system, or a constellation of balloons off the east coast of the former Soviet Union, fitted with microphones -- this sounds extraordinary, and it was -- fitted with microphones that would listen for distinctive sounds associated with Soviet nuclear tests.

KING: Spying.

NYE: Spying -- conventional regular spying.

KING: So, these people who saw things, the thing that landed.

NYE: They saw a thing, yes, a huge thing. It was the Skyhook weather balloon being tested at the Alamogordo Air Force or U.S. Army Air Force base before the Air Force, the Department of the Air Force was created, just a few months before that.

KING: What about Frankie and her father?

NYE: Well, so, I think that when you have somebody recalling events from 61 years ago, it's like the game telephone you play with people, where you tell a story and you whisper it around the room. These things get embellished. There's a certain comedy show that has a whole bit about writers' embellishment. KING: Don't you...

NYE: So -- hold on, just hang on a second. So, I want everybody to evaluate this business about the Skyhook weather balloon. They called it a weather balloon, but it was not. It was a top-secret balloon to spy in a conventional way just before the U-2 airplane, before the SR- 71, before Corona, before spy satellite, any of that stuff; this was the state of the art.

KING: All right.

NYE: Now, these balloons are very hard to control at high altitude and had crashed.

KING: Don Schmitt, how do you respond to that?

SCHMITT: Well, first much all, there's a problem with the timeline. For anybody who has flown over the debris field location, that material was out there for days before it was even reported. If we were looking for anything top secret, why was it that until the rancher who actually reported it, that nobody ventured out there to investigate this?

The point is, from that high desert location, once airborne, you can see for 100 miles. They weren't looking for anything because we weren't missing anything. And if we weren't missing anything, I guess the conclusion would be, then, it wasn't ours.

NYE: I think the exception to this idea that your claim that nobody was looking for it, are you sure nobody was looking for it or is it because it was a secret?

SCHMITT: Absolutely, because it was out there for days. It was out there for days.

NYE: So, I'll give you an example. Larry, I'll give you an example. My mother, not somebody I've heard of, my mother was in the U.S. Navy. She was recruited to work on the Enigma code. She had security clearance. She was given clearance in 1942.

They were declassified in 1992, fifty years later. In 50 years, people die. People forget stuff. So, if you try to cover something up for 50 years, or 61 years, facts are lost. When he claims there was nobody looking for it, I'm skeptical.

KING: Wait a minute (ph), Bill. Why doesn't the government then, this being a fact, this being many years later, we're friends with Russia, there's no Soviet Union, we're not spying, release

it, show us, tell us the story? Why not?

NYE: Well, if you talk to conventional skeptics, they say they did release it -- Skyhook weather balloon. There's a very good picture of the Skyhook balloon on the ship. You get this sense of a size of it. There's another nice picture of the Skyhook balloon with people in the foreground. These things are enormous.

KING: Tom, how do you respond?

CAREY: I think Mr. Nye is talking about Project Mogul, the Air Force project to detect the first Soviet nuclear blast expected in those days. The problem with his analysis is that the balloons themselves are still made out of rubber, and tin foil, the targets were tin foil. Any six-year-old, when these things come on land -- they lose the air and they land on the ground -- any six-year-old can identify rubber, tin foil and balsa wood sticks; irregardless of how top secret the project was, the constituent elements of the project were mundane.

(CROSSTALK)

KING: We'll come right back. If UFOs and space aliens have come here, why won't the government admit? Some answers ahead.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "OUT OF THE BLUE")

FEMALE NARRATOR: In 1966, congressional hearings were held with Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, and scientific adviser of Project Blue Book, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What is the Air Force hiding in this investigation?

HAROLD BROWN, THEN U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: Well, we have not been hiding anything. The investigation has been made public. The explanations of those where there is a clear explanation have been made public. The hearing this morning was public for just that reason.

DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, ADVISER, PROJECT BLUE BOOK: None of the evidence that I have examined would indicate any proof at all that we are being visited by extraterrestrials.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Is the U.S. government hiding knowledge of UFOs? That's our quick question. Just go to us at CNN.com/LarryKing and tell us what you think.

Our panel remains. Frankie, did you ever doubt your father at all?

ROWE: Absolutely not. What he told us, he told us exactly what he saw. Weather balloons don't talk. This little person communicated they'd been watching us for a long time. And he said they're not here to hurt us, not to be afraid.

KING: Bill, are you open to the possibility you might be wrong?

NYE: Oh, yes. But let's examine the evidence. Let's start with the picture of the guy on the gurney, in the body bag. The person or the thing in the body bag is not a little person. That's the full length of a conventional gurney. Might even be eight feet long. So it might not be a little person in a body bag at all. This, to me, is not evidence that we have been visited by aliens. Let's also look at the box that was lifted off the flying saucer, you had earlier in the show.

Sorry, it's so extraordinary. In the time that these pictures were created, the technology of faking photos, that to me is not a very convincing photo. Look at the words "Viking Project." They're not keystone, they're not -- they don't have a vanishing point that's accurate.

The straps that go over it don't look especially good. And that thing on the truck doesn't look like a flying saucer of extraterrestrial origin to me. It looks like ...

KING: Well, it might be to me.

NYE: Well, it looks like, if I may, an artist's rendering. So the quality of this evidence -- this is where I encourage everybody, and I'm not going to convince your guests and the authors of these books. Their minds are made up, they're jamming, it's all good for them.

But to the conventional viewer, just look at these pictures, really examine the evidence, and I think you'll see that it's not very compelling. These pictures are not enough for me.

And furthermore, the government claims it had this weather balloon thing -- spy balloon, and it did crash, and it was a secret, and they swept it up. Now this guy, Steve Fossett, he disappeared in a similar balloon last year, right? Haven't found the guy.

KING: Right. Still haven't found him.

NYE: Yes, because when things crash in this kind of area, it's rugged and they're hard to find. These balloons are big and thin.

KING: Don ...

SCHMITT: Please, please, you've never been out there. Like I said, once you are airborne in a small plane, you can see for 100 miles. And ...

NYE: So you want us to take your word for it? OK.

SCHMITT: I defy anyone to suggest that anybody was looking for this, because why would the base commander, Colonel William Blanchard, not dispatch a couple of grunts as far as just to go look at it, but rather the heads of both departments of intelligence?

NYE: Well, you'd want grunts with security clearance, right? You wouldn't want ...

SCHMITT: Well, it was the head of an intelligence department as well as the head of this counterintelligence department, because they couldn't identify the materials. As Tom already explained, it was the project that was top secret. NYE: So let me ask you, so if we discovered these materials -- if the Air Force discovered these materials, would these materials be the kind of thing that you could apply to future technologies? Would the Air Force then be able to create more sophisticated aircraft and spacecraft as a result of finding these materials?

SCHMITT: Well, I would suggest, why the materials went to foreign technology division, T2 (ph) at that time, at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

NYE: T2? So what came of it? I'll give you an example. Here's a watch ...

KING: Oh, let him finish.

NYE: Well, here's a watch that runs on solar power, OK? You never wind it. Sunlight lights it up and charges the battery, runs for seven years -- seven years' worth under guarantee, runs every day, you never wind it.

If I gave this watch to, let us say, the people who built the pyramids, let's say, would they be able to recreate this watch? I don't think so. In the last 5,000 years, we have discovered quantum physics and the field of ...

KING: So what's your point?

NYE: Well, that if you were given material from future civilizations far in advance of ours, you would not be able to make a derivative material.

KING: Well, you're assuming that the visitors are far advanced.

NYE: Well, you've got to figure if they had a spacecraft that flew around and crashed here and was -- I admit, was as

primitive as the one in the picture ...

KING: The conventional question, Thomas, is, why New Mexico? Why they don't they come to Washington?

NYE: New York, yes.

KING: New York, Los Angeles. Why Casper, Wyoming?

NYE: Alamogordo, New Mexico, yes.

CAREY: Well, back in '47, New Mexico was the place to go. We had the atomic bomb development here in New Mexico, the missile tests from captured German rocketry, the Project Mogul balloon tests.

So in 1947 there is no doubt that if I'm coming in from another galaxy or something like that, New Mexico would be a pretty place to go. But as far as today, I think UFOs -- we anthropomorphize when we think about, geez, why don't they land in a large city so everybody could see them?

Maybe they don't think like us. We don't know. We just don't ...

KING: Let me get a break. Frankie Rowe, thank you very much. We're going to be joined by an astronaut, the sixth man to walk on the Moon. And we'll talk about what's in those top secret Roswell files. An astronaut who has seen them tells us ahead on LARRY KING LIVE.

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(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We do have a military operation going on at Groom Lake, highly classified and highly important to U.S. security.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Satellite photos of the base show the world's longest runway. The length is about 30,000 feet, almost six miles. Space shuttles could be landed at either end simultaneously, rolled to a halt without brakes or parachutes and still be separated by a mile.

(END AUDIO CLIP)

KING: We are now joined by distinguished American in West Palm Beach Dr. Edgar Mitchell, the Apollo XIV astronaut, sixth man to walk on the moon, many of the Roswell witnesses told Dr. Mitchell their accounts which he says were later verified by a contact at the Pentagon. What do you believe, Dr. Mitchell?

DR. EDGAR MITCHELL, APOLLO ASTRONAUT: Well, I can say, Larry, I have no firsthand experience but all of my experience comes from what I call the old timers that at some point in their - before they passed on, and these folks are all gone now, and because I was who I was, because I lived in the area, I grew up in the area, and because I was an astronaut, some of them wanted to get it off their chest before they passed on and I happened to be selected to hear their story.

And all of them as I heard some of the earlier testimony, all of them were under very severe oaths and fear and penalty for talking but they did want to talk and it was ...

KING: What do you think, Dr. Mitchell, what do you think of Bill Nye's assessment when it comes to what happened, that this was a spy balloon.

MITCHELL: I'm sorry, Bill Nye -- he was saying everybody is colored by their beliefs and not looking at the evidence. I'm sorry, he's not either. And I think he's totally wrong ...

NYE: So, let me ask you ...

KING: Hold on, don't interrupt.

Go ahead, Dr. Mitchell. I'm sorry. MITCHELL: Well, I eventually went to the Pentagon and asked for a meeting with the Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which I got with another naval officer who had had many similar experience and we told our story and this gentleman, a vice admiral, said to us, well, I don't know about that but I'm going to find out. And called a few weeks later and said he had found the source of the black budget funding for this project and that he was going to subsequently investigate because if it was real he should know about it, as a matter of fact, he should be in charge, those were his words.

And so we did get calls from some time later and a report much later than that that he had found the people responsible for the cover-up and for the people who were in the know and were told, I'm sorry, admiral, you do not have need to know here and so, goodbye.

KING: All right, Bill.

NYE: So, what are you saying? First of all, did you interview these people on their death bed or under oath? Let the viewer - I'm not going to change your mind. So that's for Ed, go for that.

MITCHELL: They sought me out.

KING: They sought him out.

NYE: But they were not on their deathbed. A deathbed declaration is quite a different thing from seeking you out and telling a story. You're not going to convince me.

MITCHELL: I am not interested in arguing with you. I'm telling my story. If you want to shut up and hear it, I'll be glad to talk. Otherwise, no.

NYE: I'm claiming that you haven't made a claim about aliens. You made a claim about a cover-up, which I'm right there with you and you made a claim about an admiral that was not given clearance to read it. I'm right there with you on that. But go ahead about the aliens.

MITCHELL: I happened to have lived in the area and the - and I grew up the area and my family had farming and ranch holdings and farm machinery holdings. We knew many of the people, including the ranch where this was discovered and in spite of all of the security oaths, etc, the talk in the community was, of what it was, that it was an alien craft and that survived all of the other stories and all of the other oaths and so forth. It was there for a long time. I happened to have lived there.

As a matter of fact, Robert Goddard, the father of American rocketry, his farm was right down the road from ours and I walked past his home every day going there. So I feel fairly well-informed on all of this and like some of your earlier witnesses, Larry, whose fathers talked to them, whose parents talked to them, they were involved, we heard the same thing. We knew it, it was not really covered up and so these stories did get out even though the day after the official announcement had come out in the "Roswell Record" newspaper and was repeated the next day, there was a lot of snickering and laughing going on about what in the world is going on here.

KING: Dr. Mitchell, we're going to do more on this and I want to invite you back for a longer period of time. You're a distinguished American and we appreciate you appearing with us.

MITCHELL: Thank you, Larry.

KING: Dr. Edgar Mitchell.

Do you believe the government lies about UFO activity? Our next guest, a career military man, says it does. You're watching LARRY KING LIVE.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They're coming this way.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: This is not science fiction, this is science fact.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It clearly had a shape to it. Had it been a big shape there ...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There is nothing to hide.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: There is nothing to hide at all.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: We're back with our panel. And we're now joined in Roswell, New Mexico by Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Mattson, United States Air Force, Retired. A military historian, he spent 32 years in the military, a majority of which he spent in research and testing for the Air Force.

Based on his experience, Matthew believes that the military and government constantly lie about UFO activity and Roswell is no exception. Why, Colonel Mattson, do they lie?

LT. COL. WAYNE MATTSON, USAF (RET): Why? Because the Air Force is charged with keeping the skies clear of unwanted craft and if you can't stop one of these UFOs, you're not doing your job. So therefore they don't exist.

KING: They lie to cover themselves.

MATTSON: Right.

KING: The cover their, what, so to speak.

MATTSON: Absolutely. They come out and say they are no threat to our security. Perhaps they're not. But if they say they don't exist, they don't have to worry about anything like that.

KING: Do you believe there are UFOs? MATTSON: Since I have seen things in flight, the answer is most definitely yes.

KING: Seen, like what?

MATTSON: Seeing a large triangular craft in the skies over Thailand. Seeing a large disc-shaped craft which was following our airplane. It was also tracked by radar and then we got a visual on it and watched this large round object translate from a disk shape -- well, excuse me, from a -- the size of a full Moon to a disc shape and accelerate out of sight in a matter of seconds.

KING: What, Bill Nye, could change your mind? I mean, you're not saying that Wayne Mattson is nuts?

NYE: Oh, no, no, no. These people believe, absolutely. But let's take another example that would change my mind. There are hundreds of millions of cell phones in the United States that have cameras. There are millions and millions more in the world that have cameras.

Every week there are millions and millions, every month there are billions of pictures taken. Can I get one, one picture of one alien spacecraft? Now are these guys saying that they found a piece of this spacecraft material and it's hidden? Are they saying that they have found a piece of this spacecraft material and they lost it?

It's quite extraordinary. This is a piece of material that would change the course of human history and it's gone. They have photographs that would change the course of human history and they're hidden. I'm very skeptical. I encourage everybody to be skeptical. You're not going to change these guys' minds, they're into this.

KING: I want Thomas Carey to respond, but first, Colonel Mattson, how would respond to that?

MATTSON: There are a lot of picture taken, and there are probably a lot of pictures in hidden archives. Project Blue Book

was, in my opinion, merely a P.R. cover-up. Most of the good stuff went somewhere else, to one of the air intelligence squadrons, and was buried deeply under cover.

NYE: So is that a convincing photo to you? Does that look like a real alien spacecraft? Widen it out and put the -- does that look like an alien spacecraft?

KING: I don't know what it looks like. Don't look like an airplane.

NYE: It doesn't convince me.

KING: Don't look like a balloon.

NYE: Well, it looks not that unlike a flying disc that you play Ultimate Frisbee with, with stuff attached to it.

KING: Our guests cannot see this, so ...

NYE: Oh, I'm sorry.

KING: ... we're referring to something ...

NYE: And this doesn't work like -- sorry, this doesn't convince in any way that there was something in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 that was hidden by the government that was anything but a secret spy balloon.

KING: Thomas Carey, what could clear this up? What action ...

CAREY: Larry...

NYE: To call these evidence is so wrong.

KING: I'm asking him.

NYE: OK.

KING: Thomas, what could clear this up?

CAREY: Larry, I don't know that any thing could clear it up for your guest, Mr. Nye, but for the reasonable mind that is open, testimony -- overwhelming testimony will clear it up. But I think for Mr. Nye, an unequivocal piece of the ship that crashed in 1947 might do the trick. I'm not sure that it would. He might say that it was a Hollywood trick or something like that.

But I think a piece of physical evidence, if I could go that far, should clear it up for Mr. Nye. And I can report to your audience that we are working on obtaining physical evidence as we speak.

KING: And we'll take a break and come back with our remaining moments. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

PAT FLANNERY, ARCHAEOLOGIST, ROSWELL FIELD OFFICE, BLM: All right, Larry. My name is Pat and We're about 75 miles or so from Roswell, New Mexico. We'll be looking at the three field (ph) area where rancher Max Brasell (ph) found pieces of this craft scattered over a pretty wide area.

Here we are. This is called the debris field. An alien ship coming from the northwest comes right over this rise to this very location. Came right through here and somewhere it hit the ground and cut a V shape and then went airborne again but it left a debris field from the point say here, to as much as three quarters of a mile into the distance going in the southeast direction.

Max Brasell, a couple of miles from here, maybe three or four miles from here along this path, trajectory, said that he found some - a couple of alien bodies. A couple of aliens, dead I guess, at that location. They had been there for two days. And the ship continued on and wherever that ship was found, the craft was, then there were more bodies found.

That's the way I understand it.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: We're back. Lieutenant Colonel Mattson, what about the Skyhook balloon. Have you investigated that story?

MATTSON: Yes, I have looked at many of the Skyhook balloon records and right about the time the Air Force came out and said, we lied, it's not a weather balloon, it was really Project Mogul, they came out with a large document, several inches thick, called "The Roswell Incident."

In it they claimed that the Mogul launch on the Fourth of June was the one responsible for the Roswell incident but in the same document they published the log of one of the technicians who was associated with the program and his entry for the 4th of June, 1947 indicated no balloon launch due to bad weather.

Now there was a balloon launched on the 5th of the June and the records show that was recovered 25 miles east of Roswell. So the 4th of June the Air Force was wrong. The 5th of June they had recovered the balloon itself.

NYE: Is it possible for them to change that guy's record? Isn't it a possible thing to recover something else?

Compare the probability of changing a single document with the probability that we have been visited by entities that would change the course of human history and nobody noticed.

KING: Do you, Bill ...

NYE: Want to see one? Bring it on.

KING: Don't you want to be wrong?

NYE: Larry, on Mars right now there is a Phoenix Lander that has found water ice.

KING: Correct.

NYE: We may keep digging, literally in this case and find a logical step to take to look for the next warmest water and find, it is not beyond reason, you find, not on this mission but subsequent missions, evidence of life on Mars at one time, fossil evidence. That would change the world. That would be extraordinary.

KING: Before we close it out, we have a King Cam. We bless (ph) the camera and watch.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SANDY JAMES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL UFO MUSEUM: My name is Sandy. I'm Deputy Director of the International UFO Museum. I have one question that I would like to have answered. With the Roswell incident, is there one thing that any of you on the panel are skeptical about?

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: One thing? Bill's got many, many things.

Are you skeptical, Colonel Mattson about anything?

MATTSON: No sir, I am not.

KING: Are you skeptical, Thomas Carey, about anything?

CAREY: For sure. When we interview witnesses not everyone is telling the truth, and Don and I we've -- we are able to pick up on that fairly quickly because of our experience in interviewing hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of witnesses. So, not every witness is bona fide.

KING: Bill, as I repeat again, wouldn't you like to be wrong?

NYE: Kind of.

KING: Just kind of?

NYE: Yes, because the Roswell thing --

KING: You're a scientist --

NYE: Yes, yes -- but, just bear in mind that this was the inception of the CIA, and we had all sorts of covert operations that, with all due respect, they kind of messed up for several decades. And this was one that they really did cover up. It was a thing they tried to do; they tried to build a spy balloon before spacecraft. And it didn't work so well, and it crashed, and it was a secret. And that is a pretty satisfactory explanation for me. I feel pretty good about that. I would love to find evidence ...

KING: Thank you all very much. We're out of time.

Sorry, we lost the satellite for Don Schmitt.

Thomas Carey, Bill Nye, Lieutenant Colonel Wayne Mattson and guests earlier.

As we get ready to celebrate Independence Day, I want to tell you about a terrific new film by Fred Ashman. It's called "Proud American." There are five great stories told, all wrapped in stunning visuals.

Look for "Proud American" this fall. You can go to the Web site, proudamericanfilm.com, for more, including those incredible pictures of America the beautiful.

Ringo Starr will be with us Monday. They say it's his birthday. We're going to have a good time. Now the latest, here's Anderson Cooper and AC 360.

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Ed,

I've been away from internet access for some time, perhaps this late reply is still of interest. I sense that this exchange is approaching its usual cul-de-sac, so I expect these will be my final remarks.

>>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.

Whatever grasp you may have of the implications of special relativity, you are mistaken to think that it rules out any possibility of interstellar travel.

Consult even a popularized treatment of general relativity. Spacetime has curvature, and could very well be embedded in a higher dimensional space. Einstein's equations admit solutions with various types of singularities, and there is evidence to suggest that point singularities have already been observed.

Your entire appeal to special relativity hinges on your implicit insistence that travel from point A to point B must physically traverse the 3-D space between them. There are spacetime

configurations consistent with both special and general relativity in which this need not be the case.

But especially irksome, in your particular case, is your appeal to the (alleged) opinion of the 'vast majority' of scientists that interstellar travel is impossible. This from our lonely champion of the persecuted CTH!

I dread to think that I'm the first to break this to you, but I can state with at least equal confidence that, among scientists that accept the possibility of a non-prosaic origin of UFOs, the vast majority would reject the notion that it derives from a hidden advanced race originating on earth. Indeed, the vast majority would reject the notion that such a race exists at all, let alone that it might have any connection to UFOs.

So where does that leave you? Thus armed with the 'vast majority' of scientific opinion, can we not simply dismiss your notion as impossible? Do you really want to employ this kind of argument?

>>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.

I suspect that I understand evolution at least as well as you understand relativity and space travel. In any case, the 'rules' of evolution, or lack thereof, couldn't be less relevant to the plausibility of the ETH versus the terrestrial-origin hypothesis. No one is claiming that dinosaurs or amphibians or insects cannot evolve into advanced technological societies. The issue is, if they had done so here, it seems very likely we would have known about it.

>>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.

It baffles me that you keep referring to evolution. Ignorance or cognizance of the possibilities of evolution is completely beside the point. Whatever possibilities for evolution exist here have also existed on any of billions of other planets in our galaxy alone, over spans of time much longer than earth's history. How does this advance your argument?

Ultimately, you are completely reliant upon They Can't Get Here From There. As noted earlier, that is not at all compelling, without even considering the inherent problems with the terrestrial origin idea (e.g., where are the artifacts?, where are the fossils?, etc).

>>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.

So what have archaeologists, paleontologists, zoologists, geologists, etc., been doing all this time? Do you suppose they wouldn't have bothered to tell us about any supporting evidence they may have uncovered thus far? Is there some new approach or technique they should employ in light of this hidden-race concept?

>>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?

You've veered completely off the road. I'm not talking about
investigation of the ETH, I'm talking about investigation of the
UFO phenomenon.

I ask again, more explicitly: which aspects, if any, of the
investigation of the UFO phenomenon should be modified,
abandoned, or newly-developed, in the case that this phenomenon
originates from a hidden terrestrial race?

Mike

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We Are The Alien Nation

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Friday July 4, 2008

We Are The Alien Nation

Recent 'sightings' expose a collective anxiety that has more to do with security fears than ET

Mark Lawson
The Guardian

After giving a lecture on conspiracy theories to a largely US audience, I was stopped in the corridor by an intense-looking member of the audience. He icily recited my reason for questioning the popular hypothesis that aliens had landed at Roswell in New Mexico in 1946: that, if the extraterrestrials really contacted our planet then, it seemed strange that there had been no visit since.

"But that's really unfair," he protested. "You see, we've been told to keep quiet and await instructions." While all speakers hope for an informed and involved audience, this was like lecturing on Beethoven and spotting a wild-haired 200-year-old German fiddling with the hearing loop in the stalls. "Sir, are you saying you're an extraterrestrial?" I asked. He looked around in alarm and put a finger to his lips, hissing: "Sssh!"

It's my belief that this defender of extraterrestrial reticence was not himself an alien, although he may have merited the attentions of what used to be called an alienist. He had the scary stare that may be the mark of those who come from Mars but is definitely associated with men who fought in Vietnam. He may have felt himself to be an alien within the US - and may even have had vivid memories involving strange aircraft and bright lights - but the encounter confirmed my view that belief in visitations from outer space tends to be a displacement of some disorder.

So what is it that so frightens the UK at the moment? Because, even before the time of the year when parliament and Big Brother stop and so the definition of news becomes elastic, the press is filled with UFO stories. The Sun fills pages with accounts of shoppers at regional retail parks seeing strange bright lights in the sky, culminating in the latest spate of sightings over Cheltenham last weekend. And, yesterday, a Daily Mail headline asked: "Was this aliens trying to say hello?"

Probably not, I'd say. But let's consider. UFO sightings have three possible explanations. The first is that ET really is seeking a visa or that the staring guy outside the lecture theatre has finally got his instructions, 62 years after Roswell. But the problem still, for me, is that our friends from the sky remain so shy.

Spasmodically flashing their headlights above a spa town seems so half-hearted after the light years they would have spent getting here. Yeah, I know they may immediately have been arrested or destroyed by a secret X squad of the army. But, if our government knew of contact from outer space, we can be sure someone would have left the details on a train seat by now.

Another problem is that the aliens aren't - well, alien enough. Rationalists often object to spiritualism on the grounds that the dead only ever seem to comment on earthbound matters, rather than revealing any of those aspects of a heaven that would surely be beyond human imagination. Similarly, the aliens in sightings routinely conform to those in science fiction: ovoid eyes, pointed heads, flowing robes.

This leaves the second, and probably strongest, possibility - which is that the flashings identified as spaceships had another, rational explanation. Already, there are suggestions that this week's Cheltenham UFOs may, in fact, have been Chinese lanterns released into the sky by a school as part of an eastern-themed activity.

Less deflatingly, it's possible that these flashes in the sky really are a secret spaceship, but that they originate on earth. Historically, spottings of supposed UFOs have often occurred close to army or airforce bases. This invites a rational rather than supernatural conspiracy theory: that devices are being tested or employed which are then, in the way of state secrecy, denied.

The final rationale is that spaceship-spotting is an outward expression of inner fears. For instance, many of those who claim to have been abducted by aliens report the experience of being anally or genitally probed. You don't need to rent rooms in Vienna to guess that a memory of extraterrestrial interference may have replaced that of a human encounter, although it may well have involved being carried out of their bedroom in the middle of the night.

In Britain now, the likeliest cause of these reports is fear of a different kind of penetration. UFOs are most likely to be seen at times of panic over national security: it's no coincidence that the Roswell legend originated exactly as the nuclear age began. In the UK now, concern over immigrants and terrorists finds its outlet in fantasies of alien visitation. Or perhaps our ET hysteria is another blow for Gordon Brown: Britons are panicking at the thought of who - if an otherworldly emissary did demand "take me to your leader" - we'd have to give them.

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<http://tinyurl.com/5z42en>

Jul 4 2008

UFO Investigators Speak To Police About Sighting

by Ben Glaze
South Wales Echo
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Leading 'alien hunters' today called on police to release more information about the South Wales UFO sighting.

A NASA expert and top professor said hearing details from two officers and a helicopter pilot who claimed they saw a "flying saucer-shaped" aircraft would allow people to make their own judgements.

The helicopter and its three-man crew were at 500ft above RAF St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan on June 7 waiting for clearance to land when they spotted the other craft hurtling towards them from below.

Speaking at an Astrobiology conference at the University of Glamorgan Atrium, Cardiff city centre, NASA=92s Helen Matsos said today: "Unless we have the full context we can=92t really draw any scientific conclusions."

American Ms Matsos, who edits NASA-sponsored Astrobiology Magazine, was a speaker at the four-day conference where scientists shared their latest research into life beyond planet Earth.

She said she believed in aliens in "terms of the microbiological level" where there was "likely to be other life abounding on extra-terrestrial routes".

Ms Matsos doubted if the unidentified craft seen near St Athan would have been piloted by aliens. She said: "They would have had to travel a long, long time. If aliens were looking for us it would be very difficult, based on transmission of communication and broadcast signals, for them to detect us."

She said disclosing more information about the incident could help people form opinions and explode myths.

Conspiracy theories on the internet have suggested secret aircraft are being developed at the airbase in the same way the F117 Night Hawk Stealth Fighter and B2 Stealth Bombers were tested in the US in the 1980s.

Ms Matsos said: "When you=92re dealing with the military or police they tend to be very closed-mouthed."

Publishing statements might reveal some secret research they don't want known."

Conference organiser Professor Mark Brake, of the Treforest-based University of Glamorgan, said scientists were unable to draw proper conclusions without all the available evidence.

He said: "We would look for Earthly rather than un-Earthly explanations as scientists and sceptics. There is a history of these being seen and being terrestrial rather than extra-terrestrial craft.

"But it's very difficult to come to a sensible explanation without more detailed examination of the statements by the police officers and pilot. Without knowing the detail it's difficult to reach a grounded conclusion."

A South Wales Police spokeswoman said none of the crew made a formal statement even though the incident was reported to the "relevant authorities", thought to be the Ministry of Defence and Civil Aviation Authority.

She refused requests from the Echo to speak to the officers or pilot.

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Re: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

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Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 09:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 15:42:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Wednesday, July 02, 2008 2:37 PM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Man Breaks Silence Over North Wales UFO

>>Source: The Birmingham Post And Mail - UK
>><http://tinyurl.com/6b2gzd>

<snip>

>>One of Britain's greatest UFO mysteries deepened last night
>>after a new witness emerged after 34 years.

<snip>

>>The absence of any material on the incident from the newly
>>released MOD documents in May has roused suspicions from
>>other eye-witnesses.

>Hello List,

>Elapsed time can be a great deceiver, we tend to assume 'normal'
>explanations must have prevailed.

>So have raked out an extract from a message to the List on the
>Berwyns incident -

>[Begin Quote]

>Fwd Date: Fri, 07 Nov 2003 19:40:22 -0500 Subject: Re: BBC Radio
>4 UFO Programme - Dickenson

>Looking at totality of the Berwyn event we see:

>a) reports of mystery lights in sky / mystery helicopters etc
>over wide area of NW UK for some months before - ceasing at the
>Berwyn event.

>b) on the night, amateur astronomers reported anomalous low-
>flying 'meteors' from various parts of UK - one chap in eastern
>England phoned a colleague to the west and between them got a
>track on their 'meteor' - it was headed towards the Berwyns -
>point X.

>c) on the night, a medium strength 'earthquake' at point X.

>d) on the night, circling 'lights in the sky' above point X.

>e) on the night, 'large circle of orange light' (with smaller
>white lights moving around it) at point X.

>f) on the night and long afterwards, 'establishment / security'
>presence, under various deniable guises, at and around point X.

>g) years afterwards - a continuing refurbishing of the records,
>and maybe more importantly, continuing alteration of perceptions
>of the event - the BBC program being only the latest.

>Detailed perceptions of the Berwyn event seems to be following
>an all too familiar descent into obfuscation, but, from a
>longer-range and wider viewpoint, the events, however reported
>or 'explained', are statistically anomalous to say the least.

>Indeed b) seems an especially impossible 'explanation'; since
>meteorites may explode or diverge but never converge with
>other meteorites. Ask astronomers for the odds on rocks from
>different parts of the universe agreeing to meet up over a Welsh
>mountain!

>[End Quote]

>Maybe I was younger and more arrogant in assumed knowledge back
>then, but so far as I know that (b) point still stands, even if
>all the rest was open to interpretation..

>Cheers

>Ray D

A very good causal presentation here by Ray and why I have included it en tota. Media treatment is never adding to truth-seeking for it seeks to impart a false sense of resolution to phenomena and that resolution is always within the box of those owning whatever media outlet is involved. This is why debunkers are so necessary as resident tuckers-in-the-bed, to return the media aimed mentality (that of twelve-year-olds) back to the normal world perceived to be safe, before bedtime.

We look to science fiction for benefits, to help open up people more to the wonders possible to the future, but it treats the same device. Rather than opening their minds, it gives them a false sense the subjects involved belong almost solely to the Hollywood world of make-believe and this furthers this implanted sense of false resolution.

Although some here might not like to consider that these attributes are part of social engineering today, they are. And when you allow this game played upon ufologists and ufology alike, you are as much a part of the problem as any debunker... maybe more so.

Here Ray shows why such devices don't allow time on our side.

And I expand on it to assert the technique is intended.

Like some of the ladies have stressed, it's high time to pick sides and to separate those who would confuse issues constantly from those that want to develop the continuity necessary to advance.

JCH

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Re: Water Or Stone?

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 09:49:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 3 Jul 2008 12:16:40 -0400
>Subject: Re: Water Or Stone?

<snip>

>www.brumac.8k.com/MagneticUFO/MagneticUFO.html

I've long suspected, both in the UFO field, and the field of electronic harassment, that magnetic attempts to detect (and in the harassment case, maybe reduce) the advanced field types have been under-exploited.

Though I couldn't locate in a quick search the exact magnetic gradiometer used in the article above, I did find one here:

<http://www.instrumentdepot.com/products/specialty/GA92xtd.htm>

\$1,015, meaning it's for those comfortably well off, but surely there are some UFO investigators in that category.

A simpler magnetic field intensity, as opposed to gradient detector, for less money at various on-line environmental instrument sellers, like trifield.com

Might be worth having on investigations done close to the time of sighting.

Eleanor White

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 10:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 1 Jul 2008 10:33:25 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 30 Jun 2008 21:40:45 +0100
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>He said, "We can't do that...". Apparently they can.

>The main problem is that you can't get your head around the idea
>of a 100 million year advanced ancient earthly civilization.

Right and true Ed,

Sagan and others have stressed that no-one can imagine the
powers of a really advanced species. And I think Cohen & Stewart
added - "We simply would not know they were here unless they
wanted us to".

To me that suggests there's more to the modern UFO/ET phenomenon
than simple visits from a single species - from wherever or
whenever. And, unless we're living at a special time, it might
have a long history on Earth.

Cheers

Ray D

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Does Paul Have Answer To UFO Mystery?

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Subject: Does Paul Have Answer To UFO Mystery?

Source: Biggleswade Chronicle - Bedfordshire, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/5mza47>

05 July 2008

Does Paul Have Answer To UFO Mystery?
By Laura Hutchinson

Potton photographer's thoughts on night lights

Could a photographer from Potton have the answer to the rash of UFO sightings baffling the country?

Paul Pibworth, part of Potton based Crashers photography company, caused an unexpected stir after arranging for a skylantern spectacular during a Biggleswade wedding they were photographing.

And he and business partner Matt even joked that the lanterns would turn up as the next UFO report =96 only to discover days later that they had when a Clifton lady left a comment on The Sun's website saying she had spotted UFOs in the skies above the village on the same night as the Basingstoke sightings.

Paul told the Chronicle: "We always like to do a little something for our clients and this time decided to treat them to a skylantern spectacular during their reception.

"There has been a lot of coverage in the national press regarding UFO sightings and we joked with the guests about this being in the next report.

"This week a friend of mine called, telling me to look at page 15 of The Sun, saying that a report had been published and the description sounded like the lanterns we had used at the wedding. This sighting was in Basingstoke, so it was unlikely to be our lanterns.

"However when I looked at the report myself there was a comment on the The Sun's website of our lanterns from a lady and her family in Clifton."

The comment read: "Me and my family saw these lights also in Clifton, Bedfordshire on the exact same night. I feel completely overjoyed to have seen them.

"I have no idea what they were but it was ever so strange...

"They were travelling together in the same direction for quite a while but then slowly but surely they faded away one by one till they were all gone."

Paul confessed: "I suppose that after a while and gaining height they would look like UFOs, assuming that UFOs look like

Does Paul Have Answer To UFO Mystery?

skylanterns. So its all just a storm in a tea cup, but then isn't it always?"

The skylanterns were a feature of the wedding of Victoria Oliver and Robert Howard at St Andrew's Church in Biggleswade on Saturday, June 28.

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Subject: Droning On

Source: Greg Taylor's The Daily Grail Site

<http://dailygrail.com/node>

July 3rd, 2008

Droning On
by Greg Taylor

The last few weeks has seen continued promotion of the 'Caret Dragonfly Drones' by Whitley Strieber and Linda Moulton Howe. This case is such an overblown pile of rubbish, with handy helpings of "will to believe" thrown in. And yet Whitley Strieber continues to say things like:

"Last summer, the so called 'drones' appeared. Linda Moulton Howe and I soon confirmed that the photographs were real, both by what photo analysis could be done, and by numerous interviews with witnesses, many of whom were willing to go on the record with their names...

Then there were the Carat documents. These were furiously rebutted on the internet, but when I suggested that somebody create similar images, nobody responded. The reason that they did not respond is contained in a comment made by an engineer, Michael A. Reed of Reed Development Associates, who recently looked at them at Linda Howe's request. He commented, 'the things are so complex, they are a little mind boggling!'"

Now, it's a simple fact that both the photos, and most especially the 'Carat documents', are easily reproducible with today's technology. Indeed, people have even created realistic CG films of the Drones based only on the photos, and the documents look pretty much like they are based on in the same genre as any of the "tech brushes" used in Photoshop. But Whitley Strieber has more:

"I am leading in with all this because the purpose of these lies, and of the process now going on in England, where people are entering crop circles and secretly damaging them to make them appear manmade, have a purpose. It is the opposite of what I am going to be talking about here today.

Last summer, when I read in the Carat documents the amazing concept of 'self-activating software', I knew immediately that this is exactly what the crop circles are."

Now, I'm all for open minded thinking and speculation, it's one of the primary factors behind TDG. But with speculation should come caution and caveats, and a large dose of humour as well. Whitley Strieber is going down a very dark road here - hand in hand with Linda Moulton Howe. What is worse, because of their influential position in the 'UFO community' (the general public that is, not the research community), they are taking others with them, misleading members of the public who don't know any better. Not to mention dragging the reputation of serious researchers

into the UFO mystery down with them.

With all respect to Whitley Strieber for his previous work and writing, and Linda Moulton Howe for other aspects of her research, both should be marginalised by the community until they can show more responsibility in their words and actions. Not likely to happen, but that's two cents. At least others are starting to call them out as well.

And as I mentioned in a comment elsewhere on TDG, it's really interesting to view the Drone fiasco through the lens of Vallee's Messengers of Deception, after having to spend plenty of time editing and re-reading it over the past few months...

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Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
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Subject: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

List,

I received this mail today from the Birmingham UFO Group so I am passing it all who may have an interest in the case.

Roy

Dear UFO Enthusiasts,

I am sending out this account following the outrageous Channel 5 TV documentary on the Berwyn Mountain Incident on Wednesday July 2nd 2008, a programme created by Firefly Productions and part of a series on the UKs closest UFO encounters.

Please pass this on to as many of your fellow UFO enthusiasts as possible. This will go some way to showing just how much the programme was slanted in favour of the debunkers. It should also demonstrate a little the appalling methods used by these people to divert attention away from UFOs and in particular, away from this Berwyn Mountain incident and no doubt others in the series.

I will be ensuring that this information is given to as much of the North Wales population as possible through all channels and especially to the residents of Llandrillo who have once again been fed drivel and treated like idiots. I will be ensuring this too to keep the local populous interested in reporting their sightings to anyone involved with the Wales Fellowship Of Independent Ufologists, spearheaded by veteran Ufologist Mrs Margaret Fry.

Margaret has asked me to advise North Wales residents not to give their sightings reports to anyone not residing in the region and who cannot fully investigate such. She has concluded that often even well meaning people can inadvertently alienate locals and especially Welsh speaking locals. Following the programme, there is an atmosphere of resentment already appearing towards 'outsiders' who rubbish and belittle the locals.

Anyone who watched it must have been shocked at the degree of imbalance and not with standing the fact that a decision had been taken by the programme's commissioning editor to edit out anything and everything which while not proving the existence of a UFO on the Berwyn Mountain range on January 23rd 1974, would certainly have balanced the content or most probably, would have tipped the balance in great favour of something 'exotic' having occurred that night.

I am personally peeved because I was asked and filmed to demonstrate how all of the debunking literature so far produced was fabricated, the facts twisted and who had lied.

It is an open secret that I have been invited to write a comprehensive chapter in a forthcoming book of a well known British UFO researcher on the Berwyn event. The content is based on documents which I've received under the Freedom of

Information Act 2000, some of which, no other investigator has managed to obtain and how I have discovered where exactly on Cader Berwyn the UFO seen actually rested.

What is significant, is that I have irrefutable proof that the debunking version of events portrayed by Andy Roberts in his 'Welsh Roswell' is based on lies, half truths and supposition. I showed some of this to the filming team and whilst filming up on the Berwyn Mountains range, I was able to show how the debunkers have tried to claim that Police, poachers, farmers etc were on Cader Berwyn and that Pat Evans and her two daughters, Diane and Tina, were mistaken, seeing Police torches surrounding a poacher's lamp when these apparent 'criminals' were stopped and spoken to by the Police.

The TV programme itself was a litany of blatant lies.

The former Assistant Chief Constable Elfed Roberts though relating his experiences was very conservative with the truth and lied at least once. He lied by saying at one point, that an officer(s) left the commandeered vehicle belonging to Huw Lloyd's parents and flashed torches about. This was a pathetic attempt to try and prop up Andy Roberts' assertion that Mrs Evans saw Police torches. Huw Lloyd the teenage farmer at the time, was filmed and testified that at no time did any Police officer leave the vehicle to look around nor, did any use of torches take place. That was edited out and the Police officer given free reign to state otherwise. It was suggested that only two police officers were present at that point; there was at least four, possibly five. Huw could not recall exactly, but certainly more than three and none was local or known to him.

Andy Roberts stuck to his version of events, despite the fact that his 'poachers' who were not poachers at all, stated that they had packed in lamping by 9.15 pm. The Police were inspecting their vehicle partly blocking the track up the mountain at 9.20 pm. Please note, that Pat Evans and daughters did not arrive anywhere on the range until 10 pm that night. 45 minutes after the poacher's departed. So whatever she saw, it was not a poacher's lamp. Further to that, she has constantly been portrayed as being somewhere near to the poaching and Police search activities.

The truth is, that Pat Evans was deliberately subverted by North Wales Police and that is why she ended up on the B 4391, and four miles from the Police search above Llandrillo, and thus four miles from any headlamp, torch or anything even if there when she arrived at her vantage point..

The Police were searching for a suspected plane crash on Cader Bronwen Mountain above Llandrillo, based on reports of an explosion sound accompanying the earth tremor rumblings and then seeing lights above the village over the ridge known as Cefn Pen Llety. Debunkers have continually tried to suggest that events occurred on Cader Berwyn Mountain where Mrs Evans and her daughters observed the UFO.

I will reiterate, that at no time whatsoever was any Police officer or civilian at large on Cader Berwyn and that there was absolutely no connection between the UFO and Llandrillo village. Also, no one in Llandrillo could possibly see anything on Cader Berwyn or even Cader Bronwen. Both mountains and peaks are obscured by lower hill slopes and ridges.

I would advise readers that the principle reason that Pat Evans now spends most of her time in Tenerife, was to escape the attentions not of debunkers, but of UFO buffs who totally disregarded her testimony and privacy, often knocking unannounced on her front door late at night and even arguing with her that she was lying, simply because her true experience did not fit the mindset of the UFO enthusiast.

Pat Evans was subverted by North Wales Police because she did not get through to them offering her medical assistance until just before 9.30pm. At 9.10 pm, the Police had already opened a major incident log and Police officers were in Huw Lloyd's yard. Yet, when Pat Evans spoke to the Police, she was not directed from Llandderfel (where she lived) to Llandrillo. She was given no idea of where to go to assist and by her own volition, took the B4391 to gain a vantage point. This action was premeditated and supports other actions to deter civilian interest in events

that night.

Thus, she stumbled upon the UFO purely by chance.

The irony here, is that Huw Lloyd has testified that Police Officers from Bala and from Barmouth too (over an hour's drive in those days??), were in his yard at 9.10 pm, and had to pass Llandderfel where Pat Evans lived to reach Llandrillo and the route onto Cader Bronwen. One of those Policemen was Elfed Roberts. In that documentary, he must have known that Pat Evans was treated in this way.

The Police did not tell Mrs Evans to go to Llandrillo because her assistance was unwanted.

Elfed Roberts along with the other Policemen present saw nothing on Cader Bronwen, though all including Huw Lloyd saw for a few seconds, a bright white light south towards Cader Berwyn which lasted a few seconds and then subsided. Huw Lloyd testified to that, but that fact was omitted from the programme, and Elfed Roberts chose not to mention it!

Bearing in mind that the earth tremor which occurred that evening and which led locals and Police to believe a plane had crashed above Llandrillo, was at approx' 8.40 pm, twelve hours would pass before it was light enough to continue any search the next day. In 12 hours, the Civil Aviation and Military Authorities would know if an air craft was missing, yet the search continued aided by, a three man search and rescue team from RAF Valley in Anglesey.

The Police requested search assistance and the RAF sent a three man team which arrived late on the evening of the tremor and sighting.

In the programme, Andy Roberts played down that military presence and suggested that military 'vehicles' seen in Llandrillo by locals created the belief of a military presence and covert activities.

There was a three man team, in ONE vehicle.

Incidentally, all the details of every search and rescue operation conducted by the RAF Valley team for 1974 are missing. As far as the MoD is concerned, no RAF personnel was involved in an operation requested by the Police at any time in 1974.

I also presented to the film crew evidence that steps were taken to deny the use of civilian mountain rescue enthusiasts who knew the Berwyn Range intimately. Such had been used before but not on this occasion. Mr Roberts in his Welsh Roswell has insisted that the locals have it wrong and that they confused matters with large military presences at military air crashes in 1972 and 1982. Such a presence giving credence to the UFO fraternity claim that soldiers sealed off the mountain range in order to extract a crashed alien vehicle.

I could concur a little with the 1982 event, but I believe the 1972 event was invented to enhance the case against the locals. I believe this because I have in my possession a full listing of all military air crashes in North Wales in 1972 and I can state that no air craft crashed in that year anywhere near the Berwyn range. Three were on Anglesey and one near Llanbedr air field on the west coast. In debunking literature, reference is made to this '72 crash and this has often been repeated, but not one sceptic promoting this has so far published details of the craft, its occupants, airfield of origin etc. Nothing.

I also have details of all military and civilian air crashes for near surrounding years and again, nothing crashed anywhere near the Berwyn Range. In 1968 there was a crash near the summit of Cader Bronwen with several fatalities. Mr Roberts also attempts to elaborate the debunking case by suggesting that the air crash in 1982 involved a plane carrying top secret gear.

That is absolute rubbish. I have a full account of the event from the military and the pilot was a simple lone student flyer on a routine sortie in a training plane. I have the crash map reference number and details of the three farmers who received compensation from the MoD for damage to land during the text book recovery operation.

Indeed, Huw Lloyd's father escorted the American pilot's parents to the crash site at a later date.

As regards the earth tremor that night. It was quite violent. However, the programme tried to give credence to Jenny Randles and her earth light theory by overtly moving the epicentre of the quake 9 miles, to make it appear under Cader Bronwen. That is a blatant lie to the viewing audience.

Earth lights if they exist, would occur on the stress points of the fault lines. The epicentre of the quake was 5 - 7000 metres below Bala itself. Firefly editorship moved this to directly below Cader Bronwen to coincide with Jenny's theory. Even the British Geological Survey which is involved in the official cover up of this event, knows the epicentre point and does not deny that.

Yes, all the big guns were dragged into this documentary to put down interest in the event. Ron Madison engaged the RAF to overfly the range to search for a meteorite impact crater - try and get the photos.

The programme claimed the team was there for four days, yet the next day, the BGS arrived having confirmed that an earth tremor had occurred. Ron Madison and associates carried on looking for a meteor impact crater despite confirmation that the explosion heard was linked to an earth tremor. That though didn't stop there. The three man RAF team which officially ceased its search just after 2 pm, was then seen on Cader Berwyn later that day.

Of course the programme played down the search and rescue presence as officially, it did not take place.

As regards the guest appearance of Dr Roger Musson, well, what can I say? I have, just two days before the airing of the programme, received documents from the British Geological Survey following a formal complaint and internal investigation conducted by the Director of that organisation. Roger Musson is a personal friend of Andy Roberts, and guards the records regarding the Bala earth quake with a zeal unheard of. Much of Andy's debunking literature is based on documents purportedly held by the BGS. Roger Musson has obstructed me for two years in my getting access to those BGS documents. And why?

Why indeed? I can assure readers of this, that those BGS documents do not show Police, poachers lights etc in the same small area of mountain side where Pat Evans saw them as claimed by Andy Roberts. Any references are on Cader Bronwen, miles from Pat Evans' position on the B4391 road.

Mrs Evans must have had exceptional eyesight to see a non-existent home made hunting lamp four miles away along with, Police torches - simple two cell affairs in those days. With Roger Musson guarding the documentary evidence that Andy Roberts has enhanced, there has been little chance thus far of getting to the truth.

Andy Roberts cannot now stand by the debacle of a debunking exercise he has written and published as to do so would show an unprecedented arrogance and contempt for genuine witnesses involved in a genuine event. To continue to stand by that false literature is to call the hunters liars, Huw Lloyd a liar and the Evans family liars amongst others.

The North Wales edition of the Daily Post ran a story about gamekeeper Geraint Edwards on July 2nd the same day as the programme aired. It meant nothing to me at the time, but seeing the programme made me realise that the quotes in the newspaper article by Geraint and Elfed Roberts the ex cop were identical to the wording used in the programme. So, someone had given access to the Daily Post to the programme content in advance of the airing a leak, by accident or design.

Yet I was specifically asked by the filming team representatives not to discuss the filming until the show aired.

Of course, the input from the former gamekeeper and also the camcorder shots taken in 2000, had no bearing whatsoever on the subject of a 23rd of January 1974 UFO incident. They were a poor attempt to show some input by witnesses as if coming from pro

UFO people. No pro UFO people were given air time on that programme.

My input simply showed that the opposition to the UFO presence could not be allowed to be shown as incorrect or blatantly false. I demonstrated this in great clinical detail and then an editorial decision was taken to erase that input.

This is only the tip of the iceberg. Naturally Firefly got only snippets of information from me but it was enough. I can't prove an alien craft was on the slopes of Cader Berwyn in 1974, but I can prove that most of the material used for years to debunk it is false. The sceptics have simply relied on apathy to get away with this and obstruction by friends and friends of friends.

This is my personal opinion of the programme which has now aired. I have been informed that another UFO enthusiast was approached about the South Wales Welsh Triangle and after some information was supplied, Firefly simply did not contact the guy again. I knew this, and on his behalf, sent several emails and text messages to Firefly asking them nothing more than to get in touch and inform the guy where he stood. Nothing. No acknowledgement to me or contact between them and the said Ufologist.

Person linked to the forthcoming Warminster coverage are now gravely concerned about how their input will be portrayed. If however, the remaining documentaries are balanced, it will make viewers suspicious that concerted efforts have been made to quell interest in the Berwyn Mountain UFO event.

Thank you.

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Moon Mistaken For UFO In UK

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2008 02:23:27 EDT
Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 13:08:47 -0400
Subject: Moon Mistaken For UFO In UK

<http://tinyurl.com/6r9bgt>

Okay so now we have newspapers covering the Moon being mistaken for a UFO.

Never mind the thousands of released UFO reports by the government there nor the daring reports of late but sure as heck you have to have that boo boo story.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Droning On

From: **Joe Merrell** <joe.nul>
Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2008 11:17:52 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 14:51:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Droning On

>Source: Greg Taylor's The Daily Grail Site

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

>July 3rd, 2008

>Droning On
>by Greg Taylor

>The last few weeks has seen continued promotion of the 'Caret
>Dragonfly Drones' by Whitley Strieber and Linda Moulton Howe.
>This case is such an overblown pile of rubbish, with handy
>helpings of "will to believe" thrown in. And yet Whitley Strieber
>continues to say things like:

>"Last summer, the so called 'drones' appeared. Linda Moulton Howe
>and I soon confirmed that the photographs were real, both by what
>photo analysis could done, and by numerous interviews with
>witnesses, many of whom were willing to go on the record with
>their names...

<snip>

Perhaps everyone knows this already, but James Carrion's MUFON
powerpoint does a nice job of shredding the CARET stuff (pun
intended, I think):

www.mufon.com/documents/Drones-CARET.ppt

JM

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Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: **Lan Fleming** <lfleming5.nul>
Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 15:30:18 -0500
Archived: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 21:42:02 -0400
Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

Bill Nye "the Science Guy" was the designated skeptic on King's program about Roswell last night. He was so ill-informed about the subject that he claimed that the Air Force identified the crashed object as a Skyhook balloon. As most people know who've followed this, the Project Mogul instrument packages were carried by clusters of small balloons, not by the giant Skyhooks.

It was downright embarrassing to hear him claim that a photo of a Viking aeroshell being removed from a box labeled "Viking" was instead a doctored photo of a flying saucer. The photo was from one of the Air Force's debunking reports, and had nothing to do with Roswell. The Air Force just included it to show that things that are saucer-shaped are not necessarily alien spacecraft, a fact that most people don't have much trouble grasping.

Larry King does seem to make an effort to give the subject of UFOs some serious treatment. That kind of coverage being so rare, I hate to nitpic. But I think the viewers as well as Mr. Nye were only confused by succession of photos during the program that showed alleged UFOs or things that looked like UFOs but were not, none presented with the slightest explanation of what the viewer was looking at and none having the slightest relevance to Roswell.

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Another Lantern Confession

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
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Archived: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 07:41:31 -0400
Subject: Another Lantern Confession

Source: The Bromsgrove Advertiser - Bromsgrove, London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/5k8bg6>

4th July 2008

Local UFOs =96 The Truth...

A Bromsgrove man, who believes his Chinese lanterns offer an explanation to our mysterious red objects in the sky story, says he was embarrassed by its coverage.

Mark Bell, of Chaucer Road, is convinced that his lanterns are the mysterious red objects Bromsgrove residents have been seeing in skies above the town over the past year.

The 46-year-old became interested in the Chinese lanterns after first seeing them at the Big Chill festival in Ledbury last August, purchasing 500 of them for over =A3300.

Since then Mr Bell has become an enthusiast, regularly lighting and setting them off from his Aston Fields-based home.

With the helps of friends, the burning lanterns, which rise into the sky using the hot air from its own flame, have also been let off from the Oakalls estate, and the Lickey and Malvern Hills.

Mr Bell said: "I first saw them at the festival and I liked them as they looked like UFOs. With a friend, we got them ordered in from China and planned to sell a few.

"It's a great laugh, launching them ten at a time, and now I've only got ten left," Mark added.

The story of the mysterious red objects was first covered by the Advertiser/Messenger back in May generating a massive response - a UFO incident in the town was mentioned in the national press last week.

Other residents have also contacted us to claim their lanterns were the source of the mysterious objects.

Mr Bell added: "I was embarrassed at first. I can see why people think that they are UFOs, but I felt it was time to put a stop to it. I'm saving the last few for special occasions."

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Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 22:40:59 +0100
Archived: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 07:43:25 -0400
Subject: Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

>From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2008 16:38:34 +0100
>Subject: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

>Mrs Evans must have had exceptional eyesight to see a non
>existent home made hunting lamp four miles away along with,
>Police torches - simple two cell affairs in those days.

So many of us live in cities surrounded by streetlights and other forms of artificial illumination that we have no longer have any idea of just how bright even a small light can seem in remote locations far from such distractions. Areas like the Berwyn Mountains, in fact. The poachers' lamp was powered by a car battery, and anyone with experience in skywatching should be aware of just how bright such lights can seem in truly dark conditions.

Of course, if you're just going to make an ex-cathedra 'proclamation' (pace, Stanton) that the lamp was 'non-existent' there seems little point in any further consideration.

It must be wonderful being one of those Very Important Ufologists that are worthy of so much time and effort from our Secret Government

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Retired Meteorologist Still Scans Skies

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Source: KOMO-TV News - Seattle, Washington

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/23638239.html>

Jul 5, 2008

Retired Meteorologist Still Scans Skies - For UFOs

By Rob Burns
The Daily World

Ocean Shores, Wash. (AP) - William Puckett's work has him going more than he ever did when he was a full-time employee. It helps him put the pieces of the puzzle together.

As a UFO investigator, Puckett acknowledges or debunks stories of unidentified flying objects in the sky, landing on the ground and hovering over homes through his Web site:

www.ufosnw.com

Along the way, the former National Weather Service and Environmental Protection Agency meteorologist believes he and others are closer to proving that we aren't the only ones living in this universe.

"My intent behind this - why I do this - is for my own scientific curiosity," said the Ocean Shores resident. "I want to stimulate the awareness of this phenomena to the public. It isn't all crackpots and nutcases, although some of them are. I believe that we are not alone."

Puckett's work as a UFO investigator expanded in 2004 when he began his site - UFOs Northwest - during his final years as an EPA weather forecaster in Bellevue. However, his interest in the subject began in the early days of UFO sightings and hysteria.

"I grew up in the 1950s and UFOs were on the national news," said the Peerless, Montana, native, who moved to Ocean Shores last summer. "In those days, everyone believed they were Russian. Later, we learned that they had UFO cases and the objects weren't their's either. If they weren't from the U.S. or from Russia or from escaped Nazi scientists, what were they?"

Movies such as "The Day The Earth Stood Still" and other early science fiction stories further fueled his imagination. His interest intensified in the 1970s when the U.S. government released the declassified Air Force Project Blue Book. In it, the Air Force studied UFO cases between 1947-69 and had more than 800 unidentified cases.

"That was good, because you only need one," added Puckett. "I realized that I'm a scientist and I can study this, too. That was the beginning."

On the site, people from around the country send Puckett their

sightings, which he breaks down to either prove that it is "unexplained or unknown" or a hoax. It is an extensive site filled with sightings, audio and video clips, news articles on sightings, abduction and close encounter cases and historical pieces.

"It takes a lot of work; I don't charge anyone for their cases and the only money I get from it is from ads that help pay for the site," Puckett said.

Puckett also gained notoriety from the site when "UFO Hunters," a documentary series through The History Channel, found him and used several cases featured on his site.

"They contacted me when they began researching cases that were first reported to me on the site," Puckett said. "I helped them with those cases and I have a stack of papers here for them for next season.

"I'm so busy, I'm retired and I have two jobs now working on the Web site and working for (UFO Hunters)," Puckett added. "I don't know if I can give them all of the information that they need. People do ask me to research a particular case or sighting, but most of the time, I work on the site."

Using scientific methods learned from his time in the federal government and in school, Puckett breaks down every case to investigate the authenticity of the story.

From information given to him through his site or from other sources, Puckett will begin by looking for weather data and studying astrological charts to check out the weather to help determine if the object is a planet or a satellite in space.

"I've had people call 911 after staring at the planet Saturn, thinking it is a UFO," Puckett said. "If someone sees something in the sky, it isn't moving and they see lights when they look at it through binoculars, I'll check the weather. Then I'll ask them to tell me where it was and I'll determine the angles. When I worked in the EPA, I learned how to plot maps and you'll see plotted maps of the sighting on the site."

Once Puckett has the initial information and double-checked it against the weather at the time of the sighting and whether the International Space Station happened to be floating by on a dark, clear night, the detective work begins.

At times, Puckett can tell the story he's hearing or reading is a hoax or it'll come from a manipulated digital photo sent in with the story.

"If someone used the phrase, 'It was a UFO' or called the object a spacecraft, I'm immediately suspicious," Puckett said. "No one knows whether that is a UFO or not. It couldn't be identified. I really look at the witness report.

"Most hoaxers are pretty stupid," Puckett added. "A few years ago, a couple of guys sounded legit. I asked for a drawing and they gave me a computer drawing. It wasn't good enough for them. They called me the next day and they claimed they were someone else and that's how I figured it out."

If the story isn't a hoax, Puckett will analyze the information more and post it onto his site to let others see it. If the story stands up to scrutiny from other investigators and hobbyists, it goes in as an unidentified case.

"I'll say it is unidentified and it may be identifiable with more data," Puckett said. "I'll never say that it is extraterrestrial. I rarely ever say that. My witnesses might. Most cases I can't identify possibly around 70 percent of them. It doesn't mean that they're not real, just that I can't identify it. Most of the sightings are at night, but if I get one that is in the daytime, that opens my eyes. You don't get too many of those."

Peter Davenport, who runs the National UFO Reporting Center in Harrington near Spokane, and is a friend of Puckett, notes that Puckett is more willing to accept what people are saying as legitimate and holds his work in high regard.

"His vantage point is of a meteorologist and he looks at every case scientifically," said Davenport, who met Puckett eight years ago through a chat club for late-night radio personality Art Bell.

"When anyone investigates anything, they should use scientific methods to prove or disprove it. I'm satisfied that Bill does that to a large degree."

Through Puckett's time as an investigator, research has been easier with his Web site generating more cases and other sites to get initial information to begin his work.

"The Internet is beautiful," Puckett said. "Twenty years ago, you had to go to the library to get astrological data, satellite vectors, weather and radar data. Now, you click to a few sites and get everything you need. My biggest tool in investigations is my computer. I can dump a photo from my camera or a submitted photo into the computer and know if it is a fake or not. In (photo programs), they leave a footprint on the photo and you can tell if it has been manipulated.

"The latest technology has made my job easier," Puckett added. "With mapping software and sites, you used to go to the library to get them a long time ago. Also back then, you'd have to buy the software and it made it very prohibitive to what we're doing today. It has made the job easier, by far."

Part of the tools of the trade, especially for field investigations, include global positioning system (GPS) readers, radiation and low-level electromagnetic field meters, topological maps and a large array of cameras digital and video. Several of Puckett's video cameras are custom-made without lens filters, in order to allow him to place different filters on to see higher and lower levels of light, including infrared light.

"I've done some field investigations before, but I haven't done any recently," Puckett said. "With my equipment, if I receive a report of a landing, I could be out there this afternoon, if I'm able to get onto the property. If I get a case in Illinois, I'll take the information and send it off to Davenport and he'll go out there and interview them."

Does Puckett have his own case, where he is a witness to an unexplainable event?

"No, but I do believe something is out there," Puckett said.

Among Puckett's library of books, many of them scientific books and novels pertaining to astrophysics, scientific exploration and UFO cases, is a textbook for fire cadets the "Fire Officer's Guide to Disaster Control."

Published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the book is a how-to on dealing with disasters, many of which have been tested and executed over the past several decades. In one section, Chapter 13, the book deals with "Enemy Attack & UFO Potential."

"Firefighters would be the first responders to a landing or crash landing of a UFO," Puckett said. "There's a whole chapter on it - what to do, how to deal with public panic. FEMA is the one who wrote the book. Most fire departments have this book and it is very comprehensive. Everything in the book, like how to deal with hurricanes, comes from experience. That's how you develop protocol.

"If you have extraterrestrial body material, you have a (biological) hazard," Puckett added. "Firefighters would be the first ones out there."

One of Puckett's theories on interstellar travel and extraterrestrials (ETs) is that Earth has been visited before and continues to be visited now to replenish resources like water, minerals and even biological materials.

"For civilizations to survive, they have to have interstellar travel at some point," Puckett said. "In my mind, if they're going to do interstellar travel, they still need resources to do it. Why would they come here in the first place? That's a fair question. I don't know, but I believe it is for genetic

material, biological material, water and metals."

When talking about cases and sighting of UFOs, the subject always turns to the government and how much they may or may not know.

"How much they know is debatable, but recently, the British released 1,000 pages of UFO testimony," Puckett said. "One case in the testimony talks about an unknown vehicle landing on an airport runway and then taking off again. That's extraordinary.

"Some people ask why doesn't the U.S. government do something like this, but I worked for the federal government for 30 years and I know that there are turf wars when it comes to information," Puckett said. "We have seven or eight agencies within the government that have files on UFOs. They have their own compartmentalization and they don't share information between each other. That really came to the forefront when the Department of Homeland Security was formed. Do you remember how much trouble that was? These agencies didn't want to give up what they already had.

"For something like this, they're not going to release information when they don't have to."

As a UFO investigator, the more cases you work on, the closer you may get to the truth. Like an archaeologist whose greatest find would be the Holy Grail, a UFO investigator's biggest case would be evidence of ETs and vehicles proven to be from another world.

This is what Puckett and other investigators continue to work for and are motivated to find.

"The Holy Grail, in the scientific world, would be to recover UFO artifacts or biological material, take it into a lab and have an analysis that shows that the metals are not of terrestrial origin and of an unknown manufacturing process," Puckett said.

"That's what scientists want. Obviously, if you had a real extraterrestrial being that wasn't human or a deformed human. That's the Holy Grail. We don't have that.

"Allegedly, the government does - allegedly."

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Subject: Latest Larry King Live On-Line

Dear colleagues.

I have uploaded the latest "Larry King Live" show that was broadcasted at 4th July. It is carefully edited without commercials.

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Giuliano

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What On Earth...

By Denise Gellene
Los Angeles Times

STEPHENVILLE, Texas -- Constable Lee Roy Gaitan saw the brilliant red orbs hovering in the sky and hollered for his family to come out.

It's probably an airplane, said his wife, Wendy, who didn't budge from the couch. Only 8-year-old Ryan went to the front yard.

That's a UFO, the boy said.

Gaitan, a 44-year-old lawman who has spent 16 years patrolling the Texas scrubland, faced a dilemma. With an election coming up, he could tell the world of this incredible sight - and look like an idiot - or keep his mouth shut.

"People would say, 'Hey, this guy is nuts. He's crazy,' " said Gaitan of his sighting on Jan. 8. In the morning, there were no unusual police reports, leaving him to wonder whether anyone else had seen the lights. But the next day, the Stephenville Empire-Tribune came out with a front-page story: "Possible UFO Sighting Four area residents witness mysterious objects."

Soon, scores more said they had seen the same thing. Stephenville, a ranch town 70 miles southwest of Fort Worth, became home to the biggest mass UFO sighting since the 1997 Lights Over Phoenix, in which thousands of people, including then Gov. Fife Symington, reported seeing a boomerang-shaped object in the sky.

With so many reports, there was no easy way to dismiss it all as a hoax. A town that had called itself "The Cowboy Capital of the World" found itself riding an emotional bronco.

Stephenville, the largest town in Erath County, is in the heart of dairy country. Cows outnumber the 34,000 humans in the county.

It was a cool, clear January night when Steve Allen, 50, and a group of friends were warming themselves around a fire of brush and debris in nearby Selden, just south of Stephenville.

They first saw a set of brilliant white lights heading from the east that looked like they were at the corners of something a mile long and a half-mile wide. The lights were quicker and

quieter than anything Allen had ever seen.

"They came within a mile of us," said Allen, the owner of L&S Enterprises and Texas Freight, a local trucking company. "It flipped us all out."

The lights headed toward Stephenville, where they came to a stop. They reconfigured to form an arch "shaped like the top of a football," Allen said, and realigned themselves into two vertical lines of randomly flashing lights. Then the object burst into a white flame.

"It looked like something firing up, like a blow torch," Allen said. "It simply vanished."

Ten minutes later, the group saw the lights coming from the other direction. Trailing them closely, Allen was certain, were two military jets followed by two massive red orbs.

Allen, who as a licensed pilot was comfortable judging distance, said the lights were 3,000 feet above the ground.

He went home and told his wife, who urged him to keep the encounter to himself.

Allen spent a sleepless night, enthralled by what he had seen. In the morning, he contacted the Empire-Tribune.

His call went to education reporter Angelia Joiner. She knew nothing about UFOs, but Allen sounded like a sensible man.

"He was a pilot and seemed very intelligent," said Joiner, a 47-year-old former schoolteacher who had been a reporter for 18 months. Allen's friends confirmed the account.

Still, it was a strange story, and Joiner's bosses were concerned. Managing editor Sara Vanden Berge said she was so anxious that she cried the next morning when she saw "UFO" in the headline. Everyone is laughing at us, she thought.

That was before the television crews started showing up. First came local reporters, then people from "Good Morning America," NPR and CNN.

A Japanese film crew showed up and theorized that the UFO was related to the local dairy farms, Allen said. Aliens like milk, they told him.

The town was swept into a UFO maelstrom. People sported aluminum foil hats to Stephenville High School basketball games. Men were wearing "Alien Capital of the World" T-shirts rushed into production by a local company.

The high school science club capitalized on the events by selling its own T-shirts that said: "Erath County - the New Roswell," referring to the UFO Mecca in New Mexico. The shirts carried a picture of a cow being beamed up to a spaceship with the caption: "They came for the milk."

The school netted \$7,000 for college scholarships.

The reports attracted the attention of the Mutual UFO Network, a group that investigates UFO sightings. People who had never talked about UFOs came forward with tales going back years.

Gaitan watched the furor unfold. He had been hesitant to mention the event, but now couldn't stop talking about it. Media calls came from all over the world. By mid-February, he had logged more than 100 interviews.

His instinct as a lawman was to stick to the facts, so he avoided leaping to conclusions about the lights. Still, he couldn't dismiss a nagging thought at the back of his mind. How could we be alone in a universe so big, he wondered.

"It would be like having a 20- to 30-acre lake and being the only creature in it," he said.

Joiner was swamped by calls about strange objects in the sky. Even though she was supposed to be covering schools, she couldn't help pursuing the UFO story.

"As much as I would have liked to cut it off, I couldn't," she said. "I didn't want to abandon the witnesses."

A logical explanation for the lights was the military; a portion of Erath County falls under a fly zone used in training exercises. But when Joiner checked, the 301st Fighter Wing stationed near Forth Worth said no aircraft were near Stephenville on Jan. 8, when the lights were first observed.

Without a solid way to refute the UFO claims, alternative theories abounded. The UFO needed power, one story went, so it was headed to a nearby nuclear plant. Another explanation had the UFO looking for President Bush at his Crawford ranch, about an hour's drive from Stephenville.

Some believed the lights could be a sign from God. A Bible study group at the Bread of Life Ministries discussed the events at one meeting, and Sandra Evans, 59, said she thought maybe they were guardian angels sent to Earth.

Her husband, Keith, 60, pastor of the church, wasn't sure. "Could be the military," he said. "Could be the end of times."

Two weeks after the sighting, a break came in the case. Correcting its earlier statement, the Air Force said 10 F-16s were on a training mission over Erath County when the lights were spotted.

The town splintered into believers and skeptics.

Joiner doubted the weird pattern of lights reported by Allen and others could be explained by military aircraft. Trucking company owner Allen wasn't buying it, either. "Our military wishes it had what we saw," he said.

Gaitan reasoned from the presence of the F-16s that he probably had seen a military experiment the Air Force couldn't fully disclose. "We're in the middle of a war right now," he said.

But Gaitan found himself scanning the sky for another glimpse of the lights. One February morning at dawn, while driving the highway west of Stephenville, Gaitan spotted a mysterious ball of light shining through a field of trees. He pulled over and aimed his police camera in its direction.

Gaitan radioed one of his buddies, Sgt. Jim Clifton of the Erath County Sheriff's Department, to take a look. "In my 35 years of law enforcement, I have never seen anything like it," Clifton said.

Less than 24 hours later, Gaitan was at home when he spotted a strange pattern of red, green and white lights. He was off-duty, so he and his wife chased the object in their car, recording images as they followed it deep into the countryside.

Joiner quit the paper and signed on as a special correspondent for the Jerry Pippin radio show, which regularly reports on unexplained phenomena.

It's become her life. "I am looking at the sky more. Friends and neighbors are looking at the sky more," said Joiner, who has never seen the lights herself. "Is it coming back?"

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'UFO Lights' Spotted Above Cyprus - Did You See Them?

There have been several sightings of UFOs in the skies above Cyprus during past few weeks, with the latest incident being witnessed by several people last night.

A married couple from Paralimni contacted the Famagusta Gazette to report a series of reddish circular beams which could be seen for about 10 minutes in the skies above Dherinya.

Their account was backed up by another eyewitness who said the lights moved and even circled around each other before disappearing.

The bizarre incident occurred just before 11pm and is just the latest in a series of incidents of unidentified objects in our skies.

Only last November a UFO was spotted above Limassol town and since an earlier article on UFOs in Cyprus, the Famagusta Gazette has received over a dozen accounts from readers of their unexplained encounters.

Anthony in Nicosia contacted the Famagusta Gazette last year to share his experience.

"We had a sighting of a UFO while we were travelling in the Kyrenia area that lasted for two minutes. It was an oblong shape, like a rugby ball on its end and was glowing very bright orange. It came from the coast inland near a village called Catalkoy in small but rapid zigzags then stopped and hovered for approximately 30 seconds before making a smooth ascent at 45 degrees up to the east towards a very bright star. It then disappeared. A friend had sighted a similar event at the same spot a month previously "

One of the earliest accounts of a UFO in Cyprus was in 1950, when two American soldiers described a "small, round, bright object flying fast, straight and level for 15-20 seconds across Nicosia".

In 2007, a computer programmer and his girlfriend who were on holiday in Paphos had an experience which left them confused and dazed.

"It happened on Sunday 9th September at 1am. That night my girlfriend and I were lying down on sun beds staring at the stars. After a while I sat on the sun bed looking and talking to my girlfriend when behind her over the rooftop I saw a circular irregular light moving quite fast. By the time I told her about

it, it was already 45 degrees on my right," he said

"She saw it as it was reappearing behind a building and finally it disappeared again behind trees. It moved quite fast and at a constant speed along an east to west straight line."

Last year a resident of Pygra had a similar experience: "The sound of my dogs barking alerted me to something. It was 1.30 in the morning and I headed out to try and discover what they were barking at.

"I noticed a bright light coming towards me, which then stopped and hovered. With binoculars, I could see it was a triangle-shaped object with amber, green and white lights.

"It was moving erratically left to right, back and forth - hovering there, observed by me for around 45 minutes.

"I tried to video it with a powerful zoom but the camera wouldn't operate. I checked the camera by filming other parts of the sky and the house and it operated perfectly. it simply wouldn't let me video the object. This thing then went behind a tree and stayed there," he recalled.

In 2002, the self-styled Egyptian UFO Hunter, Dr Ibrahim shot a five-minute video of a UFO above the car park at Larnaca airport. The film shows a green "shaking" object and can be seen on his website. (<http://www.ufo-egyptian-hunter.org>).

An unidentified flying object was spotted over Kyrenia in 1998. It was seen on the Nicosia-Kyrenia road by a family from Kyrenia who were on their way home after visiting a friend's house.

They said an object "like a flying saucer" with white revolving lights had appeared around 50-100 metres above their car and that it had then followed them.

Several hundred thousand UFO sightings have been documented over the last 50 years, and the total number of UFO sightings is estimated to be in the millions.

There are thousands of sightings reported each year. Only a small percentage of those who see a UFO report the sighting.

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Feschino Flap

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Frank Feschino lives my friend! Remember him as you pretend you took no sides when he disclosed... his tale to us on Errol's show. Invited, he just tells the story. There is no reward or glory, just a smear by those effused with ignorance which Frank's refused.

Not that he'd expected praise, but he's dismayed at the "disgrace." See, all he did was sift too well the "well raked dust" of Bluebook's "tell." So, what was told as data's sieved and facts appear we can't forgive? Why, a betrayal of the trust which others missed and won't discuss!

More:

<http://alienviewgroup.blogspot.com/2008/06/feschino-flap.html>

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Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

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>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 22:40:59 +0100
>Subject: Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

>So many of us live in cities surrounded by streetlights and
>other forms of artificial illumination that we have no longer
>have any idea of just how bright even a small light can seem in
>remote locations far from such distractions. Areas like the
>Berwyn Mountains, in fact. The poachers' lamp was powered by a
>car battery, and anyone with experience in skywatching should be
>aware of just how bright such lights can seem in truly dark
>conditions.

>Of course, if you're just going to make an ex-cathedra
>'proclamation' (pace, Stanton) that the lamp was 'non-existent'
>there seems little point in any further consideration.

>It must be wonderful being one of those Very Important
>Ufologists that are worthy of so much time and effort from our
>Secret Government

List,

Please direct any questions on this article to Scott Felton of
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as I feel he may not be a subscriber to this great list of ours!

Thanks,

Roy

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War For Minds

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
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Contrary to those fine people that were optimistic over some form of official disclosure going forward, on the hidden experience of governments and military with UFOs, the latest batch of organized debunking - always showing the hand of the puppetmasters-behind-the-scenes - indicates strongly the worthy effort has been scrapped.

Other deadlines obviously have not been met. Like working the EBE construct into opportunizing best its Hollywood potential for a cosmic enemy for which we (universally) will give up our few remaining rights in order to facilitate our collective protection.

Never never expect the truth from those whose entire careers have been based on lying.

Like the song says, some never come clean.

And with good reason. Treason is still punishable by death. Self-admitted or not.

Don't mistake me. The effort to further contact and to set up sustaining relationships with ET are noble. But the threats of doing this to the status quo of an almost now, world-wide government, are primary to those that have kept 99.99% of everyone else wholly off any path to discern the truth for themselves.

JCH

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

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>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 15:30:18 -0500
>Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>Bill Nye "the Science Guy" was the designated skeptic on King's
>program about Roswell last night. He was so ill-informed about
>the subject that he claimed that the Air Force identified the
>crashed object as a Skyhook balloon. As most people know who've
>followed this, the Project Mogul instrument packages were
>carried by clusters of small balloons, not by the giant
>Skyhooks.

>It was downright embarrassing to hear him claim that a photo of
>a Viking aeroshell being removed from a box labeled "Viking" was
>instead a doctored photo of a flying saucer. The photo was from
>one of the Air Force's debunking reports, and had nothing to do
>with Roswell. The Air Force just included it to show that things
>that are saucer-shaped are not necessarily alien spacecraft, a
>fact that most people don't have much trouble grasping.

>Larry King does seem to make an effort to give the subject of
>UFOs some serious treatment. That kind of coverage being so
>rare, I hate to nitpic. But I think the viewers as well as Mr.
>Nye were only confused by succession of photos during the
>program that showed alleged UFOs or things that looked like UFOs
>but were not, none presented with the slightest explanation of
>what the viewer was looking at and none having the slightest
>relevance to Roswell.

This is an interesting example of the way false arguments are
flung at the public without giving the time to refute them. Even
worse, it seems that the other participants could not see that
photo of a Viking aeroshell.

Here is another example...

Colonel Mattson explained clearly that the Mogul balloon train
(Number 4), found on the Foster ranch according to the Air
Force, had actually been canceled due to bad weather, as noted
in the log of one of the technicians. Bill Nye then suggested
that this guy's record may have been changed. He did not know
that Mattson was talking about Albert Crary's diary, published
in extenso in the USAF Roswell Report.

So, they would have doctored his diary to introduce an important
argument against their Mogul story!

Apparently, nobody had the time to explain that, and Larry King
was already onto another topic. However, I agree that, all things
considered, it was a positive debate.

Gildas Bourdais

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>KING: Don Schmitt and Thomas Carey remain with us.

>Joining us now in Los Angeles, Bill Nye, the famed science guy,
>scientist, engineer, bestselling author and Emmy-winning
>television personality. He's the member of the Skeptics Society
>and a fellow with the Committee of Skeptical Inquiry.

>And back at New Mexico, at Building 84 in Roswell, Frankie Rowe.
>Her father was a fireman in Roswell and he went out on a fire
>call in 1947, returned home and reported to his family that in
>addition to a crashed saucer, he saw two full body bags and one
>living little person about the size of a small 10-year-old.

>Essentially, Frankie, your father was telling you he saw an
>alien, right?

>FRANKIE ROWE, SAYS ALIEN "SPOKE" TO DAD: Yes. That's correct.

>KING: What did he say? What did he make of it?

>ROWE: He said that they tried to help it, and that the little
>person told them that there was nothing that they could do to
>help him.

>KING: He spoke in English?

>ROWE: He did not talk to them in words. He talked to them in
>their head. But they all understood and heard the same thing at
>the same time.

>KING: Did he go a little berserk over this? Did he try to tell
>other officials? Did he try to go to the press?

>ROWE: No. He didn't do anything other than he was out there to
>do his job. And that was all. And before they could actually do
>anything there at the crash site itself, the military came and
>escorted them off of the location.

>KING: Bill, you're not saying these people are lying, are you?
>Or are you? Her father lied?

>BILL NYE, "THE SCIENCE GUY", SAYS UFO WAS WEATHER BALLOON: I'm
>saying that their memory is not especially accurate.

>KING: But, I mean, these are three different people we've had
>here tonight.

>NYE: Well, here's what it is, Larry. Here's what it is. It was a
>program called the Skyhook weather balloon," and it was
>absolutely a secret. It was a U.S. military secret.

>The Skyhook balloon was to be part of a system, or a
>constellation of balloons off the east coast of the former
>Soviet Union, fitted with microphones -- this sounds
>extraordinary, and it was -- fitted with microphones that would
>listen for distinctive sounds associated with Soviet nuclear
>tests.

>KING: Spying.

>NYE: Spying -- conventional regular spying.

>KING: So, these people who saw things, the thing that landed.

>NYE: They saw a thing, yes, a huge thing. It was the Skyhook
>weather balloon being tested at the Alamogordo Air Force or U.S.
>Army Air Force base before the Air Force, the Department of the
>Air Force was created, just a few months before that.

>KING: What about Frankie and her father?

>NYE: Well, so, I think that when you have somebody recalling
>events from 61 years ago, it's like the game telephone you play
>with people, where you tell a story and you whisper it around
>the room. These things get embellished. There's a certain comedy
>show that has a whole bit about writers' embellishment. KING:
>Don't you...

>NYE: So -- hold on, just hang on a second. So, I want everybody
>to evaluate this business about the Skyhook weather balloon.
>They called it a weather balloon, but it was not. It was a top-
>secret balloon to spy in a conventional way just before the U-2
>airplane, before the SR- 71, before Corona, before spy
>satellite, any of that stuff; this was the state of the art.

>KING: All right.

>NYE: Now, these balloons are very hard to control at high
>altitude and had crashed.

>KING: Don Schmitt, how do you respond to that?

>SCHMITT: Well, first much all, there's a problem with the
>timeline. For anybody who has flown over the debris field
>location, that material was out there for days before it was
>even reported. If we were looking for anything top secret, why
>was it that until the rancher who actually reported it, that
>nobody ventured out there to investigate this?

>The point is, from that high desert location, once airborne, you
>can see for 100 miles. They weren't looking for anything because
>we weren't missing anything. And if we weren't missing anything,
>I guess the conclusion would be, then, it wasn't ours.

>NYE: I think the exception to this idea that your claim that
>nobody was looking for it, are you sure nobody was looking for
>it or is it because it was a secret?

>SCHMITT: Absolutely, because it was out there for days. It was
>out there for days.

>NYE: So, I'll give you an example. Larry, I'll give you an
>example. My mother, not somebody I've heard of, my mother was in
>the U.S. Navy. She was recruited to work on the Enigma code. She
>had security clearance. She was given clearance in 1942.

>They were declassified in 1992, fifty years later. In 50 years,
>people die. People forget stuff. So, if you try to cover
>something up for 50 years, or 61 years, facts are lost. When he
>claims there was nobody looking for it, I'm skeptical.

>KING: Wait a minute (ph), Bill. Why doesn't the government then,

>this being a fact, this being many years later, we're friends
>with Russia, there's no Soviet Union, we're not spying, release
>it, show us, tell us the story? Why not?

>NYE: Well, if you talk to conventional skeptics, they say they
>did release it -- Skyhook weather balloon. There's a very good
>picture of the Skyhook balloon on the ship. You get this sense
>of a size of it. There's another nice picture of the Skyhook
>balloon with people in the foreground. These things are
>enormous.

>KING: Tom, how do you respond?

>CAREY: I think Mr. Nye is talking about Project Mogul, the Air
>Force project to detect the first Soviet nuclear blast expected
>in those days. The problem with his analysis is that the
>balloons themselves are still made out of rubber, and tin foil,
>the targets were tin foil. Any six-year-old, when these things
>come on land -- they lose the air and they land on the ground --
>any six-year-old can identify rubber, tin foil and balsa wood
>sticks; irregardless of how top secret the project was, the
>constituent elements of the project were mundane.

>(CROSSTALK)

>KING: We'll come right back. If UFOs and space aliens have come
>here, why won't the government admit? Some answers ahead.

>(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

>(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP, "OUT OF THE BLUE")

>FEMALE NARRATOR: In 1966, congressional hearings were held with
>Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, and scientific adviser of
>Project Blue Book, Dr. J. Allen Hynek.

>UNIDENTIFIED MALE: What is the Air Force hiding in this
>investigation?

>HAROLD BROWN, THEN U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE: Well, we have not
>been hiding anything. The investigation has been made public.
>The explanations of those where there is a clear explanation
>have been made public. The hearing this morning was public for
>just that reason.

>DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK, ADVISER, PROJECT BLUE BOOK: None of the
>evidence that I have examined would indicate any proof at all
>that we are being visited by extraterrestrials.

>(END VIDEO CLIP)

>KING: Is the U.S. government hiding knowledge of UFOs? That's
>our quick question. Just go to us at CNN.com/LarryKing and tell
>us what you think.

>Our panel remains. Frankie, did you ever doubt your father at
>all?

>ROWE: Absolutely not. What he told us, he told us exactly what
>he saw. Weather balloons don't talk. This little person
>communicated they'd been watching us for a long time. And he
>said they're not here to hurt us, not to be afraid.

>KING: Bill, are you open to the possibility you might be wrong?

>NYE: Oh, yes. But let's examine the evidence. Let's start with
>the picture of the guy on the gurney, in the body bag. The
>person or the thing in the body bag is not a little person.
>That's the full length of a conventional gurney. Might even be
>eight feet long. So it might not be a little person in a body
>bag at all. This, to me, is not evidence that we have been
>visited by aliens. Let's also look at the box that was lifted
>off the flying saucer, you had earlier in the show.

>Sorry, it's so extraordinary. In the time that these pictures
>were created, the technology of faking photos, that to me is not
>a very convincing photo. Look at the words "Viking Project."
>They're not keystone, they're not -- they don't have a vanishing
>point that's accurate.

>The straps that go over it don't look especially good. And that

>thing on the truck doesn't look like a flying saucer of
>extraterrestrial origin to me. It looks like ...

>KING: Well, it might be to me.

>NYE: Well, it looks like, if I may, an artist's rendering. So
>the quality of this evidence -- this is where I encourage
>everybody, and I'm not going to convince your guests and the
>authors of these books. Their minds are made up, they're
>jamming, it's all good for them.

>But to the conventional viewer, just look at these pictures,
>really examine the evidence, and I think you'll see that it's
>not very compelling. These pictures are not enough for me.

>And furthermore, the government claims it had this weather
>balloon thing -- spy balloon, and it did crash, and it was a
>secret, and they swept it up. Now this guy, Steve Fossett, he
>disappeared in a similar balloon last year, right? Haven't found
>the guy.

>KING: Right. Still haven't found him.

>NYE: Yes, because when things crash in this kind of area, it's
>rugged and they're hard to find. These balloons are big and
>thin.

Re Bill as a man with the facts. Beginning with the last re
Steve Fosset. He was not in a balloon when he disappeared
sometime after he took off. He was flying a Bellanca Super
Decathelon Citabria high wing, aerobatic airplane. It was light
blue with white aerobatic markings. That's a far cry from a
Skyhook balloon. He took off from Barron Hilton's Flying M
Ranch, a private airstrip located about 112 kilometres [67
miles] southeast of Reno, Nevada in the south end of the Smith
Valley. Note that King didn't dispute Nye on this point. BTW-it
is thought, in the aviation community, that Fosset probably
suffered a heart attack or stroke and the aircraft - of fabric
and moly-steel tubed truss construction - rolled itself up in a
ball in the mountains somewhere making it extremely difficult to
spot. If the airplane's fabric caught fire its decernable cross
section available for searching aircraft would be very low.

Re the Enigma machine and Ultra the decyphering of the Enigma's
codes the new codes for the Enigma which were captured in 1941
by the British navy from a German U-boat. The Enigma was
captured by Polish resistance in 1939 and turned over to the
British [the BSI]. This machine and Ultra were declassified long
before 1992 as Bill Nye says. William Stevenson's book A man
Called Intrepid (1976-a NY Times bestseller for 9 months)
details the Enigma machine and Ultra which he obviously knew
about at least a couple of years before the book's release if
not longer.

The Skyhook balloon explanation by Bill Nye was another one of
his gaffs. Do we really have to explain that one again. The Mogal
array was a grouping of dozens of weather balloons, nothing
hi-tech about them at all. Even the instrumentation these carried
was not hi-tech but technology of the day. Nye was attempting to
make a case for the Skyhook balloon as being secret, which it was
not. It didn't make flights until the fall of 1947 and it was
written up in Popular Science in May of 1948 depicting images of
the balloon being launched and some of the instrumentation. In
fact this launch was made in January and is the balloon claimed
to have been chased by mantell.

Nye's continual claims that he was not convinced seem to to be
his best argument against everything. How this person gets to be
the sober thought as opposed to the un-sober thought of the
researchers is beyond me. Nye argues by pronouncements not with
facts.

Don Ledger

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Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

From: Steve Bass <steven.s.bass.nul>
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Subject: Re: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

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>Date: Sat, 5 Jul 2008 16:38:34 +0100
>Subject: Berwyn Mountain UFO Documentary

>Mrs Evans must have had exceptional eyesight to see a non
>existent home made hunting lamp four miles away along with,
>Police torches - simple two cell affairs in those days.

Hello Folks

I do a lot of work in air search and rescue and can attest to the fact that, when airborne at night over a wooded, unpopulated area at around 5,000 feet AGL (above ground level), you can actually see a cigarette lighter lit up several miles away, weather depending of course.

Steve Bass

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Re: Another Lantern Confession

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
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Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 07:41:31 -0400
Subject: UFO UpDate: Another Lantern Confession

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>The 46-year-old became interested in the Chinese lanterns after
>first seeing them at the Big Chill festival in Ledbury last
>August, purchasing 500 of them for over =A3300.

>Since then Mr Bell has become an enthusiast, regularly lighting
>and setting them off from his Aston Fields-based home.

Is that legal? Any concern about a fire hazard if one of the
lanterns catches fire and comes down before its candle burns
out?

Eleanor White

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20 Questions SDI #460

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Subject: 20 Questions SDI #460

SDI #460

20 Questions contrarily addressed by Dave Furlotte, David Cherniack, Frank Feschino, and Alfred Lehmborg as chopped, whipped, and blended by Errol Bruce Knapp, facilitator for the the best ufological gruel on the planet! Sticks to your bones, it does.

1. What was the biggest and best documented yet almost totally unknown UFO flap in the history of the planet?
2. Who's seemingly been sneaking mondo-bionic klasskurtxian pills? You know what they say, go black don't go back?
3. What's abundantly documented as crashed, crash-landed, or forced down not once, but ten times over West Virginia in one 20 hour period, September 12, 1952?
4. Were American pilots ordered to shoot down UFOs in 1952? Were UFOs subsequently shot down?
5. Given UFOs are not threats to National security, why would it then be necessary to shoot them down?
6. Given the mundane and unremarkable reasons proffered for the loss of hundreds of men and machines, why were both unceasingly expended still?
7. Given UFOs do not exist, what were our pilots ordered to shoot down?
8. If it was a war, who won?
9. Who is it with the real naivety regarding many publishing houses?
10. Why is Stanton Friedman so taken with Frank Feschino?
11. Wither Jerome and Richard and why should these be the first to seriously examine Feschino's data, chips fall where they may?
12. What sells soap is sold as what soap sells?
13. What has happened to investigative journalism?
14. UFOs have a "secret history" pertaining to what "politics of reality"?
15. Who is David Cherniack and how did he get interested in UFOs?
16. When is a basement not a basement but a studio?
17. Is Cherniack's documentary "perfect in every way"?
18. When is a "proof" definitive, or can it ever be "definitive"?
19. How have UFOs changed over the decades, or is it we who

has changed?

20. Who has an agenda and what would those agendas be?

Great fecund zots and gravid horny toads! Over 60 minutes remain of an astonishing Mr. Cherniack, an unsettling Frank Feschino, and the usually ebullient if properly whittled Alfred Lehmborg perceiving all manner of abject and obverted craziness!

Live free or die fellow babies and other pilgrims, too, mourn with me the horrible passing of Bill Nye the science guy, once a wonderful guy but now a fellow of CSI. He will be missed. If he'd only known the toad... pity.

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Public In Denial Over UFOs

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Public Are In Denial Over UFOs, Says Investigator

by Steve Bagnall
Daily Post

Margaret Fry has never doubted that beings from outer space visit the Earth, nor the existence of UFOs, ever since she says she saw one with her own eyes 53 years ago this month.

She has been investigating reported sightings and incidents, and trying to persuade the sceptics in our midst for the past 30 years that they are very real.

The veteran investigator and co-founder of the Welsh Fellowship of Independent Ufologists, and a grandmother of nine from Abergele, accepts it's a difficult task. But she is at a loss to understand how so many appear to be in denial about the issue.

"People are not taking it at all seriously, as far as I can make out. Not until they see something, and then they have to consider the possibilities.

Some people read about it as an interesting phenomenon and then forget about it. I don't now how, really, because we're being visited by beings from various planetary systems in outer space. How people can't take an interest in that, I just don't know."

Wales has long been a hot-bed of reported UFO activity, way before the recent reported buzzing of a police helicopter above Cardiff by an unidentified craft made headlines worldwide.

But Margaret Fry isn't impressed by claims that alien life forms are taking a particular interest in Wales. She insists that Welsh airspace only seems more active because the country has more dedicated ufologists compared to most other places.

"It's because you've got one damned good UFO investigator talking to you," she tells me. "We're a group of people who've gone out of our way to get UFO reports, and maybe they're not as strong in other places."

The most famous UFO incident in Wales was the one dubbed the "Welsh Roswell" reported to have taken place on the Berwyn mountain near Bala in 1974. Locals reported seeing strange lights on the mountain, amid reports of a huge bang, with the police and military immediately sealing off the area.

Mrs Fry has spent hours investigating the incident down the years, and says that reports of an object crashing into the mountain are at variance with the evidence she's garnered.

"I've been investigating it since 1979, talking to the farming community. As far as I know, we have no evidence whatsoever of anything ever crashing there that night. But dozens of witnesses have told us they saw a craft sitting on the ridge known as Cefn Coch.

"The other thing we have evidence of is that it hovered in the sky for a long time and came down gradually. Therefore it wasn't a meteor, and came down deliberately rather than crashing. It stayed on the ground for an hour and a quarter before taking off again, and it was seen by the villagers in Llandyrnog. They definitely saw something that wasn't a conventional craft.

There was a meteorite shower that night, but it came from the north east side of the mountain, and would therefore have had to do a U-turn to crash on the west side as some reports say, which is quite impossible. We found this out, but nobody's ever written about it."

Her first encounter with a UFO was a well-reported incident in her native Bexleyheath in London, a seminal moment in her life that set her on a life-long pursuit of the truth.

"It wasn't just one UFO that landed at noon on July 17 1955, but two, They landed three or four streets apart. One was in Bexleyheath, King Harold's Way. All the people came out of their houses. There most have been at least 170 people standing around this thing."

While governments hold huge files on UFOs and reported alien visits, Margaret has her own theories as to why they prefer to keep their public in the dark.

"It would affect people's thinking, and religious doctrines and cause panic. I don't think we have anything to worry about at the moment. So far, none of these craft have been aggressive, but how are we to know?"

welshnews

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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The doubts I raised about the Fish star-map model, which was defended on-List recently by Vince White (in very strong terms) and Stan Friedman, remain uncontested. Perhaps this means that there is today a tacit consensus out there even among its proponents that it is not probative evidence of anything. It's difficult to tell. If so then there's a lot of tidying up to do, because it certainly isn't hard to find current sources where it is still being claimed that the Fish model is evidential.

Vincent Boudreaux alone responded, but he is not interested in "my agenda", which is indeed different from his own. So irritated is he by the fact that I won't reason from his own assumption ("that the Hill drawing is a real star map has never been in question") that he is blinded to the fact that he is agreeing with me - that the Fish model is not evidential - and tells me "don't bother to answer", throwing the toys out of the pram. So, "goodbye" Vincent, but as you yourself observed, this is a discussion forum and there are other people here with an interest besides Vincent Boudreaux.

It appears that what provoked VB to such irritation was not the fact that I questioned the evidential value of the Marjorie Fish model but the assumption that I am doing so in pursuit of an "agenda" which is the polar opposite of his own agenda, i.e. a "debunker's" commitment to trashing the Hills' experience. It may surprise him (but hopefully not everyone else, who can read) to learn:

a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the map matching exercise without prejudice to the Hill case itself,

b) that such an agenda would be anathema to me, as I trust is evident from the record, and

c) that I would go further:- such an agenda usually flows from a prejudice equal in strength to Vincent's own, but opposite in sign..

>>>You are supposing that Betty Hill's drawing is identical to
>>>what she really saw. The first question to ask should, IMO, how
>>>accurate can a drawing be under the conditions it was made?

>>I am supposing nothing whatever. Only Betty Hill "knows" what
>>she intended to draw, and her drawing is the only physical
>>representation of that intent.

><snip>

>Betty Hill can't "know". She's dead.

I'm well aware of that of course, but I'm sure we all appreciate the delicacy of Vincent's reminder.

>She couldn't have had any intent as the drawing was made under
>hypnosis. Ergo her subconscious was at work. Ergo she couldn't
>have any intent.

A person's subconscious is never not at work and defining "intent" in this context seems to me a very difficult and scholastic sort of task for philosophers and psychiatrists to ponder at greater length than I think this List would have patience for. So never mind that irrelevancy.

But since we are in the mood for being pedantic, allow me to correct Vincent. The drawing was not made under hypnosis. Betty described the map under hypnosis on March 21 1964, but she did not draw it.

She did however say that she would like to draw it, she felt that she would almost be able to draw it, except that she was not good at drawing. So, continuing pedantically, it would not be correct to say that she "couldn't have had any intent" during the hypnosis. Someone did. It was not Dr Simon's personality. Betty's personality volunteered these statements about the map and her desire to draw it.

Dr Simon then suggested to her that "if you remember some of this after you leave me, why don't you draw it, try to draw the map." She did so during the following week, in ordinary consciousness, on the basis of what she remembered from the hypnosis session.

This has sometimes been described as if Betty was acting on a "post-hypnotic suggestion", and Vincent (if he was still with us) might be inclined to argue that even though he was wrong about the circumstances Betty still "couldn't have had any intent" in the sense that she was compelled to recall and to execute Dr Simon's hypnotic instruction later.

However I would defer to Dr Simon, who exercised editorial control over all the medical statements and the interview transcripts that appear in John Fuller's 'Interrupted Journey'. Therein we read that after Betty told Dr Simon (under hypnosis) that she would try to draw the map later, Dr Simon cautioned her that she was "not to feel as if she was compelled" to do it.

A note added states that because a post-hypnotic suggestion might be distressing Dr Simon was deliberately "leaving it up to Betty's volition".

She clearly gave some thought to drawing the map and corrected what she judged to be errors as she went along. You can see these corrections clearly on p.144 of the Interrupted Journey (Souvenir edition).

Even Marjorie Fish, who got the mistaken idea from talking with Betty in 1969 that Dr Simon had given what amounted to a hypnotic command to enter a trance state and draw an "accurate" map (see below) conceded that "[Betty] made two erasures showing her conscious mind took control part of the time."

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc360.htm>

But of course my original point was not to discuss the detail of Betty's state of mind but to focus the logic of the argument on the fact that Betty Hill is the exclusive point of origin not only for the drawing but also for all of the collateral information about the nature and function of the thing it is said to represent - "star map", "trade routes" and all - which Vincent introduces as though it is independent callibration. Thus, he says, there is no question that the drawing is really a star map, duh! because Betty said so; it's only a matter of which stars. Whereas for simple souls like me, the question remains whether what Betty said is objectively true, and I am

interested when probative evidence is claimed for information which could not have come exclusively from Betty's mind.

And no matter what Vincent wishes the agenda to be, it is a fact that the map has been cited as evidential in the Hill case for many years. As the UFO Encyclopedia (Spencer 1991, p.145) says - to pick a reference at random - "Many American ufologists have firmly stated that they believe this to be the solution to the mystery of the Hill event and that it is confirmation that UFOs are extraterrestrial..." Or as John Fuller wrote (I J p.325) Marjorie Fish's work "has caused somewhat of a ripple of excitement among astronomers" (via the seminal 1974 'Astronomy' article) Why? Obviously not because Ms Fish helpfully narrowed down the probable base of the Hill aliens for them, but because of the possibility that the work might - just might - have been tangible evidence that there had been some real Hill aliens in the first place. And the staunch sceptics like Robert Schaeffer criticise the naivety of pro-ETHers who wave the map in science's face as "proof" of the Hill abduction.

<http://www.csicop.org/si/2007-06/sheaffer.html>

><snip>

>>The question of what it might
>>signify proceeds forwards from there, not ass-backwards from
>>dependent inferences. The persuasiveness of the Fish comparison
>>is what (supposedly) shows Betty's pattern to be a real star
>>map, and you can't appeal to that conclusion to invent reasons
>>why the comparison might after all not be persuasive. (Well,
>>you can, and you do. Everyone else, I hope, can see that it's
>>irrational.)

><snip>

>Not quite. Betty Hill's drawing being a real star map has never
>been in question,

This amazing remark bears the stamp of the self-referential world of closed-minded, right-thinking, conviction-ufology from which it comes. I could never imagine making such a statement. In point of fact many people over the years have explicitly questioned the claim that the "star map" has any objective correlative in the real world, and an even larger number of people has doubted that any of the Hills' experiences were objective and so have rejected the star map by implication. Marjorie Fish immediately realised in 1966 that the map was a touchstone for the objective reality of the case and said so:

"Here was something that could be checked. Either it represented a real set of stars which might be found and tell us something about the UFO-naut, or it might be remembered too poorly to help, or was totally fictitious."

She also explicitly made the map into a test not only of the Hill case as a whole but of the ETH in general, concluding that coincidence was "almost impossible" and that therefore "Betty's map could only have been drawn after contact with extraterrestrials."

<http://www.nicap.org/hillmap.htm>

<snip>

>I know, considering your exquisite manners, you don't give a
>rat's ass about any argument exposing the shortcomings of your
>type or reasoning, but I will tell you that Marjorie Fish's
>work should only be taken as a curiosity.

I have no idea what sort of crude stereotyping is behind a phrase like "the shortcomings of your type", but otherwise I tend to agree, for all the reasons that I set out in my original post.

>This is evident when one considers all the variables that come
>into play: the fidelity of the Hill drawing, the real nature of
>the star! map device aboard the ship, the model used by Fish.

If there was a star-map device of a "real nature". I realise that Vincent wishes us all to play by his rules, and that he takes the existence of a real alien star map for granted. But fortunately there's more than one table in this casino!

>Heck, there are even discrepancies between the Fish model and
>the computer model on page 6 of the Zeta Reticuli Incident.

>Not to mention that the Hipparcos data is different from the
>Gliese database originally used for this paper.

Indeed so. In fact there are also corrections expected to the Hipparcos data. I have read a ruthlessly detailed critique of all this by Charles Huffer of MUFON which shows that evolving estimates of stellar parallax and other factors leave the Fish model out-of-date and high-and-dry, never mind that there was never a properly-tested or even a visually compelling pattern match in the first place.

>So, does the differences negate the reality of the Hill case?

>No.

Whoever Vincent is arguing with here ought to step in.

>Would a perfect match have been a proof of the Hill case?

I think there are very many pro-Hill ufologists on this List and off who would say "Yes" to that. Stan Friedman and Kathleen Marden think so and claim a perfect match in the book 'Captured!' Frankly, if Betty's drawing had been matched "perfectly" in all respects - relative distances, angles, sizes/magnitudes all corresponding one-to-one within some very small error margin - from some well-defined pool of local stars with a common class property (such as the likelihood of life-bearing planets that Fish envisaged) then I too would have to regard that as akin to proof that Betty acquired information by some inexplicable means, and the "reality of the Hill case" (whatever that might turn out to mean in a very strange universe) would for my money have been demonstrated strongly enough for all practical purposes.

>Would a perfect match have been a proof of the Hill case?

>No, since a perfect match is impossible.

Vincent Boudreaux argues from a certain naive, literal point of view which takes "the reality of the Hill case" to mean an ordinary recollection of sense impressions received during a visit inside a spaceship piloted by ET analogues of ourselves. Yes, from this point of view it is pretty silly to think that Betty could remember exactly a map that she was shown briefly. But evidently proponents of the Fish model do not all agree with this point of view. Friedman and Marden tell us that Marjorie Fish "found one - and only one - three-dimensional pattern that fit, angle for angle, line length for line length, what Betty had drawn.a real eureka moment." Of course this is not true, but the fact remains that like many ufologists they are prepared to believe that Betty could have drawn a testably-accurate representation of what she "saw". Why, when for Vincent this is impossible nonsense?

There are several possible reasons. One is the idea that an alien technology has a mental or psychical component and that in such an experience information transfer might be occurring in ways that bypass the ordinary sensorium. A related idea is that the event itself perhaps occurs in some kind of dislocated non-physical reality. These ideas connect with evidence of exceptional innate human faculty which might conceivably be accessed in such circumstances. If I attempt to draw an unfamiliar cityscape from memory I am likely to struggle, and you are unlikely to be able to recognise the place without some extra help. But if I am a savant like young Steven Wiltshire, I will be able to do this in extraordinary detail and preserve geometrical proportions by using some faculty of the mind that is not available to most of us in ordinary consciousness. And in Betty's case the possible accessing of an altered state of consciousness in the experiencing is compounded by the fact that she was definitely in an altered state of consciousness in the re-telling, which brings in the idea of abnormally accurate information being recovered in hypnotic regression. This was a much more pervasive notion in earlier decades than it is today of course.

This was how Marjorie Fish was thinking. Although she concedes that "[Betty] made two erasures showing her conscious mind took

control part of the time" she thought that the map was produced in an altered state of consciousness by "automatic drawing".

Vincent Boudreaux appears to have bought into this idea also, to the extent that he believes Betty actually drew the map whilst under hypnosis. As we have seen this was not the case (which ought to please Vincent, whose own argument actually assumes a hum-drum level of unreliability in Betty's recall) and even Ms Fish's belief seems to have originated in a misunderstanding.

According to her account quoted in Astronomy, Dec 1974:

"On Aug.4, 1969, Betty Hill discussed the star map with me. Betty explained that she drew the map in 1964 under posthypnotic suggestion. It was to be drawn only if she could remember it accurately, and she was not to pay attention to what she was drawing - which puts it in the realm of automatic drawing. This is a way of getting at repressed or forgotten material and can result in unusual accuracy. She made two erasures showing her conscious mind took control part of the time."

<http://www.ufoevidence.org/documents/doc360.htm>

So the origin of the idea that an automatic drawing was made under hypnosis can probably be traced from this Chinese whisper via Ms Fish back to Betty's five-year-old recollection in 1969. Dr Simon's 1964 session transcript contains no such instructions.

His suggestion to Betty that she was "not to feel compelled" to do the drawing - i.e., that she was to do it only if she wanted to and on her own terms - appears to have become in Betty's memory something that Ms Fish interpreted as an instruction to draw it "only if she could remember it accurately, and she was not to pay attention to what she was drawing". Clearly Dr Simon's motivation was specifically not to stipulate any instructions of this sort during hypnosis, but to "leave it up to Betty's volition" for her own good. Even if he did (for unfathomable reasons) add anything contradictory to this stated purpose after the session ended and the tape was turned off it would of course form no sort of post-hypnotic suggestion. It would just be a suggestion.

So to the extent that anything remains of the once-popular idea of hypnosis as a route to perfect recall, its role in the execution of Betty's drawing (as opposed to the hypnotic memory itself, accessed days earlier) seems much reduced. But the other considerations all remain.

><snip>

>>The accuracy of Marjorie Fish's model is not at issue here.
>>Obviously her case depends on it being reliable and
>>reproducible. If it isn't then all bets are off anyway.

><snip>

>You are missing the point. I am only trying to illustrate the
>difficulty of 3D representation.

There's no argument about that.

>I am also at loss here: isn't "reliable and reproducible" the
>same as "accurate"? So the accuracy of Fish's model is not an
>issue here but her case depends on the accuracy?

Her case for a probative match depends on an acceptable (agreed error margin) accuracy in her model, and on an acceptable accuracy in Betty's drawing (see above). This is just obvious. Regarding Betty's drawing I am prepared (unlike Vincent) to accept, for the sake of argument, the proponents' implicit claim that the nature of the experience and of her hypnotic recovery of it might together allow an abnormal accuracy in recollecting the map. As for the Fish model, again for the sake of argument I am content to grant the implicit claim that the model is "accurate" (although I know as well as Vincent that there are errors) because the small pattern variations caused by any likely catalogue errors in the positions of her 16 local stars are totally swamped and rendered negligible by the vast statistical degrees of freedom in the arbitrary choice of POV for projecting these 16 points and the even vaster freedom in the large pool of stars from which these

16 are selected.

><snip>

>>>I have tried with the Hipparcos data - the most accurate
>>>stellar
>>>database so far - with the star positions retro-calculated to
>>>1961 and using 3D Studio.

>>>My observations: I can get something similar to Marjorie
>>>Fish's reproduction but different at the same time.

>>Well there you go.

><snip>

>Glad you got the point.

That would be the same point I made in my first post, which
attracted Vincent's mysterious opprobrium: The point that if we
claim that the map is only a schematic representation, not a
faithful one,

"this would mean there is no unique solution, only a family of
solutions all approximating the 'true' map in different ways,
which vastly increases the probability of finding random matches
to one or more of them."

>So far you have alluded to the exactitude of Hill's
>reproduction

Vincent is a pure fantasist. Once again I am utterly baffled as
to where he thinks this comes from. The assumption that Betty's
drawing is accurate enough to provide a recognisable and
probative match is at the heart of Marjorie Fish's argument, or
any other similar argument such as Stan's or Kathleen Marden's,
but I certainly make no such stipulation..

>which is not guaranteed, to the exactness of 3D modeling, which
>is not guaranteed...

<snip>

>We are not looking for exactitude but for similitude.

So Vincent, having ruthlessly critiqued Fish's claim as a mere
"curiosity" and shown that any attempt to discover a real-world
match is and always was doomed to failure, and having excluded
all grounds for meaningful comparison between the Hill drawing and
Fish's model, is now apparently a defender of some other model
(who knows which - there are at least three others out there to
choose from, that I know of) on the grounds of mere "similitude"

I know not why he has trouble understanding this, but it was at
the core of my original objection to the Fish protocol that even
a small 3D group of fixed stars provides an indefinite number
of different geometrical relationships for an indefinite number
of different observers, on top of which the number of degrees of
statistical freedom available for selecting that group of stars
in the first place is colossal. Hence the difficulty of claiming
that any approximate solution you happen to discover is
non-random :

A perfect unique solution is one thing and might well force us
to consider some exotic paranormal/ET explanation of the fact
(along the lines sketched above), but with a mere approximation
you can't easily prove that there aren't other approximations
equally good or better.

It is for exactly this reason that the mere "similitude" which
Vincent appears to find interesting, whatever it is, will have
no force in argument - except for those who already know the
Hill abduction to be an objective ET event (as opposed to those
of us who are interested in the possibility that it might be)
and wish only to argue endlessly with other believers about
where the aliens might come from. But that appears to be
Vincent's agenda, and he is welcome to it.

Martin Shough

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British UFO sightings At 'bizarre' Levels
By Laura Clout

Whether alien activity or natural phenomena, reports of UFOs have flooded in this summer from across the country.

[Map]

Plotted on a map of Britain, the sightings can be seen to stretch from Liverpool to Dover and from Llanelli to Derby.

Whatever the explanation, experts agree that the number of suspected flying saucers has hit unusual highs this summer.

Malcolm Robinson, who studies the phenomenon, said: "Something very bizarre is happening in the skies over the UK."

The founder member of Strange Phenomena Investigations, added: "There has been an unusual number of sightings recently.

"Some experts believe it could be linked to global warming and craft from outer space are appearing because they are concerned about what man is doing to this planet."

Among mysterious flying objects spotted in recent months was a 'glowing' disc spotted above the M5 motorway.

Royal Navy aircraft engineer Michael Madden said he watched the UFO for three minutes before it 'zoomed off' near Weston-super-Mare in Somerset.

Earlier, in Basingstoke, witnesses claimed to have seen a fleet of 12 orange objects in the night sky for half an hour.

And in St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan a police helicopter crew gave chase to another UFO after it appeared to veer at speed towards their aircraft.

One UFO spotter however was left red-faced after his report of a mysterious flying saucer in South Wales turned out to be nothing more other-worldly than the moon.

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>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 16:48:18 -0400
>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 07:41:31 -0400
>Subject: UFO UpDate: Another Lantern Confession

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>>The 46-year-old became interested in the Chinese lanterns after
>>first seeing them at the Big Chill festival in Ledbury last
>>August, purchasing 500 of them for over =A3300.

>>Since then Mr Bell has become an enthusiast, regularly lighting
>>and setting them off from his Aston Fields-based home.

>Is that legal? Any concern about a fire hazard if one of the
>lanterns catches fire and comes down before its candle burns
>out?

You would think. Those people who were married on the day of the Cardiff event stated that they had released in accordance with the CAA's [Civil Aviation Authority] rules and outside the 5 mile circle around the airport.

{Same applies to R/C model airplanes incidentally} Once the balloons were launched I'm sure they obeyed the rules and did not drift with any winds that might take them right over the airport. We do not even have such a simple thing as wind direction that night.

As for fire hazard if these were launched here in my area they could ignite tinder-dry forests. The advertizers for these toys claim there is no danger because they lift off then once the fuel burns out they drift back down. Once again they don't seem to consider the winds. Down drafts and microburts could quickly slap these things down onto rooftops, dry grasses, bushes and treetops.

The things should be illegal.

Don Ledger

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Growing Belief That The Truth Is Out There

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05 July 2008

Growing Belief That The Truth Is Out There...

The Ministry of Defence began to release its UFO files. A near-miss was reported between a UFO and a police helicopter. UFOs were filmed by soldiers over a military base. UFO stories made front page news in the press and a new documentary series is being screened on TV.

So what's going on? Is any of this linked and does it help answer that fundamental question: are we alone?

This story really starts on May 14 this year, when the Ministry of Defence began a four-year programme to release its entire archive of UFO files. The MoD has been investigating UFO sightings since the Fifties, not because the department believes in little green men but because the RAF and the MoD want to know about anything flying in British airspace - intruders are more likely to be Russian than Martian.

To date, the MoD has received more than 11,000 UFO reports. Some of the older material has been available for some time, but it is releasing all its UFO files because it receives more Freedom of Information Act requests about UFOs than for any other subject.

The National Archives set up a website to host the first batch of files and the release made national and international news. Within a week, the National Archives had recorded nearly two million downloads. Clearly, there was huge public interest in this subject. The irony of this was that much of the 2,000 pages of documentation was comparatively mundane, consisting of one or two-page sighting reports, most of which were clearly generated by people misidentifying aircraft lights, bright stars and planets, satellites and meteors.

This interest was closely followed by two sensational new UFO encounters. In the first, late on the evening of June 7, three soldiers on guard duty at Tern Hill barracks in Shropshire sighted several UFOs over the base.

Regarding this as much as a security incident as anything else, one soldier, Corporal Mark Proctor, used a mobile phone to film the objects. Afterwards, they reported the incident up the chain of command and a report was duly forwarded to the MoD, where the episode is currently being investigated and the film footage analysed.

Somewhere along the way, someone tipped off a national newspaper about this and passed it a copy of the film. It ran the story on

the front page, under the headline "Army spot UFOs over Shropshire".

A few hours later, in the early hours of June 8, a police helicopter was preparing to land at RAF St Athan in Wales. Suddenly, the crew of three saw a UFO pass close to their aircraft. Media reports of what happened next vary. One report states that a chase took place, with the crew only breaking off pursuit when they ran short of fuel and realised they stood no chance of catching the UFO.

A later report denied any chase took place. The shape of the UFO is also the subject of some confusion. The initial report stated that the object was disc-shaped, while a later statement issued by South Wales police confirmed that a UFO had been sighted by the crew, but the incident was clearly being played down.

"In today's skies there are a large number of aircraft which come in a range of different shapes and sizes," a police spokesperson commented. The MoD is still investigating, with rumours of secret prototype aircraft and Government cover-ups further muddying the waters.

These two high-profile sightings and the associated media coverage led to many other people coming forward to report their own sightings. And in an age when many people carry mobile phones with the facility to take photos and videos, many of these people had the footage to back up their claims.

The national newspaper I mentioned earlier has run further UFO stories over the past few days and its website now hosts a variety of photos, videos and other UFO stories. Other newspapers have also run UFO features as people contact them in increasing numbers, perhaps emboldened by the positive media coverage and thinking it less likely that they'll be disbelieved or ridiculed.

UFO fever is at an all-time high. I've seen most of the footage. Some is fairly obviously attributable to so-called Chinese lanterns - miniature hot air balloons let off in groups and used increasingly at weddings and other occasions. But some footage seems more intriguing.

As if all this wasn't enough, there's a new Channel Five documentary series focusing on the UFO mystery. Entitled Britain's Closest Encounters, the first episode in this four-part series was broadcast on Wednesday and featured the extraordinary story of the Berwyn Mountain incident, sometimes dubbed "The Welsh Roswell" - Roswell being the American town where UFO enthusiasts believe that a UFO crashed in 1947.

The Berwyn Mountain case took place on January 23, 1974. Some locals near the Berwyn Mountains in Llandrillo reported lights in the sky and an explosion. Police and mountain rescue teams launched a search, fearing an aircraft had crashed, but nothing was found.

Believers suggest an alien spacecraft crashed and that the government covered this up. Sceptics argue that meteors, coupled with an earth tremor known to have taken place at the time, explain the mystery.

Future episodes of the series will focus on other UFO incidents, including a wave of sightings from West Wales in 1977 and a case from last year where a commercial airline pilot, Ray Bowyer, saw two massive UFOs in the vicinity of the Channel Islands, with air traffic controllers picking up a target on radar, which they categorised as "unknown traffic".

So where does all this leave us? Extraterrestrials? Misidentifications? Hoaxes? I doubt that we'll resolve the issue. But these recent events have focused our attention on the UFO mystery. And with the new X-Files movie scheduled for release on August 1, many people continue to believe that the truth is out there.

- Nick Pope left the Ministry of Defence in 2006 after a 21-year career. From 1991 to 1994 his duties included investigating UFO sightings. While most sightings could be explained as misidentifications of ordinary objects, some are seen by police

officers and pilots and are tracked on radar. He believes that whatever the true nature of the UFO phenomenon, it raises important defence and air safety issues.

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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Thanks to Terry Groff and Katharina Wilson who thought that:

<http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/07/video-unmanned.html>

"Video: Unmanned Quad-Rotorcraft

was what I was referring to and tho' an interesting video
isn't what I was looking for.

Rod Dyke sent a .pdf of the original page - nice, early
catch Rod - and Eleanor White managed to find the Google
cached version at:

<http://tinyurl.com/648hp6>

complete with with links - merci, Eleanor.

A tip of the hat to Steve Swayer too, for weighing in on
this one...

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Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

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Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

Are aliens working with our governments in order to later reveal themselves?

I think not. I just got an email from good ol' Vince White who is a one man wrecking crew in regard to getting full disclosure regarding aliens from our government. Vince is a really brave, and I mean brave man who fights a never ending battle for truth, disclosure, and the American Way.

However, on this one point I have to disagree with him. It's an issue I've batted back and forth with myself over the years. We've all heard stories about how our U.S. Government and other governments have known about the extraterrestrials and have kept the issue a secret beyond all attempts by their enemy governments to disclose the presence of extraterrestrials amongst us. We've heard and read stories about how these aliens have been behind great scientific discoveries, natural disasters, and even diaper rash.

I had to stop and think one day how could every government on Earth be so efficient that they could keep this covered up even when half of us hate the other half so bad that if we did know a secret why wouldn't we disclose it and ruin everything for our enemies? I pondered this and it just didn't add up. I do however understand that governments can keep secrets and the only way in heck these governments would mutually agree on keeping it a secret would only be because disclosing it would destroy any control our governments would have on us. Something like the aliens come from a more powerful and beneficial government that would sweep away anything we've got on good ol' Earth. As grandiose as that theory was it still didn't make sense except for the greed factor because our governments can't even agree on air poisoning issues and one would expect breathing poison air would be very important an issue to handle.

So again, none of it made sense. I tried to incorporate that aliens didn't communicate with our governments and that it was all a sham and that disclosure was being controlled by high end alien super intelligences that could whisk away crashed UFO debris and alien bodies. That they could wipe out memories en masse hiding their footprints from the brilliant human detectives who were hot on their trail. I was perplexed that how could beings that smart still crash, get caught on cousin Wilbur's pocket camera and still manage to evade the interests of the press whom we know are hard bent on reporting relevant news to increase our chances of survival like what new Miley Cyrus/ Hannah Montana adventure is a-brewing.

So again with the government conspiracies. Aliens working in secret with our elect or usurpers in high tech laboratories where the future miracles of technology will be revealed one day. I still don't buy it. Even so, let's say there is a semblance of truth to these stories. What kind of idiots are these extraterrestrials that they would only trust our politicians and world leaders? Can you name 5 world leaders or governments worth a flying fart that you would reveal your inner most secrets and such to? Democrat and Republican, how dopey are

these extraterrestrials that they don't have a mysterious cosmic personal character machine that could detect crooked political slimeballs? I'll admit with all our so called supremacy as some love to call us humans the highest of life forms and supreme lords over the Earth but we still elected George W. Bush twice. Ever see the Mugabe elections in Africa? We're no champions on the stage of smarts ourselves and the aliens only want to work with our governments? That says a lot about these aliens doesn't it? The trust level is somewhere down there with used car salesmen and those late night real estate get-rich-quick infomercials. Can things get that low? I know they're one step lower than snake spit in quicksand but they belong there.

So maybe these aliens aren't the happy go lucky benevolent aliens we see in those Stephen Spielberg movies. Maybe these aliens are more of the Snidely Whiplash brand from those old Dudley Dooright cartoons by the great Jay Ward. Maybe these aliens are just another brand of sucker of the P.T. Barnum measure.

Either way, if there are aliens and they're working in secret with our governments we don't want to know them. The old saying goes here, if you lay down with dogs you'll get fleas. In this case, if you lay down with politicians you'll get politicians.

Best,

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Re: Roswell Truth Debated On CNN

From: **Frank Fields, Esq.** <fields.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:45:29 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 08:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Truth Debated On CNN

>Source: CNN Transcripts - Atlanta, Georgia

><http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/04/lkl.01.html>

>CNN Larry King Live

>Roswell Truth Debated

>Aired July 4, 2008 - 21:00 ET

<snip>

>Joining us now in Los Angeles, Bill Nye, the famed science guy,
>scientist, engineer, bestselling author and Emmy-winning
>television personality. He's the member of the Skeptics Society
>and a fellow with the Committee of Skeptical Inquiry.

>And back at New Mexico, at Building 84 in Roswell, Frankie Rowe.
>Her father was a fireman in Roswell and he went out on a fire
>call in 1947, returned home and reported to his family that in
>addition to a crashed saucer, he saw two full body bags and one
>living little person about the size of a small 10-year-old.

>Essentially, Frankie, your father was telling you he saw an
>alien, right?

<snip>

List,

It was less than a year ago that Bill Nye was on CNN (or another major network). He was on the opposite side of the issue. He was debating a physicist, I believe, and arguing that UFOs were real. Does anyone else remember the show?

There is InterNet traffic that Mr. Nye is now a paid government debunker.

Does anyone have information on his alleged payment of \$50,000 by the federal government?

Best,

Frank

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 14:41:46 -0700
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 09:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 17:06:47 -0600
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 29 Jun 2008 12:46:14 -0700
>>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

<snip>

>Ed,

>I've been away from internet access for some time, perhaps this
>late reply is still of interest. I sense that this exchange is
>approaching its usual cul-de-sac, so I expect these will be my
>final remarks.

Michael,

OK with me.

>>>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.

>Whatever grasp you may have of the implications of special
>relativity, you are mistaken to think that it rules out any
>possibility of interstellar travel.

My contention, and I think it's the view shared by most
scientists, is that speed-of-light travel is needed for humans
or human-like life forms journeying from star to star and that

speed seems impossible to attain. Yes it might be possible for robots to make some trips but we'd be a long time waiting for the results.

>Consult even a popularized treatment of general relativity.
>Spacetime has curvature, and could very well be embedded in a
>higher dimensional space. Einstein's equations admit solutions
>with various types of singularities, and there is evidence to
>suggest that point singularities have already been observed.

You don't say. I am a little confused about "singularities".
Could you take a few moments to refresh my understanding?

>Your entire appeal to special relativity hinges on your implicit
>insistence that travel from point A to point B must physically
>traverse the 3-D space between them.

Yes I feel this is a very important consideration, probably the most important.

>There are spacetime
>configurations consistent with both special and general
>relativity in which this need not be the case.
This is where you've lost me. Could you give a specific example?

>But especially irksome, in your particular case, is your appeal
>to the (alleged) opinion of the 'vast majority' of scientists
>that interstellar travel is impossible. This from our lonely
>champion of the persecuted CTH!

I haven't appealed to them, I happen to agree with them. The scientific community hasn't had much of a chance to think about the new connections I've suggested. I doubt I'll have much support, but at least the vast majority of the scientists on this list don't seem to object to at least considering it.

>I dread to think that I'm the first to break this to you, but I
>can state with at least equal confidence that, among scientists
>that accept the possibility of a non-prosaic origin of UFOs, the
>vast majority would reject the notion that it derives from a
>hidden advanced race originating on earth.

At first they might be very negative.

>Indeed, the vast
>majority would reject the notion that such a race exists at all,
>let alone that it might have any connection to UFOs.

I agree that this would be the reaction.

>So where does that leave you? Thus armed with the 'vast
>majority' of scientific opinion, can we not simply dismiss your
>notion as impossible? Do you really want to employ this kind of
>argument?

That's the great thing about the USA. A minority viewpoint, after free, open discussion, has a chance of becoming the majority, without spilling one drop of blood. So I'm hopeful.

>>>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.

>I suspect that I understand evolution at least as well as you
>understand relativity and space travel.

I doubt that, but we'll see.

>In any case, the 'rules'

>of evolution, or lack thereof, couldn't be less relevant to the
>plausibility of the ETH versus the terrestrial-origin
>hypothesis. No one is claiming that dinosaurs or amphibians or
>insects cannot evolve into advanced technological societies.
We'll then, I've won my argument. That's my point. What is your
problem?

>issue is, if they had done so here, it seems very likely we
>would have known about it.

We do know about it but we think they are ET, not homeboys.

>>>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.

>It baffles me that you keep referring to evolution. Ignorance or
>cognizance of the possibilities of evolution is completely
>beside the point.

Sorry, it is the entire point.

>Whatever possibilities for evolution exist
>here have also existed on any of billions of other planets in
>our galaxy alone, over spans of time much longer than earth's
>history. How does this advance your argument?

Yes of course. And there are probably billions of other planets
like our earth, with human-like civilizations. But they're
trapped in their own solar system, just as we are. I think the
physical laws are the same everywhere, nothing is special, but
everything is unique.

>Ultimately, you are completely reliant upon They Can't Get Here
>>From There.

I'm not reliant on this assumption. Even if they could get here
from there, the ancient civilization should still be a
possibility. It is a possibility!

>As noted earlier, that is not at all compelling,
>without even considering the inherent problems with the
>terrestrial origin idea (e.g., where are the artifacts?, where
>are the fossils?, etc).

The fossil record is hardly complete, but my best guess for
artifacts would be under Antarctic ice or deep along the
southern coast of Africa.

>>>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.

>So what have archaeologists, paleontologists, zoologists,
>geologists, etc., been doing all this time? Do you suppose they
>wouldn't have bothered to tell us about any supporting evidence
>they may have uncovered thus far? Is there some new approach or
>technique they should employ in light of this hidden-race concept?

Again, they haven't been looking in all possible locations and
sixty million old artifacts might be difficult to recognize for
what they are.

>>>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?

>You've veered completely off the road. I'm not talking about
>investigation of the ETH, I'm talking about investigation of the
>UFO phenomenon.

OK

>I ask again, more explicitly: which aspects, if any, of the
>investigation of the UFO phenomenon should be modified,
>abandoned, or newly-developed, in the case that this phenomenon
>originates from a hidden terrestrial race?

I have no idea what you want here. My objective is to insert the
ancient civilization hypothesis into the discussion of possible
explanations for the "UFO phenomenon".

Ed

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CBS' Sunday Morning

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:03:45 -0600
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 09:27:00 -0400
Subject: CBS' Sunday Morning

I was astonished and amazed at their piece on UFOs this last weekend. It was the most balanced bit I've ever seen on network television. Sure, they had skeptibunker Shermer on, but they actually allowed Stanton Friedman equal time if not a little more - even let him say several whole paragraphs! And included some pro-UFO comments by Michou Kaku. Unprecedented.

And while of course, they showed goofy costumes from the Roswell UFO Festival and lots of clips from old movies implying silliness, overall the giggle factor was surprisingly absent.

I wouldn't say it marks a new era of serious ufology and/or respect by the media, but it was quite refreshing for a change.

Jay

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More UFO Coverage On Larry King 07-18-08

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Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 10:30:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 10:30:00 -0400
Subject: More UFO Coverage On Larry King 07-18-08

Daniel Wilson told Francis Ridge's Current Encounters List, yesterday:

"Robert Hastings will be on Larry King Live July 18th, together with two former USAF missileers, and Bob (Big Sur) Jacobs."

Frank Warren added:

"Stan will be there as well."

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:34:33 +0100
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 10:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2008 18:13:27 +0200
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 15:30:18 -0500
>>Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>Bill Nye "the Science Guy" was the designated skeptic on King's
>>program about Roswell last night. He was so ill-informed about
>>the subject that he claimed that the Air Force identified the
>>crashed object as a Skyhook balloon. As most people know who've
>>followed this, the Project Mogul instrument packages were
>>carried by clusters of small balloons, not by the giant
>>Skyhooks.

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choosing 'skeptics' who are totally unqualified to make any
serious critical points about ufology. They know that just
because someone has a PhD or similar after their name it does
not mean they have any particular insight into the UFO
phenomenon.

By constantly putting forward such pseudo-skeptics they are
deliberately weakening the true skeptical case and allowing the
more fringe UFO proponents a virtually free ride. And after all
it's the fringe that makes 'good television', isn't it?

Yes, Larry King, and other TV shows, need better skeptics, but
they're not going to bother finding them, because if viewers
start being convinced by the authoritative skeptical arguments,
well that rather kills the goose that lays the golden eggs,
doesn't it?

--
John Rimmer
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Re: Another Lantern Confession

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 14:10:08 +0100
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 14:27:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

> Those people who were married on the day of the
>Cardiff event stated that they had released in accordance with
>the CAA's [Civil Aviation Authority] rules and outside the 5
>mile circle around the airport.

>{Same applies to R/C model airplanes incidentally} Once the
>balloons were launched I'm sure they obeyed the rules and did
>not drift with any winds that might take them right over the
>airport. We do not even have such a simple thing as wind
>direction that night.

Hi Don,

The nearest radiosonde were Camborne and Watnall, something like 120 miles SW and NE of Cardiff respectively. Winds at these stations that night were generally NW or N through the first ~1000m/3000ft and averaged about 8 knots. The average surface wind at midnight was about 3.5 knots. The local Cardiff forecast predicted somewhat stronger NW surface winds of about 12 knots that night. This forecast might also have applied at Cowbridge (the fire-balloon release site some 25 miles W of Cardiff) but then again might have taken account of a typical off-shore evening breeze local to Cardiff Bay. Moreover this is only a forecast. It would probably be safer to err in the direction of the actual surface airflow recorded at the balloon sites.

Yes they did get clearance to release the lanterns. Cowbridge is outside that 5 mile limit, about 7 miles from Cardiff International Airport. The airport is at the coast SE of Cowbridge so the wind could easily have been carrying them that way, but presumably they would not be expected to survive long enough to get close.

St. Athan is only about 3.5 miles SSE of Cowbridge. The helicopter was reportedly hovering at 500ft (AMSL? AGL?) over St. Athan. A lantern launched at Cowbridge and remaining below 500ft would probably have reached St Athan in something less than an hour, possibly much less, depending on how it climbed (the behaviour of these things seems very variable). The newspaper report describes an object rising from below, but really we have no idea even now how the thing behaved or what it looked like. We don't even know that it was a light (or lights).

Martin

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 09:53:29 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:11:36 EDT
>Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>Are aliens working with our governments in order to later reveal
>themselves?

>I think not. I just got an email from good ol' Vince White who
>is a one man wrecking crew in regard to getting full disclosure
>regarding aliens from our government. Vince is a really brave,
>and I mean brave man who fights a never ending battle for truth,
>disclosure, and the American Way.

>However, on this one point I have to disagree with him. It's an
>issue I've batted back and forth with myself over the years.
>We've all heard stories about how our U.S. Government and other
>governments have known about the extraterrestrials and have kept
>the issue a secret beyond all attempts by their enemy
>governments to disclose the presence of extraterrestrials
>amongst us. We've heard and read stories about how these aliens
>have been behind great scientific discoveries, natural
>disasters, and even diaper rash.

>I had to stop and think one day how could every government on
>Earth be so efficient that they could keep this covered up even
>when half of us hate the other half so bad that if we did know a
>secret why wouldn't we disclose it and ruin everything for our
>enemies? I pondered this and it just didn't add up. I do however
>understand that governments can keep secrets and the only way in
>heck these governments would mutually agree on keeping it a
>secret would only be because disclosing it would destroy any
>control our governments would have on us. Something like the
>aliens come from a more powerful and beneficial government that
>would sweep away anything we've got on good ol' Earth. As
>grandiose as that theory was it still didn't make sense except
>for the greed factor because our governments can't even agree on
>air poisoning issues and one would expect breathing poison air
>would be very important an issue to handle.

>So again, none of it made sense. I tried to incorporate that
>aliens didn't communicate with our governments and that it was
>all a sham and that disclosure was being controlled by high end
>alien super intelligences that could whisk away crashed UFO
>debris and alien bodies. That they could wipe out memories en
>masse hiding their footprints from the brilliant human
>detectives who were hot on their trail. I was perplexed that how
>could beings that smart still crash, get caught on cousin
>Wilbur's pocket camera and still manage to evade the interests
>of the press whom we know are hard bent on reporting relevant
>news to increase our chances of survival like what new Miley
>Cyrus/ Hannah Montana adventure is a-brewing.

>So again with the government conspiracies. Aliens working in
>secret with our elect or usurpers in high tech laboratories
>where the future miracles of technology will be revealed one
>day. I still don't buy it. Even so, let's say there is a

>semblance of truth to these stories. What kind of idiots are
>these extraterrestrials that they would only trust our
>politicians and world leaders? Can you name 5 world leaders or
>governments worth a flying fart that you would reveal your inner
>most secrets and such to? Democrat and Republican, how dopey are
>these extraterrestrials that they don't have a mysterious cosmic
>personal character machine that could detect crooked political
>slimeballs? I'll admit with all our so called supremacy as some
>love to call us humans the highest of life forms and supreme
>lords over the Earth but we still elected George W. Bush twice.
>Ever see the Mugabe elections in Africa? We're no champions on
>the stage of smarts ourselves and the aliens only want to work
>with our governments? That says a lot about these aliens doesn't
>it? The trust level is somewhere down there with used car
>salesmen and those late night real estate get-rich-quick
>infomercials. Can things get that low? I know they're one step
>lower than snake spit in quicksand but they belong there.

>So maybe these aliens aren't the happy go lucky benevolent
>aliens we see in those Stephen Spielberg movies. Maybe these
>aliens are more of the Snidely Whiplash brand from those old
>Dudley Dooright cartoons by the great Jay Ward. Maybe these
>aliens are just another brand of sucker of the P.T. Barnum
>measure.

>Either way, if there are aliens and they're working in secret
>with our governments we don't want to know them. The old saying
>goes here, if you lay down with dogs you'll get fleas. In this
>case, if you lay down with politicians you'll get politicians.

Hi Greg,

Thanks for sharing your comments about what you and many others think is really going on. With the many unanswered questions you raised in your post and by qualifying what you wrote with "I think" and "maybe", we don't come any closer to the truth.

If you, or Errol or I know the truth that some UFOs are indeed ET in origin or secret spacecraft manufactured here on Earth one cannot claim that UFO UpDates and its many Listers and other investigators and interested parties that read the comments or contribute to the list are part of the secret UFO cover-up. The same applies with the U.S. and foreign governments. There are a few members of these governments that know the truth about UFOs while the rest can honestly say "we have no records on or are not currently interested in or actively investigating UFOs".

With Congress getting ready to approve Resolution 362 (an overt act of war against a non-hostile nation) and the U.S. and Israel prepared to attack and even use their tactical nuclear weapons against this nation which they perceive as a threat to their existence, these very actions will guarantee that their fears and very worse nightmares will be fulfilled by bring their own destruction and another world war.

Where are the peacemakers or children of God to put a stop to this madness? If ETs are here and care about their Earthly cousins, now is the time to make their presence known.

Nick Balaskas

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"Making a point of ..." I presume you are joking, but one can never be sure.

How about a more prosaic explanation? Entertainment media just don't know or care one way or another.

Just as any fool can call him- or herself a ufologist, so can any gasbag call him - or herself a skeptic (recycling, one notes, the same stale rhetoric that has circulated since ca. June 25, 1947; if ever "broken record" was exemplified, it's in anti-UFO polemic). With rare exceptions media types aren't immersed in the arcana of ufological discourse, and their choices are predictably uninformed. I often think - I'm hardly alone - that they could use better proponents, too.

All that elite mainstream media (New York Times, Washington Post, broadcast news) do - and not because they're part of any larger conspiracy - is to reinforce (with exceptions so rare that they invariably merit comment) the complacent narrative that UFOs are nonsense. Perspectives that argue otherwise are relegated to shows like Larry King, otherwise devoted to celebrities and other ephemera, and to dopey cable pseudo-documentaries, where every hoax lives again as a true mystery.

You have no cause to worry, John. The elite media narrative is safe.

Jerry Clark

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From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 12:40:00 -0400
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 12:40:00 -0400
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Source: The Times - London, UK

<http://tinyurl.com/686wyd>

July 8, 2008

UFOs: More Madness And Apocalyptic Fears

The space cadets (or scaremongers) are out in force

Mick Hume

Where is Doctor Who when you need him? Just as another series ends with the Doctor saving Earth from the Daleks (again), we are warned that Britain faces a "real life" alien invasion this summer. How mad is that?

Well, maybe not much madder than the allegedly sane fear-mongering we face the rest of the year. Some newspapers have declared "the summer of the UFO", as soldiers, police officers, academics and members of the public report strange sightings in the night sky across our "alien nation".

It is easy to scoff at UFO experts who appear from nowhere to shout "cover up!" whenever somebody sees a light. Easy, because most of them have moon dust for brains. As Bill Bryson observes in *A Short History of Nearly Everything*, our solar system's nearest neighbour, Proxima Centauri, is one hundred million times farther away than the Moon. Maybe some anti-social alien teens do travel billions of miles just to scare us, "but it does seem unlikely".

No, outbreaks of UFO sightings historically tend to reflect how people view events on Earth. Thus they were common in America during the Cold War, the peak years of panic about nuclear war and Soviet invasion. If there is more than media silly-season stories behind the latest outbreak of UFO madness, maybe it says something about our apocalyptic age. After all, we are forever being warned by experts and authorities that life on Earth is under imminent threat from global warming, terrorism and war or bird flu, asteroids and overpopulation, not to mention "unknown unknowns". Why shouldn't some feel free to add UFOS to the list of Unsubstantiated Frightening Occurrences?

When scientists such as Stephen Hawking and Sir Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal, seriously suggest that humanity needs to flee the planet to survive, and Ban Ki Moon, the UN Secretary General, calls melting Antarctic ice "even more terrifying" than "a science fiction movie", it should be no surprise if the space cadets come out in force.

One "top UFO watcher" tells *The Sun* that the recent sightings "could be linked to global warming and craft from outer space are appearing because they are concerned about what Man is doing to this planet". Let's hope the little green men use low-emission spacecraft.

If the lights in the sky are morbid symptoms of a gathering cultural gloom about our future, then maybe you don't need to be mad to believe in UFOs - although it helps. All this earthly pessimism is almost enough to make me nostalgic for the Posadists, loony leftists who believed that socialism would be brought by UFOs from superior civilisations. Are there any of them out there?

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

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: Robert Morningstar <robert_morningstar.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 08:42:42 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 12:42:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:34:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2008 18:13:27 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

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>they're not going to bother finding them, because if viewers
>start being convinced by the authoritative skeptical
>arguments, well that rather kills the goose that lays the
>golden eggs, doesn't it?

No, Mr. Rimmer, it does not "kill the goose", it only kills the
'Pelican', the professional skeptibunker, which has been more of
'an albatross around the neck' of ufology, engorging its ego and
over-stretched mouth with nonsensical arguments against the
patent reality of the UFO phenomenon.

Robert M*

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 11:48:03 EDT
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 17:26:38 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 09:53:29 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:11:36 EDT
>>Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>Are aliens working with our governments in order to later reveal
>>themselves?

<snip>

>>Either way, if there are aliens and they're working in secret
>>with our governments we don't want to know them. The old saying
>>goes here, if you lay down with dogs you'll get fleas. In this
>>case, if you lay down with politicians you'll get politicians.

>Hi Greg,

>Thanks for sharing your comments about what you and many others
>think is really going on. With the many unanswered questions you
>raised in your post and by qualifying what you wrote with "I
>think" and "maybe", we don't come any closer to the truth.

>If you, or Errol or I know the truth that some UFOs are indeed
>ET in origin or secret spacecraft manufactured here on Earth one
>cannot claim that UFO UpDates and its many Listers and other
>investigators and interested parties that read the comments or
>contribute to the list are part of the secret UFO cover-up. The
>same applies with the U.S. and foreign governments. There are a
>few members of these governments that know the truth about UFOs
>while the rest can honestly say "we have no records on or are
>not currently interested in or actively investigating UFOs".

>With Congress getting ready to approve Resolution 362 (an overt
>act of war against a non-hostile nation) and the U.S. and Israel
>prepared to attack and even use their tactical nuclear weapons
>against this nation which they perceive as a threat to their
>existence, these very actions will guarantee that their fears
>and very worse nightmares will be fulfilled by bring their own
>destruction and another world war.

>Where are the peacemakers or children of God to put a stop to
>this madness? If ETs are here and care about their Earthly
>cousins, now is the time to make their presence known.

>Nick Balaskas

Nick, why would ETs choose our nonsense as a means to make their
presence known? Maybe they don't care. Maybe we don't rate a
Stephen Spielberg movie entrance of fog and lights and Johnny
Williams music (I still call him Johnny from his days as

composer to those Irwin Allen shows).

In my essay I didn't say there weren't aliens. I just asked what kind of mentality do they have if they're teamed up with our governments. That's supposing the stories of aliens and government secret operations are true.

Remember Nick, when it comes to the #1 reason why aliens won't land I just say it's because when push came to shove we chose Barabbas.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 13:34:09 -0300
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 17:28:28 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:34:33 +0100
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>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 15:30:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>>Bill Nye "the Science Guy" was the designated skeptic on King's
>>>program about Roswell last night. He was so ill-informed about
>>>the subject that he claimed that the Air Force identified the
>>>crashed object as a Skyhook balloon. As most people know who've
>>>followed this, the Project Mogul instrument packages were
>>>carried by clusters of small balloons, not by the giant
>>>Skyhooks.

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>doesn't it?

There are no authoritative skeptics. Who was the fringe element
on the most recent Larry King, incidentally? Mind you there are
plenty of them out there. But the fringe element that most often
shows up on North American TV is on the skeptical side. But I
must admit that some British documentaries go out of their way
to track down the fringe element or just don't bother to come at
the phenomenon with any degree of serious interest.

But I'm surprised at your lack of interest in Bill Nye's gaffs
on the program. Don't you think that if these had been pointed
out right on the program that it would have pulled the few teeth
that Nye thought he had? But I'd be interested to see any
the list you might have of non-fringe skeptics. To me skeptics
have to be particularly uninformed in order to fill the bill and
be able to spout the "There is no compelling evidence" mantra
over and over.

If anything I get annoyed with the panelists that don't correct

these glaring skeptical errors right off. Mind you some of this is the result of commercial break interference and King always getting the wrong person to respond to a skeptical point when it is not in their area of interest. Additionally the skeptic is usually in studio while the defenders are on satellite hook-up a second and a half behind and easily cut off by King idf he want's to make a point.

I was particularly annoyed with King for not picking up on Nye claiming that Steve Fosset disappeared in a balloon when it was a hot news item for a couple of weeks [it was all over CNN news] and he should have known this as a "reporter".

I don't know if King has a soft spot for the phenomenon or whether it's his producers but he has the opportunity to do it up right, consult with some of the researcher and investigators and also cease with the woo-woo crap from 1950s "invasion from space" movies or unrelated crap that the panalists often don't get to see on a monitor. Were they to see it they could note to King their displeasure at the crap being passed off. Since the panalists doesn't respond and the satellite guests are blind to what's going on the viewing public probably thinks the panelists are either impressed with the videos or think they are germaine. It's a crap shoot for the UFO side and a neat set-up for the skeptic.

So if the skeptics fail to make their case - like Nye did - he has no one to blame but himself. Lord knows he was given all of the help Larry could without being overt about it. The problem is that the skeptics such as yourself John usually get away with their half baked ideas while on that show because the public has no way to dispute it, unlike yourself on this list because most of us don't let you jerk us around with this nonsense.

Feel free to report back to the clique.

Don Ledger

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Re: Military UFOs: The Truth - A 404?

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 11:44:05 -0500
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 17:32:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Military UFOs: The Truth - A 404?

>>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>>Sent: Monday, July 07, 2008 7:01 AM
>>Subject: UFO UpDate: Military UFOs: The Truth - A 404?

>>Received this from Google at 6:15 a.m., today. An intriguing
>>Subject: line.

>>Get a '404 Not Found' from the Wired Blog server. Can anyone
>>one access the article?

<snip>

>Thanks to Terry Groff and Katharina Wilson who thought that:

><http://blog.wired.com/defense/2008/07/video-unmanned.html>

>"Video: Unmanned Quad-Rotorcraft

>was what I was referring to and tho' an interesting video
>isn't what I was looking for.

>Rod Dyke sent a .pdf of the original page - nice, early
>catch Rod - and Eleanor White managed to find the Google
>cached version at:

><http://tinyurl.com/648hp6>

Can anyone determine what type of craft this is? It looks
similar to an SR-71 Blackbird. I didn't see anything in the
article explaining what this is.

I did find this one:

<http://www.thought-criminal.org/article/node/1054>

which is similar.

The blog (as usual) is misleading. The quote refers to
satellites and look nothing like what is pictured in the 'Wired'
article. See:

<http://tinyurl.com/567rd8>

Also, did anyone see the segment on FOX news a couple of weeks
ago about the craft NASA developed that can travel 10,000 mph?
They said it 'explodes fuel' in order to achieve this speed. It
reminded me very much of the reports from people back in the
1980s and 1990s who claimed to have seen the Aurora craft.

<http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Articles/AuroraByAnyOtherName.html>

My guess is that the craft in the photograph at:

<http://tinyurl.com/648hp6>

if real, is part of the The Tier Program.

I can't imagine anyone confusing this with an ET craft.

Thanks -

Katharina Wilson

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Re: Another Lantern Confession

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 14:33:41 -0300
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 18:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 14:10:08 +0100
>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 14:27:45 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>>Those people who were married on the day of the
>>Cardiff event stated that they had released in accordance with
>>the CAA's [Civil Aviation Authority] rules and outside the 5
>>mile circle around the airport.

>>{Same applies to R/C model airplanes incidentally} Once the
>>balloons were launched I'm sure they obeyed the rules and did
>>not drift with any winds that might take them right over the
>>airport. We do not even have such a simple thing as wind
>>direction that night.

>Hi Don,

>The nearest radiosonde were Camborne and Watnall, something
>like 120 miles SW and NE of Cardiff respectively. Winds at these
>stations that night were generally NW or N through the first
>~1000m/3000ft and averaged about 8 knots. The average surface
>wind at midnight was about 3.5 knots. The local Cardiff forecast
>predicted somewhat stronger NW surface winds of about 12 knots
>that night. This forecast might also have applied at Cowbridge
>(the fire-balloon release site some 25 miles W of Cardiff) but
>then again might have taken account of a typical off-shore
>evening breeze local to Cardiff Bay. Moreover this is only a
>forecast. It would probably be safer to err in the direction of
>the actual surface airflow recorded at the balloon sites.

>Yes they did get clearance to release the lanterns. Cowbridge is
>outside that 5 mile limit, about 7 miles from Cardiff
>International Airport. The airport is at the coast SE of
>Cowbridge so the wind could easily have been carrying them that
>way, but presumably they would not be expected to survive long
>enough to get close.

>St. Athan is only about 3.5 miles SSE of Cowbridge. The
>helicopter was reportedly hovering at 500ft (AMSL? AGL?) over St.
>Athan. A lantern launched at Cowbridge and remaining below 500ft
>would probably have reached St Athan in something less than an
>hour, possibly much less, depending on how it climbed (the
>behaviour of these things seems very variable). The newspaper
>report describes an object rising from below, but really we have
>no idea even now how the thing behaved or what it looked like.
>We don't even know that it was a light (or lights).

Hi Martin,

Thanks for the wind information. I've been trying to get some
insight into the duration of these "lanterns" once released. It
seems to me that an hour is a long time for such a fuel source

to last given the lift ratio to fuel load weight as well as the weight of the fuel support system and the bag itself. I would think ten minutes at the outside. They will lift and travel with a gradient depending on the winds and the density of the air and can apparently get up to a mile or more. Some of these things have a bag some 5 feet high. Presumably the fuel support is consumed at the end

Since we know the helicopter was in hover mode at 500 feet [and that will be above sea level incidentally-the tower knows the elevation at that terrain location "BUT" GPS can give the actual AGL but pilots report from barometric] then by the time these/these lantern reached the airport it should have been well above the chopper's position, possibly a mile or more if it was indeed still lit. I don't know the terrain elevation at the helicopter's position. It's possible it's actual height above the ground was only a couple of hundred feet though doubtful if it was over a populated area, plus they want to stay noticeable on radar. Their transponder would have been squawking their registration and it's height as well as it's position and code.

Today would probably be the last day for the saving - before erasing - the ATC radar recording of the helicopter's actions that night. This explanation might be given to the casual civilian inquiring after such information when in fact, since there was an incident with a police helicopter, the recording should [is usually] saved until the final report is made. That's the SOP anyway. I'm going with the similarities between North American and British flight rules.

Having this recording [or tower audio tapes] would settle either the Sun's hash or the police spokesman's. The pilot/crew won't give anything more than what the police spokesman has given publically now, not if they want to stay employed.

I don't treat the lantern explanation seriously given the distance/duration and the height of the lanterns but it has to be considered if only to eliminate it. Though tabloid in nature I'm wondering at the SUN's either having or making up so much information. Another newspaper report on today's list has reiterated the Sun's information.

See:

Source: The Western Daily Press - Bristol, UK

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

05 July 2008

Growing Belief That The Truth Is Out There...

Yada, yada, yada....

Pursuing police sources won't lead anywhere now. They are most likely embarrassed by their having been involved in accusations of chasing a UFO. Can't have that sort of thing going on.

I am hamstrung by not having the air sectional of southern UK so I have no real way of tracking the winds you mentioned. Sooner or later I will find a source. Googleearth is no good for me...I'm on dial-up and the squirrel running the ISP's server is getting old.

Incidentally, Martin Flight Service might still have records of the winds at 3,6 and 9,000 feet over the field.

Don Ledger

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Some Thoughts On Larry King

From: **Dick Hall** <dh12.nul>
Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 14:08:22 -0400
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 18:37:00 -0400
Subject: Some Thoughts On Larry King

If Larry King is perceived as our last, best hope for reasonable dialogue on UFOs, it merely illustrates how bad off we are. To be sure, he has shown better judgment lately about pro-UFO discussants to invite on the program, if not good skeptics, which are much harder to find... His main problem is the format.

King and/or his producers are not only addicted to sound-bites - he constantly interrupts a promising dialogue by inserting a new tangential question instead of letting the guests debate or develop their points - but also (even worse) they are addicted to 'sight bites'.

The relevance of the barrage of brief imagery to the discussion at hand is always dubious to begin with, and never is explained. The barrage clearly includes the usual 'sexy' UFO pictures which have no provenance whatsoever, many obvious hoaxes. The producers must think that the audience attention span is about four seconds, after which they need visual stimulation.

Having Robert Hastings and the missile officers on next week is a very good idea, because their information is highly cogent, hardcore stuff that any real skeptics must deal with. King should let the witnesses and Hastings (who has done extensive research into this kind of case) talk and illustrate the seriousness of their evidence.

Instead of constantly interrupting and changing the subject, he should ask questions designed to draw out their stories fully. Then he should give his token skeptic equal time to ask questions, criticize, or whatever he wishes to do. Let him display his ignorance, which is what usually happens. And if he happens to raise good questions or objections, then that's all to the good. We will be much closer to real, meaningful dialogue instead of scripted show biz as it tends to be now.

Dick

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Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 13:12:42 -0500
Archived: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 18:39:00 -0400
Subject: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

MUFON Texas State Director Ken Cherry, Journalist Angelia Joiner and one of our favorite skepti-bunkers Seth Shostak will be on Larry King this Friday, July 11. 8:00 p.m. Central.

Oddly there are points where Cherry and I may be agreeing with Shostak, particularly about the Caron Video and the Mike Zimmerman sighting of January 31 during the Stephenville flap.

Caron, as you may know, videotaped an object for 15 minutes with his camera set on night mode. The result was a series of "hieroglyphic" images. We contend he was actually videotaping the star Arcturus.

Zimmerman arose at about 6:05am on January 31st to see three objects, two of which sent out beams of light. We contend he was viewing the rare conjunction of Jupiter and Venus. I know it's a cliché but this time it's true.

Terry

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Archived: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 07:30:00 -0400
Subject: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

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

11:46:00 PM

[Photo]

[Caption: This strange rock found near Roswell by a local businessman - inscribed with what appears to be 'crop circles' or some intergalactic message - has stimulated a huge amount interest, as experts probe its origins and any message it may bear. (Courtesy Photo)]

Strange Rock Raises Questions

Frank Levine
Record Staff Writer

A strange rock with unusual magnetic properties - deeply scored, with what appears to be moon phases, a solar eclipse and the depiction of a supernova - has been unearthed on the outskirts of Roswell. Its discovery has startled researchers, scientists and all who have examined it.

If proven to be of extraterrestrial origin, it will mark the second time in less than a century that the Roswell area has received communications from outer space.

Roswell Mayor Sam D. LaGrone, who actually saw and touched the rock over the weekend, said, "It is a very strange looking rock... I touched it, I felt it, and I just don't see how it could have been produced."

The rock, he said, adds another element to "the strangeness of Roswell," 61 years after the purported 1947 UFO crash and alleged cover-up by military authorities.

The deep wine-red colored rock, measuring less than two inches across, and weighing about 40 grams, was unearthed in September 2004 by Roswell businessman Robert Ridge, 50, who said he found it while deer hunting in Cedar Hill, 17 miles "as the crow flies" from the 1947 purported UFO crash site.

"I saw some fresh tracks and followed them," he said. "That's when I noticed the partially exposed rock on the side of a sand pit. But I didn't pick it up at first because I thought there were deer up ahead, and didn't want to break off the pursuit."

When he realized the tracks were just goat tracks, he headed back the way he came, picked up the rock, and put it in his pocket, he said.

After showing the rock to family and friends, he decided to keep it in a safe deposit box until last year, when curiosity to discover the truth about it got the better of him.

"In July 2007, I was introduced to UFO investigators Chuck Zukowski and Debbie Ziegelmeyer, and they were astounded at what they saw," he said.

Zukowski said the investigators were so impressed, they presented the rock to a number of experts, including prominent New Mexico anthropologists, "all of whom claimed they had never seen anything like it."

"They said there is no way this rock could have been scored or drilled in the way it was, without sophisticated modern equipment, like lasers and high speed water-fed grinders and drills," Zukowski said.

The artifact's image appears to be literally "pulled" from the surface of the red iron ore rock.

Apart from its strange appearance, Zukowski said, the rock has "peculiar" magnetic properties.

"It retains its magnetic polarity by which it will spin a compass needle and register its magnetic field on meters," he said. The oval rock will also spin, depending on the position of a magnet over the image surface, he added.

Zukowski and Ziegelmeyer said that archeologists requested that the rock be submitted for further laboratory analysis, in what they describe as phase two of their investigation.

One anthropologist reportedly described the rock as being similar to a "lodestone."

Lodestones have been mentioned in literature for centuries as having magical and mystical properties. There are ancient accounts of people reporting that when holding lodestones, their hands and body shook, and that the stones cured a wide range of illnesses, including snake bites and headaches.

Native Americans reportedly used lodestones as protection against snakes.

Meanwhile, investigators claim the artifact mirrors crop circles that appeared in Liddleton, England, in 1996, indicating a possibility the stone bears a message from space.

Priscilla Wolf, of Tijeras, a native American woman known to have "powers," visited the site where the rock was found last weekend, and said she felt a vibration in her hands when she held the rock, and that "light came down from the skies" when the rock was deposited at the site.

Although the rock was found partially exposed on the surface, Zukowski said, the sandy area in which it was found is known to erode and shift, possibly uncovering the rock.

"It appeared to have been buried at one time," said Ridge, who believes the rock represents more than just an interesting object.

"After I had it a few months, I began to think about it and began to think that it may be a beacon of some kind, or a message," he said.

"And I believe the message is that if we don't learn to get along with each other, we will be destroyed," he said.

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New Aircraft 'Vulture'

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Subject: New Aircraft 'Vulture'

Source: Aurora Flight Sciences - Manassas, Virginia, USA

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Vulture: The Five-Year Surveillance Aircraft

Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation has been awarded a contract to develop a radical new aircraft that can stay aloft for up to five years. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) made the award under a programme known as Vulture. The objective of the Vulture programme is to develop an aircraft capable of remaining on-station uninterrupted for over five years to perform intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (SR), and communication missions over an area of interest. The technology challenges include development of energy management and reliability technologies capable of allowing the aircraft to operate continuously for such extended durations. Vulture, in effect, will be a retaskable, persistent pseudo-satellite capability, in an aircraft package.

Aurora's design is called "Odysseus." The concept uses solar energy to power the aircraft during daylight, and stored solar energy to power the aircraft at night. The aircraft is designed to fly in the stratosphere throughout its mission.

Aurora's partners on the programme include BAE Systems, C.S. Draper Laboratories, and Sierra Nevada Corporation. BAE will focus on payloads, sensors, and concept of operations and employment. Draper Labs will develop the extremely high reliability electronics and control systems necessary to achieve such very long flights. Sierra Nevada Corporation is a specialist in autonomous refueling systems.

Aurora foresees a broad range of potential applications once Odysseus has been proven. Prime among these are global climate change research, weather monitoring, and regional- scale telecommunications.

List:

Please check out the various advanced designed aircraft shown on Aurora's website. It should help identify some of those unidentified flying objects people are seeing. Especially, over test areas in England.

Most of the researchers on this List know that an aircraft such as the one discussed above have been in development for anywhere from 5 to 10 years before being announced in the press. This means field testing of the craft has taken place during that time.

Try to ignore the misconception that the craft is tested at night only. I am sure there are attempts to fly test craft in remote areas, but that doesn't preclude the odd person outdoors from seeing it.

KK

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
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Archived: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 07:48:31 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:34:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2008 18:13:27 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>>From: Lan Fleming <lfleming5.nul>
>>>To: UFOUpdates <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 05 Jul 2008 15:30:18 -0500
>>>Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>>Bill Nye "the Science Guy" was the designated skeptic on King's
>>>program about Roswell last night. He was so ill-informed about
>>>the subject that he claimed that the Air Force identified the
>>>crashed object as a Skyhook balloon. As most people know who've
>>>followed this, the Project Mogul instrument packages were
>>>carried by clusters of small balloons, not by the giant
>>>Skyhooks.

>It's clear to me that the mainstream media are making a point of
>choosing 'skeptics' who are totally unqualified to make any
>serious critical points about ufology. They know that just
>because someone has a PhD or similar after their name it does
>not mean they have any particular insight into the UFO
>phenomenon.

>By constantly putting forward such pseudo-skeptics they are
>deliberately weakening the true skeptical case and allowing the
>more fringe UFO proponents a virtually free ride. And after all
>it's the fringe that makes 'good television', isn't it?

John,

You may have a point. It interesting that Bill Nye does not even hold a real PhD.

He has a Bachelors Degree and only honorary Doctorates from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Goucher College.

He is unqualified even to make serious critical points about science. He is a children's television personality at best.

Best,

Frank

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
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>From: Ed Gehrman <egerman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 14:41:46 -0700
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 17:06:47 -0600
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>>Consult even a popularized treatment of general relativity.
>>Spacetime has curvature, and could very well be embedded in a
>>higher dimensional space. Einstein's equations admit solutions
>>with various types of singularities, and there is evidence to
>>suggest that point singularities have already been observed.

>You don't say. I am a little confused about "singularities".
>Could you take a few moments to refresh my understanding?

I am referencing singularities in the mathematical sense, e.g.,
the function $1/x^2$ has a singularity at $x = 0$.

Google search "spacetime singularities in general relativity",
that should get you started.

>>But especially irksome, in your particular case, is your appeal
>>to the (alleged) opinion of the 'vast majority' of scientists
>>that interstellar travel is impossible. This from our lonely
>>champion of the persecuted CTH!

>I haven't appealed to them, I happen to agree with them. The
>scientific community hasn't had much of a chance to think about
>the new connections I've suggested. I doubt I'll have much
>support, but at least the vast majority of the scientists on
>this List don't seem to object to at least considering it.

What I was trying to point out, perhaps too gingerly, is that
you happily employ the majority opinion of scientists to argue
against the possibility of interstellar travel, while ignoring
their majority opinion on the hidden race concept. Oh, it's
because they "haven't had much of a chance to think about the
new connections" you've suggested. I see.

Myself and others have stated very clearly that the terrestrial-
origin theory cannot be explicitly ruled out. Indeed, as you
have formulated it, it is effectively non-falsifiable. It is
you who object to even considering the ETH, claiming that it
is physically impossible.

You and I are in no position whatever to proclaim the
impossibility of the ETH or the CTH. We can, however, argue
plausibility. Possibility is absolute, plausibility is relative.

<snip>

>>In any case, the 'rules'
>>of evolution, or lack thereof, couldn't be less relevant to the

>>plausibility of the ETH versus the terrestrial-origin
>>hypothesis. No one is claiming that dinosaurs or amphibians or
>>insects cannot evolve into advanced technological societies.

>We'll then, I've won my argument. That's my point. What is your
>problem?

That's been your whole point all along? That non-human species
have the potential to evolve into technically advanced
societies? I can't think of anyone here who would consider that
even remotely controversial.

But if someone was arguing that point with you, then yes, you
won. You could have saved yourself a lot of keystrokes.

<snip>

>>>Ultimately, you are completely reliant upon They Can't Get Here
>>>From There.

>I'm not reliant on this assumption. Even if they could get here
>from there, the ancient civilization should still be a
>possibility. It is a possibility!

You are apparently arguing here with the same phantom as above.
How many different ways can I concede the possibility?

<snip>

>>I ask again, more explicitly: which aspects, if any, of the
>>investigation of the UFO phenomenon should be modified,
>>abandoned, or newly-developed, in the case that this phenomenon
>>originates from a hidden terrestrial race?

>I have no idea what you want here. My objective is to insert the
>ancient civilization hypothesis into the discussion of possible
>explanations for the "UFO phenomenon".

I have been trying to determine if there are any practical
consequences for ufology in the event that this hidden race
theory is correct. Apparently there are none whatsoever.

This certainly applies to other candidate hypotheses, but it
does render rather absurd the histrionics and descents into
martyrdom that this topic seems to elicit.

The hidden ancient race concept was successfully inserted into
the list of possibilities well before your arrival, so you may
consider that objective already achieved. If you have taken on
the more ambitious task of arguing its plausibility vis-a-vis
the ETH, rather than merely asserting its possibility, then you
should consider reformulating your case... as presented thus
far, it is somewhat intriguing, but not at all convincing.

As I must anticipate your reply would be some equivalent of
"well, likewise for the ETH", perhaps it's time to call it a
day. Should it turn out that you were correct all along, even
for the wrong reasons, congratulations will be forthcoming.

Mike

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
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Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 09:53:29 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:11:36 EDT
>>Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>Are aliens working with our governments in order to later
>>reveal themselves?

<snip>

>With Congress getting ready to approve Resolution 362 (an overt
>act of war against a non-hostile nation) and the U.S. and Israel
>prepared to attack and even use their tactical nuclear weapons
>against this nation which they perceive as a threat to their
>existence, these very actions will guarantee that their fears
>and very worse nightmares will be fulfilled by bring their own
>destruction and another world war.

>Where are the peacemakers or children of God to put a stop to
>this madness? If ETs are here and care about their Earthly
>cousins, now is the time to make their presence known.

The Project Camelot website is a place where a whistle blowers
can say what's happening in secret projects, often to do with
aliens and alien technology.

<http://projectcamelot.org/>

The site has built up a body of evidence that very unusual
things are going on that most of us have no clue about. Some
people will no doubt say that it's all hearsay, and this is a
prime site for dumping disinformation. However, there is some
consistency in the overall picture presented, if that means
anything.

My point in bringing this up is that some powerful world leaders
may believe this information if it is being presented to them by
insiders. Especially if it is untrue, this information may
account for some abysmal foreign policy decisions being made. As
a possible example of this kind of influence, one of the whistle
blowers said that the invasion of Iraq was really prompted by
Iraqi possession of advanced alien technology that could see
into the future. This device had to be disabled for a reason
very important to the rest of humanity (who had to remain
blissfully ignorant, of course). It sounded like sci-fi to me,
but what do I know? Anyway, it doesn't matter what we believe if
the people with fingers on the nuclear button believe it. What
technology do they think Iran has, really, and why are they not
telling us about it?

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
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>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 13:52:24 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>>Date: Wed, 2 Jul 2008 19:52:05 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>The doubts I raised about the Fish star-map model, which was
>defended on-List recently by Vince White (in very strong terms)
>and Stan Friedman, remain uncontested. Perhaps this means that
>there is today a tacit consensus out there even among its
>proponents that it is not probative evidence of anything. It's
>difficult to tell.

<snip>

Dear Martin,

I am beginning to enjoy this. Take the following lightly.

No, not really. It is very easy to tell.

It is not very interesting to engage into an exchange with some
one who pretends objectivity while spicing his rhetoric with
epithets such as irritated, blinded, throwing the toys out of the
pram, pedantic, self-referential world of closed-minded, right-
thinking, conviction-ufology, crude stereotyping, naive,
mysterious opprobrium, pure fantasist, ruthlessly critic, has
trouble understanding, believer, etc.

Not not mention your frequent calls to for reinforcements,
begging others to jump into the frey, being in need as you are
of public approbation. Well, that's your problem and I
suggest you use somebody else to solve it. I can't help you and
climbing on my shoulders will only result in making a fool of
yourself as I am obviously standing on my head.

All of this gives the true measure of who you are when you get
your nose rubbed in your own self-contradictory affirmations.

>a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the
>map matching exercise without prejudice to the Hill case itself,

and

>So irritated is he by the fact that I won't reason from his own
>assumption ("that the Hill drawing is a real star map has never
>been in question")

<snip>

Well, you can't have it both ways:

Either Betty was telling the truth and she was really recollecting what had happened aboard the ship: she had a discussion with an alien about a star map she was contemplating.

Either you cast some doubt on this premise.

If you do, you are in direct contradiction of your a) statement.

And you are evidently negating a) with the disparaging statements you make about my assumptions.

You are obviously contradicting yourself and you wish essentially to taint the Hill case.

What does that say about your real intents?

<snip>

>Vincent Boudreaux (...) is blinded to the fact that he is >agreeing with me - that the Fish model is not evidential.

<snip>

Is this Martin Chough with a "y" and a "c".

No?

Well it's Boudreau without the "x" unless...

your subconscious treasures my opinions.

Don't worry, I know it is not intentional.

But on with the contradiction: I have explicitly stated that the Fish model cannot be evidential if you want to find a perfect match between Betty's drawing and the Fish drawing.

Such a perfect match is impossible.

Yet you keep bringing it back, as the perfect strawman it is.

<snip>

>It appears that what provoked VB to such irritation was not the >fact that I questioned the evidential value of the Marjorie Fish >model but the assumption that I am doing so in pursuit of an >"agenda" which is the polar opposite of his own agenda, i.e. a >"debunker's" commitment to trashing the Hills' experience. It >may surprise him (but hopefully not everyone else, who can read) >to learn:

<snip>

You got it right.

Son of a gun: you have more subtle than you seem.

And... VB... Hmm... Visual and basic.

An omen perhaps?

>b) that such an agenda would be anathema to me, as I trust is >evident from the record, and

>c) that I would go further:- such an agenda usually flows from a >prejudice equal in strength to Vincent's own, but opposite in >sign..

<snip>

A heartbreaking stance but nevertheless contradicted by your attitude in this affair.

>Regarding Betty's drawing I am prepared (unlike >Vincent) to accept, for the sake of argument, the proponents' >implicit claim that the nature of the experience and of her >hypnotic recovery of it might together allow an abnormal

>accuracy in recollecting the map. As for the Fish model, again
>for the sake of argument I am content to grant the implicit
>claim that the model is "accurate"

<snip>

Your problem: "for the sake of argument".

You invoke "abnormal accuracy in recollecting the map", just for the sake of argument.

This is not only unverified, it is also improbable. And even if it were exact it would be extremely difficult to reproduce it with any 3D model.

You postulate only for the sake of argument and this is unscientific.

First you must prove that hypnotic recollection is carbon copy of perceived reality.

Then you must test this, provided you got an affirmative, with reproduction of reality in a high stress environment. A different animal as any cop, insurance agent or psychiatrist will tell you.

And then you can use this for an argument, not for the sake of argument but for the sake of truth.

But you seem to be more at ease with argument than with truth.

Life's a bitch. At this point you might be experiencing dizziness because of the unfamiliar ground of scientific reasoning. Have hope. Keep on reading.

When and if you have established that Betty Hill accurately reproduced what she saw on the wall, then you ask yourself if her point of view was skewed by an extra-terrestrial device we are clueless about.

I suggest you keep this one in your gray basket and move on. We wouldn't want this baby to be late.

Now you turn to Majorie Fish and her representation of our solar neighborhood.

Good for you Majorie. You hypothesized from Betty's testimony that the star map represents our neighborhood (I'll spare you the details here but I'm ready to give her credit for her hypothesis - sue me).

She gets those dangling strings and those little balls and out of 10^{25} possibilities she comes up with a good one.

Is she looking for exactitude? No. She is looking for similitude because, at the end of the day, as Vincent Boudreau (without the "x") has cleverly pointed, because he has some experience in the matter, 3D modeling is no piece of cake (unless you have precise real data like the Trent photos - but I am digressing here).

And there you have it.

This is my take on this and I think it is more defensible than baseless deductions from data brought to the table just "for the sake of argument."

You said it, Dude, not me.

But the bottom line here... and I'd like you, Martin, to avoid snipping away the following, and clearly answer this one - and please: 50 words or less, please!

Where was I?

Ah yes: the bottom line is:

"I, Vincent Boudreau, recognize, after careful study, the veracity of the Betty and Barney Hill account. I am convinced

that they were taken aboard an alien vehicle and submitted to physical examination.

From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map must be what she says it was: a star map, with our Sun on it, showing exploration routes."

If you are a man of your word, surely we won't have an argument over that.

Or do we?

Your call.

Vincent Boudreau
(without an "x")

"X marks the treasure" - Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade...

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Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

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>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 13:12:42 -0500
>Subject: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

>MUFON Texas State Director Ken Cherry, Journalist Angelia Joiner
>and one of our favorite skepti-bunkers Seth Shostak will be on
>Larry King this Friday, July 11. 8:00 p.m. Central.

>Oddly there are points where Cherry and I may be agreeing with
>Shostak, particularly about the Caron Video and the Mike
>Zimmerman sighting of January 31 during the Stephenville flap.

>Caron, as you may know, videotaped an object for 15 minutes with
>his camera set on night mode. The result was a series of
>"hieroglyphic" images. We contend he was actually videotaping
>the star Arcturus.

My version of the Caron video, obtained with the same type of camera,
is at:

<http://www.brumac.8k.com/AtmosphereEffect/AtmosphereEffect.html>

This web site has analysis as well as pictorial evidence.

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>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>So if the skeptics fail to make their case - like Nye did - he
>has no one to blame but himself. Lord knows he was given all of
>the help Larry could without being overt about it. The problem
>is that the skeptics such as yourself John usually get away with
>their half baked ideas while on that show because the public has
>no way to dispute it, unlike yourself on this list because most
>of us don't let you jerk us around with this nonsense.

So going back to the title of this thread, if Larry King needs
better skeptics, who would you suggest?

>Feel free to report back to the clique.

What?

--

John Rimmer
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Tornado Hampers UFO

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 09:59:00 -0400
Archived: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 09:59:00 -0400
Subject: Tornado Hampers UFO

Source: Ananova - Bristol, UK

http://www.ananova.com/news/story/sm_2921727.html

09 Jul 2008

Tornado Hampers UFO

A Lancashire man claims a tornado prevented a UFO from landing near where he stood.

Pat Regan claims he was nearly blown off his feet in Rufford as he photographed the tornado during a fishing trip.

When he got home he enlarged the picture on his computer and spotted the UFO.

Pat told The Sun: "I noticed this weird speck. I blew it up and there it was - a UFO hovering right beside the twister.

"It's a perfect disc shape and greenish in colour. If it was a little green man he probably took one look at the weather and thought twice about landing!"

A Met Office spokesman said: "Tornados occur about 30 times a year in the UK, but it's the first time I've heard of a UFO spotted close to one."

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Spanish Crop Circle A Rum Ad

From: **Scott Corrales** <lornis1.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 07:08:38 -0400
Archived: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 11:00:00 -0400
Subject: Spanish Crop Circle A Rum Ad

The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
July 9, 2008

Source: Planeta UFO
Date: July 9, 2008

Spain: Crop Circle Was a Rum Ad

A new brand of rum commissioned the creation of circles in the Vacarisses harvests for a marketing campaign, leading residents of this Barcelona community to think they had been chosen by aliens.

"We had no idea that we were in the cosmic center of the universe and suddenly they chose us!" Carles Canongia felt chosen by a superior or at least alien force when he learned that some strange propeller-shaped marks had appeared in his township.

His hopes turned to dust when he realized that the crop circles had been created by human hands. He then resigned himself to being chosen not by mischievous space beings, but by the residents of Vacarisses.

Canongia has been at the head of this Barcelonan township since 2007 since he headed the PSC ticket and won at the polls, bring four legislative cycles controlled by a local independent party to a close. Up to recently, he could boast a magnificent location (in the community of Valles Occidental, bordering on Bages and the Baix Llobregat) as well as a calm atmosphere whose peace was disrupted when [crop circles] drawn by an unknown hand appeared in the fields of Ignasi Gibert, one of the local residents.

"As mayor, I'm disappointed to learn that the signs were not alien in origin," admits the Catalanian magistrate, who had become accustomed to welcoming strangers to his town who sought for proof of a greater god, who turned instead, to the disgust of paranormal aficionados, to be the result of a production company hoping to shoot a commercial in the area.

Rumor in the town suggested a brand of beer, although bartenders professed having no knowledge of circles or aliens. Not even the bar at Estacion de Amores knew anything about it, although the mayor states that "many outsiders have come here because they believed it."

A newswire story claimed that the circle was real, when in fact [the alleged author] was Bacardi, a rum distillery endeavoring to promote its new beverage Seven Fiki, related to the Fiji Islands and the aforementioned crop circles. It has achieved its goal, given the repercussions that the story has had in the media and in weblogs.

Crop Circles are circular shapes that appear from one day to another and are not visible in plain sight. The first discoveries occurred in the mid 1990s in Southern England. Much like the one in Vacarisses, they are only visible from the air.

"In fact, we thought it was a prank by someone in the township," explains Canongia, who would like the not-so-mysterious circles to remain where they are to attract curiosity-seekers and tourists, although he suspects that owner of the field will remove them soon.

"We've dealt with the matter with certain merriment and good cheer," acknowledges the socialist mayor. It isn't the first time, he says, that commercials have been filmed in the area, since "we have a landscape and unique vistas of Montserrat." Furthermore, it isn't just circles that have drawn the interest of countless fans of the paranormal -- they have been visited for a long time by ufologists and skywatchers looking for unidentified flying objects.

"There is a legend that causes outsiders to gather in Montserrat once a month to see the UFOs that appear," admits Canongia, aware of the commotion that these abnormal revelations have caused in the town. "And we hope that the crop-circle-making aliens come back next year." A glass of rum in hand, one would think.

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 08:26:57 -0400
Archived: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 11:02:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>To: - UFO UpDates Subscribers - <UFO-UpDates.nul>
>Date: Wednesday, July 09, 2008 7:30 AM
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

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

>11:46:00 PM

>[Photo]

>[Caption: This strange rock found near Roswell by a local
>businessman - inscribed with what appears to be 'crop circles'
>or some intergalactic message - has stimulated a huge amount
>interest, as experts probe its origins and any message it may
>bear. (Courtesy Photo)]

<snip>

The image on the stone appears to be an exact copy of a crop
formation found in August, 1996, at Chisledon. See, for example,

<http://www.lucypringle.co.uk/photos/1996/uk1996cp.shtml#pic2>

William

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 07:10:37 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 07:22:32 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 23:57:12 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

<snip>

>But you seem to be more at ease with argument than with truth.

<snip>

The ultimate tell. Without this character flaw no debunker would be complete.

JCH

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 07:28:09 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 17:17:27 -0400
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 09:53:29 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:11:36 EDT
>>>Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>Are aliens working with our governments in order to later
>>>reveal themselves?

><snip>

>>With Congress getting ready to approve Resolution 362 (an overt
>>act of war against a non-hostile nation) and the U.S. and Israel
>>prepared to attack and even use their tactical nuclear weapons
>>against this nation which they perceive as a threat to their
>>existence, these very actions will guarantee that their fears
>>and very worse nightmares will be fulfilled by bring their own
>>destruction and another world war.

>>Where are the peacemakers or children of God to put a stop to
>>this madness? If ETs are here and care about their Earthly
>>cousins, now is the time to make their presence known.

>The Project Camelot website is a place where a whistle blowers
>can say what's happening in secret projects, often to do with
>aliens and alien technology.

><http://projectcamelot.org/>

>The site has built up a body of evidence that very unusual
>things are going on that most of us have no clue about. Some
>people will no doubt say that it's all hearsay, and this is a
>prime site for dumping disinformation. However, there is some
>consistency in the overall picture presented, if that means
>anything.

>My point in bringing this up is that some powerful world leaders
>may believe this information if it is being presented to them by
>insiders. Especially if it is untrue, this information may
>account for some abysmal foreign policy decisions being made. As
>a possible example of this kind of influence, one of the whistle
>blowers said that the invasion of Iraq was really prompted by
>Iraqi possession of advanced alien technology that could see
>into the future. This device had to be disabled for a reason
>very important to the rest of humanity (who had to remain
>blissfully ignorant, of course). It sounded like sci-fi to me,
>but what do I know? Anyway, it doesn't matter what we believe if
>the people with fingers on the nuclear button believe it. What

>technology do they think Iran has, really, and why are they not
>telling us about it?

Thanks for adding in William. Quite the enlightening comments here!

As for whistleblowers having a website where government's deepest secrets are revealed, I'm a bit skeptical. I was just chatting with an old colleague about our own cadres of whistleblowers we've come to know over the years. None of them would dare come forward or they'd be bumped off or worse. They're terrified of retaliation and to my surprise, one big organization that prides itself on confronting evil asked me to not bring UFO issues to the table because they were afraid of being "attacked" for being associated with UFOs however they'll let themselves be associated with all sorts of nonsense. That really shook me up more than anything because the representative of the organization let me know in no uncertain terms she was a hybrid. I saw the physical proof myself. Recently she is in some hot water for this incident so I'll have to see how it plays out. Two top UFOlogists are aware of this too.

So again, whistleblowers often have enough hot air to keep them kicking or afloat in the sea of despair. The whistleblower's motivation is the key piece of data. We as a society don't celebrate the stand up person instead we label them "rat" or "tattletale" or "snitch". It's testament to the massive criminal mindset that is now the norm of our citizenry. We're all hoods in the U.S. it's part of our heritage now. There are gangs and mobs with 4 or more generations of family members. Funny how the cops can find you or I for a parking ticket or old tax bill but somehow can't find these criminals who often wear bright colors, emblems, or pose for news photos.

My point in my original essay just points to the knuckleheaded marriage between aliens and our officials. Why? It seems like aliens, all of them have the worst sense of character far worse than our own. I guess picking the idiot is a natural phenomenon amongst all so called intelligent beings. Either the aliens hang out with politicians or they pick up people no one wants to listen to. Even when they do abduct and reveal information to a person who is sane and expressive they don't give any physical proof to assist the person in giving the message. That agains says a lot about how inefficient and ineffective they are. The whole scenario doesn't wash and puts the poor abductees in a worse spot.

If Iran had any technology worth fearing it would be the ultimate lie detector. I've mentioned this before. If someone came up with a device that could detect lies in an instant that device would be banned by every government and advertising agency on Earth.

Best,

Greg
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The Prime Lacking In Ufology

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 08:05:29 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 07:30:01 -0400
Subject: The Prime Lacking In Ufology

There has long been a central debate in the field of history over what influences events more, setting (culture, social elements) or the Great Man. Conspiracy analysts would definitely say that the imposing figurehead of a Great Man like Hitler or Ivan IV, would have had sinister forces behind them in order to succeed.

In no small way this is generally true, but the figurehead is not always just a figurehead. In some cases there are forces brought together through pure devotion to ideal. Even in the most terrible of examples, like Hitler.

Recently I saw a movie offering a rare glimpse into a modern example of the Great Man, in this case, a Great Woman. Although fiction, I have had the privilage of knowing such a woman... so I do know they exist.

If you see this movie, I think you might agree... even find something similar from your own past. I hope so. This movie, The Constant Gardener, is well worth the time and trouble to see regardless.

So, how does this touch upon my subject theme? Well, ufology needs people that don't turn back, that will go through whatever it takes to find uncompromised truth. That will make an ideal of doing this. People that will travel wherever the flaps are, wherever reports worth verifying take them.

And people that will listen to witnesses well. Attentive to their experiences, not what they already wish to make of them.

JCH

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Re: New Aircraft 'Vulture'

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 13:41:26 -0300
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 08:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Aircraft 'Vulture'

>From: Kathy Kasten <catraja.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 18:36:01 +0000
>Subject: New Aircraft 'Vulture'

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>Source: Aurora Flight Sciences - Manassas, Virginia, USA

><http://www.aurora.aero/Communications/Item.aspx?id=apr-210>

>04/14/2008

>Eye Spy; Number 56 2008; page 5

>Vulture: The Five-Year Surveillance Aircraft

>Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation has been awarded a contract
>to develop a radical new aircraft that can stay aloft for up to
>five years. The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency
>(DARPA) made the award under a programme known as Vulture. The
>objective of the Vulture programme is to develop an aircraft
>capable of remaining on-station uninterrupted for over five
>years to perform intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance
>(SR), and communication missions over an area of interest. The
>technology challenges include development of energy management
>and reliability technologies capable of allowing the aircraft to
>operate continuously for such extended durations. Vulture, in
>effect, will be a retaskable, persistent pseudo-satellite
>capability, in an aircraft package.

>Aurora's design is called "Odysseus." The concept uses solar
>energy to power the aircraft during daylight, and stored solar
>energy to power the aircraft at night. The aircraft is designed
>to fly in the stratosphere throughout its mission.

>Aurora's partners on the programme include BAE Systems, C.S.
>Draper Laboratories, and Sierra Nevada Corporation. BAE will
>focus on payloads, sensors, and concept of operations and
>employment. Draper Labs will develop the extremely high
>reliability electronics and control systems necessary to achieve
>such very long flights. Sierra Nevada Corporation is a
>specialist in autonomous refueling systems.

>Aurora foresees a broad range of potential applications once
>Odysseus has been proven. Prime among these are global climate
>change research, weather monitoring, and regional- scale
>telecommunications.

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>List:

>Please check out the various advanced designed aircraft
>shown on Aurora's website. It should help identify some of
>those unidentified flying objects people are seeing. Especially,
>over test areas in England.

>Most of the researchers on this List know that an aircraft such

>as the one discussed above have been in development for anywhere
>from 5 to 10 years before being announced in the press. This
>means field testing of the craft has taken place during that
>time.

>Try to ignore the misconception that the craft is tested at
>night only. I am sure there are attempts to fly test craft in
>remote areas, but that doesn't preclude the odd person outdoors
>from seeing it.

It's highly doubtful that anyone seeing MOST of the assets of Aurora Flight Sciences would think them abnormal. These UAVs look like airplanes, sound like airplanes and behave like airplanes and of course are deployed in the areas they are either being tested or used. The United States is using them for border patrol. The other assets are close range over the hill spying aircraft used in close proximity to the soldiers operating them. The UK has some of it's own UAVs, but why pick on the UK when the US millions of square miles of space to play around in for testing both during the day and at night. When they want cold weather testing they bring them up to Cold Lake, Alberta during the late fall where they have been testing this stuff for 50 years.

In any event, UAVs are not secret, they are actually very familiar to the public. You might still get some gee-whiz from some undiscovered tribe of bushmen in Borneo but few other places.

This constant need for some to try and explain away the phenomenon as secret military craft has not proved out over the last 55 years and is pretty lame. A very low percentage may be but the secret military aircraft explanation is just the final gasp of the researcher thrashing around trying to explain away something they don't understand.

The Vulture is of course a giant gas bag but with a constrained envelope. Lockheed Martin and Rockwell Collins were in the loop on this one as well but it looks like Aurora Flight Sciences won out. It's not a secret that the US military is looking for an alternative to spy satellites, AWACS and overflights. The huge gas envelope hovering in position - autonomously - at 100,000 plus feet is the latest attempt at spying on the enemy or friendlies without actually being over that country. It's a logical move.

Though the elusive "Aurora" for the lack of a better name might be zipping around the American southwest even that would not raise too many eyebrows among the public. A contrail at 70-80,000 feet. How would they know. Just another jet contrail.

Most do not know that business jets [G-5s and Challengers, etc.] fly in higher corridors than do airliners, typically from 45 to 54,000 feet and this capability is increasing each year. There is active design going on right now to develop a supersonic, SST style, business jet to fly at altitudes in excess of 70,000 feet. These people really hate airport line-ups and will pay millions to avoid them.

Again the witnesses risk ridicule and dissension when they report these things only to have someone claim they are seeing airplanes. Like the people in Hudson Valley who were blessed with some phenomenon in the early 1980s the people in the UK are now the victims of these anomalies. Chinese Lanterns makes more sense to me than airplanes as explanations. But they have their limitations as well; altitude, speed, wind speeds and duration. One guy apparently saw the Moon to his great embarrassment; but he was in good company. Astronomer Jill Tarter did the same thing and admitted it in a documentary.

Don Ledger

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Re: Another Lantern Confession

From: **Franck Boitte** <franckboitte.nul>
Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 18:44:29 +0200
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 08:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 14:27:45 -0300
>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 06 Jul 2008 16:48:18 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>>Is that legal? Any concern about a fire hazard if one of the
>>lanterns catches fire and comes down before its candle burns
>>out?

>We do not even have such a simple thing as wind direction that
>night. As for fire hazard if these were launched here in my area
>they could ignite tinder-dry forests. The advertizers for these
>toys claim there is no danger because they lift off then once
>the fuel burns out they drift back down. Once again they don't
>seem to consider the winds. Down drafts and microbursts could
>quickly slap these things down onto rooftops, dry grasses,
>bushes and treetops.

>The things should be illegal.

Beginning in May, there was a mass launching of balloons over
the Ile d'Yeu, a "happy few sanctuary" seated along the French
atlantic West Coast. It gave rise to a rash of so-called
"mysterious" ufo-sightings.

GEIPAN, the official French structure had to send its aging
Operative Director to investigate and the man - a privy pilot
owning his own plane - who was responsible for the humbug, flatly
confessed his "little joke had been elaborated in celebration of
his wife's birthday at a private barbecue party among friends
just for the fun of it".

According to my conservative estimation, the costs of the trip
to go and return by car and boat from Toulouse where GEIPAN is
located should amount at least to \$800 US (bed and breakfast not
included). I would therefore find it perfectly democratically
appropriate if the French government sued such irresponsible
"high society hooligans" to at least cover the costs that kind
of investigation incurred.

At this time, the French government is confronted with dire
difficulties to correctly face the costs of its medicare,
educational, aging people and justice institutions.

Regards,

F. Boitte

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 14:07:57 -0300
Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 08:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 08:08:25 +0100
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 13:34:09 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>So if the skeptics fail to make their case - like Nye did - he
>>has no one to blame but himself. Lord knows he was given all of
>>the help Larry could without being overt about it. The problem
>>is that the skeptics such as yourself John usually get away with
>>their half baked ideas while on that show because the public has
>>no way to dispute it, unlike yourself on this list because most
>>of us don't let you jerk us around with this nonsense.

>So going back to the title of this thread, if Larry King needs
>better skeptics, who would you suggest?

I really can't think of anyone right now. It needs to be someone
really familiar with the phenomenon, who knows the data,
actually knows what flying that's ours and how it couldn't be
ours, knows about meteor/meteorites, re-entering rocket
boosters and satellites. Some who understands the flight rules.
Even ex-air force pilot MaGaha doesn't appear to know these but
that's expected from air force-only pilots. It should be someone
whom at least can sort out nonsensical explanations from ones
that actually have some chance of working.

Good Lord... right now that seems to be me:) But I'm not a dyed
in the wool skeptic for the sake of being a skeptic nor am I a
"true believer" but I know what's crap on both side of the
equation.

For a fact Shermer has not got a handle on this. He pronounces
only but does not disprove anything.

Dick Hall mentioned King getting off on tangents rather than
letting an explanation to be completed. And that's true. The
people who are panelists on his show have to be more forceful
and insist on finishing what they were going to say, that they
are making an important point, or tell him they are wasting
there time being there. There is no rule saying you have to be a
floor mop for the host. Otherwise the next time around, if there
is one, refuse to do the show and say why to the producers. It
might actually get back to King. He cashes his paycheck in any
event. What does he care?

Don Ledger

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 09:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 14:25:58 -0600
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 14:41:46 -0700
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>>From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Thu, 03 Jul 2008 17:06:47 -0600
>>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

><snip>

>>>Consult even a popularized treatment of general relativity.
>>>Spacetime has curvature, and could very well be embedded in a
>>>higher dimensional space. Einstein's equations admit solutions
>>>with various types of singularities, and there is evidence to
>>>suggest that point singularities have already been observed.

>>You don't say. I am a little confused about "singularities".
>>Could you take a few moments to refresh my understanding?

>I am referencing singularities in the mathematical sense, e.g.,
>the function $1/x^2$ has a singularity at $x = 0$.

>Google search "spacetime singularities in general relativity",
>that should get you started.

Michael,

I did that and am still confused about how "singularity" relates
to our discussion on the possibility of stellar travel.

>>>But especially irksome, in your particular case, is your appeal
>>>to the (alleged) opinion of the 'vast majority' of scientists
>>>that interstellar travel is impossible. This from our lonely
>>>champion of the persecuted CTH!

>>I haven't appealed to them, I happen to agree with them. The
>>scientific community hasn't had much of a chance to think about
>>the new connections I've suggested. I doubt I'll have much
>>support, but at least the vast majority of the scientists on
>>this List don't seem to object to at least considering it.

>What I was trying to point out, perhaps too gingerly, is that
>you happily employ the majority opinion of scientists to argue
>against the possibility of interstellar travel,

Interstellar travel has been hotly discussed and debated within
the scientific community and the consensus is that it not
possible. I have studied both sides of the issue for many years
and am in agreement with the majority.

>while ignoring
>their majority opinion on the hidden race concept. Oh, it's

>because they "haven't had much of a chance to think about the
>new connections" you've suggested. I see.

That's correct. Unlike star travel, the possibility of ancient unknown civilizations is a fringe science discussion; and when UFO are added to the mix, it really becomes a fringe issue. Mainstream science scoffs at discussing either one, so the theory that an ancient civilization of monotrems are responsible for the UFO would never come to the table.

>Myself and others have stated very clearly that the terrestrial-
>origin theory cannot be explicitly ruled out.

Could you point out where you and others "have stated very clearly that the terrestrial- origin theory cannot be explicitly ruled out"?

>Indeed, as you
>have formulated it, it is effectively non-falsifiable. It is
>you who object to even considering the ETH, claiming that it
>is physically impossible.

That's correct. I do not think star travel is possible but even if it were, it isn't responsible for UFO.

>You and I are in no position whatever to proclaim the
>impossibility of the ETH or the CTH. We can, however, argue
>plausibility. Possibility is absolute, plausibility is relative.

I understand and an ancient civilization is both.

>>>In any case, the 'rules'
>>>of evolution, or lack thereof, couldn't be less relevant to the
>>>plausibility of the ETH versus the terrestrial-origin
>>>hypothesis. No one is claiming that dinosaurs or amphibians or
>>>insects cannot evolve into advanced technological societies.

>>We'll then, I've won my argument. That's my point. What is your
>>problem?

>That's been your whole point all along? That non-human species
>have the potential to evolve into technically advanced
>societies? I can't think of anyone here who would consider that
>even remotely controversial.

That's some of the most reassuring news I've had in weeks. I had no idea this was the case.

>But if someone was arguing that point with you, then yes, you
>won. You could have saved yourself a lot of keystrokes.

Yes but I needed the clarification.

>>>>Ultimately, you are completely reliant upon They Can't Get Here
>>>>From There.

>>I'm not reliant on this assumption. Even if they could get here
>>from there, the ancient civilization should still be a
>>possibility. It is a possibility!

>You are apparently arguing here with the same phantom as above.
>How many different ways can I concede the possibility?

><snip>

>>>I ask again, more explicitly: which aspects, if any, of the
>>>investigation of the UFO phenomenon should be modified,
>>>abandoned, or newly-developed, in the case that this phenomenon
>>>originates from a hidden terrestrial race?

>>I have no idea what you want here. My objective is to insert the
>>ancient civilization hypothesis into the discussion of possible
>>explanations for the "UFO phenomenon".

>I have been trying to determine if there are any practical
>consequences for ufology in the event that this hidden race
>theory is correct. Apparently there are none whatsoever.

All humanity must deal with the practical consequences of being neighbors with an ancient and technologically superior civilization. Ufology will become superfluous

>This certainly applies to other candidate hypotheses, but it
>does render rather absurd the histrionics and descents into
>martyrdom that this topic seems to elicit.

I haven't noticed that.

>The hidden ancient race concept was successfully inserted into
>the list of possibilities well before your arrival, so you may
>consider that objective already achieved. If you have taken on
>the more ambitious task of arguing its plausibility vis-a-vis
>the ETH, rather than merely asserting its possibility, then you
>should consider reformulating your case... as presented thus
>far, it is somewhat intriguing, but not at all convincing.

That's because some of the most intriguing evidence is contained
in another controversial document, the Alien Autopsy.

>As I must anticipate your reply would be some equivalent of
>"well, likewise for the ETH", perhaps it's time to call it a
>day. Should it turn out that you were correct all along, even
>for the wrong reasons, congratulations will be forthcoming.

If we ever do find the truth, "congratulations" will be way
down my list of concerns.

Ed

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From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
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>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 00:40:17 -0400
>Subject: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

>>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 13:12:42 -0500
>>Subject: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

>>MUFON Texas State Director Ken Cherry, Journalist Angelia Joiner
>>and one of our favorite skepti-bunkers Seth Shostak will be on
>>Larry King this Friday, July 11. 8:00 p.m. Central.

>>Oddly there are points where Cherry and I may be agreeing with
>>Shostak, particularly about the Caron Video and the Mike
>>Zimmerman sighting of January 31 during the Stephenville flap.

>>Caron, as you may know, videotaped an object for 15 minutes
with
>>his camera set on night mode. The result was a series of
>>"hieroglyphic" images. We contend he was actually videotaping
>>the star Arcturus.

>My version of the Caron video, obtained with the same type of
camera,
>is at:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/AtmosphereEffect/AtmosphereEffect.html>

>This web site has analysis as well as pictorial evidence.

Bruce,

Nice analysis.

Mars was prominent in the sky at the time of Caron's video. The
problem though is that the Moon was only 2 degrees away from
Mars. Unless the FOV of Caron's camera was less than that he
would have also captured the Moon.

I am going to recant my theory that he videotaped the star
Arcturus. Arcturus was 20 degrees below the horizon at the time.
However there are plenty more candidates. Sirius, Betelgeuse,
Rigel, Procyon and Capella, all magnitude 1.0 or less, were in
the same view at the time.

My best guess is he videotaped Sirius. It seems to me it would
have caught his eye more readily than the other stars.

Terry

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Orford Ness Question

From: **Cathy Reason** <CathyM.nul>
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Subject: Orford Ness Question

Just a quick question for anyone who knows: What color is the light at Orford Ness lighthouse?

Thanks

Cathy

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRGLists.nul>
Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 19:45:29 -0400
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Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

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Thursday, July 10, 2008

What Are Those Things?

One man keeps his eye on sky for UFOs; investigates sightings

By Elysia Nest
Gazette Reporter

The sky is so much more than a sea of serene celestial bodies for Rotterdam resident James G. Bouck, Jr.

The recently retired state auditor admits he keeps at least one eye focused upward at all times, as he never knows when something out of the ordinary will wander into view.

The 58-year-old husband and father of four, after all, is more than an admirer of all things cosmic.

He has a strong hunch that we're not alone.

"The thought of all those stars being out there and nobody using them but us has always been mind-boggling to me", said the Schenectady County native, who serves as state director for the Mutual UFO Network, a worldwide organization of volunteer UFO enthusiasts, researchers and field investigators.

"The way I look at it, when God created the solar system and the many universes, why would he go through the trouble of creating those universes and go through the trouble of creating all those stars and planets if he was just going to settle on Earth alone? He'd sort of be limiting his own powers. I think there has to be life on other planets", said Bouck.

He estimates about 100 such sightings are reported statewide each year.

When a report is made to MUFON, it is funneled directly to Bouck and is then sent to a section director for further investigation. The group's goal is not necessarily to prove that UFOs are extraterrestrial, but to try to determine just what is out there.

Most sightings can be explained as a constellation, weather balloons, certain cloud formations, an airplane whizzing by or a shooting star or meteor streaking across the night, explained Bouck. On rare occasions, however, the phenomenon can't be explained away that easily, even by experts sporting the most sophisticated tracking tools and uncommonly keen eyesight.

Bouck takes his work seriously, and though he'll laugh with you, he doesn't necessarily appreciate jokes about little green men and aluminum hats. His job as a ufologist is serious business;

What Are Those Things?

he is on a constant mission to help people make sense of the most mind-boggling experiences of their lives.

His passion for scrutinizing the sky can be traced back to his youth.

"I started with this interest in my junior high school years, and I finally saw my first UFO just five years ago. I was sitting in my backyard and thought I saw something unusual in the sky", he said.

"I had no camera or binoculars to verify what it could be. So I always sat out there with them every time since. In a few weeks, I thought I saw it again and looked through the binoculars. I quickly took some pictures and it was an exact craft that a witness I had been working with had been able to see many times and had videotaped in Saratoga and Ticonderoga.

"We had that videotape analyzed, and the object has officially been declared unidentified."

The same object has been reported as recently as last month.

Bouck said he enjoys being on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Often, when a report comes in, he can get to the bottom of things just by studying a star map or consulting a sky-savvy friend. Other times, a call is so unusual and sounds so convincing, he is compelled to drive out and see for himself what all the commotion is about.

That was the case with a Stillwater sighting that took place in the mid-1990s.

Local sightings

It was late at night and a woman called Bouck at home complaining that a dozen lights were hovering over her house.

I got out there, and I said "Where are they?" he recalled.

She said, "There! There! There!"

Bouck saw some lights, and recognized Vega, one of the brightest stars, which was out that time of year. "I was ready to write it off, but there were so many witnesses", he said. "I determined eight out of the 12 lights were stars", he said.

As for why a total of 12 lights were reported, Bouck said, "Some people just get caught up in the moment. They see a few and suddenly they see many more."

In a separate report last year, two children from Saratoga County saw an object above the trees that was disc-shaped and spinning with numerous blinking lights and colors.

"The technology around us went crazy. The lights flickered and the Internet went out. We were frightened, and a little surprised. After we noticed it, we ran inside to notify our parents", said the witnesses. "We lost sight of the flying object when it passed the trees on the other side of the house. Nothing I know can go as fast as this thing did. We have no pictures, but we believe in what we saw", they said.

Over the years, unidentified flying objects have been described variously as rapidly moving or hovering; disk-shaped, cigar-shaped or ball-shaped; moving noisily or silently; having a fiery exhaust or no exhaust; and accompanied by flashing lights or uniformly glowing with a silvery cast.

So little proof

Steven Russo, an astronomer at the Suits-Bueche Planetarium at the Schenectady Museum Planetarium, said during his 40 years gazing into the sky, he has spied a handful of unusual sights, and he makes no bones about the fact that he would love nothing more than to have an up-close and personal encounter with a space creature. But, he admits, the chances are quite unlikely.

Even though tens of thousands of UFO reports are made annually, Russo said about 95 percent of all such reports throughout recent history have been dubbed IFOs, or identified flying

objects, noting that most all of the sightings are attributable to something utterly "earthly."

Additionally, he said: "There is not so much as an inkling of proof that flying saucers exist, and there is absolutely no proof that anyone has ever been whisked away by aliens, either."

Besides, he said, if a flying saucer and its other-worldly occupants were to reveal themselves to the common man, it would likely mean the end of existence as we know it.

"I'm not sure if the general public would be able to handle it if a spacecraft landed here. There would be huge mental, social, religious and psychological implications. It would just be more than we could deal with", he said.

Still, Bouck remains committed.

"It's exciting for me to know that there is something out there and we are capturing it somehow on film, but I also have to consider that it's a little scary since we don't have answers to many of our questions", said Bouck of the UFO he spotted recently in his yard and still watches for every day.

"It's like having a stalker or peeping Tom looking in at you, and you can't catch him", he said.

Yet, Bouck says with continued vigilance, he believes he will one day see a return on his efforts.

"That's what keeps me going. I believe something will happen some day. One day, the number of witnesses and the credibility of witnesses will be so amazing, that nobody will be able to deny it", he said.

Anyone wishing to report a UFO sighting may contact Bouck via e-mail at nitesiter.nul

Also, starting Sept. 26, Bouck will be begin teaching a non-credit course on UFO history at Hudson Valley Community College.

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>Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

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

<snip>

>"It retains its magnetic polarity by which it will spin a
>compass needle and register its magnetic field on meters," he
>said. The oval rock will also spin, depending on the position of
>a magnet over the image surface, he added.

We often hear about anomalous compass needle 'spinning'. In this instance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns to align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, keep spinning like an electric motor?

Eleanor White

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{Video Report}

Man Claims To Know Source Of 'Phoenix Lights' UFO Sighting
Reported by Chris Kline

An astrophysicist claims to know the true source of a strange grouping of lights that appeared in the Arizona night sky 11 years ago.

Dr. James R. Bartzen said he has indisputable proof that the so-called "Phoenix Lights" were a product of secret man-made technology being shielded from the public.

He works at the Russian-American Institute of Space Science.

"There are no theories, there is only evidence," Bartzen told ABC15. "The government desires people to believe in space aliens so they don't have to reveal the technologies that both we and the Russians have."

Bartzen said he has been involved with the space agencies in both the U.S. and Russia for decades, and that his involvement led him to learn what these vehicles in the sky were, man-made spacecrafts.

"The evidence was never disclosed," he said.

However, now that the space agencies of the world are joining together in space travel, he said that evidence can be released.

Bartzen plans to detail his argument and share his proof on Saturday, July 19th in Sedona. For more information, [click here](#).

The 'Phoenix Lights' of different descriptions were seen on the night of March 13th, 1997.

Some said they saw a triangular formation pass over their homes. Others saw a series of stationary lights in a long line.

The United States Air Force later identified the lights as flares from the Barry Goldwater Range, but many continue to believe differently.

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July 10, 2008

Documentary Explores UFO History

Created by local filmmaker, debuts on History Television Tuesday
By Lisa Rainford

UFOs: The Secret History, the first documentary film of its kind by Swansea area resident David Cherniack, will make its world debut on History Television, Tuesday, as part of the network's week-long ode to the phenomenon, which coincides with the 61st anniversary of the 1947 incident in Roswell that attracted international attention.

Unlike any other UFO documentary, it does not attempt to examine whether or not UFOs are extra-terrestrial. Rather, it begins with the principle that it is precisely the absence of definitive proof that has enabled the phenomenon to become a kind of Rorschach inkblot on which society has projected its hopes and fears over the past six decades, providing insight into the early years of the 21st century.

"I'm very proud of it," said Cherniack, reflecting on his work in an interview with The Villager at his home studio, not far from Ellis Avenue and The Queensway. "It's very unique. No one has done anything remotely like this. No one has had the time and the resources to devote to it."

Although the film was a four-year, technically-gruelling, long and very involved process - Cherniack took on everything, but the music and 3-D graphics himself. The majority was filmed over a four-month stretch. The award-winning filmmaker logged 18,000 miles across North America, stopping in five Canadian provinces and 38 U.S. states in a rented 31-foot RV visiting locations where UFOs were sighted and interviewing experts.

"My favourite part of the process is the shooting. Why? Because I get to know people. I've been in post-production for a year-and-a-half. I get out twice (a week) to go to Thai Chi."

There are very few people who know the history of UFOs and those in the know are delighted about the film because now they have something to show those who don't know, who are only familiar with the mythology, Cherniack said. Who better than he, the self-described boy astronomer, to tell the story, he says in the film.

"I was fascinated that there was a whole universe out there you could only see at night," he said. "When I was 13, I had a UFO sighting. I was home for lunch - I had heard reports of flying saucers seen over Winnipeg."

While other kids hid terrified under their beds, Cherniack eagerly scanned the clear blue sky. Above the playing field he spotted it: a tiny red dot. It seemed really high up, he recalled. Watching it for five to 10 minutes, it didn't move.

"In the Winnipeg sky for something not to move, it gave me pause for thought," said Cherniack, who said the province is nicknamed Windypeg in the summer and Winterpeg in the winter. "It promoted my interest in flying saucers. I studied it for a few years as an adolescent until I discovered girls. I'd come to the conclusion that we were probably being visited, but I wasn't going to know anything further. They weren't saying anything."

It's a subject that Cherniack has dipped in and out of over the years. In the mid-80s, he attended a UFO network convention in Michigan where he met Bud Hopkins, the man who developed the theory behind UFO abduction. Four years ago, he thought about a film he could do for the History network. When he pitched the history of UFOs, the executive producer was keen because he was familiar with Cherniack's work and confident he'd do a great job.

With an undergraduate degree in physics, the veteran documentary filmmaker approached the phenomenon from a scientist's point of view.

"There is no definitive proof (of UFOs)," he said, "but there's a lot of compelling reports, competent observers."

Cherniack figured the film would be at least a two to three year process. To bring himself up to speed, he researched the subject for a year. He was still piecing information together during filming.

"I like to do films that challenge the notion of reality," he said.

Before arriving in Toronto to pursue a career in film, he attended the University of Manitoba, he travelled the world, lived in a cave in Crete, and eventually decided to study film at the renowned Prague Film Academy, arriving there just prior to the 1968 events now known as Prague Spring. Four years later he returned to Canada and became one of the founders of the Winnipeg Film Group, later moving to Toronto, and setting up house in the west end. His career boasts 60 documentaries. After stints on such programs as The Nature of Things and Man Alive, he returned to the topic that had intrigued him since childhood, making two films about UFOs and extra-terrestrials for the CBC.

UFOs: The Secret History premieres on History Television Tuesday, July 15 at 8 p.m.

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Re: Hastings On Larry King July 18th

From: **Robert Hastings** <hastings444.nul>
Date: Thu, 10 Jul 2008 11:45:25 -0600
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 12:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings On Larry King July 18th

Hello,

This is to let you know that I will be appearing on Larry King Live next Friday, July 18th, to discuss my UFO research. Appearing with me will be three former U.S. Air Force officers who were involved in nuclear weapons-related UFO incidents:

Bob Salas, a Minuteman missile launch officer at Malmstrom AFB, was on duty in his underground launch "capsule" one night in March 1967 when a UFO hovered over the site and somehow shut down most (possibly all) of his 10 missiles. An identical incident occurred at another launch facility outside of Malmstrom two weeks earlier.

Bob Jamison, a Minuteman missile targeting officer at Malmstrom, was involved in bringing some of those missiles back online. Jamison and his team were explicitly told during a briefing that UFOs had caused the shutdowns and were ordered, for their safety, to stay on base until all reports of UFO activity had ceased. Only then was the team allowed into the missile field.

Dr. Bob Jacobs, a photographic officer, was filming an Atlas missile test at Vandenberg AFB, in September 1964, when a UFO suddenly appeared near the separated dummy nuclear warhead while it was in flight downrange. Jacobs and another officer, Major Florenze Mansmann, state that the film showed the UFO circling the warhead and shooting beams of light at it. Seconds later, the warhead tumbled out of sub-orbit, well short of its target. The film was reportedly confiscated by two CIA agents who visited Mansmann at VAFB.

Furthermore, my 581-page book, UFOs and Nukes, is finally finished and will be available ONLY at my website, ufohastings.com, beginning July 18th.

I hope you can watch the Larry King show.

Robert

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: **Joachim Koch** <lists.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:38:15 +0200
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 08:26:57 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

<snip>

>The image on the stone appears to be an exact copy of a crop
>formation found in August, 1996, at Chisledon. See, for example,

><http://www.lucypringle.co.uk/photos/1996/uk1996cp.shtml#pic2>

So there are no more questions about the 'Roswell Rock'?

It is a hoax, too.

Best,

Joachim

Project Wandsdyke Path July 25, 2009
In Contact With The Cosmic Matrix
Days of Joy and Harmony in Wiltshire, UK
<http://www.kochkyborg.de>

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: **Greg Taylor** <greg.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 22:31:11 +1000
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 23:57:12 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>Ah yes: the bottom line is:

>"I, Vincent Boudreau, recognize, after careful study, the
>veracity of the Betty and Barney Hill account. I am convinced
>that they were taken aboard an alien vehicle and submitted to
>physical examination.

>>From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map must be what she
>says it was: a star map, with our Sun on it, showing exploration
>routes."

>If you are a man of your word, surely we won't have an argument
>over that.

Not to speak for Martin, but I would say that the second
paragraph doesn't follow from the first. The second paragraph
should read more along the lines of:

"From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map appears to Vincent
Boudreau to be what she says it was: a star map etc."

I believe that this assumption (the star map being genuine, as a
consequence of your own personal conclusions about the Hills'
story) is at the root of the disagreement between Martin and
yourself. Earlier you wrote:

"Betty Hill's drawing being a real star map has never been in
question, it is rather the correspondence of Fish's map to
Betty's that has been discussed"

Again, I think to say that the drawing being a star map "has
never been in question" is incorrect. It has certainly been in
question. Just not for yourself (and a number of others), based
on your own conclusions regarding the data. I believe these
jumps of logic have been stoking the debate somewhat.

Kind regards,

Greg

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 09:15:38 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:59:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: William Treurniet <wtreurniet.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 17:17:27 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>From: Nick Balaskas <Nikolaos.nul>
>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 8 Jul 2008 09:53:29 -0400 (Eastern Daylight Time)
>>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2008 16:11:36 EDT
>>>>Subject: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>>The Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>>>Are aliens working with our governments in order to later
>>>>reveal themselves?

>><snip>

><snip>

>That really shook me up more than anything because the representative
>of the organization let me know in no uncertain terms she was a
>hybrid. I saw the physical proof myself. Recently she is in some
>hot water for this incident so I'll have to see how it plays
>out. Two top UFOlogists are aware of this too.

<snip>

This is a bold statement. What kind of proof did you see?

>My point in my original essay just points to the knuckleheaded
>marriage between aliens and our officials. Why? It seems like
>aliens, all of them have the worst sense of character far worse
>than our own. I guess picking the idiot is a natural phenomenon
>amongst all so called intelligent beings. Either the aliens hang
>out with politicians or they pick up people no one wants to
>listen to. Even when they do abduct and reveal information to a
>person who is sane and expressive they don't give any physical
>proof to assist the person in giving the message. That agains
>says a lot about how inefficient and ineffective they are. The
>whole scenario doesn't wash and puts the poor abductees in a
>worse spot.

I am not sure I can go along with what you have said.

But just for the sake of argument, if one believes in the ETH
or at least concludes that the theory is possible, it does seem
obvious that the ETs would be behind the cover-up and have some
human assistance.

A theory has been put forward by Whitney Streiber and others that the reason secrecy measures are so successful is that the ETs have threatened our extermination in the event of a full disclosure.

I guess that would mean their secret plans would be thwarted??

It is rather apparent that if the ETs wanted disclosure they would just show up and provide clear proof to all.

Of course the ETs could have more benign reasons for secrecy such as our well being.

Regards,

Frank

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Re: Orford Ness Question

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:57:39 +0100
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 21:05:28 +0100
>Subject: Orford Ness Question

>Just a quick question for anyone who knows: What color is the
>light at Orford Ness lighthouse?

Bear in mind that the modern lamp is not the same one that was
in use at the time of the Rendlesham affair (if that is your
interest).

I don't know what the true colour temperature of the old lamp
was, but for an idea of what it might have looked like from
the forest you can see it in this video from 1983:

<http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendleshamlc.htm>

It is here described as "white" by the forester Vince Thurkettle,
but appears with a slightly warmer tinge on the film.

According to Ian Ridpath the new, much weaker (1/10 power) light
is "whiter in colour", implying that the old light was not in
fact a pure white.

But Ian Ridpath gives a link to film of the new light by Adrian
Frearson at

<http://www.chillfactorfilms.com/codename/lighthouse.html>

where it does not appear at all white, but orange.

The question, I suppose, is how well or badly these film images
represent the naked eye colour. Frearson says:

"The [new] lighthouse appears to have an orange glow in these
shots. In fact, I tried to white balance correctly when I
arrived at the site and the lighthouse beam appeared very
falsely red. I returned the camera to one of the preset white
balance settings and as can be seen the ground coverings have a
very blue cast (something I hate to see in shots). As I knew
that it would soon be dark I left the camera at this setting, so
that the lighthouse colour didn't appear too enhanced. I have
made a colour corrected still image below, to return the image
closer to it's natural colour balance."

That "natural" colour balance is quite reddish. Frearson suggests
that this is due to the atmosphere.

If it is true that the output of this new lamp is actually
"whiter in colour" than the old lamp, then the implication seems
to be that the old lamp might have looked somewhat orange to the
naked eye, but varying with the atmospheric conditions.

Martin Shough

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There Is Only One King

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:01:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:01:00 -0400
Subject: There Is Only One King

Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080708/BLOG32/633273126>

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

There Is Only One King
Billy Cox

Roswell, where the skeptic once won a Steve Martin look-alike contest and the only living eyewitness gets cut off for the night after uttering 17 words?

You got it - Larry King Live.

Sigh.

This is a tough one to write about. So much potential. Again. As usual. Even Apollo astronaut Ed Mitchell got roped into this one. Mitchell, the Roswell native. Roped into Larry's disjointed, tortured, attention span-impaired narrative. Trying to tell a national TV audience how he, Mitchell, took concerns raised by Roswell witnesses to the Pentagon, where he met a Vice-Admiral with the intelligence committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Only to informed by the Admiral, weeks later, that the matter was classified and compartmentalized beyond the Admiral's control.

This is the part where you ask: Dr. Mitchell, what's the admiral's name? Only, this is Larry King. Who turns the mic over to Bill 'The Science Guy' Nye, the Cornell-educated, Emmy-winning, standup comic.

Transcripts:

KING: All right, Bill.

NYE (to Mitchell): So, what are you saying? First of all, did you interview these people on their death bed or under oath? Let the viewer - I'm not going to change your mind. So that's for Ed, go for that.

MITCHELL: They sought me out.

KING: They sought him out.

NYE: But they were not on their deathbed. A deathbed declaration is quite a different thing from seeking you out and telling a story. You're not going to convince me.

MITCHELL: I am not interested in arguing with you. I'm telling my story. If you want to shut up and hear it, I'll be glad to talk. Otherwise, no.

Sweet weeping cheeses.

But the guy you really had to feel for was 82-year-old Earl Fulford, who came all the way from his Florida panhandle home of Mayo to participate in last weekend's Roswell UFO Festival.

Fulford was an Army Staff Sergeant dispatched with a debris-recovery team in 1947. He told his story to authors Don Schmitt and Thomas Carey, whose Witness To Roswell book came out last year.

When King asked Fulford what he saw 61 years ago, the veteran replied in the measured cadence one expects from an octogenarian: "It was similar in appearance to aluminum foil, like new aluminum foil which had never been crumpled."

That was all ol' Earl could manage before Larry flitted away to another guest.

"It was pretty bad" Carey told De Void on Tuesday. "I was with him, (witness) Frankie Rowe, and the elderly colonel (Wayne Mattson) in the hangar and it was hot and very humid in there. It must've been 150 degrees.

Halfway through the show, they apparently lost Don on the satellite, we can't see Larry King because there's no monitor, and we're just staring into the camera lens inside an overheated hangar. And listening to this 'Science Guy' confusing Project Mogul with Skyook balloons, basically just throwing excrement against the wall to see what sticks."

De Void's head hurts. De Void needs to go now and get the special medicine out of the cabinet.

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An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:02:00 -0400
Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

I would not level an accusation of debunker against any of those critics of Mr. Vallee. Better, they are, detractors at worst, sound investigators at best.

What happened to a man that could very well have been to ufology what Cousteau was to oceanography? A man that had both his government's attention and that of a growing world-wide audience... at least at one time?

Although I cannot claim any insight to the personal life of Jacques Vallee, it appears, upon close inspection, that he has made the crippling mistake so many professionals in investigative fields make.

Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

JCH

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July 18 Larry King Show Line-Up

From: **Stanton T Friedman** <fsphys.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 12:25:40 -0300
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 16:04:00 -0400
Subject: July 18 Larry King Show Line-Up

Here is the latest scoop (subject to change) on the July 18 Larry King UFO show:

July 18 Tentative Rundown:

SEGMENTS 1 & 2
LA Robert Hastings
LA Bob Salas (USAF ret)
LA Bob Jamison (USAF ret)
TBA, IL Dr. Bob Jacobs (USAF ret)

SEGMENT 3
ADD skeptic Bill Nye from LA

SEGMENTS 4 7
LA - Stanton Friedman
LA - James Fox
LA - Bill Nye

Has anybody seen anything Nye has written about UFOs?

Stan Friedman

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 12:40:28 +0100
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 16:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

<snip>

>If Iran had any technology worth fearing it would be the
>ultimate lie detector. I've mentioned this before. If someone
>came up with a device that could detect lies in an instant that
>device would be banned by every government and advertising
>agency on Earth.

Hi Greg,

By coincidence - here's a review -

Diplomatic Act (SciFi) from Peter Jurasik & William H.Keith, Jr
ISBN 0-671-57823-5 Baen Publishing NY 1999
Concept: Jurasik & Keith posited - "loss of covert fiction by an
advanced interspecies civilization".

Yes! That's believable, for interspecies co-operation and
survival would eventually dictate that the risks of
misunderstanding will be too great to allow the 'luxury' of
covert fiction/impromptu story-telling.

Hey! About that future state of affairs. You're in a
civilization which now needs - and therefore prizes above all -
accuracy and literal truth: to prevent lethal inter-species
misunderstandings. What else must that imply?

No politics! - NO lawyers! - _No_ advertising!

Because all those trades use covert fiction. I.e. they're
professional liars!

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: **Greg Boone** <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 10:47:27 EDT
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 16:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: Stephen Bassett <PRGLists.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 19:45:29 -0400
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>I would humbly suggest the reason there are few good
>skeptics countering the extraterrestrial presence issue
>is the same reason there are few good skeptics countering
>the earth is round issue and the earth is around 4.5 billion
>years old issue.

Well now a UFO skeptic doesn't have that much of a job to do.
All they have to do is appear on TV wearing a crummy tie and bad
haircut and just say these magic words:

There's no physical proof in over 60 years of investigation.

Doesn't get more complicated than that.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: **Gord Heath** <xxxxxxx.ca>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 09:46:22 -0700
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 17:10:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

I don't know about the veracity of the claims of the rocks strange properties, but my first reaction on seeing the rock was "that looks like a nice pipestone carving". Pipestone has the same deep red color and can easily be carved with precision using the simplest tools. I carved a very nice Mayan looking snake from it once. You hardly need lasers, drills or high speed water fed grinders to do this sort of detail in pipestone - a penknife will do quite well.

I noted that the rock was found quite some time after the crop circle appeared. It seems obvious to me that carvers would use such designs for inspiration. It is not at all strange that the design is elevated from the surface of the rock. The original rock has just been whittled away to form the nicely formed stone shape.

On the other hand, if I were an alien, maybe I would create such a trinket with apparent magical powers and plant it near Roswell, to confound and mystify the earthlings just for a laugh to share with my friends.

Note that photographs of the "mystery rock" and its "inspirational crop cirrcle" can both be viewed on a thread in the abovetopsecret forum.

<http://www.abovetopsecret.com/forum/thread370067/pg1>

Looks like someone is playing to the guillible.

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:12:07 -0400
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 17:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>From: John Rimmer <j.rimmer.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 17:34:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>>From: Gildas Bourdais <bourdais.gildas.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 6 Jul 2008 18:13:27 +0200
>>Subject: Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

<snip>

>It's clear to me that the mainstream media are making a point of
>choosing 'skeptics' who are totally unqualified to make any
>serious critical points about ufology. They know that just
>because someone has a PhD or similar after their name it does
>not mean they have any particular insight into the UFO
>phenomenon.

>By constantly putting forward such pseudo-skeptics they are
>deliberately weakening the true skeptical case and allowing the
>more fringe UFO proponents a virtually free ride. And after all
>it's the fringe that makes 'good television', isn't it?

>Yes, Larry King, and other TV shows, need better skeptics, but
>they're not going to bother finding them, because if viewers
>start being convinced by the authoritative skeptical arguments,
>well that rather kills the goose that lays the golden eggs,
>doesn't it?

Most scientists are unfamiliar with the subject and wouldn't be so bold/foolish as to claim expertise in the field. The media will grab anyone, scientist or not, who has some credentials and who is willing to make a public statement whether or not the person is a UFO expert.

Many years ago I was invited to comment on local Washington, DC television, on the report by the FAA of the then-famous and recently-revitalized Japan Airlines case of Nov. 1986 (see my web site for full details). This report was issued after 3 months of 'investigation' by the FAA on 5 March 87, (I think that was the date).

When I arrived at the station and was taken to the green room - not actually green, but standard terminology for a theatrical waiting room - I met the person who was to take the skeptical stance. He was from the Federation of American Scientists, but I do not recall his name. Anyway, he started asking me about the sighting. He clearly knew next to nothing about it. Of mind-boggling importance is the fact that he was not aware of the explanation already publicized by CSICOP quoting Philip J. Klass.

I explained to this man that Klass had suggested that the air crew saw extraterrestrial objects (Mars and Jupiter close together in the sky). Of course, I knew from my detailed analysis of the sighting that the crew had not reported Mars and Jupiter (which were still in the sky long after the UFO had

departed).

So, true to form (Maccabee's First Rule for Debunkers: any explanation is better than none), the FAS man suggested "on air" that the crew had misidentified Mars and Jupiter. Naturally I pounced on that explanation and blew it away.

But the point is that the media picked as the skeptic a person who knew next to nothing about UFOs in general and little about this case in specific because they had to have someone who had some scientific "stature" who was willing to make a public statement and he was available. (Don't know why they didn't pick on Klass. Perhaps he was out of town on that day.)

Who are the 'best' skeptics? My ranking:

PJ Klass ("best" but deceased)

When Phil left us for the big UFO in the sky, the mantle was passed to

Robert Sheaffer and Jim Oberg
Robert comments on most types of reports, Jim seems to concentrate on "space related" case

More recent and farther shown the scale)

Shostak
Shermer
McGaha.

So far as I can determine, there is a large capability gap between Klass and Sheaffer/Oberg) and Shostak/Shermer/McGaha, especially when it comes to discussing individual cases as opposed to making blanket statements.

Klass actually studied individual cases, some of them in great depth.

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Re: Man Claims To Know Source Of 'Phoenix Lights'

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 14:17:47 -0300
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 17:14:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Man Claims To Know Source Of 'Phoenix Lights'

UFO UpDates - Toronto posted:

>Source: KNXV-TV - Phoenix, Arizona, USA

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

>07-10-08

>{Video Report}

>Man Claims To Know Source Of 'Phoenix Lights' UFO Sighting
>Reported by Chris Kline

>An astrophysicist claims to know the true source of a strange
>grouping of lights that appeared in the Arizona night sky 11
>years ago.

>Dr. James R. Bartzen said he has indisputable proof that the so-
>called "Phoenix Lights" were a product of secret man-made
>technology being shielded from the public.

>He works at the Russian-American Institute of Space Science.

<snip>

>The United States Air Force later identified the lights as
>flares from the Barry Goldwater Range, but many continue to
>believe differently.

You can take this guy's credibility with a grain of salt judging
by the last sentence.

Also, Dr. James R. Bartzen claims to be an astrophysicist. He
also claims to work for the Russian-American Institute of Space
Science; but I can't find any evidence of its existence or
Bartzen's for that matter.

Where's his CV and where is the Russian-American Institute of
Space Science for that matter.

Don Ledger

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: **Ed Gehrman** <egehrman.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 10:18:01 -0700
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 18:15:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>If Iran had any technology worth fearing it would be the
>ultimate lie detector. I've mentioned this before. If someone
>came up with a device that could detect lies in an instant that
>device would be banned by every government and advertising
>agency on Earth.

Hi Greg,

I enjoyed your rants on secret government and the aliens. I agree they must have contact of some kind with our shadow government.

But I wanted to add a few thoughts about "lie detection" devices. The polygraph is very accurate but clumsy to operate in the field and requires a trained operator.

Voice stress analysis is also accurate and all that's needed is thirty-five dollar device that can be purchased on the internet.

"Nemesis: The True Story of Aristotle Onassis" by Peter Evens, paints a vivid verbal portrait of the criminal mind you've been discussing.

At one point Onassis discusses his use of a voice stress analyzer and claims that it was the "best investment I ever made".

Ed

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Larry King Tonight

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 18:15:00 -0400
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 18:15:00 -0400
Subject: Larry King Tonight

A reminder that Larry King Live takes another 'Look' at
Stephenville tonight at 9:00 Eastern.

The MUFON report on the case is available at:

virtuallystrange.net/ufo/ufoupdates/stephenvillemufonreport.pdf

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: **Stuart Miller** <stuart.4.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 20:23:08 +0100
Archived: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 18:17:00 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>What happened to a man that could very well have been to ufology
>what Cousteau was to oceanography? A man that had both his
>government's attention and that of a growing world-wide
>audience... at least at one time?

He grew up.

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

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:28:19 -0400
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 08:49:46 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>Although I cannot claim any insight to the personal life of
>Jacques Vallee, it appears, upon close inspection, that he has
>made the crippling mistake so many professionals in
>investigative fields make.

>Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much
>integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security
>oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

>It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our
>Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

Conspiracy types and many ufologists are always nattering on
about how debunkers and others engage in "Character assassination" -
indeed, it's a charge Stan Friedman levels at me in his latest opus,
Flying Saucers and Science, simply because I had the temerity to
point out all the things about Wilbert Smith that Stan would rather
folks not know (along the way, Stan misrepresents both my criticisms
of MJ-12, and Brad Spark's, but that's another story).

However, I have noticed that these same conspiracy theorists and
ufologists, with no real sense of irony, have no problem engaging
in real character assassination, like this craptacular piece of
drek from James Horak, insinuating that Jacques Vallee, simply
because he follows a line of thought different from that espoused
by Mr. Horak, has sold out to what is presumably, in Mr. Horak's
world, the dreaded "them".

This is disgraceful, and frankly I'm surprised it managed to
make it through Errol's usuually sound filtering system.

I'm pretty sure that Dr. Vallee doesn't give a rat's behind
what Mr. Horak thinks about him, and rightly so, but still, it's
this kind of ad hominem attack, and the toleration of it by people
who should know better, that makes ufology look like ufology to
the general public.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Radar Data Supports Stephenville Sightings

From: **Alejandro Rojas** <alejandrotrojas.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 13:38:48 -0600
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 08:52:17 -0400
Subject: Radar Data Supports Stephenville Sightings

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Radar Data Supports Stephenville, Texas UFO Sightings

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) releases its full report on the Stephenville sightings of January 8th, 2008

July 10, 2008 Fort Collins, Colorado

Radar data obtained by MUFON confirms that there were Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) flying above Stephenville, Texas, January 8th, 2008, just as many eyewitnesses had reported and which made headlines worldwide.

MUFON's analysis of the radar data obtained through freedom of information act (FOIA) requests to the National Weather Service and the FAA show that unknown flying objects were on a direct course to President Bush's Crawford ranch and were separate from the known F-16 jets the same radar data confirmed were flying in the area that night. The unknown radar targets, which did not have required identification transponders, exhibited strange flight characteristics beyond that of known civilian or military aircraft.

A press conference to explain MUFON's findings in complete detail will be held on Friday, July 25th, 2008 at 11 am at the Double Tree Hotel in San Jose, California, in conjunction with MUFON's annual Symposium. A full version of MUFON's report and information about the Symposium can be found at:
<http://www.mufon.com/symposia.htm>

MUFON is a nonprofit scientific research organization that has been investigating the UFO mystery for over 39 years and investigates thousands of UFO reports each year.

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:43:27 EDT
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 08:54:53 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 09:15:38 -0400 (EDT)
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

<snip>

>>That really shook me up more than anything because the representative
>>of the organization let me know in no uncertain terms she was a
>>hybrid. I saw the physical proof myself. Recently she is in some
>>hot water for this incident so I'll have to see how it plays
>>out. Two top UFOlogists are aware of this too.

><snip>

>This is a bold statement. What kind of proof did you see?

She took off her hat and I saw her antennae.

Seriously Frank, I saw what I saw and there's no doubt. There's
more info I'm waiting on regarding other things involved in
this.

>>My point in my original essay just points to the knuckleheaded
>>marriage between aliens and our officials. Why? It seems like
>>aliens, all of them have the worst sense of character far worse
>>than our own. I guess picking the idiot is a natural phenomenon
>>amongst all so called intelligent beings. Either the aliens hang
>>out with politicians or they pick up people no one wants to
>>listen to. Even when they do abduct and reveal information to a
>>person who is sane and expressive they don't give any physical
>>proof to assist the person in giving the message. That agains
>>says a lot about how inefficient and ineffective they are. The
>>whole scenario doesn't wash and puts the poor abductees in a
>>worse spot.

>I am not sure I can go along with what you have said.

>But just for the sake of argument, if one believes in the ETH
>or at least concludes that the theory is possible, it does seem
>obvious that the ETs would be behind the cover-up and have some
>human assistance.

Yes, one could theorize what you have. I'd say you're dead on
balls accurate. However, it's not human assistance. That's a
play on words.

>A theory has been put forward by Whitney Streiber and others
>that the reason secrecy measures are so successful is that the
>ETs have threatened our extermination in the event of a full
>disclosure.

Well that says more about our ET visitors. They're scared of the
evening news or some politicians announcing their presence

as if we really care if some politician or newshack makes an announcement. I don't need a politician nor news guy to tell me if the sky is blue. If aliens are worried about that and threaten retaliation because of that they're far more vulnerable than we have suspected.

>I guess that would mean their secret plans would be thwarted??

>It is rather apparent that if the ETs wanted disclosure they >would just show up and provide clear proof to all.

>Of course the ETs could have more benign reasons for secrecy >such as our well being.

Frank, I don't think our well being is any part of the equation. Sorry to the Spielbergers who wait for that melodic music and special effects aliens who love us to show up. Nature doesn't obey the laws of Hollywood. That is probably the most difficult thing for humanity to grasp nowadays.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Radar Study Supports Witnesses In Stephenville

From: Frank Fields <fields.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:58:14 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 10:00:00 -0400
Subject: Radar Study Supports Witnesses In Stephenville

Source: Stephenville Lights.Com

http://www.stephenvillights.com/slnews_article010.html

7-11-2008

Radar Study Supports Witnesses In Stephenville

By Angelia Joiner
Stephenville Lights Reporter

A radar study recently released supports eight witness reports of an unidentified object in Stephenville, Texas, and the surrounding area on January 8, 2008.

Robert Powell, MUFON <<http://www.mufon.com/>> national research director, and Glen Schulze, retired radar analyst, have labored hundreds of hours analyzing 2.8 million bits of Freedom of Information Act requested raw radar data from five FAA towers between the hours of 4 - 8 p.m. surrounding the Dublin/Stephenville, Texas area.

Dozens of Erath County residents reported seeing an object or lights in the sky at separate locations and the story quickly made national and international news.

The study may make even the most hardnosed skeptic scratch his head.

The report is entitled, *Stephenville Lights: A comprehensive radar and witness report*, and can be fully downloaded at:

<http://www.mufon.com/symposia.htm>

And, the slap and tickle to the whole story? The unknown object was on a trajectory towards and 10 miles from President Bush's Crawford Ranch without a required beacon signal and, seemingly, without any military interest.

About two weeks after the first story was publicized in the Stephenville local paper on January 10, Maj. Karl Lewis, spokesman for the Carswell Naval Air Base, said his unit had 10 F-16s in the skies above Erath County after first having said no jets from the base were in the area. Could this be because Lewis knew the information would come out after seeing freedom of information acts filed at his base?

Powell and Schulze tracked those 10 jets without any trouble.

Now, they are scratching their heads wondering how an object without a beacon could apparently fly into Crawford air space without raising military eyebrows.

That is not the only thing that left the two report authors with unanswered questions.

Four jets may have encroached on civilian air space after deviating from the Brownwood military operating area return path on return runs to the Carswell Naval Air Base.

Additionally, two jets traveling to Carswell from an Oklahoma air base made a wide sweep around Comanche, Dublin and Stephenville before landing at the Fort Worth base.

And, what the authors claim could only be an AWACS craft studied the area for the entire four hours in what Powell calls a "race track pattern" sweeping back and forth making 180 degree turns.

<snip>

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: Viktor Golubik <diverge247.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:43:46 EDT
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 10:02:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 17:02:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

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

><snip>

>>"It retains its magnetic polarity by which it will spin a
>>compass needle and register its magnetic field on meters," he
>>said. The oval rock will also spin, depending on the position of
>>a magnet over the image surface, he added.

>We often hear about anomalous compass needle 'spinning'. In this
>instance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns
>to align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, keep
>spinning like an electric motor?

Insightful thought Eleanor. If the needle keeps spinning, it would
imply perpetual motion.

The needle will reach equilibrium and stop at a displacement
based upon the field gradient at that specific location in space
near the field in question. However, if the hand holding the
compass needle is constantly moving near this gradient it will
impart a false sense of a 'perpetual-type' movement. But, it
will rock back and forth instead at a specific equilibrium point
and not spin.

You can, however, conceive of ways to pump the action of a
sensitive needle to keep it rotating. But, again, the hand will
be moving, but more complexly in that instance, with a definite
rhythm.

Best,

Viktor

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Re: July 18 Larry King Show Line-Up

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 16:23:40 EDT
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 10:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: July 18 Larry King Show Line-Up

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 12:25:40 -0300
>Subject: July 18 Larry King Show Line-Up

>Here is the latest scoop (subject to change) on the July
>18 Larry King UFO show:

>-----

>July 18 Tentative Rundown:

>SEGMENTS 1 & 2
>LA Robert Hastings
>LA Bob Salas (USAF ret)
>LA Bob Jamison (USAF ret)
>TBA, IL Dr. Bob Jacobs (USAF ret)

>SEGMENT 3
>ADD skeptic Bill Nye from LA

>SEGMENTS 4 7
>LA - Stanton Friedman
>LA - James Fox
>LA - Bill Nye

>-----

>Has anybody seen anything Nye has written about UFOs?

As much as I admire Larry King being a guy from Brooklyn who made it big, watching his UFO segments is almost as bad as trying to figure out a segment of The View daytime talk show.

Too many cooks, I said cooks, can spoil the broth here because UFOs is far too large a subject for a short period of broadcast time. Considering the interest on a global basis it begs to wonder why the mainstream press doesn't cover it more.

We in the know, know why not.

I think Nye is the same Bill Nye the Science Guy who I believe used to appear on local radio here in Los Angeles kfi 640 on the AM dial. Never knew him to be any sort of spiteful broadcaster, just patient and pleasant which is a contrast to the normal kfi line up except for George Noory.

Anyhow, it will be an interesting program I'm sure and Larry King is to be congratulated for tackling the issue. He got a street named after him out here and us Brooklynites are proud.

Anyhow, today's skeptics only have to state the fact no physical proof of the ETH end of ufology has been presented and then they can get off the camera.

Best,

Greg
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Re: There Is Only One King

From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 16:27:56 -0400
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: Re: There Is Only One King

>Source: The Sarasota Herald Tribune - Florida, USA

><http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20080708/BLOG32/633273126>

>Tuesday, July 8, 2008

>There Is Only One King
>Billy Cox

>Roswell, where the skeptic once won a Steve Martin look-
>alike contest and the only living eyewitness gets cut off for
>the night after uttering 17 words?

>You got it - Larry King Live.

>Sigh.

>This is a tough one to write about. So much potential. Again. As
>usual. Even Apollo astronaut Ed Mitchell got roped into this
>one. Mitchell, the Roswell native. Roped into Larry's
>disjointed, tortured, attention span-impaired narrative. Trying
>to tell a national TV audience how he, Mitchell, took concerns
>raised by Roswell witnesses to the Pentagon, where he met a
>Vice-Admiral with the intelligence committee of the Joint Chiefs
>of Staff. Only to informed by the Admiral, weeks later, that the
>matter was classified and compartmentalized beyond the Admiral's
>control.

>This is the part where you ask: Dr. Mitchell, what's the
>admiral's name? Only, this is Larry King. Who turns the mic over
>to Bill 'The Science Guy' Nye, the Cornell-educated,
>Emmy-winning, standup comic.

>Transcripts:

><snip>

>But the guy you really had to feel for was 82-year-old Earl
>Fulford, who came all the way from his Florida panhandle home of
>Mayo to participate in last weekend's Roswell UFO Festival.

>Fulford was an Army Staff Sergeant dispatched with a debris-
>recovery team in 1947. He told his story to authors Don Schmitt
>and Thomas Carey, whose Witness To Roswell book came out last
>year.

>When King asked Fulford what he saw 61 years ago, the veteran
>replied in the measured cadence one expects from an
>octogenarian: "It was similar in appearance to aluminum foil,
>like new aluminum foil which had never been crumpled."

>That was all ol' Earl could manage before Larry flitted away to
>another guest.

<snip>

This just about sums up the Larry King phenomenon perfectly.
Hopelessly bad interviewer using a ludicrous format that causes
you to grind your teeth in anguish. It may work for celebrities,

Re: There Is Only One King

or for the fundamental purpose of the program: entertainment based on controversy. But not for drawing out meaningful information.

Dick

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 22:51:37 +0100
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 11:07:00 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much
>integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security
>oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

>It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our
>Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

Hello James,

That sounds about right and reminds me of Sagan, who also seemed
to become esytablishment oriented later in life.

He became a 'skeptic' and even criticized the research and
conclusions about panspermia. The panspermia work has since been
proven to be correct.

Cheers

Ray

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From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 23:32:24 +0100
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>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 14:17:47 -0300
>Subject: Re: Man Claims To Know Source Of 'Phoenix Lights'

>You can take this guy's credibility with a grain of salt
>judging
>by the last sentence.

>Also, Dr. James R. Bartzen claims to be an astrophysicist. He
>also claims to work for the Russian-American Institute of Space
>Science; but I can't find any evidence of its existence or
>Bartzen's for that matter.

>Where's his CV and where is the Russian-American Institute of
>Space Science for that matter.

I agree, Don. He's supposedly employed by this Institute, but
the very colourful website of the "Sedona Creative Life Centre"

<http://www.sedonacreativelife.com/pre0990.html>

reveals that he is in fact the "founder" of the Russian-American
Institute of Space Science, which is located in his home town
(?) of Sedona, Arizona. Does it have any other staff, I wonder?

He's selling tickets for his great expose. Looks like
entertainment business to me.

It says he studied at Merton College, but also that he was
educated in "Phoenix and London". So this is not Merton College,
Oxford, but evidently Merton College, London, which is a
further education college in Morden Park that provides overseas
student courses in subjects such as business management,
computing, construction etc., all very worthy but not PhD
astrophysics.

<http://www.merton.ac.uk/content.asp?co=189>

Where did he get is doctorate?

Supposedly he is "one of the world's foremost authorities on
Russian and American space science", but Google produces no
hits for "Dr" Bartzen, his Institute, or anything connected with
either, except for this recent UFO-related film advertising
publicitiy and UFO sites quoting it

For all I know he may have the aerospace experience he claims
(with NASA, Lockheed and others), but don't be surprised if this
turns out to be another crock...

Martin Shough

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UFO Casebook 'Report Of Government UFO Coverup'

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 19:54:56 -0300
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 12:30:00 -0400
Subject: UFO Casebook 'Report Of Government UFO Coverup'

The silliness, below, has been making the rounds.

Billy Booth, who operates UFO Casebook and the UFO Section of About.Com, did not do what he claims at the link below.

Booth lifted and posted my remarks and impressions to UFO UpDates and Joel Carpenter's scan of the map of restricted airspace over the Bush ranch, several months ago, to his site with no attribution to me, Joel or this List. This was not the first time he posted articles of mine or the posts of others to UFO UpDates List without attribution and permission.

Both Errol and I confronted him about plagerizing the Bush material and he pulled it off his site.

It was as simple as that and Errol booted him off this closed-List.

He was not warned off by any government agency, that's nonsense - he took it down because of Errol and myself.

Don Ledger

>UFO CASEBOOK REPORT OF GOVERNMENT UFO COVERUP

><http://www.ufocasebook.com/2008b/mufonstephenvillereport.html>

"This
>amazing report will show that theories of UFOs moving in the
>direction of President Bush's Crawford, TX ranch were
>accurate, a theory that I agreed with, and proposed in an
>article."

He proposed. That's what they call plagerizing in the law courts.

>I posted photographs of the no-fly zone, and proposed
>the possibility of the Air Force's involvement being related
>to UFOs approaching the no-fly zone.

Yeah, right.

>However, under direction from a government agency, I was told
>to remove this page from the Internet. The reason given was
>that the information and theory might cause "public panic, and
>public distrust in our government." For fear that I might lose
>my entire web site, I reluctantly agreed to delete the page
>from my server. It was only available for a few hours.

Yeah, until we were alerted to it by 'The Norm'. As far as I know. Errol does not work for the American government, nor do I.

>Hopefully, this will add a bit more credibility to the belief
>that our government, along with other governments of other
>countries, are keeping information on UFOs from the general
>public.

What nonsense.

It certainly adds nothing to Booth's credibility.

Might be worth checking his site from time to time folks and see if any of your own writing has shown up on there.

Don ledger

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 19:04:44 EDT
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 12:44:03 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 10:18:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 10:47:56 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>If Iran had any technology worth fearing it would be the
>>ultimate lie detector. I've mentioned this before. If someone
>>came up with a device that could detect lies in an instant that
>>device would be banned by every government and advertising
>>agency on Earth.

>I enjoyed your rants on secret government and the aliens. I
>agree they must have contact of some kind with our shadow
>government.

>But I wanted to add a few thoughts about "lie detection"
>devices. The polygraph is very accurate but clumsy to operate in
>the field and requires a trained operator.

>Voice stress analysis is also accurate and all that's needed is
>thirty-five dollar device that can be purchased on the internet.

>"Nemesis: The True Story of Aristotle Onassis" by Peter Evens,
>paints a vivid verbal portrait of the criminal mind you've been
>discussing.

>At one point Onassis discusses his use of a voice stress
>analyzer and claims that it was the "best investment I ever
>made".

Hi Ed,

I wouldn't call my writings a rant. Just observation and
commentary.

Anyhow, lie detectors and voice stress analysis are somewhat
useful tools but all they really do is detect if someone is
holding back some information. Whether that information is a lie
or not is a matter of interpretation. We all hold back data.
Some of it is conscious, some of it not.

One day we'll have some new device that beats everything but
hopefully the smart guy or gal who comes up with it won't do
something stupid like try to get a government patent on it or
they'll end up floating in a river somewhere. They'll just make
it or publish the plans on the internet and then it'll really be
Katie bar the door.

Ed, my main point to my commentary is that we often give too
much credit to the wrong sources and too little to the right
ones.

Often our imagination can be our worse enemy.

Best ,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 01:21:40 +0100
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 12:45:13 -0400
Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 10:18:01 -0700
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>But I wanted to add a few thoughts about "lie detection"
>devices. The polygraph is very accurate but clumsy to operate in
>the field and requires a trained operator.

Ed, a polygraph is useless if the subject has been trained, and even a pebble or a tack in your shoe can fool it.

>Voice stress analysis is also accurate and all that's needed is
>thirty-five dollar device that can be purchased on the internet.

And training (and confidence) can deceive voice stress analyzers.

What seems to work fairly well is the old trick of watching the eyes - really closely. Which is why we don't get close-ups of politicians when they're lying to us.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Another Lantern Confession

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 21:54:52 -0300
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 13:50:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>From: Franck Boitte <franckboitte.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 18:44:29 +0200
>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

>>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Mon, 07 Jul 2008 14:27:45 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Another Lantern Confession

<snip>

>>The things should be illegal.

>Beginning in May, there was a mass launching of balloons over
>the Ile d'Yeu, a "happy few sanctuary" seated along the French
>atlantic West Coast. It gave rise to a rash of so-called
>"mysterious" ufo-sightings.

>GEIPAN, the official French structure had to send its aging
>Operative Director to investigate and the man - a privy pilot
>owning his own plane - who was responsible for the humbug, flatly
>confessed his "little joke had been elaborated in celebration of
>his wife's birthday at a private barbecue party among friends
>just for the fun of it".

>According to my conservative estimation, the costs of the trip
>to go and return by car and boat from Toulouse where GEIPAN is
>located should amount at least to \$800 US (bed and breakfast not
>included). I would therefore find it perfectly democratically
>appropriate if the French government sued such irresponsible
>"high society hooligans" to at least cover the costs that kind
>of investigation incurred.

>At this time, the French government is confronted with dire
>difficulties to correctly face the costs of its medicare,
>educational, aging people and justice institutions.

Hi Frank,

All the more reason to make them illegal. But someday someone is
going to be taking off or landing when one of these things flies
in front of them and they swerve to avoid, possibly compromising
the climbout or the descent; that's what worries me.

Don Ledger

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 22:39:35 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 13:53:00 -0400
Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Greg Taylor <greg.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 22:31:11 +1000
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 08 Jul 2008 23:57:12 -0400 (EDT)
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>Ah yes: the bottom line is:

>>"I, Vincent Boudreau, recognize, after careful study, the
>>veracity of the Betty and Barney Hill account. I am convinced
>>that they were taken aboard an alien vehicle and submitted to
>>physical examination.

>>>From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map must be what! she
>>says it was: a star map, with our Sun on it, showing exploration
>>routes."

>>If you are a man of your word, surely we won't have an argument
>>over that.

>Not to speak for Martin, but I would say that the second
>paragraph doesn't follow from the first. The second paragraph
>should read more along the lines of:

>"From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map appears to Vincent
>Boudreau to be what she says it was: a star map etc."

>I believe that this assumption (the star map being genuine, as a
>consequence of your own personal conclusions about the Hills'
>story) is at the root of the disagreement between Martin and
>yourself. Earlier you wrote:

>"Betty Hill's drawing being a real star map has never been in
>question, it is rather the correspondence of Fish's map to
>Betty's that has been discussed"

>Again, I think to say that the drawing being a star map "has
>never been in question" is incorrect. It has certainly been in
>question. Just not for yourself (and a number of others), based
>on your own conclusions regarding the data. I believe these
>jumps of logic have been stoking the debate somewhat.

Webster defines a postulate as:

"to assume or claim as true, existent, or necessary : depend upon
or start from the postulate".

Martin expressed the following:

>a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the
>map matching exercise without prejudice to the Hill case itself

So, it must be assumed from Martin's own words that he takes the
Hill case as face value.

This is a postulate.

When one postulates the veracity of the Hill case, one necessarily accepts Betty Hill's report of a conversation between her and an Alien aboard a space ship about a star map they were both looking at.

As I have already stated:

"From this postulate, the Betty Hill star map must be what she says it was: a star map, with our Sun on it, showing exploration routes."

This is simple logic.

I am not postulating that the Betty Hill map is a star map. I am simply making Martin's postulate my own and drawing an inescapable conclusion.

If one contests Betty's testimony [about the star map] one puts into question all the Hill case.

This is also simple logic.

You and Martin are the ones having a problem with this simple logic.

I don't.

Of course you - nothing personal - can say that I can't be right about the Hill case. My perception of the Hill case comes from my study of the case this is entirely a personal thing. And we can debate this.

But remember that Martin has the same point of view about the Hill case: he does not dispute it:

>a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the >map matching exerc! ise without prejudice to the Hill case itself

And, by inference, accepts Betty Hill's star map as it is.

But he disputes the work Majorie Fish and calls this "the map matching exercise".

His dispute of Majorie's work is arguably disputable. And he evidently does not like to be disputed.

But the real issue here - aside from bad manners - is Martin's contradictory stance when he says about me:

>So irritated is he by the fact that I won't reason from his own >assumption ("that the Hill drawing is a real star map has never >been in question")

As I have said since the beginning, the work of Majorie Fish is only used by debunkers to taint the Hill star map and thus the Hill case.

And Martin can make all the pious declarations he wants and vouch for truth, but I seriously doubt his honesty in this matter and I believe he simply does not have the balls to say that the Hill case is BS.

Martin has not answered this post and I can understand his position: somehow, he has painted himself in a corner and cannot answer a question that only wants to clearly establish if he is a man of his word.

As the Brits say: "The proof is in the pudding".

Vincent Boudreau

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 01:30:25 -0400
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 13:54:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

>From: Terry Groff <terry.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 12:34:46 -0500
>Subject: Re: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 00:40:17 -0400
>>Subject: Cherry Joiner & Shostak On Larry King 7-11-08

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>>Oddly there are points where Cherry and I may be agreeing with
>>Shostak, particularly about the Caron Video and the Mike
>>Zimmerman sighting of January 31 during the Stephenville flap.

>>Caron, as you may know, videotaped an object for 15 minutes with
>>his camera set on night mode. The result was a series of
>>"hieroglyphic" images. We contend he was actually videotaping
>>the star Arcturus.

>My version of the Caron video, obtained with the same type of
>camera, is at:

><http://www.brumac.8k.com/AtmosphereEffect/AtmosphereEffect.html>

>This web site has analysis as well as pictorial evidence.

>Nice analysis.

>Mars was prominent in the sky at the time of Caron's video. The
>problem though is that the Moon was only 2 degrees away from
>Mars. Unless the FOV of Caron's camera was less than that he
>would have also captured the Moon.

>I am going to recant my theory that he videotaped the star
>Arcturus. Arcturus was 20 degrees below the horizon at the time.
>However there are plenty more candidates. Sirius, Betelgeuse,
>Rigel, Procyon and Capella, all magnitude 1.0 or less, were in
>the same view at the time.

>My best guess is he videotaped Sirius. It seems to me it would
>have caught his eye more readily than the other stars.

Don't know if Sirius would have been in the direction he was
looking. However, it is interest to note that the 'UFO Hunters'
videotaped Sirius with Caron's camera during their
investigation.

Their video did show pulsations of brightness but little color
change. Sirius was 45-60 degrees above the horizon at the time.
Whatever Caron videotaped was lower than that.

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>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:28:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>the general public.

My "opinion", Mr. Kimball, was hardly an attack while your misrepresentation of it as being one is certainly one on me. I notice you took no similar issue with a thread that is almost wholly devoted to suggesting much worse of Vallee.

Such selectivity is frankly very odd. Especially in light of the reality that any of us can be placed in the situation I suppose might be the case for Vallee... if we're not very careful.

JCH

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Paul,

Do you think that the ideas of Jacques Vallee, and perhaps
yours, have a better chance to look serious?

Like the mysterious control force, and the multiverses -
infinite number of parallel universes?

I don't.

In France, the basic idea of ET visitors still sounds far out to
many big medias. But the mood is changing little by little.
We still have a long way to go, but I don't think Vallee helps us
at all.

On the other hand, conspiracy theories don't help either.

Gildas Bourdais

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>>Space Science for that matter.

>I agree, Don. He's supposedly employed by this Institute, but
>the very colourful website of the "Sedona Creative Life Centre"

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>reveals that he is in fact the "founder" of the Russian-American
>Institute of Space Science, which is located in his home town
>(?) of Sedona, Arizona. Does it have any other staff, I wonder?

I see. So sets up a name only company then he can claim he works
there and is privy to their "secret" information.

>He's selling tickets for his great expose. Looks like
>entertainment business to me.

>It says he studied at Merton College, but also that he was
>educated in "Phoenix and London". So this is not Merton College,
>Oxford, but evidently Merton College, London, which is a
>further education college in Morden Park that provides overseas
>student courses in subjects such as business management,
>computing, construction etc., all very worthy but not PhD
>astrophysics.

><http://www.merton.ac.uk/content.asp?co=189>

>Where did he get is doctorate?

>Supposedly he is "one of the world's foremost authorities on
>Russian and American space science", but Google produces no
>hits for "Dr" Bartzen, his Institute, or anything connected with
>either, except for this recent UFO-related film advertising
>publicitiy and UFO sites quoting it

I Googled and Yahoo'd him myself with the same results, but I
missed the reference to "Sedona Creative Life Centre". But I'm on
dial-up and it takes forever for connections and downloads.

>For all I know he may have the aerospace experience he claims

>(with NASA, Lockheed and others), but don't be surprised if this
>turns out to be another crock...

Could be. I e-mailed Richard Haines about him. He might have
heard of the guy. I've put out some queries to others who might
have ways to check his credentials.

Don Ledger

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From: **Bruce Maccabee** <brumac.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 01:30:39 -0400
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 16:00:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 09 Jul 2008 17:02:51 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>Source: The Roswell Daily Record - New Mexico, USA

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

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>>"It retains its magnetic polarity by which it will spin a
>>compass needle and register its magnetic field on meters," he
>>said. The oval rock will also spin, depending on the position of
>>a magnet over the image surface, he added.

>We often hear about anomalous compass needle 'spinning'. In this
i>nstance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns
t>o align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, _keep_
>spinning like an electric motor?

This is a good question. If I recall correctly the special
"spots" on the trunk of the car driven by Betty and Barney Hill
caused a compass to spin like a motor.

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Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

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Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 14:00:09 -0300
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 16:02:00 -0400
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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 01:21:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

>>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 10:18:01 -0700
>>Subject: Re: Super Secret Alien Government Conspiracy

<snip>

>>Voice stress analysis is also accurate and all that's needed is
>>thirty-five dollar device that can be purchased on the internet.

>And training (and confidence) can deceive voice stress analyzers.

>What seems to work fairly well is the old trick of watching the
>eyes - really closely. Which is why we don't get close-ups of
>politicos when they're lying to us.

Yeah, this is called field investigation as opposed to armchair
research. You don't see much of that anymore.

Don Ledger

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Chris Burns <Thurstonoreggae.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 15:00:46 EDT
Archived: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 16:04:00 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:28:19 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>I'm pretty sure that Dr. Vallee doesn't give a rat's behind
>what Mr. Horak thinks about him, and rightly so, but still, it's
>this kind of ad hominem attack, and the toleration of it by people
>who should know better, that makes ufology look like ufology to
>the general public.

Mr. Kimball, List,

Dr. Vallee definitely doesn't give a rat's patootie about what anyone thinks of him. I am a fan of Dr. Vallee's although after all these years of reading his literature I'm still not sure I agree with all his ideas.

But, I have noticed that among the few researchers I have communicated with who have spent a significant amount of time chasing the actual phenomena - as opposed to just following-up on reports - all have a deep respect for Vallee due to his thinking outside the box. And that to me speaks volumes.

Chris Burns

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 17:05:39 +0200
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>Do you think that the ideas of Jacques Vallee, and perhaps
>yours, have a better chance to look serious?

>Like the mysterious control force, and the multiverses -
>infinite number of parallel universes?

Gildas,

First, Dr. Vallee's ideas are not necessarily ones I agree with. Indeed, I have said repeatedly that (a) the UFO phenomenon is an objective reality, worthy of scientific study, (b) we have no idea what it is, nor can anyone prove to any standard that would be acceptable by science, or even in a court of law, what UFOs are (and here, because of the nature of the claims made about UFOs, I refer to the "beyond a reasonable doubt" standard of proof as being the only one that would be appropriate when asserting as a proven fact that some UFOs are _____, i.e. fill in the blank with any theory), and (c) of all the various paranormal, i.e. beyond our current abilities, theories on offer, I personally find the ETH to be the most likely, although I do not consider it anywhere near a proven fact, and I remain open-minded about other possibilities.

What I object to is the ETFact folks, who have put their evidential cart before the horse. But what I really object to are people like Mr. Horak, whose meaning in his most recent post with respect to Dr. Vallee was crystal clear, and has no place in a serious discussion about the nature of the UFO phenomenon.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 15:49:30 -0400
Archived: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 05:31:17 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 06:09:16 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>My "opinion", Mr. Kimball, was hardly an attack while your
>misrepresentation of it as being one is certainly one on me. I
>notice you took no similar issue with a thread that is almost
>wholly devoted to suggesting much worse of Vallee.

Every time you claim that you weren't basically saying that
Vallee had sold out to "them", I'm just going to re-paste what
you wrote, so nobody forgets:

>Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much
>integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security
>oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

>It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our
>Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

I think anyone with an ounce of common sense who reads that
passage knows exactly what you were saying with your "opinion".

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>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:43:46 EDT
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>>instance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns
>>to align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, _keep_
>>spinning like an electric motor?

>Insightful thought Eleanor. If the needle keeps spinning, it would
>imply perpetual motion.

Or a spinning magnetic field, as happens in AC motors.

I was just curious, as there are many descriptions of events
involving UFOs or other strange phenomena where it is
reported the compass needle "spins."

A true spinning magnetic field would be quite an anomaly.

Eleanor White

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UFO Hunters Investigate Sightings

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LARRY KING, HOST: Tonight, UFOs over Texas -- where were they heading? Radar shows something was headed very fast in the direction of Crawford.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We looked up and there it was.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Could it have been an alien aircraft or a super secret military mission?

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Good evening.

What the heck has been going on in the skies over Stephenville, Texas?

It's a small town not too far from President Bush's Crawford ranch. And earlier this year, Stephenville became ground zero for the biggest mass UFO sighting since the 1997 lights over Phoenix phenomenon.

Let's meet our panel.

A guest in Stephenville is Constable Lee Roy Gaitan. He's the long time Texas lawman who was one of the witnesses to the mysterious lights in the sky on January 8th. He had other strange occurrences, as well.

Also in Stephenville is Angela Joiner -- Angelia, rather -- Joiner. She's a former staff writer for "The Stephenville Empire-Tribune". She has done extensive coverage of the

Stephenville UFO sighting claims.

In Stephenville, as well, is James Fox, documentary filmmaker, UFO researcher, executive researcher of "Out of the Blue," finishing up a new film. The working title is "Beyond the Blue."

And here in Los Angeles, Dr. Seth Shostak. He is senior astronomer at the SETI Institute. That stands for the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence. He's host of a weekly radio program called "Are We Alone??"

All right, Constable Gaitan, what did you see?

CONSTABLE LEE ROY GAITAN, SAYS HE SAW UFOS IN SKY OVER STEPHENVILLE: Actually, January the 8th, about 7:15, 7:30, about two- and-a-half miles south of Dublin, which is south of Stephenville, I walked outside to my car. It was already dark as I'm walking out to the car, as I'm returning back into the house, off to the southwest sky I see a red orb.

The red orb was round, very large, I'd say probably 500 yards away. I saw it just for a split second. It caught my attention. And right when I focused, as I focused, it disappeared. To my surprise, it reappeared seconds later. Again, I just saw it for just a couple of seconds and it vanished.

I knew it wasn't normal. I ran inside. My wife was inside. And I asked my wife to come outside. I explained to her what I saw. She said oh, you probably saw an airplane or something else and didn't think much of it. I went outside. My little 8-year-old boy, Ryan, went outside with me.

I looked in the direction of the southwest sky. I no longer could see these red orbs. Instead, I saw nine to 10 flashing lights up a little further west, I'd say probably 3,000 feet up in the air. These lights were bouncing around, not staying still. They were very bright.

KING: What did you think you saw, Constable?

GAITAN: Well, you know...

KING: What do you think you saw?

GAITAN: I don't know, sir. I went to the car and got my binoculars. I tried focusing in on the lights. I didn't see any type of outline, any figure. After a short period of time, the lights stopped bouncing around and continued flashing strobes and very bright. And I'd say probably two minutes passed. And in a sequence, these lights shot off to the southeast sky at a blazing speed. They were out of sight within two or three seconds.

I don't know what I saw. I do know that shortly after seeing these lights disappear, I did see two jets fly over, traveling in the path of these lights. I don't know if it was part of an experiment, military or what. But I clearly saw and heard the jets. I didn't hear any sound when I saw the lights.

KING: Angelia...

GAITAN: I don't know what...

KING: Angelia...

GAITAN: I don't know what to...

KING: Hold it, Constable.

Angelia, you've been covering this for a while.

What do you think?

ANGELIA JOINER, FORMER STAFF WRITER, "THE STEPHENVILLE EMPIRE-TRIBUNE": I think this radar information that's coming out is very thought provoking. In the beginning, I really thought we were probably experiencing something that was military experimental. Lately, I've maybe started to go the other direction, that, perhaps, we are being visited from another place.

KING: James Fox, what do you think?

JAMES FOX, EXECUTIVE PRODUCER, "OUT OF THE BLUE," UFO DOCUMENTARY: Well, this is my third time back to Stephenville now. And what piques my interest is the some other of the testimonies. Steve Allen (ph) was a pilot, another gentleman you're going to hear come on shortly, who actually stood under this craft as the performance -- the lack of air disturbance, the -- no noise and the ability to accelerate from zero to out of sight in the blink of an eye. That definitely piqued my interest.

And there's a gentleman who's going to come on and tell us all about that in a minute.

KING: I know.

FOX: But that's...

KING: (INAUDIBLE)

FOX: (INAUDIBLE) back now.

KING: All right.

Doctor, what do you make of it?

DR. SETH SHOSTAK, SENIOR ASTRONOMER, SETI INSTITUTE: Yes. Well, look, you have an incident here. We have lots of witnesses. There's no doubt something that happened. That really isn't the issue. It isn't that anybody's lying, making things up, hoax, anything like that.

The question is, of course, what they've seen.

Is this evidence so compelling that it tells us, you know, this wasn't some sort of military operation, this wasn't just aircraft from the Brownwood military operations area in Fort Worth, but that this was, you know, visitors from another world.

And I haven't heard the compelling evidence that this is extraterrestrial. KING: But the constable says he's never seen anything like it.

SHOSTAK: Well...

KING: And he knows what a plane looks like.

SHOSTAK: Right. Well, you know, I'm sure the constable is quite honest in that. But the thing is that you see things all the time, you don't know what they are. I was driving into Los Angeles once. I saw something on the horizon. It turned out to be the Goodyear blimp. But from five miles away, it wasn't clear what it was. It was something I had never seen before. That by itself, of course, doesn't prove this.

KING: So your general theory is what?

SHOSTAK: My theory is well, I look for aliens for a living, of course. I'm with the SETI Institute. And we think they're out there, of course, that that seems like a probable thing. But I don't think they're here. It's not that that's impossible, but I think that if they were here, we'd know it.

KING: Constable, do you think they're here?

GAITAN: I'm -- generally, I believe the way which Miss. Joiner did. I've never been one to believe there is something else out there. But since this has occurred, I've changed my opinion. I've never seen anything travel so fast. And if, indeed, we do have -- if we do have something like this in our military, why aren't we using it?

That's my question. And again, the military denied the fact that we saw something originally that night.

KING: Yes.

GAITAN: Sixteen days later they come back and make a statement hey, we did have aircraft in the area that night. You know, I have all the respect in the world for our military, but why did

they wait 16 days to come forward?

KING: OK.

Thank you, Constable.

FOX: Is there any chance I can ask...

KING: Hold it.

Hold on, James.

FOX: OK.

KING: Angelia will remain with us, James, so will Dr. Shostak. And other guests will be introduced.

Is the U.S. military harassing people who claim to have seen UFOs? Our next guest says yes and that's next.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

RICKY SORRELLS, CLAIMS HARASSMENT SINCE REPORTING UFO SIGHTING: So I had my gun and I'm in my camouflage. And I'm coming down to the woods. And I'm thinking if I make it into the woods, at the very back, I won't have enough sunlight to come back with. And I'm still looking in the trees. And I'm hunting. And this is where it's all going to start.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: That was Ricky Sorrells on his property near Dublin, Texas.

He took our LARRY KING LIVE crew to the very spot where he says he witnessed something very, very unusual.

Watch.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

SORRELLS: Right up here is some briars. And I got tangled up in these briars. And I made a whole lot of noise. So I really slowed down. And when I got tangled up in the briars, my head was down and I stopped. And when I did, my head went up and I was in the process of taking another step. Then I looked up and there it was.

And the thing was huge. It was so big that I couldn't see the edges through the canopy of the trees. I couldn't see past it. I started looking at it, all the details. There wasn't no bolts, no rivets, no welded seams. It was smooth. It was like a barn gray, (INAUDIBLE) a sandy gray.

It had cones protruding, going up into it, bigger at the bottom going up to smaller at the top. It -- actually, it takes off like this. In my mind, I would have thought it would have raised up to take off for some reason, but it didn't. It remained flat and it took off at a 45-degree angle. And that was it.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Angelia, James and Seth Shostak remain with us.

And we're joined now by Ricky Sorrells.

All right, Ricky, what do you make of this?

Why, by the way, did you keep quiet about it at first?

SORRELLS: Well, I had the military coming down on me. And, you know, it was an awful lot to take in at one time -- a whole lot of issues surrounding it. It was a pretty big ordeal for me.

KING: What do you think it was, Ricky?

SORRELLS: You know, I don't know. I can say this, if it was our military, we can sleep good at night. But if it's not our military, we're in trouble. It was pretty huge, pretty big.

KING: The military came down on you in what way?

SORRELLS: Well, I believe it was the military. I had helicopters coming over my place here in a grid pattern. You know, I had a guy show up at 1:00 in the morning. I looked at him through the door. And I had a lieutenant colonel -- who I believe it was, this is what he told me on the phone -- call me and, you know, he wanted to come interview me. And we had a heated discussion when I told him no. And I asked him if he would quit flying his helicopters over my air space.

That's when he informed me it wasn't my air space, it was his. But we went ahead and, you know, he -- he told me that if, you know, I would sort of kind of quiet down that he would not fly his helicopters over. And, you know, I've remained pretty quiet up until now. And the helicopters have quit flying over us so.

KING: Where did it go, Ricky?

Where did this thing go?

SORRELLS: In which direction?

KING: No. Did you watch it leave?

SORRELLS: Oh, yes, sir. You know, I was in there and I was watching it. This thing, it was above me about 300 foot. You know, the funny thing about it was it was flat. And I would have expected it to take off at an angle like this, but it didn't. And I was actually watching underneath. And when it took off, it took off so fast, if I would have blinked, I would have thought it would have vanished. But I had my eyes on it and I know it took off flat at a 45-degree angle.

KING: Angelia, assuming that Ricky is not nuts, what do you make of this?

JOINER: Well, I feel that perhaps Ricky might have been singled out simply because he was the one that had a daytime sighting. He had more detail as far as things like color, cone-shaped indentions underneath it. Maybe he had more detail than anyone else. And I wondered if that might be why he was singled out.

KING: Well, what do you think it was, Angelia?

What do you think it was?

JOINER: Well, I'm concerned. I don't know what it was.

If it was military, I don't know why that -- why it would be here when there's other places that are unpopulated that they could be flying over to test it. KING: Yes.

James, what do you think it was?

FOX: It reminds me of what Governor Fife Symington and all of his constituents saw. And the fact -- the size of it, the enormity and the fact that it didn't disturb the air, didn't make any noise and the color -- the flat black color they all described seeing. And then taking off, literally people saying, you know, here's so many different ways of trying to describe the acceleration. And they say, you know, if I would have blinked, I would have missed it. It was just an unbelievable rate of acceleration without making any sonic boom, without any noise. And large enough to land, you know, an airplane on it.

So I don't know. It doesn't sound like anything we have. I don't know.

KING: How do you refute this one, Seth?

SHOSTAK: Well, this is a tough one because the guy is -- you know, he sounds like a credible witness.

KING: Yes, he does.

SHOSTAK: Yes. But, of course, it could be military. And there's this assumption that if the military keeps secrets, that it's -- that there is a conspiracy, that it's, you know, keeping quiet UFOs.

KING: But we don't have anything that can take off like that?

SHOSTAK: Well, you...

KING: A helicopter, yes.

SHOSTAK: Yes, you do have things that can take off like that.

I mean, you know, if it were an alien craft, we have 800 satellites up there that are, you know, mapping the Earth all the time. You can go to Google Earth and find your automobile parked in front of your house, right?

How come it can't find these big spacecraft?

Why is that?

Why is it that we think that the military would keep this quiet?

And if -- even if you think that that's true, if you're sort of like a paranoid mindset to think that's true, do you think that every military is keeping it quiet, you know, the Belgians, the Botswanans and, you know?

KING: Yes.

More ahead. We thank Ricky. We thank James Fox.

Angelia remains. So will Seth. More guests coming.

Radar data shows that something strange was in the skies over Texas in January. Expert analysis and maybe some answers ahead.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: It was an unidentified flying object...

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Hovering over Stephenville. It was a half mile wide and about a mile long.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It was very intense, bright light.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: They were dancing around and they were flickering.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: It was so fast when it took off.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: We're not all a bunch of idiots, you know. There are so many people that saw it.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: We're back.

Angelia Joiner remains with us. She's in Stephenville.

And here in Los Angeles, Dr. Seth Shostak.

Joining us from Denver, Colorado is Glen Schulze, former U.S. Army radar systems specialist. He used The Freedom of Information Act, by the way, to get the radar data relating to the skies over Stephenville and what might have been sighted.

And in Austin is Robert Powell, director of research for the Mutual UFO Network. He also obtained radar data relating to the Stephenville UFO sightings. MUFON, by the way, his organization, is sponsoring the 39th annual International UFO Symposium later this month in San Jose.

All right, Glen Schulze, what do we know?

GLEN SCHULZE, FORMER ARMY RADAR SYSTEM SPECIALIST, ANALYZED STEPHENVILLE DATA: Larry, what we know is that we've got an excellent set of data from the FAA/Fort Worth air route traffic control centers. And we're very thankful to Mark, Connie and Greg down there for doing a very, very good job -- Gary, I think it is.

KING: And the data tells us?

SCHULZE: Well, the first thing we found -- the question is what did we find when we looked at this data?

The first thing we found was we had 25 million words, two-and-a-half million lines, 10 words per line. We had the King James version of the Stephenville radar book. I want to repeat that. We had the King James version of the Stephenville radar book. And I am not saying that facetiously our in jest.

We had, in my estimation, after I looked at the quality of this data, which I spent the first two weeks doing, we had an unabridged, unedited, un-adulterated set of excellent data not touched by human hands but the result of...

KING: And what -- all right, Glen, what do we know?

SCHULZE: Well, in a brief time we have, Larry, all I can do is refer you to -- what I hope we can do is show you chart one, because that tells you volumes just with one chart, more than I could do in 10,000 words.

Can you put Chart One up there?

KING: All right, do we have the chart?

I see -- do we have it?

OK. OK. There it is.

SCHULZE: OK.

Do you see the complexity of that plot? Do you see the number of specks on that plot?

Each one of those specks is a radar return. You're looking at probably...

KING: And?

SCHULZE: You're looking at probably 100,000 radar returns. And these are skin paint returns. These are not returns from beacons. These are unknown objects in the air that are returning a skin paint target to an antenna in Texas. Furthermore, you're looking at the...

KING: Wow!

SCHULZE: You're looking at two-and-a-half hours worth of time there. So you're seeing a global view of what we found in this data from one antenna. And we had data from five antennas. So we were able to check book, chapter and verse here against each other.

KING: What does it tell you, Robert Powell?

ROBERT POWELL, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, MUTUAL UFO NETWORK:

By that question, Larry, do you mean what -- what does it tell me in terms of just the raw amount of data?

KING: Do you think it reaffirms your feeling about UFOs?

POWELL: Well, the data itself doesn't. But once we interpret the data and analyze it, it reaffirms that a lot of what the witnesses saw is confirmed by this data.

KING: OK.

Could, though, could others look at the data and refute that?

POWELL: Well, I would say that Glen and I have put in several hundred hours. So it would take someone a long time to try to refute that. And I don't believe that they would be able to.

KING: Dr. Shostak, what's your read on the read?

SHOSTAK: Well, listen, there's a lot of data. It's a great -- it's a great job. They finally looked at something very carefully.

But the facts are, there are known to have been aircraft in the area. So, of course, you're going to get radar reflections from aircraft.

You know, the question that you have to ask Glen is what in that radar evidence convinces him that this is non-terrestrial craft?

What's in those radar reflections that tells you this isn't aircraft from Earth?

SCHULZE: Hundreds of primary skin paint returns which don't fit to any known pattern that we can assign it to.

SHOSTAK: So, are you absolutely convinced?

SCHULZE: Well, I'm convinced that there were objects in the air that night that were not traveling with beacons on, that the military is not claiming, the FAA is not explaining what they are and they certainly fit the scenario of what the witnesses saw. I don't see how you can (INAUDIBLE)...

SHOSTAK: (INAUDIBLE) secret but it's not -- but why do you think it's extraterrestrial, is really what I'm asking?

SCHULZE: I didn't say it was extraterrestrial. You're putting words in my mouth. I'm just telling you what the radar found. And the radar found hundreds of thousands of skin paint returns and a cluster of them right near Stephenville are headed off toward Crawford. I don't see how you can deny that.

KING: I've got it.

Do you think it was extraterrestrial?

SCHULZE: Are you asking me, Larry?

KING: Yes.

SCHULZE: I...

KING: What do you think?

SCHULZE: I don't want to speculate yet because we're still in the middle of this. This is the first day that this data has been released. Robert and I have been working on it for four months. And I don't want to speculate yet, but I'll say this. There's something there that needs to be -- questions need to be answered by the Air Force and the FAA as to what was in the sky that night that was traveling without a beacon.

KING: Angelia, what do you think?

JOINER: I was most impressed with the radar actually fitting to eight of the witnesses in separate locations. You know, in Phoenix, you had hundreds of people that saw something, so that made it maybe easier for somebody to come out and say, well, it was flares.

But in this case, you have eight people that are in separate locations at different times that this unknown object matches up to their report.

So I don't think we're going to come up with one blanket reason or thing as to what they saw. That part was most impressive to me.

KING: Robert, does -- do you think this more confirms your feelings?

POWELL: Yes. What Angelia just told you confirms my feelings. At 6:10 p.m. we had an object show up with a witness to the east. Five minutes later, we have a witness to the south. We have a witness 30 miles to the west who sees the same object. And then we have another witness to the southwest.

At the same time, on radar, we pick up two data points of an object 20 seconds apart, which is -- if those two data points are linked, is moving at 1,900 miles per hour. And that object is in the same -- moving in the same direction and in the same location that our witnesses say they saw this object.

KING: We'll take a break and be right back with this group.

Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Glen Schulze, do you think there was a lot of interest in this because Stephenville is not far from Crawford, and Crawford is where the president has a home?

SCHULZE: It certainly is suspicious, Larry. I think we have to go a little easier on Seth, maybe easier than I was before, because Seth hasn't seen this radar data before. I don't know how much radar data he's looked at. I've looked at over three million radar returns. Until Seth is given a chance to look at the radar, maybe we should go a little easier on him. KING: OK, Seth?

SHOSTAK: I appreciate that, Glen. Actually, I did read your report. And I'm a radio astronomer, so I don't know much about radar, but I know something about receivers and so forth. This compelling argument that was made just before the break, could that not have been two separate aircraft picked up at different times giving you a false speed reading?

SCHULZE: Certainly possible.

POWELL: May I comment on that, Seth?

KING: Sure, Robert.

POWELL: Those had no beacons, so those were not aircraft. Those were two points in time, and there were no other points linking that. So it definitely was not an aircraft of any type.

SHOSTAK: It was an aircraft maybe without a beacon.

POWELL: Those are the only two points that show up on that aircraft. And it would have been an aircraft without a beacon that was going 1,900 miles an hour, and no one reported any sound barrier breaking.

KING: Was there press interest in this, Angelia, because of the closeness to the president?

JOINER: Yes. Early on, I got some questions about Crawford. People wanted to know, you know, had I contacted anybody to see if the president was in Crawford on the night of January the 8th. And it was my understanding he was not there. So early on, there were a lot of questions about Crawford.

KING: Dr. Shostak, I asked you this off the air, do you think we'll ever know know?

SHOSTAK: I think we will. To me it's remarkable. People have assumed that we're being visited for more than 60 years now, right, since Roswell. If you had asked people in America 60 years after Columbus, do you think you are being visited by Spaniards, I don't think it would be controversial. They knew. It wouldn't be dependent on equivocal evidence.

KING: What do you think? You think -- what do you think?

SHOSTAK: I think they're out there. I think that's very likely given the enormity of the universe and the fact that there's nothing terribly special, we think, about our solar system. So they're out there. I don't think they're here. We've heard that. I think we may find them in the next few dozen years.

KING: You don't think the government's hiding anything?

SHOSTAK: No, I'm sure the government hides lots of stuff. But you can think whatever you want of our government. But it seems to me that if we were really being visited by beings from other worlds, they wouldn't just last in the American southwest because they like the Tex Mex cuisine. They would be landing everywhere. I don't think you could cover it up if they were landing everywhere.

KING: Robert, how do you respond to that?

POWELL: I guess the way I would respond to that is, this is probably the most compelling evidence that I have ever seen. And SETI is working on trying to find, using radio telescopes, signs of alien life on other planets. This evidence is much more compelling than anything SETI has found. We're spending millions of dollars on radio telescopes trying to determine that, and we're spending basically nothing trying to determine whether or not what we see on our own planet is real or not real.

SHOSTAK: Well, in fact the money being spent on SETI are, in fact, all private money. It's no tax dollars. I suspect that the total expenditure in the two fields is probably fairly comparable. But I think the big difference there, Robert, is that, yes, we haven't found a signal. But we're not claiming that we found the aliens and you are.

POWELL: No, Seth, I didn't say we found the aliens. We don't know there was anything inside. All we know is that there were objects that show up on radar, and that we have multiple witnesses that saw these objects within a very narrow period of time, and all these witnesses indicate that the object was extremely large. When you look at the whole thing together, when you look at all of the radar data, you look at witness after witness, within a very short time frame, from different angles, from different areas of that small geographical area, to me, that's fairly compelling.

It's compelling enough that it says our government should be looking into it. It really shouldn't be having to be done by small private organizations.

KING: Glen, why did you get interested in this.

SCHULZE: I had spent a lot of time analyzing radar data from the disintegrate of TWA 800, which, by the way, I'm still doing 12 years later -- 12 years later? No, 11 years later, I guess. It happened in 1996. And so radar has always been a subject I've been in and out of for 40 years. And it was sort of close to Colorado, right in Texas. And I wanted to see if this was just a cow town down there, where a lot of red necks are driving around in pickup trucks, having maybe too many Coors.

So I went down to Stephenville and I found just the opposite. This is a slice of middle America, Larry, and these people, these witnesses are not to be taken lightly.

KING: Cow capital. Angelia, do you think we'll ever find the whole story?

JOINER: I hope so. I would like to think that eventually we'll know what was here. I'm sure something was here. These witnesses have been so credible. Our little towns and the surrounding community have been through a lot. We're not used to this sort of attention. And I hope that in the future, we'll know exactly what visited here.

KING: Thank you all very much. Angelia Joiner, Glen Schulze, Robert Powell and Dr. Seth Shostak. The UFO Hunters are next when LARRY KING LIVE returns.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

BILL BURNS, "UFO HUNTERS" Somewhere out there, there's a greater truth.

JEFFREY TOMLINSON, "UFO HUNTER": Are we alone? I think everybody asks this question.

BURNS: Did you find it?

TOMLINSON: Yes, it's over here.

BURNS: It was just right there in the sand.

PAT USKERT, "UFO HUNTERS": We have a possible collision of a plane and a UFO.

DR. TED ACWORTH, "UFO HUNTER": I'm not a believer. I think it's extremely unlikely that there are little green men flying around

in spaceships.

No object found, no constellation found at that point of reference where we're looking at.

BURNS: So this says it's not a star?

ACWORTH: Not a star.

BURNS: You've got 90 percent of them either delusional, out and out hoaxes or honest mistakes.

TOMLINSON: UFO hunting is one of the best ways for us to determine who we are and where we're going.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: We now pay attention to the "UFO Hunters." In New York, Bill Burns, co-host "UFO Hunters" on the History Channel, publisher of "UFO Magazine," Ted Acworth, also in New York -- he has a heart science background, has a PHD in mechanical engineer, has worked for NASA. And here in Los Angeles, Paul Uskert, co-host of "UFO Hunters" as well, became intrigued by the UFO phenomenon after seeing a strange metallic object flying in the skies over Venice, California four years ago. And he's a contributing writer for "UFO Magazine."

Bill, what do we mean UFO hunters? BURNS: What UFO Hunters do is we find stories that seem compelling, interesting, that also have a historical background. We are boots on the ground. We get out there. We talk to witnesses. We look at the scientific evidence. We do our measurements. And we try to relate these stories, the witness stories to each other. And we try to eliminate all of the conventional explanations, one by one, until we wind up at something we can't explain away.

KING: Do you go, Ted, with a position of belief?

ACWORTH: No, Larry, I go with a very unbiased, sort of scientifically objective position.

KING: And Pat, what is your involvement in the UFO Hunters?

USKERT: Well, I'm the only guy on the team without a PHD. So I'm the guy that does the dirty work. If there's a -- oh, basically, I'm the field investigator, going out, talking to people, gathering information, library archives. And if there's ever a case where there's -- I have to go into a cave, look for debris or something like that, I'm the guy that goes in.

KING: We have been talking about Stephenville, Texas tonight, and your UFO Hunting team has taken you to Stephenville. Let's look at some of the investigative efforts conducted there.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: Since December 2007, more than 200 UFO sightings are reported in Araf (ph) county, and the cluster is reportedly moving south. The investigation has left the team with more questions than answers. What was this object? Why here? And why now? Not knowing what it is, the team hopes to find out at least where it was.

Media outlets and countless witnesses report seeing UFOs in varying areas and times, but the team is only interested in three of these, the reports from January 8th between 8:00 and 9:00 p.m.

ACWORTH: This is actually a pretty exciting experiment we're doing here. As far as I've ever heard of, it's the first full geographic scale. triangulation experiment of a UFO sighting.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Bill Burns, based on the first 40 minutes of this show, how does that, if any way, affect your thinking?

BURNS: Well, what we found was that there was an object. We can't say where it came from. We can't say what it was. We did some very intriguing triangulation experiments that Ted can explain, that showed that the witnesses who said they were

seeing something actually did see something in the place they said they saw it. So we know that.

KING: Ted, can you explain it without being too technical?
ACWORTH: I'll try, Larry. We went down there and, first of all, we found out that there had been basically a rash of sightings starting as early as November, and went well through January, into February. And statistically, first of all, there was about a 10 times increase in the number of reportings -- the number of sightings that were reported, which gave us -- you know, that was a hunch that something was going on down there. So what we did is with our friends at MUFON, who collect all these reports, is we filtered the long list and we found right away that January 8th was sort of the hottest night of the whole three to four-month period.

And we then filtered the list again and tried to identify at least three or four people who had described the same -- described the same object, the same shape and color, around the same time, around the same date, and around geographically the same position.

KING: What did you conclude?

ACWORTH: We found the four and then we went and interviewed them, Pat and I and Bill, and I got quantitative measurements of exactly what they had seen and what direction. I took it all back to the lab. And if you took four random guesses, they would probably all aim in different directions. In this case, lo and behold, all four reports quantitatively aimed at the same position, about 1,500 feet to about two to three miles east of town, 1,500 feet of elevation, which tells me that conclusively, something was there that night.

Now, of course, I'll have to let Ted tell you.

KING: We're going to get -- Pat Uskert was there and we want his thoughts as well. We'll also take your calls. Don't go away.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I picked up a ship-to-shore transmission. The gentleman on the transmission said, quote, that's right, Bob, I don't know what the hell it is. It's about 200 yards off my bow and it's starting to tilt. He started to go on to explain exactly what it was that I was seeing. That's all I needed to freak out, and I did.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

KING: Pat, you went to Phoenix. You went to Stephenville. What did you find out? What did you conclude?

USKERT: Well, I had a chance to talk to multiple eyewitnesses of this event on January 8th. And this is one of the best forms of evidence there is, multiple eyewitnesses who don't even know each other telling the same story. What we were able to conclude is that all these people did indeed see something strange.

KING: So it makes it impossible to discount?

USKERT: Well -- KING: Different people, different locations seeing the same thing, how do you discount?

USKERT: Exactly. Ted actually performed some science. We took the compass directions of all their readings and we put it all together and we triangulated, and they were all looking at the exact same location at the exact same time. Clearly, there was one object that they saw.

KING: We'll take a call.

Phoenix, Arizona, hello.

CALLER: Hi. I was wondering if any of the gentlemen ever found an alien artifact? And if they're familiar with the Web site LockdownMyID.com?

KING: Bill Burns?

BURNS: I know the Web site. And to answer your question, not to be coy, but we did examine some alien artifacts. They are in the lab. They're being tested. We will know the results soon.

KING: You know they're alien though?

BURNS: The people who have them claim they're alien. They could turn out to be conventional objects, but we'll find out.

KING: We have an e-mail question from Jack in Chumsford, Massachusetts: "With all the digital cameras and cam corders out there, why hasn't someone taken a clear picture of one of these UFOs? It seems all the images we see are blurry at best" -- Ted?

ACWORTH: That's a great question. You know, it turns out that if you consider the lighting conditions of a typical night UFO sighting, it's basically a faint point source of light way off in the distance with a very black background. Your typical cell phone camera or consumer grade still or video camera just is not designed to take good quality pictures in those conditions.

Even a professional grade camera would have a hard time. That's the reason we're just not getting a lot of good footage.

KING: OK. We have another e-mail question from Karen in Texas: "Does the government ultimately control what information is released is released to the public through media outlets and shows like UFO Hunters?"

KING: Pat?

USKERT: Actually, that sounds like a Bill question.

KING: Bill?

BURNS: Well, the answer is a very qualified and very passive yes. The CIA's been involved in manipulating information in the media ever since the late 1940s when the first strange objects crashed in Roswell. They have done this and they've admitted it. They've been very happy about admitting it. They basically force stories into the tabloid media. They give stories to science fiction writers, and in so doing, they marginalize what are really intriguing and true stories about UFO, so as to make the people who talk about them seem odd, strange eggs, off the planet.

KING: Orlando, Florida, hello?

CALLER: Yes. Fascinating subject. I have a question; is it possible aliens are traveling from the future back into our time zone? And if they're advanced enough for time travel, how could UFO Hunters chase or track them?

KING: Pat?

USKERT: No, that's a very good question. And I'm afraid I don't have the answer.

KING: Does anyone have a thought, Bill, Ted?

ACWORTH: I do. And the thought is this, there is a theory, and a person in the Navy who investigated the Philadelphia experiment actually explained that the military does believe that aliens are actually us from our future. And this is his theory. This is not a fact. It's theory, that it's us from our future and they are manipulating the timeline so that we don't make critical mistakes, catastrophic mistakes. True, not true, I have no evidence.

KING: Based on that statement, look, ma, there I am. Up there, I'm coming. We'll be right back with more after this.

(COMMERCIAL BREAK)

KING: Another e-mail for our panel from Mickey in Denton, Texas: "Do you think people are truly ready to face the implications of extra-terrestrial intelligence? How do you think the public would react if presented with absolute proof of it" -- Bill?

BURNS: I don't think they are ready. I think there would be

shock. I think eventually we would accept it. I think that part -- there is a gradual disclosure going on, I think through science fiction movies, I think through a number of outlets there is disclosure going on and I think that is preparing us for what we will eventually come to see, as we have people out there that are extra terrestrials and they're here.

KING: Ted, how do you think people would react?

ACWORTH: I think I can only base that on the people I've met in the research we've done for the show. It's just amazing how many people we've come across in our interviews and our case studies, who I get to talk to, who feel like they've either seen something themselves or a close family member has. It has astonished me just how prevalent this is not just American society, but over in England as well and worldwide. It seems like people -- a lot of people think about it. A lot of people believe they may have seen something.

I don't think -- I disagree with Bill. I think people would be ready to hear the truth, whatever that truth is.

KING: Pat?

USKERT: It sounds to me like people already. They have these UFO experiences. They're not having any kind of a meltdown. They're able to discuss these experiences with us. It seems like we're an intelligent species enough to fathom that we are not alone. And I think we can handle it.

KING: So no panic?

USKERT: Well, I talked to a lot of people about it, with people who have studied this much longer than I have. There are theories that people would panic, this would adversely affect the economy, that there would be mayhem in the streets. But I don't know. From the people -- we're meeting and talking to people who are OK with it.

KING: Bill, we have a short time left. Do you think most people believe there is life elsewhere?

BURNS: Yes, they do. In fact, I think that in CNN's own poll, 85 percent of those who responded said that they did believe there was life elsewhere. Whether that life is now here is another story, but they did believe that. I think our government believes that. I think Seth Shostak believes that with SETI. So I think that anybody you speak to would be very arrogant to say there is no other life in the universe. The question here is, has that life come here? We believe it has.

KING: Thank you all very much, from the "UFO Hunters" and "UFO Magazine" and the History Channel, Bill Burns, Ted Acworth, Pat Uskert.

A personal mention here. Thanks again for the thrill of a lifetime yesterday. The intersection in front of our bureau here, CNN's Los Angeles bureau, right at Sunset and Coanga (ph), was renamed Larry King Square. Now there's a picture of what the ceremony was like yesterday. All the top brass was here. It was some thrill.

As I said then, when I was five years old, one of my great wishes of my life was to have a street named of me, where hopefully people could be ticketed. Just for the sadistic joy. Anyway, no, this is a great thrill and I thank everybody involved with the city of Los Angeles.

This weekend on LARRY KING LIVE, our interview with freed hostage Ingrid Betancourt and again on Saturday. You can see tonight's UFO show on Sunday's LARRY KING LIVE.

Jesse Ventura is here. Will he run for the Senate or not? He's going to tell us. He'll announce his decision right here on LARRY KING LIVE Monday night.

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>Anyhow, today's skeptics only have to state the fact no physical
>proof of the ETH end of ufology has been presented and then they
>can get off the camera.

No longer having TV, I'm missing recent interviews and documentaries.

I understand that the ufologists on Larry King can't hear what's being said by the skeptic, preventing them from challenging the statements.

But since "there has been no evidence..." is consistently said, I urge any ufologists going on Larry King to force the physical trace and radar+witnesses cases into the conversation, up front.

No need to wait for the skeptic to talk, or to see the final result.

Be proactive on this particular trap. Given the history of interviews and documentaries, I can't see any task that's more important.

Eleanor White

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>This just about sums up the Larry King phenomenon perfectly.
>Hopelessly bad interviewer using a ludicrous format that causes
>you to grind your teeth in anguish. It may work for celebrities,
>or for the fundamental purpose of the program: entertainment
>based on controversy. But not for drawing out meaningful
>information.

Ufology consists of many different areas of work.

It sound to me as if maybe "how to get fundamentally important information into interviews" should be added to the list.

I doubt that all methods of trying to work important info into an interview are equally good or bad. So hey, how about some brainstorming on how to slip important info in using the fewest possible words?

Maybe even enlisting the help of people with expertise in verbal communications? Maybe a lawyer or two? Maybe a talk show host or two?

A small amount of work in this area might pay good dividends.

Eleanor White

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>This is a good question. If I recall correctly the special
>"spots" on the trunk of the car driven by Betty and Barney Hill
>caused a compass to spin like a motor.

That, to me anyway, proves they weren't faked.

Eleanor White

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>>From: Vincent Boudreau <vincentboudreau.nul>
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>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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Guys there is a lengthy chapter in the 2007 book Captured! The Betty And Barney Hill UFO Experience, by myself and Kathleen Marden, Betty's niece, about the star map... I was the first to publish about Marjorie Fish's work, in Saga Magazine and instigated the Astronomy Magazine article by Terence Dickinson.

Betty, Marjorie, and Dr. George Mitchell af the Ohio State University Astronomy Department are all in my movie UFOs ARE Real now available on DVD from Stantonfriedman.com

I will admit there Has been a lot of garbage published about the map as discussed in "Captured".

Stan Friedman

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Re: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

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>Subject: Larry King Needs Better Skeptics

>Who are the 'best' skeptics? My ranking:

>PJ Klass ("best" but deceased)
>When Phil left us for the big UFO in the sky, the mantle was
>passed to

>Robert Sheaffer and Jim Oberg
>Robert comments on most types of reports, Jim seems to
>concentrate on "space related" case

>More recent and farther shown the scale)

>Shostak
>Shermer
>McGaha.

>So far as I can determine, there is a large capability gap
>between Klass and Sheaffer/Oberg) and Shostak/Shermer/McGaha,
>especially when it comes to discussing individual cases as
>opposed to making blanket statements.

>Klass actually studied individual cases, some of them in great
>depth.

You would have more fun here in the UK - nearly all of our
ufologists are sceptics...

--
Gerald O'Connell

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Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

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>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 22:31:11 +1000
>>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>>Again, I think to say that t! he drawing being a star map "has
>>never been in question" is inc orrect. It has certainly been in
>>question. Just not for yourself (and a number of others), based
>>on your own conclusions regarding the data. I believe these
>>jumps of logic have been stoking the debate somewhat.

>Webster defines a postulate as:

>"to assume or claim as true, existent, or necessary : depend
>upon
>or start from the postulate".

>Martin expressed the following:

>>a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the
>>map matching exercise without prejudice to the Hill case itself

>So, it must be assumed from Martin's own words that he takes the
>Hill case as face value.

>This is a postulate.

No, this is a stunning non sequitur. Greg's analysis is correct.

Vincent, the reason I had not intended to continue with this is because I could foresee being continually misheard in my attempt to shout across this logical chasm, which you have leapt with such ease but on the edge of which I pause for thought. "Without prejudice" means just that. I do not wish to make any judgement on the Hill case because I don't have any clear evidence beyond the evidence of mental experience. Neither do you, which is why your jibe about "preferring argument to truth" is so fatuous: Argument is all we have.

I think it quaint and amusing that you believe I would "not have the balls to say the Hill case is BS". The implied trembling before the opprobrium of politically-correct ufological opinion is laughable - not to mention inconsistent with your characterisation of me as a debunker. If I think I hear BS - as from Jim Penniston recently, for example, or from many a so-called "sceptic" on other occasions - rest assured I'll let you know, with all the force, clarity and detail I can muster, as plenty here can testify. Perhaps you have a short memory?

In the Hill case it seems to me these people shared truthfully some kind of extraordinary experience, but I don't know what it means. This is neither "taking the case at face value" nor "debunking" it. I just don't know. But that doesn't mean it isn't useful to proceed "as if" some things were so for the

purpose of working out the consequences of hypotheses. Which is the "argumentation" that you and James Horak seem to find an unpalatable alternative to knowing the "truth".

>This is simple logic.

>I am not postulating that the Betty Hill map is a star map. I am simply making Martin's postulate my own and drawing an inescapable conclusion.

"I, Vincent Boudreau... am convinced... the Betty Hill star map must be what she says it was: a star map..." Do you not have the balls to stand by your own proclamation now?

>If one contests Betty's testimony [about the star map] one puts into question all the Hill case.

>This is also simple logic.

>You and Martin are the ones having a problem with this simple logic.

It may be (or seem to you) "simple", but logic I'm afraid it is not.

It's entirely conceivable that the mind might present to consciousness - via dreams and hypnosis, as happened here - a sanitised, edited, or partially-fantasised version of a shocking and incomprehensible experience, re-packaged utilising imagery which is lying about in the experiencer's mind. It's also possible that some such proxy-image process could be intrinsic to the "interrupted journey" experience itself, if this was truly scientifically anomalous - say, an interaction with an alien intelligence.

I have no data on how the human mind is supposed to deal with experiences outwith the envelope of those for which it is evolutionarily wired. I can only make guesswork extrapolations from a few psychological experiments on the human response to sensory and cognitive anomalies, and they tend to support the idea that we are not only resistant to the perception of unacceptably anomalous stimuli but also imaginative in the screening and rationalisation of them. This sort of thing has its cultural analogues also of course.

And I'm perfectly serious when I say that we should allow the possibility that a perceptive experiences an alien interaction in an altered state of consciousness and/or an altered state of reality in which meaningful images are implanted in the mind via incomprehensible pathways for incomprehensible purposes.

So the star map could be many things, including just a meaningless product of Betty Hill's internal fantasy life. (And oh how eagerly you will sieze on that statement to the exclusion of all else)

>Of course you - nothing personal - can say that I can't be right about the Hill case. My perception of the Hill case comes from my study of the case this is entirely a personal thing. And we can debate this.

>But remember that Martin has the same point of view about the Hill case: he does not dispute it:

>>a) that I explicitly stated I wished to express doubts about the map matching exerc! ise without prejudice to the Hill case >>itself

>And, by inference, accepts Betty Hill's star map as it is.

What extraordinarily blinkered and linear thinking. I accept the possibility, in principle, that the conditions of an alien interaction and its hypnotic recovery might be such that Betty drew for us something containing probative information - and this is the implication of some of the claims that have been made about the Fish model which, had they been valid, would have been intriguing positive evidence that some such extraordinary process had occurred. But in the event there doesn't seem to be any evidence forcing us to conclude that.

>But he disputes the work Majorie Fish and calls this "the map

>matching exercise".

You don't think it is a map matching exercise? What is it then? Or are you proposing to balance on some fantastical, sophisticated pin-head and claim that - aha! if I say "maps" are being matched, then I must be accepting that Betty's drawing is beyond dispute a real map!? Surely, you wouldn't... Hmm

>His dispute of Majorie's work is arguably disputable.

Oh is it? But I thought you had very strenuously asserted that Ms Fish's model was a worthless "mere curiosity" and a method that could never have had any value? I'm not so certain that this had to have been the case (although I agree that in fact the result is weak). Therefore the disputation comes more vogorusly from you than from me.

>And he evidently does not like to be disputed.

I live for rational disputation - I don't like muddle-headed zealotry...

>But the real issue here - aside from bad manners - is Martin's >contradictory stance when he says about me:

>>So irritated is he by the fact that I won't reason from his own >>assumption ("that the Hill drawing is a real star map has never >>been in question")

>As I have said since the beginning, the work of Majorie Fish is >only used by debunkers to taint the Hill star map and thus the >Hill case.

You are wrong. The work of Marjorie Fish has been used primarily by Marjorie Fish, for precisely opposite purposes. This very thread originated from the strongest possible defence of the Fish claim made on this list. Look around. Many "believers" believe it to be positive evidence. And how your claim to the contrary proves the above paragraph to be contradictory is beyond me. It is your explicit starting assumption that the Hill map is a "real star map", and it is your claim that this "has never been in question". I question both, and can only apologise if that upsets you.

>And Martin can make all the pious declarations he wants and >vouch for truth,

I beg your pardon, but sanctimonious homilies about "truth" are entirely your department! I don't know the answers. I don't discount or disrespect the Hills' experience, but I don't have sufficient positive evidence to conclude that their beliefs about it were necessarily literally true. If you have some then let's hear that instead of proclamations of faith.

>but I seriously doubt his honesty in this >matter and I believe he simply does not have the balls to say >that the Hill case is BS.

The world must look so much simpler in black and white. I envy you.

>Martin has not answered this post and I can understand his >position: somehow, he has painted himself in a corner and cannot >answer a question that only wants to clearly establish if he is >a man of his word.

I still don't think that you are going to understand my answer to your question, but I've delivered it - again.

>As the Brits say: "The proof is in the pudding".

Bon appetit.

Martin Shough

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>Although I cannot claim any insight to the personal life of
>>Jacques Vallee, it appears, upon close inspection, that he has
>>made the crippling mistake so many professionals in
>>investigative fields make.

>>Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much
>>integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security
>>oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

>>It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our
>>Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

>Conspiracy types and many ufologists are always nattering on
>about how debunkers and others engage in "Character assassination" -
>indeed, it's a charge Stan Friedman levels at me in his latest opus,
>Flying Saucers and Science, simply because I had the temerity to
>point out all the things about Wilbert Smith that Stan would rather
>folks not know (along the way, Stan misrepresents both my criticisms
>of MJ-12, and Brad Spark's, but that's another story).

>However, I have noticed that these same conspiracy theorists and
>ufologists, with no real sense of irony, have no problem engaging
>in real character assassination, like this craptacular piece of
>drek from James Horak, insinuating that Jacques Vallee, simply
>because he follows a line of thought different from that espoused
>by Mr. Horak, has sold out to what is presumably, in Mr. Horak's
>world, the dreaded "them".

>This is disgraceful, and frankly I'm surprised it managed to
>make it through Errol's usually sound filtering system.

>I'm pretty sure that Dr. Vallee doesn't give a rat's behind
>what Mr. Horak thinks about him, and rightly so, but still, it's
>this kind of ad hominem attack, and the toleration of it by people
>who should know better, that makes ufology look like ufology to
>the general public.

For those who want to make up their own mind about Paul's
comments about my comments about his and Brad's attacks on
MJ-12, I would refer you to pages 287-295 of Flying Saucers And
Science. Frankly the indexing is quite poor. I hadn't seen it
before the book was published

Perhaps Paul can reference his comments about Smith and Bush and
Solandt (sort of Smith's boss) to provide a comparison about
Character Assassination.

Stan Friedman

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Our Two-Faced Moon's Asymmetries

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Our two-faced Moon: Its asymmetries

When spacecraft finally got a good look at that side of the moon perpetually hidden from earth-bound eyes, the geology on that other side turned out to be profoundly different from the visible hemisphere.

The asymmetries go deep. Here follow three of the asymmetries unseeable through earthbound telescopes:

- * The lunar crust is far thicker on the far side of the moon;
- * Iron abundance is far higher on the near side; and
- * Surprising and difficult-to-explain, the radioactive element thorium is concentrated almost entirely in the near-side's Oceanus procellarum region. (What could have happened there in eons gone by?)

(Mohit, P. Surdas; "The Two-Faced Moon," American Scientist, 96:210, 2008)

Comment: These lunar anomalies impel us to add the so-called "Martian dichotomy." It seems that Mars is grossly two-faced with its highland and lowland hemispheres. Earth, too, was before continental drift, divided into water and land hemispheres. Also, there is Saturn's two-faced moon Iapetus.

So, why so much hemispherical asymmetry in the solar system?

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Re: Military UFOs: The Truth - A 404?

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>>Rod Dyke sent a .pdf of the original page - nice, early
>>catch Rod - and Eleanor White managed to find the Google
>>cached version at:

>><http://tinyurl.com/648hp6>

>Can anyone determine what type of craft this is? It looks
>similar to an SR-71 Blackbird. I didn't see anything in the
>article explaining what this is.

I too could not find a reference to the picture that accompanied
the article. To me the blurry object in the picture looks like
the side view of a different bird in flight - a seagull.

Although the object in the picture is greatly magnified in size
and distorted by its motion through the air, you can still make
out what seems to be the head or beak in the extreme left of the
object. Two side-by-side wings on top can also be made out (note
that the underside of the wing closest to us is in shadow). The
bird's large bright but indistinct body and tail (not at all
unusual effect for such brighter spots on objects reflecting
sunlight and in motion as are often recorded by digital cameras)
as well as its darker and equally indistinct feet are also
apparent in this picture.

As for secret aircraft that fly at extremely high altitudes and
super fast speeds (eg. Mach 5 or higher), they continue to be
observed and recorded by our upper atmosphere scientists and
their research staff who, although can still report sightings of
UFOs, have now been discouraged from commenting publicly about
them or publishing their findings since we can deduce too many
things such as the location of their home base, the missions
they fly and even something about the exotic technology used
from the unusual contrails they create. After all, these UFOs
are ours and they are still secret...

Nick Balaskas

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Clarksburg Author Fueled America's 1950S Fascination With Flying Saucers

By Tricia Fulks
Charleston Daily Mail

CLARKSBURG =97 The late Gray Barker inspired the Men In Black movie.

The popular author from Clarksburg wrote extensively about the Flatwoods Monster, Mothman and other weird subjects.

In one magazine article after another, Barker helped to fuel America's fascination with flying saucers in the 1950s.

But that's not all.

"I found that there was more to this guy than UFOs," said Bob Wilkinson, a notable West Virginia filmmaker who's now producing a documentary on Barker. "He's a complex character."

As for the documentary, "It's a West Virginia product, so I'm pretty proud of that," Wilkinson said.

Barker was born in the tiny hamlet of Riffle in Braxton County in 1925. He went to nearby Glenville State College and got his degree in teaching.

He taught for a while in Maryland but then came home to West Virginia where he booked films and managed theaters in the Clarksburg area.

"He would find these films that Marilyn Monroe was in as an extra, and he would acquire them for the drive-ins and advertise them as Marilyn Monroe double features," said David Houchin, special collections librarian at the Clarksburg-Harrison Public Library, which has a room dedicated to the life and works of Barker. It is crammed with books, articles and manuscripts.

"Maybe he was the type of person who could fool you and you never resented it," Houchin said.

And fooling is exactly what Barker specialized in.

In 1952, Barker went to Braxton County to investigate the infamous Flatwoods Monster.

Residents claimed to have seen a glowing object fly across the sky, and went to the woods where it landed.

They said they saw a creature with glowing red eyes that smelled

like something they've never smelled before.

Barker's report about the strange beast was published in Fate magazine.

Houchin said this represented Barker's "entry into the field of paranormal."

That's when Barker began asking around in earnest and writing about extraterrestrials and UFOs.

Houchin said Barker was really fooling his audience. He said Barker himself didn't believe in these conspiracies, but would simply write about it and pass it off as fact.

Houchin said Barker was "not profoundly committed to the limits of fact," so he was essentially writing science fiction.

This is the type of writing Barker did until he died in 1984 at the age of 59 in a Charleston hospital.

Throughout his career he published his own UFO newsletter in Clarksburg and wrote multiple books. His most-recognized book was his first one, They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers.

In that book, a central element was friend and fellow writer Albert Bender.

Bender was the editor of Space Review, a UFO periodical for which Barker was a correspondent.

In the last issue of Space Review, the newsletter's overall theme was that the mystery of UFOs was no longer a mystery.

It was reported that Bender was visited by three men in black suits who had threatened him.

This story gave Barker the opportunity to poke fun at the situation, writing that extraterrestrials were actually the "men in black," which was the basis of his final book, MIB: The Secret Terror Among Us. This became the inspiration for the hit 1997 movie.

Barker was published in many different newsletters, including his own called The Saucerian. He also investigated the Mothman creature in Point Pleasant, which resulted in his book The Silver Bridge.

But besides his career as a writer, Barker was living another life that was quite controversial at the time.

Houchin said there was a reason Barker left teaching in Maryland. He said he was most likely blackballed for being a homosexual.

"Either he hated teaching, or he was forced out," Houchin said.

Houchin said Barker was a "smart guy in a pretty uncomfortable situation."

"He was leading the life of a clandestine gay man in Clarksburg, W.Va., in the '50s and '60s," Houchin said. "Barker was reasonably accepted. Nothing serious happened."

But despite a few run-ins with the law and his reputation around town, Barker was very well known locally for his writing.

"He was that guy that came to your school and talked to you about flying saucers," Houchin said.

Houchin said too much alcohol consumption for too long probably contributed to his death, though many suspected he had AIDS.

"It's hard to say," Houchin said. "We don't know."

Houchin said Barker was never a serious UFO researcher, but was more a "folklorist" who would hear other people's stories and publish them.

"Barker was frankly lying to people about UFOs," Houchin said.

But he added, "Barker's contribution to popular culture is significant."

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>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:43:46 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

><snip>

>>>We often hear about anomalous compass needle 'spinning'. In this
>>>instance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns
>>>to align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, keep
>>>spinning like an electric motor?

>>Insightful thought Eleanor. If the needle keeps spinning, it would
>>imply perpetual motion.

>Or a spinning magnetic field, as happens in AC motors.

>I was just curious, as there are many descriptions of events
>involving UFOs or other strange phenomena where it is
>reported the compass needle "spins."

>A true spinning magnetic field would be quite an anomaly.

Hi Eleanor,

Yes, I was merely trying to convey what could be a more
common misperception. I wasn't trying to impart something
as complex as a spinning magnetic field to a rock specimen.
Again, in order to have a spinning magnetic field, energy
would be required to keep it going. Sure, many things
can be possible and should not be overlooked casually.

A UFO might impart such an affect - but, it is not a rock
either. Implications being, that the debris fragment (rock) came
from a UFO but does not contain it's full operating system. Is
it possibly a residual affect? Sure, let's run some tests...
and address Eleanor's keen observation :)

Best,

Viktor

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Gentle Reader,

The summer trips to the lake-side cottage - fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your perspective - feel as if they come more quickly.

Later today we'll head north to the sounds of Loons and water bubbling close to our Muskoka/Adirondak chairs for a week's r'n'r.

Please hold your responses/submissions until next Monday July 21st.

Thanks...

David Cherniak maker of UFOs: The Secret History/ UFOs And The Politics Of Reality was on CBC Radio 1's Sunday Morning earlier today. Not up to the BC's usual streaming quality, the interview is worth listening to at:

<http://www.virtuallystrange.net/ufo/sdi/subscribers/cbccherniack.mp3>

17 minutes and 3.1 Mbs

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Re: There Is Only One King

From: **Pauk Kimball** <therobieshark.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 06:58:06 -0400
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 08:57:36 -0400
Subject: Re: There Is Only One King

>From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 16:53:42 -0400
>Subject: Re: There Is Only One King

>It sound to me as if maybe "how to get fundamentally important
>information into interviews" should be added to the list.

>I doubt that all methods of trying to work important info into
>an interview are equally good or bad. So hey, how about some
>brainstorming on how to slip important info in using the fewest
>possible words?

This is called speaking in soundbites, and in the modern media era it is absolutely essential in order to get your point across. Amongst UFO researchers, the only person who I have met, seen or interviewed that I consider good at this is Stan Friedman, who has had a lot of practice. Karl Pflock was pretty effective as well, and Kevin Randle isn't bad either.

>Maybe even enlisting the help of people with expertise in verbal
>communications? Maybe a lawyer or two? Maybe a talk show host or
>two?

>A small amount of work in this area might pay good dividends.

The method is simple. Work out your talking points beforehand, and then stick with them come hell or high water, particularly if you're on a live show like Larry King. It takes a real pro to be able to ad-lib and make it sound intelligible and concise on television, and most UFO researchers are better off not even trying.

Speaking in soundbites is not a bad thing, by the way. Like everything else, however, it is a skill that requires practice, and understanding, in order to master. It is also not unique to television interviews; politicians have been doing it for years, and lawyers tell their witnesses to follow the KISS principle - keep it simple, stupid.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
www.redstarfilms.blogspot.com

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Respect The Data?

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 12:31:04 +0100
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:04:16 -0400
Subject: Respect The Data?

Hello List,

Looking at the history, any examination of phenomena faces human problems.

One problem is the aging of individuals, which has several effects:

i) The mind and body get more defensive (cowardly) with age. Although this is a natural survival ploy, it can lead to rejection of new ideas or data in an attempt to 'stick with what you know'; aging scientists of all types suffer badly from this.

ii) As individuals realize 'they can't take it with them' they can over-react aggressively. In affluent rural England, a coroner's officer once told me that farmer suicides, often coupled with the shotgun murder of a neighbour, are very common. And recently heard that doctors are also high on the suicide/damage list.

Another big problem is folk identifying with a position or obsessively advocating a hypothesis: the danger is that they'll bend the data (or even fake it) to support their view. These people often justify such behavior as 'rational', 'necessary' and 'in a good cause'.

You can see, with those effects maybe combining in people or groups, how science disputes can get so bitter and entrenched.

So maybe the message is - relinquish strong views, respect the data, and welcome new ideas.

Cheers

Ray D

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From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 05:27:35 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 09:06:39 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 15:49:30 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>My "opinion", Mr. Kimball, was hardly an attack while your
>>misrepresentation of it as being one is certainly one on me. I
>>notice you took no similar issue with a thread that is almost
>>wholly devoted to suggesting much worse of Vallee.

>Every time you claim that you weren't basically saying that
>Vallee had sold out to "them", I'm just going to re-paste what
>you wrote, so nobody forgets:

>>Only too late do scientists and researchers find out how much
>>integrity has been lost in signing someone's loyalty/security
>>oath. And how much a of a gag it can become.

>>It appears to me this, or something similar, has placed our
>>Dr. Vallee in the contradictions we now find him.

>I think anyone with an ounce of common sense who reads that
>passage knows exactly what you were saying with your "opinion".

Everyone but apparently you. Or is it a matter of integrity that
you stretch out, "sold out", from the potentially inadvertant
act of making a bad decision?

Either way your leap here is unfounded and a very poor example
of the claims you make for the virtues of your point to Mr.
Bourdais in your post just before this one.

And another example of someone that prefers argument to grasp.

JCH

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Re: Orford Ness Question

From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 14:28:51 +0100
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 10:12:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:57:39 +0100
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 21:05:28 +0100
>>Subject: Orford Ness Question

>>Just a quick question for anyone who knows: What color is the
>>light at Orford Ness lighthouse?

>Bear in mind that the modern lamp is not the same one that was
>in use at the time of the Rendlesham affair (if that is your
>interest).

Hi Martin

Thanks for the information. As it happens after I sent that
message I went online and managed to find the Trinity House
website:

<http://www.trinityhouse.co.uk/>

From this site, it seems that the old light was an incandescent
filament type, whereas the new one is a metal halide lamp.
However the light appears on navigation charts as white.

>I don't know what the true colour temperature of the old lamp
>was, but for an idea of what it might have looked like from
>the forest you can see it in this video from 1983:

><http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendleshamlc.htm>

>It is here described as "white" by the forester Vince Thurkettle,
>but appears with a slightly warmer tinge on the film.

>According to Ian Ridpath the new, much weaker (1/10 power) light
>is "whiter in colour", implying that the old light was not in
>fact a pure white.

I couldn't get the video to run for some reason, but one would
expect an incandescent lamp to appear warmer in color than a
metal halide one, at least in the daytime - though probably not
at night.

>But Ian Ridpath gives a link to film of the new light by Adrian
>Frearson at

><http://www.chillfactorfilms.com/codename/lighthouse.html>

>where it does not appear at all white, but orange.

>The question, I suppose, is how well or badly these film images
>represent the naked eye colour. Frearson says:

>"The [new] lighthouse appears to have an orange glow in these
>shots. In fact, I tried to white balance correctly when I

>arrived at the site and the lighthouse beam appeared very
>falsely red. I returned the camera to one of the preset white
>balance settings and as can be seen the ground coverings have a
>very blue cast (something I hate to see in shots). As I knew
>that it would soon be dark I left the camera at this setting, so
>that the lighthouse colour didn't appear too enhanced. I have
>made a colour corrected still image below, to return the image
>closer to it's natural colour balance."

>That "natural" colour balance is quite reddish. Frearson
suggests
>that this is due to the atmosphere.

>If it is true that the output of this new lamp is actually
>"whiter in colour" than the old lamp, then the implication seems
>to be that the old lamp might have looked somewhat orange to the
>naked eye, but varying with the atmospheric conditions.

The "corrected" photo looks to me like a processing error of
some kind. If the attempt at color balancing in situ was over-
enhancing the red component, then I suspect the correction is
probably producing the same artifact.

As far as the incandescent light goes, the matter is pretty
clear as far as the human visual system is concerned - any
bright light source emitting a continuous spectrum (such as a
filament lamp) will always appear white on a dark night, no
matter what its actual spectral profile might be, since the
visual system always acts to normalize the dominant light source
to white. We have an example of this right here: There's a house
over the road which has an outside light with an incandescent
bulb. In the evening or early morning it appears orange or gold,
but at night it looks pure white.

So I guess the Orford Ness lighthouse would have appeared white
in the dark, unless some special circumstances were to change
that - such as a contrast effect.

Cathy

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Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 10:14:00 -0400
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>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>>>Conspiracy types and many ufologists are always nattering on
>>>about how debunkers and others engage in "Character
>>>assassination" - indeed, it's a charge Stan Friedman levels at
>>>me in his latest opus, Flying Saucers and Science, simply
>>>because I had the temerity to point out all the things about
>>>Wilbert Smith that Stan would rather folks not know (along the
>>>way, Stan misrepresents both my criticisms of MJ-12, and Brad
>>>Spark's, but that's another story).

>>However, I have noticed that these same conspiracy theorists and
>>ufologists, with no real sense of irony, have no problem
>>engaging in real character assassination, like this craptacular
>>piece of drek from James Horak, insinuating that Jacques Vallee,
>>simply because he follows a line of thought different from that
>>espoused by Mr. Horak, has sold out to what is presumably, in
>>Mr. Horak's world, the dreaded "them".

>>This is disgraceful, and frankly I'm surprised it managed to
>>make it through Errol's usually sound filtering system.

>>I'm pretty sure that Dr. Vallee doesn't give a rat's behind
>>what Mr. Horak thinks about him, and rightly so, but still, it's
>>this kind of ad hominem attack, and the toleration of it by people
>>who should know better, that makes ufology look like ufology to
>>the general public.

>For those who want to make up their own mind about Paul's
>comments about my comments about his and Brad's attacks on
>MJ-12, I would refer you to pages 287-295 of Flying Saucers And
>Science. Frankly the indexing is quite poor. I hadn't seen it
>before the book was published.

You didn't receive and read page proofs before your book was
published? Shame on you! No wonder you (and Feschino) have
quality control problems. This is all your responsibility. `It's
all the publisher's fault' continues to be the lamest of lame
excuses.

"Attacks" on MJ-12, or criticisms of your logic and reasoning? A
lot of us disagree with you about MJ-12 and for good reasons.

Maybe you are trying to emulate Ralph Nader who for decades did great and important work (I am an admirer of Ralph, as I am of your earlier track record); but lately he seems intent on destroying his prior high credibility by trying to defend the indefensible.

Dick

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Hi Martin,

Maybe a strong and fast-rotating magnetic field above or near
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From earlier speculation and recent mainstream experiments that
seems to be the key to `anti-gravty' and maybe even to anti-
inertia drives.

Cheers

Ray D

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Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 00:57:44 +0100
>Subject: Re: A Messenger Of Deception Succeeds

>Oh is it? But I thought you had very strenuously asserted that
>Ms Fish's model was a worthless "mere curiosity" and a method
>that could never have had any value? I'm not so certain that
>this had to have been the case (although I agree that in fact
>the result is weak). Therefore the disputation comes more
>vogorusly from you than from me.

This new Jabberwockian adverb "vogorus" (perhaps it should be spelled "vogorous") could be useful, but I have to disclaim any credit for inventing it. I'd of course meant to say "vigorously"!

MS

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According to the new book By Kathy Marden and Stan Friedman,
Captured, (New Page Books, 2007), Betty wrote in he diary about
the effect. Note that Kathy Marden, being a relation to Betty
(neice) was the first to have complete access to Betty's diary.
Kathy wrote in her book as follows (extracts from the published
account):

"In her diary Betty wrote what happened next.

'I took the compass and went oput to the car. BARNEY refused to
go, saying he was trying to forget... I could see the car
clearly under the streetlight. I walked around it holding the
compass... When I got to the trunk I saw may highly polished
spots about the size of a half-dollar... I placed the compass
over them and it began spinning and spinning. I thought it must
be the way I was balancing the compass so I placed it on the car

and took my hand away. The compass was really spinning and continued to do this. As I was watching tis I was filled with a feeling of absolute terror...'

Moments later reluctant Barney and his upstairs neighbors all experimented with the compass..."

If I recall correctly without re-reading the book, Kathy pointed out that that there was so much information the Webb wanted to know about the sighting, etc., that they simply forgot to tell him about this strange effect which had disappeared by the time Webb got there.

Anyway, the report is fascinating and I am at a loss as how to explain this, just as I am at a loss as how to explain the strong magnetic field described in my report about the UFO with the "magnetic personality" as described at my web site.

One would assume that the polarity of a magnetic domain somehow created in the thin steel of the automobile was rotating (rotation in the plane of the steel) and dragging the compass needle with it. But why a magnetic field, one created in the metal (how?) would rotate is anyone's guess.

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Re: Our Two-Faced Moon's Asymmetries

From: Michael Tarbell <mtarbell.nul>
Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 11:56:43 -0600
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 12:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Our Two-Faced Moon's Asymmetries

>From: Terry Colvin <fortean1.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 17:55:29 -0700 (GMT-07:00)
>Subject: Our Two-Faced Moon's Asymmetries

<snip>

>Comment:These lunar anomalies impel us to add the so-called
>"Martian dichotomy." It seems that Mars is grossly two-faced
>with its highland and lowland hemispheres. Earth, too, was
>before continental drift, divided into water and land
>hemispheres. Also, there is Saturn's two-faced moon Iapetus.

>So, why so much hemispherical asymmetry in the solar system?

Terry,

In the case of the moon, and other tidally-locked satellite bodies (always facing the center-of-mass of the orbital system), it is not altogether surprising to see such asymmetry, even if the specific mechanism is not obvious. 'Steering' of meteoric trajectories, or perpetual 'headwinds' of dust or other material in the vicinity of the parent planet, could both produce hemispherical asymmetries in such systems.

For planets in general, the only mechanism to produce such asymmetry that comes immediately to mind is a widespread, catastrophic impact loading from a specific direction over a short duration (substantially less than one rotational period, unless the loading just happens to be parallel to the rotational axis). This has been suggested as a cause of the Martian asymmetry.

Mike

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>>>We often hear about anomalous compass needle 'spinning'. In this
>>>instance, I wonder, does it mean a magnetic needle merely turns
>>>to align itself with the rock's magnetic field, or, keep
>>>spinning like an electric motor?

>>Insightful thought Eleanor. If the needle keeps spinning, it would
>>imply perpetual motion.

>Or a spinning magnetic field, as happens in AC motors.

>I was just curious, as there are many descriptions of events
>involving UFOs or other strange phenomena where it is
>reported the compass needle "spins."

>A true spinning magnetic field would be quite an anomaly.

>Eleanor White

I should have added in my other post that it might be that this
fragment contains separate magnetic field domains each pointing
in several different directions. Technical very rare: Like
trying to glue magnets together in opposition to one another
that would rather line up instead.

It this case, as you move the compass over the fragment, these
differently directed domains could pull the needle in remarkably
different directions and make a needle spin around. But, in
this case too, a hand would still be moving to render the
effect... but an order of magnitude stranger than what one would
expect.

Perhaps, if the hull of a UFO is subjected to an intense
alternating magnetic field long enough this type of sub scale
domain segregation could be the normal response from having been
bathed in such an environment. Not likley, but not worth
dismissing either. They do have special TEM or SPM methods to
examine subscale magnetic field domains of this nature. I can
suggest a lab to do the analysis. If on the macroscopic scale
too, as demonstrated in this case, less stringent and costly
methods could map these domains. Someone with keen observations
skills, such as yourself, with a supper tiny compass . . .

Best,

Viktor

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Re: "All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed" - Part II

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"All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed", Says Brazilian Top Military
Part II

In an unprecedented exclusive interview to A. J. Gevaerd, editor of the Brazilian UFO Magazine, one the highest ranking and most distinguished officials of the Brazilian Air Force, Brigadier Jos=E9 Carlos Pereira, recognized that "it is time to end the UFO secrecy".

The part one of the long interview has just been published in the edition # 141, April, of the Brazilian UFO Magazine. The second part has been published in the edition # 142, May. You can download the covers of both editions and the first part of the interview here: www.ufo.com.br/public/pereira/UFO-141.jpg. Photos of Brigadier Pereira can be also found in the same folder.

<http://www.ufo.com.br/public/pereira/All UFO Secrets Must Be Disclosed 1.doc>

This interview was conducted with the participation of Fernando de Aragao Ramalho and Roberto Affonso Beck, special consultants to Brazilian UFO Magazine. The translation to English was conducted by Eduardo Rado, From the Brazilian UFO Magazine Team.

BUFOM: How does the Air Force treat UFO cases involving a civil crew such as in Case Vasp? (On February 8th 1982 a Boeing 727 was followed by a UFO for three hours)

Pereira: Civil crew members are normally in contact with controlling bodies linked to the Air Force. In the past, anything regarding civil aircraft was under the Department of Civil Aviation (DAC). Nowadays, this is subject to the Brazilian Agency for Civil Aviation (ANAC). Therefore the Air Force has nearly no contact with civil pilots unless through air traffic control matters.

BUFOM: How would it be if we had a UFO sighting involving a TAM pilot, for example?

Pereira: This would be taken to the Air Force. This is part of the assignments of the Air Defense Command. The fact is reported to an air traffic controller and the information gets into the system.

BUFOM: How would this information be treated?

Pereira: A civil aircraft is always controlled by a body, by a controlling center, and all of these in Brazil are of military nature. When a pilot says "there's something going on here", the controlling center will immediately report to the military operations center in that area, in case it is a serious occurrence. They will take some action regarding that fact and report to the Air Defense Command (CODA), which is the superior body and the only one to comprehend the whole country. After the recent Brazilian aviation crisis I finally could convince people of the necessity of having some kind of civil CODA and it was eventually created in Rio de Janeiro. The CODA we have in

Brasilia is of military nature. There must be another one, a civil one, with the same assignments so that we know why an aircraft is delayed, for example. There were occurrences of many serious problems and a new body was created, the Center for Air Navigation Management (CGNA), which is now adjusted to civil traffic issues, such as delayed flights, bad weather conditions, etc.

BUFOM: On January 19th 2002 you gave an interview at Circuito Night and Day, a TV show hosted by congressman Celso Russomanno. During the interview you showed a book of flight occurrences and said in that year alone more than 90 entries were registered there as UFO occurrences. However, you did not allow him to open the book at the show saying that was confidential. What is really contained there?

Pereira: Many things are there including official reports that could be filled in by anyone regarding the so-called =93hotel traffic=94 (the way Brazilian military classify UFOs). Some of these reports may even come from mad people who allege to have seen something. But when something that cannot be explained is found in that book, it is transferred to another one called Book of Occurrences, LRO. All of these cases are kept there in those books. One day researchers will be allowed to see them. And there are also reports from pilots, air traffic controllers, etc. Everything we cannot explain, everything that is held as secret, goes to those books.

BUFOM: Why are these things kept secret? How can a researcher examine those books when they are secret? We would like to see them...

Pereira: That's why I think they should be disclosed. I have the same opinion, Gevaerd. I believe we have one new book every year. At the end of each year we get what is written there and transfer to a file. Nowadays we don't have a book [of cases] anymore because everything is already digital.

BUFOM: You must have seen many of these books. What was your greatest surprise among cases reported by civil and military pilots?

Pereira: The most impressive reports are those from pilots. These are the most consistent ones because pilots are driving an aircraft which is very different from driving a car. But sometimes a pilot recognizes his mistake and say =93I really saw something on the left but that was only solar refraction=94. But other times they were looking to the other side where there is no refraction, then we have something strange. Sightings reported by pilots are more consistent than those from lay people looking to the sky from the ground.

BUFOM: Even civil Ufology does not know how to deal with some particular reports...

Pereira: That's why I asked for a questionnaire to be included in that form [for the registration of hotel traffic cases] so that we can know a little about the person's profile, such as their knowledge on meteorology.

BUFOM: Have you worked in the preparation of that questionnaire?

Pereira: Yes. We had an old one and I updated it by including those additional questions. Because it's a different thing when we can analyze a case with more information about it. I don't underestimate an ordinary person, but we have a different approach to a report from an engineer, for example. That questionnaire is still valid and useful.

BUFOM: How many of these questionnaires do you think were filled?

Pereira: I don't know, because I had no more information on that after I left the Air Force. However, I believe they are 10 per month in the whole country [Brazil]. These data are held at the Brazilian Air Defense Command (Comdabra).

BUFOM: Are these the ones contained in the folders Brigadier Azambuja said to be there since 1954 (in our meeting on 20th May 2005)?

Pereira: Yes, these are the ones.

BUFOM: Which year registers the higher number of hotel traffic entries? Do you have any special comment on a particular year?

Pereira: I don't remember when we had more occurrences. But the most interesting year was 1986, when we had that case in Sao Jose dos Campos (SP), on May 19th. That night was really amazing.

BUFOM: Do you believe minister Dilma Rousseff would be informed in case we had a military or civil chase for UFOs in the country? Would the subject be taken to her?

Pereira: The minister of defense will know about it for sure, since this is part of his assignments. It's automatic, his phone will ring. But I don't know if he would inform minister Rousseff. Depending on the case, the minister has the obligation to inform the president. This is how it works. When I was a commander at Comdabra, I had the personal number of the president, but I was not allowed to call him for any simple thing.

BUFOM: What is the chain of contact in these cases?

Pereira: In case something serious happened I had to call the commander of air operations who then would call the Air Force commander. He would contact the minister of defense who, in turn, would report to the president of the Republic. But I had authority to skip any of these steps. If I couldn't contact my commander, for example, I could go on to the next post and from this to the next one until I reach the president. If the president couldn't answer, then I should take responsibility. This is all legal. Of course we need to assess the situation, I'd never go that far if not for the most serious problem. When I was a commander at Comdabra [1999 to 2001] all cases involving military and UFOs spotted by radars would come to my knowledge. After I left, I still had access to nearly all information I desired on this subject.

BUFOM: When you were a commander, how often did you receive reports on the cases?

Pereira: That was only once a month. A controller would say something like =93I'm following this object for 10 minutes in the radar=94, or =93we have another hotel traffic in Amazonas or Santa Catarina=94. However, false echoes or false targets are very common in radars. A false target appears very briefly and it is easy to know it because it disappears soon. But a different thing is when we have a regular trajectory. These occurred once a month and had very short duration.

BUFOM: Were there any confirmation from civil pilots reporting the case?

Pereira: Yes. Civil pilots always speak. The first thing they do when they see something strange is calling the controllers because they have a huge responsibility. Civil pilots are not afraid to speak because they don't want to lose their jobs for not reporting unusual facts.

BUFOM: But they don't seem to like to talk with the press. We had much difficulty to get their confidence.

Pereira: They don't talk to the press because their jobs are at stake, but there's another issue. Some airlines have problems with their aircraft and don't want the press to know it. This is a crime. I've seen planes landing in great difficulties without any assistance waiting for passengers because the problem was not reported. All because the company didn't want a bad image on TV. If the pilot had reported to the controllers, he could be fired. This is not right.

BUFOM: We have recently received a report from a Gol pilot who was flying from Fortaleza to Belem and saw a huge object crossing the way of his Boeing. He sent us the pictures and said he was very precisely assisted when he contacted Cindacta. Do these information he reported to the flight controller end at Comdabra too?

Pereira: Yes. A fact like this reported by a Gol pilot must have generated an official report which is certainly kept

somewhere in Comdabra.

BUFOM: When something like this happens, who fills in the form reporting the hotel traffic?

Pereira: It could be the pilot or the traffic controller. The pilot can land and fill it in. He can get the form in any Air Force base or any traffic controlling office throughout the country. Pilots know where to get the form and where to deliver it completed which is in any Air Force base.

BUFOM: Then what happens to the completed form?

Pereira: There's always an investigation. In this case, for example, the pilot saw something and registered that. He must report the direction, altitude, and speed of the object. We need also details such as the position of the Sun compared to the aircraft's that time. The brightness of the object is also important, as well as the kind of clouds that time. All these information are precious. Then the controllers will check if some other aircraft has crossed the way which could explain the occurrence. A research will follow and if they discover that no other aircraft was there and the weather was clear, then we have a different situation. And all these things are easy to check because everything is in the report. We go on killing all possibilities until we understand that there is no explanation for the fact.

BUFOM: And what happens next?

Pereira: The report goes to the files. There's nothing to do with it. When we find an explanation the report is deleted. Someone from the Air Defense calls back the pilot saying they found out what happened. Then, when no explanation is found, other procedures are taken. It's important to note that those books of occurrences contain cases that couldn't be explained even after analyzed by experts especially assigned to this task.

BUFOM: So we finally know that what is filled in Comdabra was already analyzed and could not be explained. Do you have any idea of the number of entries in those books and folders every year?

Pereira: I haven't followed what happened there over the last three years, but we had one to three cases each month. I want to mention an important thing. I may be guessing, but I believe that 90% of sightings are never reported. Because they are filled only where there is an airport or an Air Force base by people who know whom to report to. So I don't know the percentage of sightings that ends in reports, but I think they must be less than a half percent.

BUFOM: If we have only half percent of cases reported, than the real number must surpass 200 every month! And we know that not all pilots take the form to fill it in and deliver.

Pereira: Yes. Pilots don't want to show up. And other civilians don't even know that these forms exist and are available throughout the country. So the number of reports is insignificant. Almost nothing comes to the military knowledge.

BUFOM: Are there any superior orders to cover up the information contained in those half percent of reports?

Pereira: No. There's no order for this kind of cover-up. What we do have is a level classification. Such things must be kept confidential, but there is no rule establishing this.

BUFOM: Have you ever heard of the Area 51 in the Nevada desert?

Pereira: Yes. The area is a real thing and we conducted some exercises there. Not in the Area 51 itself, but over the Nevada desert where many military facilities are located. The USAF performs exercises all over that place. It has international cooperation and invites military from many countries for training sessions there. We took part in a training program there and heard of the Area 51, but no one is allowed to enter there. The Brazilian Air Force (FAB) has already sent two teams to exercise there and I was leading one of these operations. One interesting thing is that all exercises avoid Area 51 which is located right at the center of everything.

BUFOM: Aren't there any incidents of pilots trespassing those borders?

Pereira: Yes. The biggest problem is to make foreign pilots understand the procedures to be followed. Not even US nationals are allowed to fly over that space.

BUFOM: Considering the circumstances involving traffic hotel occurrences and the interference some have caused in civil and military flights, do you believe there is any risk for our aircraft?

Pereira: We had no reports of collision so far. At least we haven't heard of any pilots reporting this kind of danger in specific forms [This one is different from the one used for hotel traffic].

BUFOM: Don't you think this might have happened without being registered?

Pereira: Yes. Because pilots and controllers must prepare a danger report on any situation of flight risk. Then they have to sign it and make themselves known before the situation is investigated. It doesn't mean it never occurred, it's just that I've never heard of that.

BUFOM: Do you think Brazilian government and the military consider =93hotel traffic=94 as a menace to the national security?

Pereira: This is difficult to tell because in practice national security has different approaches. An =93external menace=94 =96 I use quotation marks because I don't think any of us feel threatened by extraterrestrials =96 cannot be considered by a single country but for a group of them. From the moment one accepts that something is coming from space I think the United Nations will take a position and not countries alone. That won't be a measure from the US, Uruguay or Afghanistan alone. This is a very complex issue and I don't see any threat to security. But in case we are dealing with this maybe we'll have military information that cannot be disclosed such as the establishment and frequency of our radars, the speed of our jets against invaders, etc. These are military secret information that has nothing to do with the phenomenon itself. And during a UFO research, maybe some military data contained in the situation may prevent the whole thing to be disclosed. This is a standard procedure all over the world, when you block one thing in the operation, then everything is blocked.

BUFOM: Do you know the NPA-09, a document issued on August 20th 1990 entitled Procedures to be Followed by ATS/ATC Bodies in Case of UFO Sightings? Is it still in force?

Pereira: If no other document was prepared to replace it, then it is still in force. I'm not really sure, but if this is from 1990 then it's probably still in force. But this is a confidential document for the use of the Armed Forces. The NPA-09 determines that UFO occurrences must be entered in a book specific for this purpose (LRO). The occurrences must be entered in chronological order and including the time of the occurrence when possible. These are routine procedures.

BUFOM: This document NPA-09 contains an item (4.7) in the section entitled General Instructions, which reads: =93In case the press or any other people request for information the answer shall be 'we are not authorized to comment on that'=94. Why not answering to ufologists and the press? Wouldn't it be more transparent to answer to ufologists in a serious manner?

Pereira: I'm not for this, but controversial issues must be handled with care. In general, they are not authorized, but this is not only for military issues. Do you remember the subway accident in S=E3o Paulo last year (2007)? Everybody started to call and the response was =93we are not authorized to comment on that=94. This is to avoid disputes among different press agencies. Try talking to Folha de Sao Paulo and not to O Globo newspapers or vice-versa. You'll become an enemy to one of them. So the Armed Forces and the government normally try to keep distance from these press war.

BUFOM: What would be the best way to find access to the

information NPA-09 intends to keep secret?

Pereira: The best way in this and other cases is to call for a press conference. Then any agency that wants information can send their journalists to make questions. Another way to handle a big request for information is to issue a press release. This is the standard recommendation.

BUFOM: Scientists accuse Ufology of lack of evidence. Let's suppose we can prove in little time that beings from other planets are visiting Earth. Would you expect any social impact at scientific, religious, economic or cultural levels?

Pereira: I have no doubt about that. In case that occurs many things would have to be reviewed.

BUFOM: Do you know if Brazil works or have worked together with other countries in UFO matters?

Pereira: Not anymore, but in the past we used to deal with the US. This is not like this anymore.

BUFOM: During Opera=E7=E3o Prato some people said that it was terminated due to advise from the US who was receiving information on the operation's results. Is it true?

Pereira: It's very likely to be true. The US used to enter into every issue those days. They even wanted to advise us on that.

BUFOM: Have Americans ever recommended measures to be taken by Brazilians regarding UFOs spotted by radars or interceptions made by jets?

Pereira: No, never. But there's indeed a spontaneous exchange of information with other countries. There is an organization called System for Cooperation of American Air Forces (Sicofaa). They meet once a year in one of the member states to discuss everything from hygiene issues to fighting drug dealing. At Sicofaa =96 which has a proper communication system =96 issues are dealt with by commanders. A Brazilian Air Force commander, for example, can reach his US or any other counterpart directly. At Sicofaa there is total freedom to speak on any subject [Brazilian Air Force website informs that Sicofaa was created in 1961 in order to promote and strengthen mutual friendship and support among Air Forces of member states].

BUFOM: =93Any subject=94 including flying saucers?

Pereira: Yes. I believe today even flying saucers can be discussed in that environment and not only among commanders. That body has many different commissions such as flight security, logistics, whatever. That's a fabulous initiative which is not affected by diplomatic issues. For example, the recent dispute among Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela had no effect on the system [Colombia allegedly attacked a Farc camp in Ecuador supposedly supported by Ecuador and Venezuela]. Presidents and politicians cursed one another in those countries, but military at Sicofaa were very professional and reasonable in dealing with this subject. That's the purpose of this body which I consider a kind of security against the war. Everybody thinks military want to go to war when the truth is the opposite. Military hate war because they should be the first to die. So, while presidents accuse one another, the military are actually working for peace through Sicofaa.

BUFOM: On that night of May 19th 1986, the so-called =93Official UFOs Night in Brazil=94, did the military consider those facts as extremely serious?

Pereira: Sure. There was an array of UFOs spotted and the whole defense system was put on alert. Colonel Ozires Silva was flying a Xingu near Po=E7os de Caldas (MG) heading to Sao Jose dos Campos (SP) when radars showed 21 UFOs on many different locations from Sao Paulo to Rio de Janeiro including parts of Goias and Minas Gerais.

BUFOM: At the occasion, we had the minister of aeronautics, Brigadier Octavio Moreira Lima, on TV talking about that. He also authorized pilots and controllers to talk about the issue without any reserve.

Pereira: Yes. They gave a press conference. But the minister made a mistake by promising an official report to be released within the next 30 days. This was never done.

BUFOM: Never released, but the report was really prepared. The decision to release it, however, was changed. But some information contained in it leaked such as the number [21] of UFOs of 100m diameter each.

Pereira: That's true. The report would be made because the jets took off. Every time planes take off in an unusual situation the Air Force has to prepare a report and this is what happened. I've never heard of it, but it was certainly produced and for some reason the minister changed his mind about disclosing it.

BUFOM: We heard of it through a pilot of the Presidency of the Republic who saw it and told us some details. Were there any rumors about the report among the military?

Pereira: Let's get back to that initial point. Did that happen? Yes. Did pilots see it? Yes. Did radars spot it? Yes. Did Ozires see it? Yes. Did pilots in commercial planes see it? Yes. Does time of sightings match? Yes. Does trajectory of objects match? Yes. All this was technically analyzed. So, did that happen? Yes, it did happen. One of the most important things is that everything was spotted by the aircraft radars. And the main confirmation is when we have radars spotting objects simultaneously in the air and on the ground. Radars of aircraft operate in microwave band which is very narrow, while radars on the ground operate in a much broader band So there's no risk of confusion or mistake. Then we come to the question =93What were those objects?=94. No one knows. If those were not foreign jets attacking...

BUFOM: So they were unidentified flying objects, flying saucers?

Pereira: Yes. Unidentified flying objects.

BUFOM: Some ufologists call that an invasion due to the significant number and size of the objects. What did it represent to the military? Didn't it raise any fear or alert?

Pereira: No, no. Maybe the military think in a different way. What did they say that time? They admitted the fact, but what was the air defense response? Jets took off and reached the objects in less than two minutes. Were they armed with missiles? Yes they were.

BUFOM: Were they armed for any special reason or is it the standard procedure?

Pereira: That's normal. They are always armed, but with peace-time armament, that is, two missiles, small thing. Pilots had the proper training and radars entered maximum capacity which normally doesn't happen. Radars never operate at full capacity in order to save energy and to spare the device itself. We normally keep them working at 70% or 80% of their capacity. But after the jets took off the capacity was increased to a broader range. All the military regulations were observed. We did our job because this is the way military think. No communication has failed, the jets landed safe and pilots came back unharmed. Mission accomplished! When a general loses a war he asks to himself: =93Where did I go wrong?=94. He never says the enemy was more intelligent, but that he was stronger, that's all. I remember that time that our concern was to know if we did our part. Otherwise we'd be asking =93Where did we go wrong?=94

BUFOM: So why wasn't that report released?

Pereira: Probably because of some political reason or fear of panic. That time the idea was that the population would panic if they knew.

BUFOM: And wasn't there any further interest among the military and the government on that invasion?

Pereira: No. I can assure you that we've never had this feeling. We only had the feeling that we had done our part. We also felt we haven't failed in our response. If those objects were from an enemy country, they'd have been crushed that night. It's very important to hold the enemy's first attempt so that we

have time to prepare for a second charge, but that was not the case. The country wasn't suffering any threat at all.

BUFOM: Over the three last decades many countries have admitted that UFOs are real and represent intelligent life visiting our planet. First was France in 1976, who has just published 100 thousand documents on the Internet. Then it was Uruguay in 1979 and Chile in 1997. Recently Peru and Ecuador did the same. What do you think of this?

Pereira: I think this is a pragmatic measure towards real facts. None of the countries you've mentioned is irresponsible. They are all serious nations and have different levels of development. And when serious countries admit something, they must be taken into consideration. As sovereign nations they were never forced to do that and the international community must recognize this.

BUFOM: Belgium, Spain, China, Russia - still in communist times - and Mexico in 2005 may do the same. Most of them took that position after a significant sighting within their boundaries. In Chile occurrences were in Deserto do Atacama, Punta Arenas, and Santiago. Peru had a UFO wave some years ago which affected also Lima. Uruguay had several cases even in Montevideo. Don't you think the Brazilian UFO Official Night in 1986 should have triggered a similar attitude?

Pereira: This takes us back to initial questions. When we can't explain something, it goes to the files. It seems in those countries they didn't have the explanation but their decision was different, they decided to admit the existence of something even though they couldn't explain that. That's what they did. Instead of archiving the facts they admitted their existence. The question now is what were those things...

BUFOM: Brazilian closest neighbor to admit UFOs existence is Uruguay (since 1979). They have established a Committee for UFO Report and Investigation (Cridovni) within their Air Force. Has Brazil ever exchanged information on UFOs with that country?

Pereira: Not that I know. The only exchange was with the US during the Cold War era because the US used to force themselves into every issue.

BUFOM: But if that exchange occurred only during the Cold War how could US military and even physicians be present in Case Varginha occurred in 1996? We know they were there taking part in many maneuvers resulting in the shipment of UFO's wreckage and its crew bodies to the US. This was 16 years after the end of the Cold War.

Pereira: Look, when I talk about Cold War, I mean official contact from government to government in a higher level. But in specific issues things are different. US nationals work in other countries when there is something they want to know. And all countries do the same. This can be done in a diplomatic scope.

BUFOM: We had a strange coincidence few weeks after Case Varginha: NASA director Daniel Goldin came to Brazil. Brazilian and US space agencies signed an agreement for space cooperation. Ufologists say this was only an excuse to cover-up US participation in that story...

Pereira: This is what we call =93Operation Umbrella=94, because after that we are covered against any bad weather.

BUFOM: You are right, but we were lucky that Brazilian ufologists could collect valuable information on the case before the military could launch their cover-up operations. Fortunately, Ubirajara Franco Rodrigues, one of the most serious Brazilian researcher, lived very near the place where ETs were seen and captured. He was quick enough to start researching immediately and called other ufologists who could visit the city in the following days. Did you follow this case?

Pereira: This is the story I know the least. All that I know I got from the ordinary press which is not very reliable because it is somewhat censored. Revista UFO has no censorship, but newspapers like O Globo, A Folha de S=E3o Paulo, and O Estado de Minas have. Many things [about Varginha] are still ignored also because the press had no access to the information. There's one

more thing: the editor of a newspaper first analyzes which news will sell or not, then they decide on what to publish.

BUFOM: That's true. Nothing was published about Varginha by the US ordinary press that time.

Pereira: As I told you, the US force themselves into everything. It seems they want a world and ideological war. There's always a US ambassador giving opinions on the country where he is serving. They expressed opinions on that recent immigration issue between Brazil and Spain. What do they have to do with that? Nothing. And still they want to take part. But they are right and we are wrong. We should also force ourselves into everything.

BUFOM: Brigadier, do you think Brazil could take the same attitude as those countries which admit the existence of UFOs and the need to investigate them? Do you think we have a favorable environment to disclose secret documents?

Pereira: In my opinion we have the most favorable environment here to open our files! I even think the population is eager for transparency including on ufological issues. Brazil lives a very unusual moment with all these federal police operations. Everything is being put very clear. Now we have all ministers' personal expenses made public. You can find through the Internet whatever they spent with their official cards.

BUFOM: Despite that, ufological files are kept inaccessible to Brazilian citizens...

Pereira: Yes. And could we trust a country like this?! There is much more secret in ministers' personal affairs than in UFO issues and the first were all openly published. That minister's private expenses shocked the whole country while Ufology can't cause any damage but raise a serious scientific interest. I mean, there must be transparency. There is no reason to keep on hiding things. But it goes a long way to officially accepting UFOs existence like France did. And the first step towards that is transparency. People will never believe files while they are still kept secret.

BUFOM: So you think that if they were disclosed...

Pereira: This would be the first step for us to advance. I don't believe people would panic if these files are opened. This (panic) would never happen. If there's a country that never panics this is Brazil. Maybe we'll even have a samba theme in celebration [laughter].

BUFOM: If you were asked by the government or the military would you go for the disclosure of files?

Pereira: Absolutely! I'll be for the opening of all files safeguarding those four restrictions I've already mentioned. First we have to protect the privacy of people mentioned in the documents. Second, we can not disclose things that could generate panic or cause damage to the population. Third, it's crucial to safeguard secrets that could trigger diplomatic, military, strategic or economic problems. And fourth, we need to protect the country's military, economic, and strategic secrets which could put the country in a vulnerable position against competitors or depreciate our currency. If we have none of these obstacles, then we should disclose everything. I believe ufological issues don't fit into any of these restrictions. That means we have no reason to keep it secret.

BUFOM: Don't you think that in case Brazilian military want to disclose the subject some international powers =96 especially the US =96 might go against it?

Pereira: No, absolutely not. I don't think so.

BUFOM: Or maybe this is not a priority to the Brazilian government so they prefer not to do anything about it?

Pereira: Maybe due to a cultural reason. =93Why should we go over this?=94, the government may think. There is also Brazilian traditional bureaucratic problems. Bureaucrats don't want to change anything. =93Is it worth the change?=94, they may ask. No, so let's forget it. This impairs the development of the nation

because forgetting ufological files means forgetting many other things that could be made public.

BUFOM: You are aware of the campaign for freedom of information which resulted in the first official meeting involving the Air Force and researchers of the Brazilian Ufologists Committee (CBU). We were received at Cindacta and Comdabra by many officials including Major Antonio Lorenzo, spokesman of that body, and Brigadiers Telles Ribeiro and Atheneu Azambuja. They all assured us that the Air Force commanders had given orders for them to show everything. However, only a few doors were opened and only three files were just partially shown. It seems the Air Force meant only to appease us. Did we have the right impression?

Pereira: First let me tell you that Lorenzo is a great public relations officer. Now, I don't know if that is the right impression. But I assure you that my position is for the full opening of all files without any pre-analysis because there's nothing else to analyze anymore. But how to interpret the documents and how to direct the independent investigation is another thing. Anyway, I think that after the opening, UFO issues won't belong only to ufologists anymore. It must be engaged by the whole nation, not only ufologists. Who are the most interested parties? Astrophysicists, astronomers, geologists, aviators, meteorologists, etc.

BUFOM: How do you imagine this opening? I believe the military won't simply call ufologists and deliver us all the materials...

Pereira: I think they would make everything available at the National Archive. This is the best way of doing that [Created in 1838, this is a central body of the System for Management of Documents of the Brazilian Archive, an integral part of the Civil Affairs Ministry].

BUFOM: During our visit to Comdabra we delivered three letters to Brigadier Telles Ribeiro. One was addressed to Aeronautics commander, another to the minister of defense and the last one to president Da Silva. We were requesting the opening of UFO files and the establishment of a mixed committee of ufologists and military maybe including scientists in order to research UFOs. If the committee is really established, would you accept an invitation to take part?

Pereira: If it were a non-governmental committee I would take part as a citizen, a collaborator. I do stress it must be a non-governmental one otherwise it would be a waste. Unfortunately that time when you visited Comdabra was not appropriate to a request for the establishment of a committee. That historical moment didn't allow for that. Now we live a different moment. I wouldn't say it's an extraordinary one, but it's really much better than before. Nowadays =93transparency=94 and =93disclosure=94 are fashionable words because of recent scandals in politics, in those times they were not.

BUFOM: Do you know any other high rank official who has the same opinion as yours and could support our campaign?

Pereira: Well, everyone is afraid of talking. Military in service may think about it, but they will never speak. Those retired do speak, however. I will talk to some colleagues to see how they feel about all this [He mentioned two officials of the Air Defense System - one in service, another retired -, but their names are safeguarded until they are contacted. One of them allegedly had a very significant experience with UFOs].

BUFOM: At the first time we met at Comdabra, on May 20th 2005, we gave you some magazines and you said you were already a reader. Are you still our reader?

Pereira: Yes. I buy the magazines from newsstands at the airport or bus station in Brasilia. It's been some time since I don't get a new one, but I always read it. Sometimes it's not easy to find it at the newsstands. It seems more people appreciate it.

BUFOM: We have two invitations to you. First we would like to invite you for a conference at the 36=B0 Brazilian Congress of Scientific Ufology to be held from 22nd to 25th May in Curitiba.

Pereira: Of course. I thank you for the invitation. I'll do my best to be there.

BUFOM: Second, would you accept an invitation to take part in an international body of civil and military personalities from different countries that occasionally meet in Washington in order to request governments to open their files?

Pereira: Well, I'm not sure about that now. But I can assure you I'll be in Curitiba.

BUFOM: Lastly, will you keep on reading Revista UFO?

Pereira: Of course. Revista UFO is the reference on Ufology here in Brazil.

Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira can be reached by e-mail. You can send your inquiries to Revista UFO and we will forward them to him:

revista.nul

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UK UFO Sightings FSR Issue VOL 53/1 Spring 2008

From: Roy Hale <roy.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 13:23:20 +0100
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:25:00 -0400
Subject: UK UFO Sightings FSR Issue VOL 53/1 Spring 2008

Subject: UK UFO Sightings FSR Issue VOL 53/1 Spring 2008

List,

FSR now being in it's 50th year of publishing stories of encounters with UFOs and their occupants has just published their latest issue for spring 2008, and the UK UFO coverage stories (with pictures) is quite amazing.

I did not even realize the amount of video footage being captured by the UK public (the world at large) until this issue was sent to me via my subscription to FSR.

It really does seem that this 'UFO Flap' of late is more widespread than just Wales.

Briefly I will outline this issue for all those interested in hard to find and upto date UFO encounters.

To get this FSR issue click here: <http://tiny.cc/LJCip>

Roy

A mid Air collision between a MIG-21 and a UFO over Romania October 2007?

FT over Shirley Southampton 1/6/08

A close encounter with Romanian Ufology.

A group of peasants of Gemini Mehedinpi saw an ET creature from another planet.

Unusual phenomena observed with a radar device in Romania (ASFAN).

Phenomena in the Hola-Baciu wood near Cluj-Napoca (Dr Adrian Patrut).

A CE3 in Romania. Dan D Farcas.

Serpents of wisdom or snakes in the grass? Beverly Trout.

My reptilian Abduction Farnborough UK 1951.

President Eisenhower at Holloman AFB (Muroc)? Part 2. Art Campbell.

"The Omega Secret" Secretum Omega Cristoforo Barbato.

The Latest research on the discovery of a planet X. Jason Martell.

The 12th UFO Forum held in Wroclaw Poland.

Aerial Dolphin filmed over Filey UK (Very weird pictures!)

Moby Dick filmed in Hampshire (A Whale filmed in the Sky ?)

It all happened in an instant. R Kellet.

Are we witnessing another summer wave of UFOs over England?

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Alien Jigsaw Updates July 2008

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Fri, 18 Jul 2008 13:11:44 -0500
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:27:00 -0400
Subject: Alien Jigsaw Updates July 2008

Dear List:

I wanted to let you know about two updates to my Web site.

"Dargons, Dracos and Reptilians" (Includes Illustrations)

"Breaking News From MUFON"

http://www.alienjigsaw.com/Whats_New/Whats_new.html

Thank you,

Katharina Wilson
www.alienjigsaw.com

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Larry King Live - July 2008 - The Complete Set

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 00:24:56 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:27:00 -0400
Subject: Larry King Live - July 2008 - The Complete Set

Dear Colleagues,

At the links below you can download the complete set of the
Larry King UFO Shows that were broadcast this July:

July 4, 2008 - Roswell Truth Debated

Download link (175 Mb):

<http://tinyurl.com/5qfko8>

Transcript:

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/04/lkl.01.html>

July 11, 2008 - UFO Hunters Investigate Sightings

Download link (175 Mb):

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

Transcript:

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/11/lkl.01.html>

July 18, 2008 - Debate Over Existence Of UFOs

Download link (175 Mb):

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

Transcript:

<http://transcripts.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/0807/18/lkl.01.html>

Best Regards,

Giuliano

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B.C. Canada June 2008 Crop Formation

From: Nancy Talbott <bltresearch.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 13:00:37 -0400
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 14:30:00 -0400
Subject: B.C. Canada June 2008 Crop Formation

Hi All,

A new Field Report has been added to the BLT web-site about a most interesting formation which occurred in British Columbia, Canada in early June, 2008.

Massive node elongation was found in the flattened plants, but this is not the only interesting observation.

To read entire report, please see:

<http://www.bltresearch.com/fieldreports/july2008a.html>

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Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

From: **Robert Hastings** <hastings444.nul>
Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 20:26:32 -0600
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 14:32:00 -0400
Subject: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

All,

Earlier today, I sent out this press release:

Robert Hastings says he is disappointed that there hasn't been more chatter on the Internet about the important disclosures on the Larry King show Friday night - regarding ongoing UFO activity at U.S. and Russian nuclear weapons sites.

He says, "Maybe everyone in America was at the Batman movie and didn't watch the show. If so, a transcript of it is available at CNN.com. There was a lot that didn't get covered, due to lack of time. For example, I was going to ask all former and retired USAF personnel who were involved in one of the nuclear weapons incidents to contact me at my website, ufohastings.com."

Hastings continues, "I had also intended to say to the viewing audience, 'Just so you know, I am ashamed that President Bush is from planet Earth. Top that, Dixie Chicks!'"

- Robert Hastings

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 14:21:01 +0100
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:53:28 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 05:27:35 -0700 (PDT)
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

Hello James and All,

Found an update, which might make me reconsider things yet again: the recent interview by the Daily Grail with Jacques Vallee:

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

here's a quote:

"Jacques Vallee: The phenomenon is very robust in its manifestations, both physical and physiological. The former can be seen when plotting the time of day when observations are made (the 'Law of the Times') and the development of specific waves or flaps. Physical traces, interference with car ignition, patterns of light phenomena and energy have all been documented by serious authors. The physiological factors include evidence of exposure to UV radiation, frequent effects on the eyes (from conjunctivitis to temporary blindness), skin blisters or injuries in reaction to focused beams of light, temporary inhibition of muscle control, disturbances in the sleep cycle, and general fatigue and anemia lasting over 7 days and life-threatening in some extreme cases."

Cheers

Ray D

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MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:25 +0200 (CEST)
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:55:29 -0400
Subject: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

MoD's current views on ufology - a .pdf document:

<http://tinyurl.com/63cozb>

Best wishes,

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

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 10:24:57 -0500
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:59:08 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 21:48:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:28:19 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>>From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
>>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 08:16:06 -0700 (PDT)
>>>>Subject: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>><snip>

>>>>Conspiracy types and many ufologists are always nattering on
>>>>about how debunkers and others engage in "Character
>>>>assassination" - indeed, it's a charge Stan Friedman levels at
>>>>me in his latest opus, Flying Saucers and Science, simply
>>>>because I had the temerity to point out all the things about
>>>>Wilbert Smith that Stan would rather folks not know (along the
>>>>way, Stan misrepresents both my criticisms of MJ-12, and Brad
>>>>Spark's, but that's another story).

>>>>However, I have noticed that these same conspiracy theorists and
>>>>ufologists, with no real sense of irony, have no problem
>>>>engaging in real character assassination, like this craptacular
>>>>piece of drek from James Horak, insinuating that Jacques Vallee,
>>>>simply because he follows a line of thought different from that
>>>>espoused by Mr. Horak, has sold out to what is presumably, in
>>>>Mr. Horak's world, the dreaded "them".

>>>>This is disgraceful, and frankly I'm surprised it managed to
>>>>make it through Errol's usually sound filtering system.

>>>>I'm pretty sure that Dr. Vallee doesn't give a rat's behind
>>>>what Mr. Horak thinks about him, and rightly so, but still, it's
>>>>this kind of ad hominem attack, and the toleration of it by people
>>>>who should know better, that makes ufology look like ufology to
>>>>the general public.

>>>>For those who want to make up their own mind about Paul's
>>>>comments about my comments about his and Brad's attacks on
>>>>MJ-12, I would refer you to pages 287-295 of Flying Saucers And
>>>>Science. Frankly the indexing is quite poor. I hadn't seen it
>>>>before the book was published.

>>>>You didn't receive and read page proofs before your book was
>>>>published? Shame on you! No wonder you (and Feschino) have
>>>>quality control problems. This is all your responsibility. 'It's
>>>>all the publisher's fault' continues to be the lamest of lame
>>>>excuses.

Still won't look at the book, eh? Forgetting, of course, this is a rather artless jibe at a situation which might never have occurred had you been on site at the affair to watch it unfold yourself.

Too, with every day that goes by it just becomes more apparent and obvious, Dick, that you, among significant others, neatly missed, perhaps, the biggest flap in United States History! Perhaps throwing good money after bad you continue down your current intransigent track, "Staying the course" like a grumpy neo-con... handily turning your back on some first rate sincerity from a 'genuine' UFO Hunter who has sacrificed hugely over a period of many years to document this historical account with citations that must be credited.

Real irony, when you talk about some of them yourself in Journal of UFO History.

>"Attacks" on MJ-12, or criticisms of your logic and reasoning? A >lot of us disagree with you about MJ-12 and for good reasons.

>Maybe you are trying to emulate Ralph Nader who for decades did >great and important work (I am an admirer of Ralph, as I am of >your earlier track record); but lately he seems intent on >destroying his prior high credibility by trying to defend the >indefensible.

Indefensible? How can you say indefensible when you won't even consider the defense? Decidedly Klasskurtxian.

Too, seems to me the value of Friedman's stock trends ever up - and even goes a little asymptotic, lately. It's drawn the ire of his nephew, who, right-wrong-or-indifferent, credits the mainstream (as you always have), and can't conceive of a Watergate where the public trust is betrayed and information is kept from the masses in a fog of exposed nipple law-suits, war-mongering, and contrived obsessions with celebrity snizzes.

It remains, UFOs damn near landed on the White House lawn in the summer of '52 where shoot-down orders were implemented as a result of the biggest UFO Flap about which we barely heard!

If I get caught wrong on this you know I'll say so.

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Re: Orford Ness Question

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:54:51 -0300
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 18:29:06 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 14:28:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:57:39 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

<snip>

>So I guess the Orford Ness lighthouse would have appeared
>white in the dark, unless some special circumstances were to
>change that - such as a contrast effect.

Martin should be able to confirm this. The Orford Ness light was restricted in its ability to shine its beam inland to avoid annoying the local residence. It was fitted with some kind of blind. This would have applied in earlier years. Eventually the light would have or should be a blinking light with a definite period adjusted to shine only out to sea. Not sure if this light was changed.

Don Ledger

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UFOs A Hoot!

From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 11:42:15 EDT
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 18:30:00 -0400
Subject: UFOs A Hoot!

While UpDates is primarily a discussion forum may I request Errol to indulge me briefly while I share this report that was submitted to me.

One can only wonder at the effect the combination of a UFO sighting, and the Owl taking advantage of what was probably the bemused state of the witness, to literally feather its own nest!

Perhaps we should all consider the necessity of a tin foil hat for any future close encounter!

Over Careel Bay, Avalon Beach, Sydney Australia about 1991.9.30pm shooting star crosses my field of view and goes to my rear.

A little later a strong light source shines on me from behind and I turn.

There is a light pulsing object hovering over Careel Bay and an owl sitting on the fence 6 feet from me. The shape is a diagonally orientated square with an equal armed cross dissecting the square from all vertices's. It shoots a ray of exceptionally powerful light but I flinch as it hurt my eyes worse than the sun.

It then fades to nothing so I turn to go inside and tell my wife. That is when the owl takes hair from my head and flies off with it. (A tawny frog mouth owl, technically a type of Australian nightjar but quite large 15" tall).

I will not tolerate having my credibility questioned without a fight so do be careful.

Regards,

Joe Faccenda
Scotland

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Re: Orford Ness Question

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 08:49:38 -0700
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 18:37:51 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 14:28:51 +0100
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:57:39 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 9 Jul 2008 21:05:28 +0100
>>>Subject: Orford Ness Question

>>>Just a quick question for anyone who knows: What color is the
>>>light at Orford Ness lighthouse?

<snip>

>>I don't know what the true colour temperature of the old lamp
>>was, but for an idea of what it might have looked like from
>>the forest you can see it in this video from 1983:

>><http://www.ianridpath.com/ufo/rendleshamlc.htm>

>>It is here described as "white" by the forester Vince
>>Thurkettle, but appears with a slightly warmer tinge on the >>film.

A skeptical Thurkettle was the first person to suggest the lighthouse as explaining the events. But when the Sci-Fi channel did a Rendlesham documentary a few years ago and Sgt. Jim Penniston led Thurkettle to his landing site deep in the forest where he encountered a triangular object, even Thurkettle admitted that it was impossible to see the lighthouse there. More on the invisible lighthouse below.

>>According to Ian Ridpath the new, much weaker (1/10 power)
>>light is "whiter in colour", implying that the old light was
>>not in fact a pure white.

>>"The [new] lighthouse appears to have an orange glow in these
>>shots. In fact, I tried to white balance correctly when I
>>arrived at the site and the lighthouse beam appeared very
>>falsely red. I returned the camera to one of the preset white
>>balance settings and as can be seen the ground coverings have
>>a very blue cast (something I hate to see in shots). As I
>>knew that it would soon be dark I left the camera at this
>>setting, so that the lighthouse colour didn't appear too
>>enhanced. I have made a colour corrected still image below, to
>>return the image closer to it's natural colour balance."

>>That "natural" colour balance is quite reddish. Frearson
>>suggests that this is due to the atmosphere.

>>If it is true that the output of this new lamp is actually
>>"whiter in colour" than the old lamp, then the implication
>>seems to be that the old lamp might have looked somewhat
>>orange to the naked eye, but varying with the atmospheric

>>conditions.

>The "corrected" photo looks to me like a processing error of some kind. If the attempt at color balancing in situ was over-enhancing the red component, then I suspect the correction is probably producing the same artifact.

>As far as the incandescent light goes, the matter is pretty clear as far as the human visual system is concerned - any bright light source emitting a continuous spectrum (such as a filament lamp) will always appear white on a dark night, no matter what its actual spectral profile might be, since the visual system always acts to normalize the dominant light source to white. We have an example of this right here: >There's a house over the road which has an outside light with an incandescent bulb. In the evening or early morning it appears orange or gold, but at night it looks pure white.

Quite right Cathy. We see this every day with incandescent bulbs. Turn them on in the daytime when there is a lot of much brighter sunlight illuminating the scene, and the bulbs appear yellowish. At nighttime, however, they look white, as they are now the dominant, broad-spectrum light source. That is what the visual system then uses as it's "white" reference.

>So I guess the Orford Ness lighthouse would have appeared white in the dark, unless some special circumstances were to change that - such as a contrast effect.

There could be some color shifting if there were a lot of small particulate matter in the air, such as smoke or dust to scatter out the shorter (bluish) wavelengths, the reason the sun or moon can look orangish or reddish near the horizon. However, the sunlight/moonlight is being heavily filtered through several hundred miles of atmosphere near the horizon. The Orford Ness lighthouse was only half a dozen miles from the Rendlesham sightings, so much less color shifting would take place. Further, the nights were said to have been crystal-clear.

Even more importantly to my mind (and constantly ignored by the skeptics) is that the lighthouse beacon can't be seen directly from almost all locations, being obstructed by terrain and trees. There is only one tiny region at the edge of Rendlesham forest next to a field where the tip of the lighthouse just peaks through a small gap in the terrain (and where there are no obstructing trees). Everywhere else, it can't be seen, period! It is quite impossible to see from almost all other parts of the field or deep in the forest or back at the base.

I was there in 2002 and walked the area, taking photos. You can see what the airmen would have seen plus detailed maps of the area at my website:

http://www.roswellproof.com/rendlesham_pictorial.html

The rotating beam of light indirectly illuminating the sky can be seen from a much broader set of locations, but the skeptical claim is that the men were looking directly at the lighthouse itself, yet it is invisible from almost all locations.

Ian Ridpath's 1983 video of the blinking lighthouse was shot at the one location where the lighthouse tip can be seen, i.e., right near the edge of the forest. Had he stepped another 50 feet back into Rendlesham forest, probably some tree would have totally blocked the view. Had he stepped 50-100 feet left or right or 100-200 feet down into the sloping field, the lighthouse would have been obstructed by terrain. And forget about seeing it from the base with half a mile of trees in the way or along the logging road within the forest leading out to the field (unless you are Superman and have X-ray vision).

But the lighthouse tip is treated by skeptics as being visible from everywhere, leading dozens of airmen to leave the base and go on merry chases through the woods, even though they had routinely seen the lighthouse beam sweeping the sky millions of times before. Sgt. Jim Penniston even imagined walking around the invisible lighthouse beacon deep in the forest and touching it. And deputy base commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt further imagined several lighthouses darting across the sky overhead and shooting down laser-like beams at his feet. That was awfully strong weed these guys were smoking.

David Rudiak

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 16:23:56 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 11:53:21 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 01:30:39 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>>>This is a good question. If I recall correctly the special
>>>"spots" on the trunk of the car driven by Betty and Barney
>>>Hill caused a compass to spin like a motor.

><snip>

>>If it occurred as stated it would be fascinating. What would
>>cause this?

>Hi Martin,

>Maybe a strong and fast-rotating magnetic field above or near
>it?

Yes, Ray, but this is circular - sorry, no pun intended.
Assuming that the use of a compass is significant (i.e., that
matchsticks and ballpoints didn't spin, but a compass did) then
by definition the action is that of a rotating magnetic field,
which really reduces to just another way of describing the
spinning of the magnetic compass. Eleanor's excellent question
remains: Why are two stationary discoloured spots of car paint
associated with persistent rotating magnetic fields?

>From earlier speculation and recent mainstream experiments that
>seems to be the key to 'anti-gravity' and maybe even to anti-
>inertia drives.

There're certainly some intriguing hints along those lines.

Martin

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News Release UFOs In Canada

From: Chris Rutkowski <canadianuforeport.nul>
Date: Wed, 16 Jul 2008 09:52:33 -0500
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 18:39:00 -0400
Subject: News Release UFOs In Canada

News Release
16 July 2008

Many more UFOs seen over Canada in 2007: study

The 2007 Canadian UFO Survey has been released, showing a significant increase in the number of UFO sightings filed in Canada last year. The study was prepared by Ufology Research, an independent, non-profit research organization based in Winnipeg, Canada.

Researchers examined 836 UFO sighting reports from across the country in 2007, an increase of almost 12 per cent over 2006. Reports had been filed by witnesses with government and military agencies, police, civilian UFO groups and several online UFO websites.

Of the hundreds of cases, only a fraction - about 16 per cent - were labeled as unexplained after review by investigators. Only about one per cent of the total were "high quality unknowns" that were both unexplained and had above-average levels of investigation and documentation.

"Last year saw the second-highest number of UFO reports filed in Canada in a single year, since we began collecting data in 1989," says Chris Rutkowski, lead researcher for the study. He notes that New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Quebec each had all-time record high numbers of UFO reports in 2007.

Cases ranged from the relatively commonplace reports of starlike lights maneuvering oddly in the night sky to large, structured craft with lights moving ponderously overhead to the amazement of witnesses, such as the one seen on March 3 over Hammonds Plains, Nova Scotia. In Granisle, British Columbia, a "blacklight-coloured" object moved across the sky accompanied by odd clouds on November 29, while in North Tryon, Prince Edward Island, on December 26, a small shiny object flew in a corkscrew-like manner through the late afternoon sky, leaving behind a strange smoke trail.

Ufology Research's statistical analyses of the Canadian UFO data found details such as that most UFO sightings have two witnesses, most UFO are white in colour and that the typical sighting in 2007 lasted an average of 17 minutes. And "flying saucers" are comparatively rare, with reports of triangles and spheres much more common.

Rutkowski notes: "People continue to report unusual objects in the sky, and some of the objects do not have obvious explanations. Many witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgment."

However, Rutkowski cautions that contrary to popular opinion, there is still no incontrovertible evidence that some UFO cases involve extraterrestrial contact.

"The continued reporting of UFOs by the public and the increase in numbers of UFO reports suggest a need for further examination

of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists," he adds. "This is a fascinating field for study, whether one believes or doubts that UFOs are 'real.'"

The Canadian UFO Survey can be found at:

<http://survey.canadianuforeport.com>

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>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 12:54:41 -0400
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>But why a magnetic field, one created in the metal (how?) would
>rotate is anyone's guess.

Right, that worried me too for a while, until remembering the rings of multiple high powered magnets used in mainstream experiments, including (I think) fusion ones, to 'contain' a plasma.

So, if a ring of equal and opposed polarities was somehow imposed on the metal - like one o'clock to seven o'clock and two o'clock to eight o'clock and so on in a circle, a compass would only need a tiny tremor to start rotating from one to the next, and always overshooting to the next and so on. So the metal's (multiple) magnetic fields would be static, it's just the compass needle that would be rotating. Theoretically the needle could start moving either way, clockwise or anti-clock - so that could be a test.

Cheers,

Ray D

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 14:17:49 -0300
Archived: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 19:45:11 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 21:48:42 -0300
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:28:19 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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Hi Dick,

I think you are living in some romantic publishing world that
maybe existed 20 years ago and before. Publishers take license
these days with the authors work. They lie about book sales and
royalties and do underhanded deals which you have no control over
or knowledge of, nor could you.

I've been stung twice. Changes were made which I didn't see until
the book was on the shelves. The index was taken out after I had
seen the final proofs. I didn't know that until the book came
out. In another case an underhanded deal was made that I didn't
know about until two years later and it took my agents having an
friend inside to track that one down. How can that be the
author's fault?

Author's beware. Get a good agent. The good agents know what the
publisher will try to pull, most of them worked for the
publishers at one time.

Have you listened to Errol's last Podcast, Dick? It's an eye-opener re publishers and how crooked they can be and not just the most recent 'new' publishers but the large established houses as well.

Don Ledger

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The Shag Harbour Festival

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 15:46:14 -0300
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 08:41:35 -0400
Subject: The Shag Harbour Festival

Hello all,

In a little more than two weeks - on August 8 and 9 - The Shag Harbour Festival, which promotes the UFO incident in that community on October 4, 1964 and which is well known around the planet, will take place. It is being presented by the Shag Harbour UFO Incident Historical Society.

Go to: <http://www.shagharbourufo.com>

for details and and the Speakerlineup [August 9].

This will be a unique event in that Shag Harbour is still a working fishing community, the people are very friendly the seafood is terrific and the coastline and sea views are unspoiled.

Hope to see you there,

Don Ledger

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From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:58:22 -0500
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 08:43:32 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

>From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
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Laughing out loud! Sean Hannity and Bill Orally cock hairy brows
and wonder why Robert Hastings hates America!

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From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
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>- Robert Hastings

I have had some email communications with Robert Hastings over the past few years and from the gitgo it was obvious he was an extremely intelligent, honest, serious, and professional UFO researcher. That is also how he came off on Larry King.

I thought this was the best of the recent spate of Larry King UFO shows. The military witnesses (Bob Salas and Bob Jameson - Malmstrom 1967 & Dr. Robert Jacobs - Vandenberg AFB 1964) were impressive and, as a bonus, did a good job of boxing the ears of the obligatory skeptics (Seth Shostak and Bill Nye, "the 'science' guy"). Best line (I think by Robert Salas): "You gonna use baking soda and vinegar Bill?"

First part of show on Youtube:

<http://nl.youtube.com/watch?v=djYSiwIZ69I>

Despite Robert's disappointment in the response, I have noticed a definite increase in hits on my website by people who stumble across it while Googling for more information on the Bob Jacob's Vandenberg incident

Biggest revelation by Robert Hastings, based on interviews with many witnesses, was the continuing intrusion and disruption of our nuke missile sites, not just in the 1960s and 1970s. Robert tells me his new book UFOs And Nukes has all the details and much more:

<http://ufohastings.com/BookPage.html>

I hope to be able to review this book in the next few weeks.

David Rudiak

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trying to get the media to take the UFO phenomenon seriously. To
the general public and the press, regardless of their political
views, it just makes you look like an amateur.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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Dick,

Sorry to be confusing. I hadn't seen the index. I did see the
PDF Computer file for the text and had two days to review it.
Page proofs are out of style, Dick.

The index can certainly stand improvement.

If you or anybody else disagrees about MJ-12, how about reading
what I have written and spelling out your objections to my
reviews of the criticisms?

There is an update chapter in Flying Saucers And Science, a
9000 word review of Kevin Randle's book on my website, an
entire 5000 word new after-word to TOP SECRET/MAJIC, 2005
Edition, several earlier MUFON papers, my Final Report On
Operation Majestic 12 - funded by The Fund.

I have put it all out there. I invite criticisms. Broad
unspecific statements about disagreements are very hard to
discuss.

Dick, you have often been outspoken in the past.

Why stop now?

Stan Friedman

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I was wondering the same thing, in that I haven't heard much at all about this show. I can tell you that on a personal level, I found the first part of the program very interesting, despite King's usual knack for interrupting his guests. Larry King is a rude host. He never lets his guests finish a sentence, thereby forcing them to speak in 'sound bites'.

Bringing Nye on after King's constant interruptions just about caused my remote to crash into my TV screen at warp speed, and I had to finally turn off my set.

Remember when 'Bill Nye The Science Guy' was fun to watch? That was when he was talking about a subject he knew something about: Basic Science. I found Nye's presence on the show to be a distraction and a complete waste of time.

When the guests did get a word in edgewise, they did a great job, conveyed valuable information and made Nye look like the idiot he is.

I guess not many people watched that night because you'd think that if the general public had listened to the fact that UFOs are continuing to shut down nukes, they'd be going nuts calling and emailing the Fascists Ozymoron Xenophobes (FOX) or Misogynic News Network (MSNBC) or Censorship News Network (CNN) asking them for their 'fair and balanced' - 'place for politics' - 'best political team in news' opinion.

Maybe everyone really was at the new Baaaaaaah (Batman) movie.

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Is he? I thought he was a 666th-time replicated Reptilian created clone, recently released from his amber vat of liquid the night of January 8, 2008. After all, they were heading directly for the Crawford Ranch.

See: "Radar Data Supports Stephenville, Texas UFO Sightings"

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Re: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 18:40:27 -0300
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 10:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:25 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

>MoD's current views on ufology - a .pdf document:

><http://tinyurl.com/63cozb>

Thanks Nick.

Wow! That letter was a bit unkind wasn't it. Note sly references near the end of being charged for someone to investigate a UFO case. Note also even though they "admit" that they know nothing about the phenomenon there is no admitting by them that some on the outside might. If they are ignorant of the phenomenon what makes them an authority as to who is?

This is some weak-assed shit as they say here in North America. Some pretty dedicated people in the UK have looked into the Channel Island/Ray Bowyer case with - limited resources - and could not come up with some conventional explanation for the sightings but still the MOD spouts the mantra, " We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service."

In other words given unlimited funds they would solve every case.

That's a cop-out.

See the full text below. I cut and pasted it from the original.

Why is the responder's name X'ed out?

From: XXXXXXXXXXXXX
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Our Reference
D/DAS/64/3

Date
11 July 2008

Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX,

Thank you for your letter of 8 July 2008 asking for the address

of a local UFO organisation. Firstly, it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence (MOD) examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. It would be an inappropriate use of defence resources if we were to do so.

The MOD does not have any expertise or role in respect of 'UFO/flying saucer' matters or the question of the existence or otherwise of extraterrestrial life forms, about which it remains totally open-minded. I should add that to date, the MOD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena.

Turning to non-official organisations, I am afraid that the MOD does not put members of the public in contact with outside bodies interested in UFOs. This is for two reasons. Firstly, by directing an individual to a particular outside organisation, it might be construed that organisation was vouched for, or approved, by the MOD. This would most certainly not be the case. Secondly, by suggesting an individual contact one particular organisation, it could be claimed that we were showing favouritism, which we would not wish to do.

That having been said, there are a great many organisations and societies in the UK that are interested in UFOs. I suggest that you conduct a search of the internet to locate one near to you. If you do not have a computer with an internet connection, your local library should have one and I am sure they would be willing to help you. The library may also be able to help you locate magazines that deal with the subject, which may assist you in locating an organisation near you.

I must however, sound a word of caution. The internet and indeed the world of ufology, (as the study of the UFO phenomena is sometimes known) are largely unregulated. Virtually anyone can describe themselves as an "expert" on UFO matters, whether they have spent a lifetime studying the subject, or conversely, five minutes. You should therefore exercise great caution before parting with any money.

If you are considering undergoing any form of hypnosis relating to UFO matters, I would recommend that you discuss the matter with your doctor, as they may be able to put you in contact with reputable practitioners. I am sorry I could not be more helpful.

Don Ledger

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Re: UFOs A Hoot!

From: **Frank Fields** <fields.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 20:30:45 -0400 (EDT)
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 10:57:00 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs A Hoot!

>From: Joe Faccenda <Uforth.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 11:42:15 EDT
>Subject: UFOs A Hoot!

>While UpDates is primarily a discussion forum may I request
>Errol to indulge me briefly while I share this report that was
>submitted to me.

>One can only wonder at the effect the combination of a UFO
>sighting, and the Owl taking advantage of what was probably the
>bemused state of the witness, to literally feather its own nest!

Joe,

The events in the story should of course be taken at face value
without further information.

However, considering the work of Hopkins, Carpenter, Jacobs and
others, another avenue of investigation might be that the owl
was a possible screen memory.

Best,

Frank

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Re: B.C. Canada June 2008 Crop Formation

From: Paul Scott Anderson <paulscottanderson.nul>
Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 20:13:09 -0700
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 10:59:00 -0400
Subject: Re: B.C. Canada June 2008 Crop Formation

>From: Nancy Talbott <bltresearch.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 13:00:37 -0400
>Subject: B.C. Canada June 2008 Crop Formation

>A new Field Report has been added to the BLT web-site about a
>most interesting formation which occurred in British Columbia,
>Canada in early June, 2008.

>Massive node elongation was found in the flattened plants, but
>this is not the only interesting observation.

>To read entire report, please see:

><http://www.bltresearch.com/fieldreports/july2008a.html>

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There are additional photo galleries and diagrams, etc. on the
CCCRN web site. This formation was first reported to us in late
June and as Nancy's report indicates, at least some detailed
study was able to be done before the formation cut in the field.

<http://www.cccrn.ca>

Also just received a second report today of another single
circle in the same region; more info soon. Plus the other five-
circle formation in Ontario, already posted.

Paul

founder
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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 00:01:58 -0400
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 12:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 10:24:57 -0500
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>Too, with every day that goes by it just becomes more apparent
>and obvious, Dick, that you, among significant others, neatly
>_missed_, perhaps, the biggest flap in United States History!
>Perhaps throwing good money after bad you continue down your
>current intransigent track, "Staying the course" like a grumpy
>neo-con...

Alfred:

Dick won't swallow Feschino's kool-aid, so he gets compared to a neo-con? Considering what Dick's been through in the past few years personally, this is hitting below the belt.

<snip>

>Indefensible? How can you say indefensible when you won't even
>consider the defense? Decidedly Klasskurtxian.

Dick Hall, associate of Keyhoe, key member of NICAP, author of The UFO Evidence (I and II), former FUFOR board member, etc., etc., gets called a Klasskurtzian? Just because he, like so many of the rest of us, disagrees with Stan Friedman on MJ-12?

>Too, seems to me the value of Friedman's stock trends ever up -
>and even goes a little asymptotic, lately. It's drawn the ire
>of his nephew, who, right-wrong-or-indifferent, credits the
>mainstream (as you always have), and can't conceive of a
>Watergate where the public trust is betrayed and information is
>kept from the masses in a fog of exposed nipple law-suits, war-
>mongering, and contrived obsessions with celebrity snizzes.

What has drawn my "ire" as of late, Alfred, is not that Stan's stock is going up, but rather that, like the US economy, it is crashing down around him because of bad choices - MJ-12, Aztec, Flatwoods, San Agustin... it's a long list, growing longer. Like Dick, and Brad, and so many others, I respect and honour Stan's earlier work... which is why we're so disappointed in him now (even more so because he has taken to accusing his friends of character assassination, just because they have the temerity to disagree with him). Stan's tragedy is that he could have done so much more - he could have become the proper heir to McDonald and Hynek. Instead he's become little more than Larry King's go-to guy when he needs an ETH as ETFact believer to match what can only loosely be described as "wits" with the likes of James McGaha and Bill Nye. How does that move the serious study of the UFO phenomenon forward?

Someone once said that no political career ends well. In Stan's case, that sadly seems to be true of ufological careers as well. I wish it were otherwise.

And I think we can all conceive of governments doing wrong, and keeping secrets, so you and Stan don't have the monopoly or the high ground there. The difference is that we prefer fact to fantasy when it comes to proving that this has happened in the way and to the extent that you and Stan suggest with respect to UFOs.

I write all of this knowing that it probably lands me back on your "not one of the good guys" list. If so, that's fair enough, but I've always called them like I see them, and I won't stop now.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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From: Sean Jones <Sean.Jones.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 08:26:58 +0100
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 12:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

>From: Nick Pope <nick.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:25 +0200 (CEST)
>Subject: MoD And Non-Official Ufology Organizations

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I have to say that read as a nice polite reply.

It is a true politicians letter though <g> Nothing was given out, information wise, and nothing other than platitudes can be construed from this letter.

Regards

Sean

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In an infinite universe infinitely anything is possible.

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/>

Sean Jones

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 09:15:33 +0100
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 12:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 17:41:57 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>From: Bruce Maccabee <brumac.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 12:54:41 -0400
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

><snip>

>>But why a magnetic field, one created in the metal (how?) would
>>rotate is anyone's guess.

>Right, that worried me too for a while, until remembering the
>rings of multiple high powered magnets used in mainstream
>experiments, including (I think) fusion ones, to 'contain' a
>plasma.

>So, if a ring of equal and opposed polarities was somehow
>imposed on the metal - like one o'clock to seven o'clock and two
>o'clock to eight o'clock and so on in a circle, a compass would
>only need a tiny tremor to start rotating from one to the next,
>and always overshooting to the next and so on. So the metal's
>(multiple) magnetic fields would be static, it's just the
>compass needle that would be rotating. Theoretically the needle
>could start moving either way, clockwise or anti-clock - so that
>could be a test.

I think what Ray's invented here is a perpetual motion machine.
A mechanical analogy would be a ring of arch-shaped channels or
bridges connected so that a ball bearing released from the
summit of one would roll down into the dip and up to towards the
summit of the next one. If the energy conservation laws did not
hold, then the ball might gain more energy rolling down the ramp
than it needs to get up the next one, and then it could in
principle roll round forever. Obviously this implies a
continuous gain in total internal energy. But in fact the total
internal energy of the system is always the zero sum of positive
kinetic energy and equal and opposite negative potential energy,
so unless it is pumped from outside - by you flicking the ball
for example - it will just roll down to the nearest potential
energy well and sit there forever. Same thing for the compass
needle. You need to induce an alternating field - i.e. time-
varying from point to point - to get the compass needle to spin.
This is the problem.

Maybe there is a way to solve it by a different kind of
"perpetual motion" that is allowed by physics. It would utilise
Ray's idea of adjacent domains. Suppose for example that
something, somehow, caused the paint or metal substrate to turn
into a Type II room-temperature superconductor (let's not worry
about how, since superconductivity isn't really understood).
Suppose further that this superconducting spot was somehow
insulated from the surrounding normal conducting metal. An
induced ring current might then continue to flow around the spot
indefinitely.

The resulting magnetic field wouldn't spin a compass because the field lines would encircle the current loop like a torus and there would be no rotational magnetic force. However, if we could imagine a cluster of smaller independent superconducting domains inside the spot, each maintaining an independent current, then maybe the needle could spin. The magnetic force vector would be at right angles to the current, so I think the domains would have to have a current flowing normal to the plane of the metal/paint sandwich, i.e. from front to back of the panel, not round and round within the plane of the panel. I think then you could get an electromotive force on a compass needle, in principle. But of course this is very far out beyond the edge of speculative!

Martin Shough

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Epic Proportions

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 06:04:25 -0700 (PDT)
Archived: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 13:35:00 -0400
Subject: Epic Proportions

One thing we all learn if we attend the university. Controversy is the spirit of community intellect. It is the motive force behind sharing thought. It is what made ancient Greece notable to history; it is everything about which civilization can pin all hope to survive.

To me it is evident that there is an almost constant two-lane highway to our discussions upon forums which deal with any matter of controversy touching government. One path of thought is traveling one way while another is consumed by the same directional incapacity.

If we, while at the university, ventured but slightly from the lectures, required reading, exams, and football schedule, we came across those that were not content with the status quo. Sometimes to radical extent... sometimes even fascist extent.

But we learned about extremes. And we learned one charges its counterpart. In the middle are the thoughts of great men and women... be they authors, philosophers, scientists, even rustic thinkers like Thoreau and Eric Hoffer.

One thing sticks how about such men (and women,) distrust of government. With Samuel Clemons this was true, almost pathological, though in his humor sometimes hidden. However, in his Letters to the Earth, it is glaring.

Always, in the swing of the pendulum of time, we see the same primitive forces generated within the seats of power we allow government. Today that swing moves towards assaults in social contract the people have with their governments and with attitudes contrived to steal rights and protections such a social contract proffers... even to implement torture when the historical base behind a government is meant to abolish such barbarity.

Still, one lane of the highway wants nothing to do with recognizing such dangers. For them these great men and women represent a very unidimensional example, i.e., their professional accomplishments. Dwight Eisenhower's warning about the threat of an unchecked alliance between military and industry falls on deaf ears.

But the thinkers, the great thinkers, have all known better. Governments are like children, only as good as they are made to be and as bad as permitted. And allowing various cults of secrecy within them is affording them the cover to defeat meaningful input by public oversight. Allowing fewer and fewer concerns to own greater and greater share of the media does not help either.

Ufology is the one field of inquiry that suffers most from this iniquity. It is the lightning rod upon which all the secret keepers know their storms of confusion can be brought to ground.

For opening up the secrecy around UFOs will reveal the purpose of why the secrecy mechanism itself has become such a citadel of this, The Fourth Reich. Not based on the German model, but what the German model had been... that of the Roman.

The discovery of this, more than anything else, led to the murder and absolute dishonest defamation of Francis Parker Yockey. Another great thinker that knew our law, derived from that of Rome, was devised purely to protect privilege.

While one lane of that highway has been carefully constructed to avoid ever facing this revelation and where it leads.

JCH

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>the general public and the press, regardless of their political
>views, it just makes you look like an amateur.

I think the "amateur" here is not Bob Hastings, but the guy who's
been running America into the ground and tormenting the world
these past 7+ years.

Jerry Clark

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Well said Paul! Refreshing that you can be held to a consistency
on both sides of the aisle given fulsome concern for the
sensibilities of a man who Vincent Bugliosi, in a bulletproof
indictment, convincingly accuses of serial murder.

<http://tinyurl.com/6l3oos>

This is forgetting GWB's destruction the world economy, eroding a
Constitution, betraying the public trust, and defecating on his
Presidency. I'm relieved and gratified you have more respect for
it than he does.

I know Mr. Hastings to a degree, Paul... and find him to be,
rather un-like yourself actually, appropriately humorless about
his research, intelligence, and UFOs. "Amateur" seems, then, a
convenient appellation that won't be true merely because you have
proclaimed it, don't believe in Watergate and blithely credit a
hijacked mainstream.

As to inappropriate political references: there can hardly be
such given the egregiousness of the crimes in question and should
be snuck in anywhere they can Guy Fawkes-like.

A retired soldier who loves his county, I applaud the Guy Fawkes
in Robert Hastings.

That said... buy Robert's astonishing book about UFO's huge
'affect' on Nukes and National Security and begin to warm up to
him the same way you're warming up to Richard Dolan. George Bush?
Impeach and try for war crimes before he pardons himself and
escapes to his 130 acre getaway in Paraguay.

Robert Hastings? You did exceptionally well on LKL, Sir! Full
freaking marks! You represented splendidly!

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>Laughing out loud! Sean Hannity and Bill Orally cock hairy brows
>and wonder why Robert Hastings hates America!

Alfred, et al,

Felt the need to point out the fact that Robert "never said he
hates America"; he only expressed his distaste for our fearless
leader, and he his in good company I might add!

Cheers,

Frank

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>trying to get the media to take the UFO phenomenon seriously. To
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>views, it just makes you look like an amateur.

Robert didn't look like an amateur on Larry King, Paul. Bill Nye
did however. But is that the best you could come up with?

Don Ledger

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>The UFO Evidence (I and II), former FUFOR board member, etc., etc.,
>gets called a Klasskurtxian? Just because he, like so many of the
>rest of us, disagrees with Stan Friedman on MJ-12?

Absolutely. Ad hominem attacks on Dick Hall - as consistently
rational, thoughtful, and informed as any ufologist in the
history of the field - of this kind are beyond the pale. Or
possibly, as my favorite Far Side cartoon has it, just plain
nuts.

>What has drawn my "ire" as of late, Alfred, is not that Stan's
>stock is going up, but rather that, like the US economy, it is
>crashing down around him because of bad choices - MJ-12, Aztec,
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>earlier work... which is why we're so disappointed in him now
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>disagree with him). Stan's tragedy is that he could have done
>so much more - he could have become the proper heir to McDonald
>and Hynek...

>Someone once said that no political career ends well. In Stan's
>case, that sadly seems to be true of ufological careers as well.
>I wish it were otherwise.

The remarks that follow aren't aimed at anyone in particular,
since they apply to all of us. But:

It is incumbent on all of us involved in this vexing area of
inquiry to be able to admit that we can be wrong. (And if you're
not wrong sometimes, you ain't human.) We need to be able to
change our minds when new evidence and new thinking provide a
better alternative. We need to subject our own ideas to critical
scrutiny. Absolute consistency over years or decades is not a
virtue when "consistency" amounts to little more than a euphemism
for pig-headedness.

We must always remember that we're confronting questions at the
fringes of knowledge, and maybe beyond even currently imaginable
knowledge. We are all entitled to opinions, including firmly held

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ones (preferably based on good evidence, reasonable inference, and hard thinking), but in the end none of us has all the answers.

Jerry Clark

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The Night Before - hosted by Nick Margerrison

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July 24, 2008

Aliens Have Made Contact Says Apollo Astronaut Edgar Mitchell

Former NASA astronaut and moon-walker Dr Edgar Mitchell - a veteran of the Apollo 14 mission - has stunningly claimed aliens do exist.

And he says extra-terrestrials have visited Earth on several occasions - but the alien contact has been repeatedly covered up by governments for six decades.

Dr Mitchell, 77, said during a radio interview that sources at the space agency who had had contact with aliens described the beings as 'little people who look strange to us.'

He said supposedly real-life ET's were similar to the traditional image of a small frame, large eyes and head.

Chillingly, he claimed our technology is "not nearly as sophisticated" as theirs and "had they been hostile", he warned "we would be been gone by now".

Dr Mitchell, along with with Apollo 14 commander Alan Shepard, holds the record for the longest ever moon walk, at nine hours and 17 minutes following their 1971 mission.

"I happen to have been privileged enough to be in on the fact that we've been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomena is real," Dr Mitchell said.

"It's been well covered up by all our governments for the last 60 years or so, but slowly it's leaked out and some of us have been privileged to have been briefed on some of it.

"I've been in military and intelligence circles, who know that beneath the surface of what has been public knowledge, yes - we have been visited. Reading the papers recently, it's been happening quite a bit."

Dr Mitchell, who has a Bachelor of Science degree in aeronautical engineering and a Doctor of Science degree in Aeronautics and Astronautics claimed Roswell was real and similar alien visits continue to be investigated.

He told the astonished Kerrang! radio host Nick Margerrison:

"This is really starting to open up. I think we're headed for real disclosure and some serious organisations are moving in that direction."

Mr Margerrison said: "I thought I'd stumbled on some sort of astronaut humour but he was absolutely serious that aliens are definitely out there and there's no debating it."

Officials from NASA, however, were quick to play the comments down.

In a statement, a spokesman said: "NASA does not track UFOs. NASA is not involved in any sort of cover up about alien life on this planet or anywhere in the universe.

'Dr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his opinions on this issue.'

[Thanks to Dave Haith for the lead]

Some detail from Giuliano Marinkovic:

Dear Colleagues,

Thanks to Grant Cameron for alert and Didier de Plaige for clip hosting...

Original article with audio archive:

<http://www.kerrangradio.co.uk/Article.asp?id=804160&spid=>

Complete Audio clips...

Edgar Mitchell interview:

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NASA reaction:

<http://tinyurl.com/6bq6xp>

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>>audience, 'Just so you know, I am ashamed that President Bush is
>>from planet Earth. Top that, Dixie Chicks!"

>Laughing out loud! Sean Hannity and Bill Orally cock hairy brows
>and wonder why Robert Hastings hates America!

Alfred, et al,

Felt the need to point out the fact that Robert "never said he
hates America"; he only expressed his distaste for our fearless
leader, and he his in good company I might add!

Cheers,

Frank

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 18:29:01 +0100
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 07:15:50 -0400
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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 09:15:33 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 17:41:57 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>>So, if a ring of equal and opposed polarities was somehow
>>imposed on the metal - like one o'clock to seven o'clock and
>>two o'clock to eight o'clock and so on in a circle, a compass
>>would only need a tiny tremor to start rotating from one to the
>>next, and always overshooting to the next and so on. So the
>>metal's (multiple) magnetic fields would be static, it's just
>>the compass needle that would be rotating. Theoretically the
>>needle could start moving either way, clockwise or anti-clock
>> - so that could be a test.

>I think what Ray's invented here is a perpetual motion machine.

Suppose I should've added a note to help anybody with that
misapprehension - the spinning needle would be taking energy from
the (closely positioned) magnetic fields.

Most of us have seen similar desk-top toys - the only difference
would be the micro-control of strong magnetic fields, presently
probably not available to us.

Magnetic fields aren't eternal - nor are they magic.

Cheers

Ray D

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Jerry,

My point was that it has no place in a press release. It's a question of PR, and ufology doesn't serve itself well by mixing serious case studies with puerile (and wholly unoriginal) political jibes, just because it makes some people feel good to do so. I would say the exact same thing if it was a Democrat on the receiving end, or in Canada a Liberal or Conservative. It's counter-productive, and it has nothing to do with the subject at hand... and it's a sure sign of an amateur that makes who is that much easier to dismiss, which is ironic given that Hastings' release was about how he and the missile base cases were being ignored, a point I agree with, and made in my recent film Best Evidence, which featured the Malmstrom case, and also noted the large number of other cases around nuclear facilities, civilian and military, in the US and Canada.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball
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>been running America into the ground and tormenting the world
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Thanks, Jerry. No points taken off for calling me "Bob".

As I told someone else, who expressed concern about my tongue-in-cheek comment, I have been wry and irreverent ever since I first spoke publicly about UFOs, 500 colleges ago, in 1981. I know my facts and was speaking out long before most of the folks currently on the ufological scene.

My real press release, sent to the media on a regular basis, is nuts-and-bolts. I was just having a little fun with the faux-release. Actually, I was hoping to get a few tongues wagging, so thanks Paul.

Anyhoo, I am a package deal and one can either take me or leave me. That was the kindest thing I could say about Bush. Most of the folks who voted for him still think Saddam Hussein launched 9/11 and that the war in Iraq was justified. When alien visitation is finally announced, a lot of them will run for their shotguns. It will take 'em 20 years before they figure out that our visitors are not Satanic demons.

In short, I could care less than less what the slow-learners think about UFOs or my public statements about them. Yeah, I could sell more books if I were more docile. That ain't me...

Robert

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>>Too, with every day that goes by it just becomes more apparent
>>and obvious, Dick, that you, among significant others, neatly
>>_missed_, perhaps, the biggest flap in United States History!
>>Perhaps throwing good money after bad you continue down your
>>current intransigent track, "Staying the course" like a grumpy
>>neo-con...

>Alfred:

>Dick won't swallow Feschino's kool-aid, so he gets compared to
>a neo-con?

Dick, too, disregards well presented evidence... so that rose by
any other name would smell as sweet, eh? Too, regarding Feschino,
the evidence has been presented but you'd rather couch insult
than examine same. Reap what you sow.

>Considering what Dick's been through in the past few
>years personally, this is hitting below the belt.

Oh - I suspect Dick is made of stronger stuff in the first place
or might be wearing his belt a little high in the second. It
remains that he hasn't looked at the evidence. You make of that
what you will.

><snip>

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>The UFO Evidence (I and II), former FUFOR board member, etc., etc.,
>gets called a Klasskurtzian? Just because he, like so many of the
>rest of us, disagrees with Stan Friedman on MJ-12?

Klasskurtxians don't look at the evidence. Dick Hall doesn't look
at the evidence. Well, you know the logical drill. I'll allow
that "Decidedly Klasskurtxian" might have been prefaced with
"If I didn't know better...", but still. When you have the
fleas you may have been with the dogs.

>>Too, seems to me the value of Friedman's stock trends ever up -

>>and even goes a little asymptotic, lately. It's drawn the ire
>>of his nephew, who, right-wrong-or-indifferent, credits the
>>mainstream (as you always have), and can't conceive of a
>>Watergate where the public trust is betrayed and information is
>>kept from the masses in a fog of exposed nipple law-suits, war-
>>mongering, and contrived obsessions with celebrity snizzes.

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>Dick, and Brad, and so many others, I respect and honour Stan's
>earlier work... which is why we're so disappointed in him now
>(even more so because he has taken to accusing his friends of
>character assassination, just because they have the temerity to
>disagree with him).

The first four lines are an especially meager string of smirky
and very debatable proclamation only, Paul, and as to
assignments of "character assassination"? That's the usual
charge when one assassinates another's character. Now, you've
pardoned an especially egregious character assassinator (Rich
Reynolds) just recently so I know you can find it in your heart
of hearts to pardon Stan for pointing out where you may have
performed similarly as regards the undefended memory of a
courageous other, eh?

>Stan's tragedy is that he could have done
>so much more - he could have become the proper heir to McDonald
>and Hynek. Instead he's become little more than Larry King's
>go-to guy when he needs an ETH as ETFact believer to match
>what can only loosely be described as "wits" with the likes of
>James McGaha and Bill Nye. How does that move the serious study
>of the UFO phenomenon forward?

You expect a rational if forward looking and open minded person
to remotely accept that bogus premise? How could that be expected
when Friedman can so handily obvert your contentions regarding
MJ12 et al? No, you don't make your case and resort to... wait
for it... _more_ character assassination painting Stanton Friedman
as a grasping and aging buffoon not in the class of McDonald and
Hynek when I suspect, as you should, that if they were alive
they'd be carrying him around on a velvet cushion singing his
praises in songs of yore.

>Someone once said that no political career ends well. In Stan's
>case, that sadly seems to be true of ufological careers as well.
>I wish it were otherwise.

Oh, that's oratorical nonsense and stow the crocodile tears.
You're bitter because he pulled your pants down in a popular
nonfiction and gave you the spanking you deserved. That's the
long and the short of it.

>And I think we can all conceive of governments doing wrong, and
>keeping secrets, so you and Stan don't have the monopoly or the
>high ground there.

Now that's funny! You can "conceive" of it all you like. You just
don't admit to it. That's a little like finding out your porch is
on fire and wondering, first, if you've marshmallows for s'mores.

>The difference is that we prefer fact to
>fantasy when it comes to proving that this has happened in the
>way and to the extent that you and Stan suggest with respect to
>UFOs.

Yeah yeah yeah... you have the "facts", but how can that be when
Friedman's facts trump the debate? I suspect he'd take on all
comers. Why don't you attack, or rather, contact him directly
regarding same? Friedman and the Woods on one side, you, Sparks,
Tonnies on the other. Then we can see if Friedman can be lamented
and pitied as an aging grasper or that he abundantly earns his
place as the rightful successor to McDonald and Hynek.

>I write all of this knowing that it probably lands me back on
>your "not one of the good guys" list.

Don't be ridiculous on the one hand, and what makes you think
you'd ever moved, on the other. <LOL>

>If so, that's fair enough,
>but I've always called them like I see them, and I won't stop
>now.

I'll only agree that you call them as it suits you. That said,
your bitterness is plain and began with the publication of
Friedman's latest book... which is seminal, Paul. Seminal.

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>don't believe in Watergate

Alfred,

I might take what you wrote a bit more seriously if you didn't write patently ridiculous things like the suggestion that I don't believe in Watergate. You should stick to the facts... of course, I think that's something that all ufologists should do, but as of late I find myself more and more disappointed in that regard. Sadly, like contemporary political discourse, it seems to have degenerated into a shouting match where each side just yells at the other, to no effect besides turning off what Greg Bishop calls the "excluded middle".

As for Hastings, I have a great deal of respect for his work, and thought he and Salas et al should have been the entire episode of LK, without the worthless Friedman, Nye, Shostak and Fox segment (see my comment about yelling past each other above for the reasons why I disliked that segment). I frequently mention missile base cases on radio appearances, and at my blog, and featured the Malmstrom case in Best Evidence, and I'm happy to count Bob Salas as a friend.

I just avoid bringing politics into the serious discussion of the UFO phenomenon, because it's not relevant, and jibes tossed either way, towards the right, usually, or the left - infrequent, but not unheard of - serve no purpose other than to distract from what should be the real topic of discussion - namely, the UFO enigma.

Best regards,

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>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 00:01:58 -0400
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>Absolutely. Ad hominem attacks on Dick Hall - as consistently
>rational, thoughtful, and informed as any ufologist in the
>history of the field - of this kind are beyond the pale. Or
>possibly, as my favorite Far Side cartoon has it, just plain
>nuts.

<snip>

Smooth your feathers, Jerry, or risk a bracing of your own. There
are no gods but those we manufacture to do our bidding, eh?

Dick Hall has all my respect, as has been plain, but is not
beyond my criticism. Moreover, words have just been proffered as
regards what constitutes an ad hominem, and if I'm guilty, which
I'm not, I'm provoked to same.

It remains that Hall, much like yourself, has not evaluated the
evidence despite entreaties to same and that sponsors my
criticism, as it should yours. As to "nuts," well... I'll just
let that pass without counter accusations of intellectual
cowardice!

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>It is incumbent on all of us involved in this vexing area of
>inquiry to be able to admit that we can be wrong. (And if you're
>not wrong sometimes, you ain't human.) We need to be able to
>change our minds when new evidence and new thinking provide a
>better alternative. We need to subject our own ideas to critical
>scrutiny. Absolute consistency over years or decades is not a
>virtue when "consistency" amounts to little more than a euphemism
>for pig-headedness.

Jerry,

Well said, and I agree wholeheartedly. If I had a buck for every
time I've made a mistake, I would have enough money for a nice
trip to Boston, along with tickets to see the Red Sox play.

As Everett Dirksen said, "Life is not a static thing. The only
people who do not change their minds are incompetents in asylums,
who can't, and those in cemeteries." Weirdly enough, Dirksen, a
conservative Republican Senator, had a cameo in the 1969 sci-fi
film *The Monitors*, in which invading extraterrestrials assert
political dominion over the human race, claiming to do so for
humanity's benefit.

I'm sure it won't be long before that tidbit gets picked up by
the Exopols as proof positive of the alien presence on Earth. ;-)

Best regards,

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Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:55:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
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>>With respect, I'm not sure gratuitous insults of the President,
>>or any politician, has any place in a press release that is
>>trying to get the media to take the UFO phenomenon seriously. To
>>the general public and the press, regardless of their political
>>views, it just makes you look like an amateur.

>I think the "amateur" here is not Bob Hastings, but the guy who's
>been running America into the ground and tormenting the world
>these past 7+ years.

Thanks for this, Jerry. I agree. Is it even possible to
gratuitously insult that man?

Although Larry King and that awful format also tends to make
otherwise sensible people look and sound like amateurs, if not
lunatics, Hastings and the panel seemed to do really well - at
least, from the clips I saw. And although I absolutely hate the
show and have no idea why anyone would want to be a guest on it,
and ignoring the long-term damage it normally does to the issue
in general, I have to say that Hastings and the other guests made
it a plus.

Best,

Bill

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>>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>Too, with every day that goes by it just becomes more apparent
>>and obvious, Dick, that you, among significant others, neatly
>>_missed_, perhaps, the biggest flap in United States History!
>>Perhaps throwing good money after bad you continue down your
>>current intransigent track, "Staying the course" like a grumpy
>>neo-con...

>Alfred:

>Dick won't swallow Feschino's kool-aid, so he gets compared to
>a neo-con? Considering what Dick's been through in the past few
>years personally, this is hitting below the belt.

><snip>

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>rest of us, disagrees with Stan Friedman on MJ-12?

>>Too, seems to me the value of Friedman's stock trends ever up -
>>and even goes a little asymptotic, lately. It's drawn the ire
>>of his nephew, who, right-wrong-or-indifferent, credits the
>>mainstream (as you always have), and can't conceive of a
>>Watergate where the public trust is betrayed and information is
>>kept from the masses in a fog of exposed nipple law-suits, war-
>>mongering, and contrived obsessions with celebrity snizzes.

>What has drawn my "ire" as of late, Alfred, is not that Stan's
>stock is going up, but rather that, like the US economy, it is
>crashing down around him because of bad choices - MJ-12, Aztec,
>Flatwoods, San Agustin... it's a long list, growing longer. Like
>Dick, and Brad, and so many others, I respect and honour Stan's
>earlier work... which is why we're so disappointed in him now
>(even more so because he has taken to accusing his friends of
>character assassination, just because they have the temerity to
>disagree with him). Stan's tragedy is that he could have done
>so much more - he could have become the proper heir to McDonald
>and Hynek. Instead he's become little more than Larry King's

>go-to guy when he needs an ETH as ETFact believer to match
>what can only loosely be described as "wits" with the likes of
>James McGaha and Bill Nye. How does that move the serious study
>of the UFO phenomenon forward?

>Someone once said that no political career ends well. In Stan's
>case, that sadly seems to be true of ufological careers as well.
>I wish it were otherwise.

>And I think we can all conceive of governments doing wrong, and
>keeping secrets, so you and Stan don't have the monopoly or the
>high ground there. The difference is that we prefer fact to
>fantasy when it comes to proving that this has happened in the
>way and to the extent that you and Stan suggest with respect to
>UFOs.

>I write all of this knowing that it probably lands me back on
>your "not one of the good guys" list. If so, that's fair enough,
>but I've always called them like I see them, and I won't stop
>now.

Paul. How fascinating.

When I want to get the inside scoop on Aztec, about which I was originally very skeptical, I listen to Scott and Suzanne Ramsey who have spent an enormous amount of time, money, and effort tracking down and talking to witnesses, cross checking facts... Far more than have you or me or anyone else.

If I want to know about the Plains of San Agustin, I pay attention to Art Campbell who has spent far more money, time, energy, and effort than I have and certainly than you have, though I have been there and tracked down and talked to some key witnesses.

When I want to find out about Flatwoods, I have been there, talked to key witnesses, and paid attention to the enormous amount of work done by Frank Feschino, despite the machinations of his first publisher. Again my effort has greatly exceeded that of you and Dick Hall and Brad Sparks combined. Why is your opinion worth anything about this case?

I have spent far more time at archives than have you or Dick or Brad and published far more about MJ-12 than you guys have as noted in a very recent posting.

I have responded to yours and Brad's objections in detail... and invite specific attack on what I have written, not general complaints. Remember I have shown in detail why a number of so called MJ-12 documents are fraudulent. Would that you all would take the same trouble about the EBD, TF, and CT memos.

Of course I find your new explanation about Roswell, that the Marine code of honor would not have permitted aliens to leave others of their kind behind, completely baseless. You were not a Marine. You have not, so far as I know, seen an alien code of conduct, nor have you apparently examined the testimony indicating that there were alien spacecraft in the neighborhood apparently seeking something, as noted years ago. Straight fiction it would seem.

Nice to know I am Larry King's Go to guy. I didn't know that. My new book Flying Saucers And Science has done very well in less than 2 months. It is the 4th book with my name on it. I think they have had a significant impact. Obviously, I can't comment about recent books by you and Dick, and Brad since I haven't seen any.

In short then, I think history will vindicate me in all the areas you decry. I don't know where it will leave you guys... maybe wishing you had done your homework.

Stan Friedman

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>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 17:42:02 -0300
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Sat, 12 Jul 2008 21:48:42 -0300
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>>For those who want to make up their own mind about Paul's
>>>comments about my comments about his and Brad's attacks on
>>>MJ-12, I would refer you to pages 287-295 of Flying Saucers And
>>>Science. Frankly the indexing is quite poor. I hadn't seen it
>>>before the book was published.

>>You didn't receive and read page proofs before your book was
>>published? Shame on you! No wonder you (and Feschino) have
>>quality control problems. This is all your responsibility. `It's
>>all the publisher's fault' continues to be the lamest of lame
>>excuses.

>>"Attacks" on MJ-12, or criticisms of your logic and reasoning? A
>>lot of us disagree with you about MJ-12 and for good reasons.

>>Maybe you are trying to emulate Ralph Nader who for decades did
>>great and important work (I am an admirer of Ralph, as I am of
>>your earlier track record); but lately he seems intent on
>>destroying his prior high credibility by trying to defend the
>>indefensible.

>Dick,

>Sorry to be confusing. I hadn't seen the index. I did see the
>PDF Computer file for the text and had two days to review it.
>Page proofs are out of style, Dick.

Well, not completely, but they're fading fast. And we writers
are now doing the typesetting by providing computer disks to
the publishers but they don't pay us more for that.

>The index can certainly stand improvement.

>If you or anybody else disagrees about MJ-12, how about reading
>what I have written and spelling out your objections to my
>reviews of the criticisms?

>There is an update chapter in Flying Saucers And Science, a
>9000 word review of Kevin Randle's book on my website, an
>entire 5000 word new after-word to TOP SECRET/MAJIC, 2005
>Edition, several earlier MUFON papers, my Final Report On

>Operation Majestic 12 - funded by The Fund.

Conclusion by proclamation... A 9000 word review doesn't mean that the material in my book is wrong, only that you disagree with it. I too have written various papers about MJ-12, including a report to FUFOR.

>I have put it all out there. I invite criticisms. Broad >unspecific statements about disagreements are very hard to >discuss.

Sure... How about the questioned document expert to whom you supplied the original MJ-12 documents and who concluded they were faked? (And no, your argument that he has not submitted a written report is not an adequate response because you know as well as I that he requires a two thousand dollar fee before he will write the report and I don't have that kind of money lying around.)

How about the Truman signature being lifted from a genuine document and placed too low, and that showed signs of having been doctored on the memo? (And no, your argument that no one has looked at every document signed by Truman to prove this is inadequate because you know that a representative sample has been reviewed and you have yet to find any document he signed that has this problem... which doesn't address the obvious modification of the signature to fit on the memo.)

How about the lack of provenance? Questioned document experts tell us that this is one of the major clues about the authenticity of a questioned document. Without the provenance all we have are pieces of paper.

How about the lack of mention of the Plains of San Agustin on the MJ-12 document which means either that is a hoax or the document is a hoax. I suggest that there was no Plains crash, that the date of the Baney Barnett story is inaccurate and actually belongs in the 1950s, and that the MJ-12 documents were faked.

Sure, you can say you have addressed all these questions before, but you have never satisfactorily answered them. Pointing to a review you wrote does not answer any of these questions. And I could go on, but I believe that the majority of the researchers on the list realize that MJ-12 is no more real than the testimony of either Gerald Anderson or Frank Kaufmann.

Remember what you told me about Bill Moore... he was thinking of creating a =E2=80=9Croswell=E2=80=9D type document and all of the sudden MJ-12 appears... not to mention the novel that he, Richard Doty and Bob Pratt were writing in 1980 that contained references to MJ-12.

KRandle

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From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 03:07:40 +0100
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 11:17:01 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

Just remembered reading an investigator regretting he hadn't got a couple of compasses to check some anomalously changing magnetic fields at a well defined sighting area.

So I'll suggest a pack of lab compasses. They're light, small (maybe 1 inch diameter or less) and cheaply available from mail order educational suppliers.

Also, having no 'damping', they might more readily show sudden or anomalous changes in direction (even rotation?) of magnetic fields.

Cheers

Ray D

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Re: Orford Ness Question

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:57:58 +0100
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 12:20:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 13:54:51 -0300
>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>From: Cathy Reason <CathyM.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 14:28:51 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 11 Jul 2008 15:57:39 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Orford Ness Question

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>>So I guess the Orford Ness lighthouse would have appeared
>>white in the dark, unless some special circumstances were to
>>change that - such as a contrast effect.

>Martin should be able to confirm this. The Orford Ness light was
>restricted in its ability to shine its beam inland to avoid
>annoying the local residence. It was fitted with some kind of
>blind. This would have applied in earlier years. Eventually the
>light would have or should be a blinking light with a definite
>period adjusted to shine only out to sea. Not sure if this
>light
>was changed.

Hi Don

Other Listers might be interested in this follow-up info I sent
Cathy off-List a week or two back:

I asked Ian Ridpath about this. He has corresponded with Trinity
House (the lighthouse people) and integrating that with limited
information on their website and elsewhere leads to the
following:

Back in 1980 the lamp was a 3kW 100V incandescent tungsten
filament - basically a glorified household bulb with a similar
lowish colour temperature. The output was about 5 million
candlepower.

Some years later this was changed to a 1kW mercury vapour lamp,
which gave a much whiter light. The output of this was much less
(about 1/8, not 1/10 as I said) at 635,000 candelas.

But that's not the end of it! Apparently it has been changed yet
again quite recently, and the current bulb is a 70-watt metal
halide lamp that runs off 12V batteries. One assumes this is much
less bright once again, but there are no figures. This would, I
believe, be the lamp shown in the Frearson videos.

A description here dating from 2003

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

says that it appeared "dazzling white". The author of that article subsequently became Mrs Dave Clarke (if you'll excuse the archaism). Dave was present on that visit. Following my UpDates posting he and Carolyn discussed it and he has sent me their joint recollection, which was of a "very bright white" light. I suspect this would have been the middle lamp, the 1kW mercury vapour.

Yes the lamp was partially blocked by a shield to reduce unwanted light in the direction of the nearby town - presumably this is still the case but I don't know. Even if a modern light was timed only to shine seaward I can't see any benefit in removing the shield. Howsoever, the 1983 video shows the light from the forest edge as it was then with the 3kW incandescent lamp and the shield in place.

Martin Shough

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>question of PR, and ufology doesn't serve itself well by mixing
>serious case studies with puerile (and wholly unoriginal)
>political jibes, just because it makes some people feel good to
>do so.

As a general principle you're correct, of course. But Hastings
was just cracking an irreverent joke, albeit one that expresses a
genuine point of view.

I didn't read him in any literal sense, and he didn't mean to be
taken literally.

Jerry Clark

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>Officials from NASA, however, were quick to play the comments
>down.

>In a statement, a spokesman said: "NASA does not track UFOs. NASA
>is not involved in any sort of cover up about alien life on this
>planet or anywhere in the universe.

>'Dr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his
>opinions on this issue.'

The interviewer was totally shocked by what Ed said. He shouldn't
have been. Ed wrote an enthusiastic foreword for my Flying
Saucers And Science which has been out about 2 months and also
appeared on a Larry King UFO show a few weeks back.

Wonder what the basis is for NASA's party line?

Stan Friedman

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Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 07:30:58 -0500
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 13:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

>From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 11:55:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 09:26:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:42 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>>>From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>>>Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 20:26:32 -0600
>>>>Subject: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction
>>I think the "amateur" here is not Bob Hastings, but the guy who's
>>been running America into the ground and tormenting the world
>>these past 7+ years.

>Thanks, Jerry. No points taken off for calling me "Bob".

Sorry - I recognized the error of my ways after I read my comments once they'd been posted. I was writing quickly and with insufficient sensitivity to this finer point.

I know how little I like it when people address me as "Jerome" - my view is that if you're so addressing me, you might as well be calling me "Mr. Clark" since you clearly don't know me - as opposed to Jerry. "Jerome Clark" is just the by-line to my printed work.

Consequently, Robert, I promise to remember and honor your preferred way of having your name rendered.

Jerry Clark

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Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 08:26:50 -0500
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 13:27:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 14:01:02 EDT
>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 10:21:14 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>>From: Paul Kimball <TheRobieShark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:42 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

><snip>

>>don't believe in Watergate

>Alfred,

>I might take what you wrote a bit more seriously if you didn't
>write patently ridiculous things like the suggestion that I don't
>believe in Watergate.

Gee Paul, I would never have thought that the lack of quotation marks or the missing appellation "Cosmic" would have provided you so much wiggle room for the lovely literary "River Dance" proffered in the remainder of your post... which was not worthy of commentary, by the way.

OK... Cosmic Watergate. Is that better? You've been quite clear you don't believe in that, n'est ce pas?

Too, apply a quality aloe gel to that place where Stan has so painfully, if conclusively, paddled you. I know it stings, but let's face it, dude, you've been begging for it for years, eh? Lastly, your current bitterness regarding Stan has klieg lights on it, and I'm not the only one to notice.

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: **Jerome Clark** <jkclark.nul>
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Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 14:17:05 -0500
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 11:46:59 -0500
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 00:01:58 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>Indefensible? How can you say indefensible when you won't even
>>>consider the defense? Decidedly Klasskurtzian.

>>>Dick Hall, associate of Keyhoe, key member of NICAP, author of
>>>The UFO Evidence (I and II), former FUFOR board member, etc., etc.,
>>>gets called a Klasskurtzian? Just because he, like so many of the
>>>rest of us, disagrees with Stan Friedman on MJ-12?

>>Absolutely. Ad hominem attacks on Dick Hall - as consistently
>>rational, thoughtful, and informed as any ufologist in the
>>history of the field - of this kind are beyond the pale. Or
>>possibly, as my favorite Far Side cartoon has it, just plain
>>nuts.

>Smooth your feathers, Jerry, or risk a bracing of your own. There
>are no gods but those we manufacture to do our bidding, eh?

Uhhh ... okay.

>It remains that Hall, much like yourself, has not evaluated the
>evidence despite entreaties to same and that sponsors my
>criticism, as it should yours. As to "nuts," well... I'll just
>let that pass without counter accusations of intellectual
>cowardice!

I've been accused of all sorts of things over the decades I've
been an active ufologist/anomalist, but "intellectual cowardice"
- followed by exclamation point yet - is a first.

In any event, somebody who has accused Dick Hall of being a
"Klasskurtzian" - what a lumbering, unlovely neologism, not to
mention a meaningless one - is no position to be accusing others
of ignoring evidence.

Jerry Clark

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Mitchell's Revelations A Joke In Canada

From: **UFO UpDates - Toronto** <ufoupdates.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:32:00 -0400
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:32:00 -0400
Subject: Mitchell's Revelations A Joke In Canada

From: Mark Herod <mherod.nul>
To: <mufonontario.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 08:09:35 -0400
Subject: Apollo 14 news stories a "joke" in Ontario Canada

Global TV News in Toronto Canada broadcast an item regarding the Apollo 14 mission, and contact being made. However they inserted a picture of ET (the extraterrestrial) and made a huge joke of it. I thought you should know.

Its hard for us as ufologists to research and have the truth be told, when we get shoddy reporting. The view of aliens and UFOs will never change if its treated as a huge joke.

A copy of the email I sent them:

Dear Editor in Chief

I would like to voice my concern for your recent on air broadcast on Thursday July 24th, 2008 where your Toronto news desk made a joke out of a legitimate article regarding Apollo 14 astronaut Edger Mitchell and contact with Aliens. I do not find it the responsibility of the news desk to make jokes regarding news stories.

The fact that the topic of UFO and Alien contact is a controversial issue leaves me to believe that when a legitimate news article makes it into the headlines, you should report the FACTS, and not insert a picture from Steven Spielberg's movie, ET!

I would ask that you research this story further and report the news article as a fact, and cease to insert silly pictures of aliens, and have your on air news cast laughing while they talk about the article. Other news sources are not joking about this article.

Had this been a story about our Prime Minister, or the US president, you would have been crucified as a news desk for laughing and inserting silly pictures.

Edger Mitchell is a hero, and when he states there is a cover-up, and that we did in fact make contact with another civilization, you should be jumping all over this story and try to get the info into the main stream

We as citizens of Canada have been lied to for over 60 years, and its time the truth does come out in the open. If you want to catapult your news desk to the top of the world, follow up on this article.

Regards

Mark Herod
Burlington, Ontario

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Re: Larry King Live - July 2008 - The Complete Set

From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:58:55 EDT
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:34:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Larry King Live - July 2008 - The Complete Set

>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 00:24:56 +0000 (GMT)
>Subject: Larry King Live - July 2008 - The Complete Set Online

Dear Colleagues,

>At the links below you can download the complete set of the
>Larry King UFO Shows that were broadcast this July;

<snip>

I've just watched these Larry King segments and as usual there are too many guests with not enough time to elaborate on the raw data but more than enough time for arguing. Why King keeps doing this is beyond me.

I was happy to see some raw data presented and the skeptics took a lumping because they didn't do their research. They were only armed with speculation and evaluation and half assed at that. I enjoy a good skeptic as it balances things out but this was absurd.

They're grasping at straws at best and there's only one argument they have and that there's no conclusive physical proof of ET involvement in the UFO arena. The skeptics and debunkers have always attacked the character of the witnesses and whistleblowers no matter how credible their data is. How do you invalidate multiple eyewitnesses by generalizing that events of 50 or more years ago are being misinterpreted and due to bad memory and the host of the show, King, is 74 and often reflects on his youth and other events of the past. So by the skeptibunkers don't accept data from eyewitnesses even when they're military brass, cops, doctors etc. unless those people support the skeptibunker viewpoint?

That's more pitiful than a cookie elf without a magic tree.

All in all even with those annoying and confusing pictures King's producers/directors use when people are talking, the segments had some very powerful information. As for Bill Nye the Science Guy whom I used to admire, he should quit while he's still behind.

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

From: **Gildas Bourdais** <bourdais.gildas.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 16:51:22 +0200
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:35:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live

>From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 11:55:05 -0600
>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

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>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 09:26:24 -0500
>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

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>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 16:09:42 EDT
>>>Subject: Re: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>>>From: Robert Hastings <hastings444.nul>
>>>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>,
>>>>Date: Sun, 20 Jul 2008 20:26:32 -0600
>>>>Subject: Hastings Disappointed By Larry King Live Reaction

>>>>Hastings continues, "I had also intended to say to the viewing
>>>>audience, 'Just so you know, I am ashamed that President Bush
>>>>is from planet Earth. Top that, Dixie Chicks!"

>>>>With respect, I'm not sure gratuitous insults of the President,
>>>>or any politician, has any place in a press release that is
>>>>trying to get the media to take the UFO phenomenon seriously. To
>>>>the general public and the press, regardless of their political
>>>>views, it just makes you look like an amateur.

>>>>I think the "amateur" here is not Bob Hastings, but the guy who's
>>>>been running America into the ground and tormenting the world
>>>>these past 7+ years.

>Thanks, Jerry. No points taken off for calling me "Bob".

>As I told someone else, who expressed concern about my tongue-in-
>cheek comment, I have been wry and irreverent ever since I first
>spoke publicly about UFOs, 500 colleges ago, in 1981. I know my
>facts and was speaking out long before most of the folks
>currently on the ufological scene.

Robert,

My opinion, seen from the other side of the Atlantic, is that
you have done an outstanding show, together with Robert Salas,
Robert Jacobs, and Robert Jamison.

Bill Nye was plain ridiculous.

If we were in a rational world, it should have brought many
reactions in the press, which does not seem to be the case (not a
word in France).

I also note that, no matter how good you have been in a show,
some people will find a way to criticize you.

Gildas Bourdais

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:55:44 +0100
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:37:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 18:29:01 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 09:15:33 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 17:41:57 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

><snip>

>>>So, if a ring of equal and opposed polarities was somehow
>>>imposed on the metal - like one o'clock to seven o'clock and
>>>two o'clock to eight o'clock and so on in a circle, a compass
>>>would only need a tiny tremor to start rotating from one to the
>>>next, and always overshooting to the next and so on. So the
>>>metal's (multiple) magnetic fields would be static, it's just
>>>the compass needle that would be rotating. Theoretically the
>>>needle could start moving either way, clockwise or anti-clock
>>>- so that could be a test.

>>I think what Ray's invented here is a perpetual motion machine.

>Suppose I should've added a note to help anybody with that
>misapprehension - the spinning needle would be taking energy
>from
>the (closely positioned) magnetic fields.

No, this is not right. Your device requires energy in in order
for the needle to do any work on the static magnets.

Consider first that the needle will take energy if you turn it by
hand because the natural state of the needle is a quickly damped
oscillation to a point of equilibrium between two of your
magnets. If you drive it away from this equilibrium repeatedly by
spinning it you will use energy equivalent to the depth of the
potential energy well multiplied by the number of times the
needle crosses from one well to the next. Where will this energy
come from? It all comes from your finger.

Now, can the rate of decay of the permanent magnets provide this
energy without you using your finger? No, and not because it's
extremely tiny - it doesn't even matter what the rate is, because
without switching (time-varying) there is no way to push the
system out of the minimum-energy static equilibrium it rapidly
reaches when left to itself.

In an un-switched system, the loss of magnetic potential energy
at magnet B is just equal to that at magnet A and magnet C, and
this energy is therefore not available for work. It doesn't help
the needle escape its minimum-energy well between A and B because
there is no potential difference. The loss of potential energy at
any point is exactly squared in the account balance by a loss in

available kinetic energy, not an increase, so the immobility of the needle indexes the total system internal energy (neglecting quantum fluctuations) at zero.

So if permanent magnets do decay because the domains get disordered, where does the potential energy go, if not into work? It goes as heat. You could use this heat indirectly via a generator to help your finger (or equivalent) push the compass needle. But this is disordered energy that the system cannot use spontaneously to reverse the thermodynamic decline of the mechanism.

>Most of us have seen similar desk-top toys - the only difference >would be the micro-control of strong magnetic fields, presently >probably not available to us.

That "only difference" is the nub - "control" - which is exactly the time-varying or alternating field I mentioned before. You need a switching mechanism to turn magnets on and and off (or vary the intensity) in order to make them into a motor. Any electric motor works this way, and rotation is paid for by external energy - equivalent to your finger. Work in = work out (less friction losses).

>Magnetic fields aren't eternal - nor are they magic.

Permanent magnets are very nearly permanent. They do eventually decay, yes, but the compass needle cannot even in principle use the (incredibly tiny) amount of potential energy that is lost for revolution unless (once again) the loss is controlled in a switchable way so that the needle can take advantage of a cyclical change of phase between kinetic and potential energy around the system. This is why I suggested that the mechanism would have be electromagnetic (and thus perhaps superconducting, given the persistence of current loops long after the putative pumping source - the UFO - has been removed) not ferromagnetic.

If spinning compasses are caused by UFOs - and there are quite a few reports - then I don't believe it can be caused by any static arrangement of magnetic domains. There has to be some switching or cyclical pumping of the system, possibly caused by rapid relative motions across magnetic field lines. This doesn't fit the circumstances described by Betty Hill, who said she placed the compass on the car and left it there whilst it continued to spin apparently of its own accord.

There's an interesting reference to compass spinning in a paper by Richard Haines:

<http://www.nicap.org/papers/92apsiee.htm>

[QUOTE]

Thanks to experimental work by McCampbell (1991) some of the dynamic parameters of the relationship between time-varying strength of a magnetic field and spin rate of various types of compasses are known. He used both a liquid filled and a "card or rose movement" compass and a powerful nickle steel permanent bar magnet (1" x 0.63" x 4.75") He brought the magnet's north end radially toward and away from each compass (normal to the needle) at different approach/recede "pumping" rates as well as different closest approach distances. He found that: (1) Spinning, i.e., complete needle rotation, began (and continued) at about 0.07 gauss (peak power) at 33 RPM rotation rate. This field strength is about 35 percent of the earth's magnetic field strength of approximately 0.2 gauss, (2) Increasing the peak field strength drives the compasses to a relatively high RPM as long as the pulses are kept in proper synchronization. If field strength is greater than some undetermined value the needle begins to move erratically. (3) The liquid filled compass exhibited spin rates ranging from 4 to 20 RPM. This corresponds to pulses of 0.13 to 0.33 pulses per second (i.e., 7.7 to 3.0 seconds per pulse. (4) The card compass exhibited higher spin rates ranging from 33 to 126 RPM. (5) Field strength had to be about two to three times greater for the liquid filled compass than for the card compass to achieve the same rate of spin due to viscous friction effects, (6) The relationship between spin rate and closest approach distance of the magnet to the compass is approximately linear (between 8 - 13 cm).

[END QUOTE]

The 1991 reference of McCampbell is private papers. I don't know if there's a published source.

Martin Shough

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From: Greg Boone <Evolbaby.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:39:20 EDT
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:39:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

>Kerrang Radio - Birmingham, England, UK

>The Night Before - hosted by Nick Margerrison

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>Source: The Daily Telegraph - Sydney, Australia

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

>July 24, 2008

>Aliens Have Made Contact Says Apollo Astronaut Edgar Mitchell

>Former NASA astronaut and moon-walker Dr Edgar Mitchell - a
>veteran of the Apollo 14 mission - has stunningly claimed aliens
>do exist.

>And he says extra-terrestrials have visited Earth on several
>occasions - but the alien contact has been repeatedly covered up
>by governments for six decades.

Well that's a big step for mankind.

However, I don't agree the governments have been covering up. I
would say they're just reluctant to come forward and agree with
the rest of us.

I've said it over and over again, one doesn't need a government's
validation to support one's own reality. We don't ask the
government to disclose if there's a God or if our moms are nifty.
We make those decisions on our own through observation and the
subjective and objective. I don't need a politician to decide
what's real to me.

So in regard to all this, the governments haven't and won't do
any disclosure unless the withheld information tips the scales so
that disclosure is more profitable.

When the governments do disclose the news will be so old who will
care?

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com/blog

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PRG Press Release - 7/24/08 - Dr. Edgar Mitchell

From: **Stephen Bassett** <PRG.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:34:35 -0700
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 16:39:43 -0400
Subject: PRG Press Release - 7/24/08 - Dr. Edgar Mitchell

Paradigm Reseach Group

Press Release - July 24, 2008

Apollo Astronaut Again Confirms an Extraterrestrial Presence
Engaging the Human Race

Washington, DC - Apollo 14 Astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell (PhD MIT) has once again stated clearly that high ranking civilian and military officials have over the years confirmed to him the UFO phenomenon in part is the consequence of a non-human intelligence engaging the planet earth and the human race. Further, he confirmed an extraterrestrial vehicle crashed in Roswell, New Mexico in 1947 placing in the hands of the U. S. Government potentially transformative technology.

These reassertions were made on a July 4, 2008 CNN Larry King Live program. As usual, the American media did not find this newsworthy and there was little follow-up coverage.

However, when he repeated and expanded his remarks on a London radio station on July 23, the result was an explosion of international coverage which will almost certainly spill back into the United States.

PRG executive director, Stephen Bassett, stated, "Dr. Mitchell is only the tip of the iceberg. There are scores of military and civilian agency witnesses ready to testify under oath before a congressional hearing and reveal the most important information in human history to a public that no longer believes anything the U. S. Government has to say on this matter."

"But to be quite blunt, the very fact a man of Dr. Mitchell's stature and accomplishments has repeatedly asserted the reality of an extraterrestrial presence is in and of itself sufficient basis for full hearings, and furthermore, every political and science reporter from every paper of record in this nation should be on the phone to this man today."

"When will American journalism make up its mind whose side it's on - the American people or the agencies of government propaganda."

Mitchell Articles, Video and Audio:

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/main.html

www.paradigmresearchgroup.org/newsitems2008.html

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Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

From: David Rudiak <drudiak.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 10:13:10 -0700
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 16:41:35 -0400
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:30:35 -0300
>Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

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>>Officials from NASA, however, were quick to play the comments
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>>this planet or anywhere in the universe.

>>'Dr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his
>>opinions on this issue.'

>The interviewer was totally shocked by what Ed said. He shouldn't
>have been. Ed wrote an enthusiastic foreword for my Flying
>Saucers And Science which has been out about 2 months and also
>appeared on a Larry King UFO show a few weeks back.

>Wonder what the basis is for NASA's party line?

NASA is 100% government funded and does what they are told.

A good example of this was the 1960 U-2, Francis Gary Powers spy plane incident. After the Russians shot down the U-2 and created an international furor, the Eisenhower administration and CIA tried to create a cover story that it was really a stray NASA weather plane that had crashed after the pilot passed out from oxygen deprivation. (The CIA convinced Eisenhower that the Russians wouldn't be able refute this, believing that Powers would have blown up the plane and himself along with it, as he was supposed to do.)

NASA, in turn, put out hoaxed transcripts of Power's last communications, supposedly showing how he was losing consciousness. Over at Edwards AFB, the CIA painted a NASA insignia on a U-2, along with a phony plane ID number, and then showed it to the press. See guys, just another NASA weather plane. NASA, of course, did not contradict them.

The Russians played along for a few days, then presented a very much live Francis Gary Powers, along with spy plane gear.

Digging even further into this historical incident, I discovered that NASA's complicity in the coverup actually stretched back to 1956, when their predecessor organization, NACA, agreed to use one of its aircraft weather bases in Turkey as a cover for the spy plane flights out of there over Russian territory. NACA/NASA has always been a government lapdog.

Eisenhower did try to make NASA a purely civilian organization, with the military carrying out its own rocket launches, but this got muddled again with the Space Shuttle, which sometimes carries out classified missions for the military.

David Rudiak

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Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 18:19:44 +0100
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 16:43:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 03:07:40 +0100
>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>So I'll suggest a pack of lab compasses. They're light, small
>(maybe 1 inch diameter or less) and cheaply available from mail
>order educational suppliers.

Here's the things I meant - and these have even got graduations:

<http://tinyurl.com/66neoy>

Ray D

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Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:11:18 -0500
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 16:53:46 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 08:20:18 -0500
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 14:17:05 -0500
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Jerome Clark <jkclark.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 11:46:59 -0500
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

<snip>

>>Smooth your feathers, Jerry, or risk a bracing of your own. There
>>_are_ no gods but those we manufacture to do our bidding, eh?

>Uhhh ... okay.

Sure, Jerry, get cute and patronizing... it remains neither of
you have looked at the evidence. If I discover I'm in arrears to
be impressed I'll readily admit same.

>>It remains that Hall, _much like yourself_, has not evaluated the
>>evidence despite entreaties to same and that sponsors my
>>criticism, as it should yours. As to "nuts," well... I'll just
>>let that pass without counter accusations of intellectual
>>cowardice!

>I've been accused of all sorts of things over the decades I've
>been an active ufologist/anomalist, but "intellectual cowardice"
>- followed by exclamation point yet - is a first.

Call me a nut again.

>In any event, somebody who has accused Dick Hall of being a
>"Klasskurtzian" - what a lumbering, unlovely neologism, not to
>mention a meaningless one - is no position to be accusing others
>of ignoring evidence.

Oh, _pardon_ the exclamation... I don't react well to being
called a nut.

Too, hardly lumbering. Hardly meaningless. You only object to a
nicely crafted petard, fair dripping with meaning, blowing up in
your hand. Too, I don't hesitate to remind you that I did not
call Dick a klasskurtxian, I observed that his behavior of reflex
denial seemed decidedly so. Your distracting premise can be
rejected out of hand.

Distracting? Yes. A distraction from the point that you and Dick,
et al, neatly missed the biggest and best documented UFO flap
ever: The summer and Indian summer of 1952!

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to shoot down UFOs, that after some 300 _admitted_ military

scrambles involving same, the moronic act would have not been, at least, attempted? And _attempted_, the consequences of same?

C'mon Jerry, all name-calling and detouring kerfuffles of "nuts" and "klasskurtxians" aside, what about the preceding?

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I Had A Dream

From: **Alfred Lehmborg** <alienview.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 12:50:10 -0500
Archived: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 17:45:00 -0400
Subject: I Had A Dream

I Had A Dream...

Woob doots and _fab_ didly (pronounced "did-ly" with accent on the first sill-la'-ble), but what a dream!

Stanton Friedman, Robert Hastings, and Richard Dolan participate, one night, in a ufological equilateral Venn diagram of such profound symmetry and factual overlap that they are compelled to take it on the road!

In the tradition of the Tri-dialogue -or Trialogue- of 21st Century thinkers McKenna, Abraham, and Sheldrake, but minus the entheogens (I think!), Hastings, Friedman, and Dolan produce a dazzling total multimedia program of such artful economy and poignant explication that the observer is able to think more holistically about _everything_ after experiencing it! Together, in some strangely new and felicitous synergy, Dolan, Hastings, and Friedman usher a transition from the reptile group brain currently employed by humanity into the mammalian brain we now only enjoy individually.

Overjoyed, a plethora of races descend from the sky and together we celebrate the end of Human history and the beginning of our Galactic history.

Wasn't that sweet?

Hey! There's no _limit_ to the progress that can be made if it doesn't matter who gets the credit, eh?

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Re: Friedman On MJ-12

From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 17:12:19 -0300
Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 06:22:30 -0400
Subject: Re: Friedman On MJ-12

>From: Kevin Randle <Randle993.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 21:00:15 EDT
>Subject: Re: Friedman On MJ-12 [was: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee]

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Tue, 22 Jul 2008 17:42:02 -0300
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>>From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
>>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>>Date: Sun, 13 Jul 2008 10:14:48 -0400
>>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>>Dick,

>>Sorry to be confusing. I hadn't seen the index. I did see the
>>PDF Computer file for the text and had two days to review it.
>>Page proofs are out of style, Dick.

Kevin, I appreciate your comment here as so far as I know you
have published more books than anyone else on this List, over 100
I would think, even if most are fiction.

>Well, not completely, but they're fading fast. And we writers
>are now doing the typesetting by providing computer disks to
>the publishers but they don't pay us more for that.

>>The index can certainly stand improvement.

>>If you or anybody else disagrees about MJ-12, how about reading
>>what I have written and spelling out your objections to my
>>reviews of the criticisms?

>>There is an update chapter in Flying Saucers And Science, a
>>9000 word review of Kevin Randle's book on my website, an
>>entire 5000 word new after-word to TOP SECRET/MAJIC, 2005
>>Edition, several earlier MUFON papers, my Final Report On
>>Operation Majestic 12 - funded by The Fund.

>Conclusion by proclamation... A 9000 word review doesn't
>mean that the material in my book is wrong, only that you
>disagree with it. I too have written various papers about MJ-12,
>including a report to FUFOR.

>>I have put it all out there. I invite criticisms. Broad
>>unspecific statements about disagreements are very hard to
>>discuss.

>Sure... How about the questioned document expert to whom you
>supplied the original MJ-12 documents and who concluded they were
>faked? (And no, your argument that he has not submitted a written
>report is not an adequate response because you know as well as I
>that he requires a two thousand dollar fee before he will write
>the report and I don't have that kind of money lying around.)

Kevin, obviously you haven't read what I wrote. I go into detail about Peter Tytel, the Questioned Documents Examiner, in all three sources. I also quote a paid QD examiner who, for example, found that the TF Typewriter, upon careful examination of the text, dates back to 1940.

>How about the Truman signature being lifted from a genuine document and placed too low, and that showed signs of having been doctored on the memo? (And no, your argument that no one has looked at every document signed by Truman to prove this is inadequate because you know that a representative sample has been reviewed and you have yet to find any document he signed that has this problem... which doesn't address the obvious modification of the signature to fit on the memo.)

Gee, Kevin I discuss the signature in detail as well. You will be surprised when you read what I wrote. You really should read what I wrote and not trust the fiction you have concocted...

>How about the lack of provenance? Questioned document experts tell us that this is one of the major clues about the authenticity of a questioned document. Without the provenance all we have are pieces of paper.

We have the words and details on the paper as well. Whoever photographed the EBD documents was committing a crime in distributing classified documents to people who had no clearance and no need to know, and having a camera in a classified area. Could he be expected to announce his identity? I don't think so. Do you?

>How about the lack of mention of the Plains of San Agustin on the MJ-12 document which means either that is a hoax or the document is a hoax. I suggest that there was no Plains crash, that the date of the Baney Barnett story is inaccurate and actually belongs in the 1950s, and that the MJ-12 documents were faked.

It means it isn't mentioned, and says nothing about fraudulent or not. The EBD is listed as a Preliminary Briefing. I don't subscribe to the notion of absence of evidence is evidence for absence. I am not psychic. Last I heard, you weren't either.

>Sure, you can say you have addressed all these questions before, but you have never satisfactorily answered them. Pointing to a review you wrote does not answer any of these questions. And I could go on, but I believe that the majority of the researchers on the list realize that MJ-12 is no more real than the testimony of either Gerald Anderson or Frank Kaufmann.

I think anybody who reads what I wrote (which you obviously have not) would say I have answered them and many more. Try responding and correcting all the false claims you have made. I understand from Paul Kimball that you have admitted you were wrong about the use of generic ranks which had supposedly been your strongest argument. Bravo. That is a good start. There are many more errors to be corrected. Go to:

<http://www.stantonfriedman.com>

>Remember what you told me about Bill Moore... he was thinking of creating a Roswell-type document and all of the sudden MJ-12 appears... not to mention the novel that he, Richard Doty and Bob Pratt were writing in 1980 that contained references to MJ-12.

Kevin, this is more fiction, sorry but I never told you that any more than Frank Kaufman had told you he watched the radar screen at Alamogordo from the rest room using a mirror. That was fiction as are a host of your specific claims. Please look at what I wrote, not what you wish I had written.

Stan Friedman

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Edgar Mitchell On Larry King Live August 2

From: **Giuliano Marinkovic** <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 22:27:05 +0000 (GMT)
Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 06:29:34 -0400
Subject: Edgar Mitchell On Larry King Live August 2

Former-Astronaut Edgar Michell will be a guest on
Larry King Live August 2, 2008.

Source: http://www.shifftinaction.com/meet/search_events/7349

Edgar Mitchell and Dean Radin on Larry King Live!
Sat, August 2, 2008 | 9:00 pm
US/Eastern | Organized by SIA

A panel discussion with Dean Radin, J.Z. Knight, Candace Pert,
Fred Alan Wolf, Will Arntz & Edgar Mitchell will be on the Larry
King Live show the first weekend in August. Also featured will be
CNN's own Sanjay Gupta, who did some field work at the
Biocybernaut Institute located in Santa Clara, CA.

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Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact

From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:00:43 -0600
Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 06:44:12 -0400
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact

>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:30:35 -0300
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Stan,

I find it very interesting how this statement from NASA is
constructed. It sounds so definitive but it's what it doesn't say
that may be the most important part.

Why should NASA track UFOs? Not their job. Must be some other
agency that handles that.

Alien life on this planet? Mitchell didn't say a word about that.
Alien life elsewhere in the universe? As long as they deny the
evidence of life on Mars or anywhere, there's no proof and hence,
nothing worth mentioning.

NASA is not involved in any cover-up as an organization perhaps,
but what about individual employees or sections, like the
astronaut corps?

So NASA does not share his opinions. Not a word about factual
knowledge.

These public relations spin doctors are even worse than
skeptibunkers.

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From: Dick Hall <dh12.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 06:03:45 -0400
Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 07:39:33 -0400
Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 14:11:18 -0500
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>least, attempted? And _attempted_, the consequences of same?

Alfred,

Repeating falsehoods over and over does not make them true.
Probably there are few people who have studied the Summer 1952
sighting wave more intensively than I have. In fact, Stan has
often quoted my writings on that topic in his papers.

I gave rather extensive coverage of the 1952 wave in my Journal
of UFO History, which of course you read (or at least receive).
It is precisely this in-depth research and knowledge that allows
me to state that the Feschino-Friedman claims of a hidden
interplanetary war or shoot-out with aliens that year is a lot of
hokum.

There were no "standing shoot-down orders" either. At one point
the Air Force hierarchy, frustrated by their inability to catch
or capture a flying saucer, issued such an order. I reported this
in the Journal of UFO History in its proper context. It did not
remain in effect.

If you read the testimony of Air Force (Navy, and Marine) pilots
who encountered UFOs, including the F-94 pilots over Washington,
D.C., in 1952, you would know that they were far too smart to try
to engage the flying saucers. They realized quite clearly that
they were totally overmatched, and in fact typically were either
frightened or awed by what they had seen.

Dick

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>From: Alfred Lehmborg <alienview.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 11:48:55 -0500
>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

>>From: Paul Kimball <therobieshark.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 00:01:58 -0400
>>Subject: Re: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee

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>Yeah yeah yeah... you have the "facts", but how can that be when
>Friedman's facts trump the debate? I suspect he'd take on all
>comers. Why don't you attack, or rather, contact him directly
>regarding same? Friedman and the Woods on one side, you, Sparks,
>Tonnie on the other. Then we can see if Friedman can be lamented
>and pitied as an aging grasper or that he abundantly earns his
>place as the rightful successor to McDonald and Hynek.

Brad and I and so many others have laid out specific critiques
for Stan over the years. His problem is that he ignores them, and
just issues proclamations, because he knows that his core
audience, ever dwindling but still out there, is going to back
him regardless. At some point, waiting for an honest debate is
just a waste of time when you know you're not going to get one,
where all of the facts are addressed, and not just the ones that
Stan wants to discuss.

In terms of the "contacting directly" part, you might have
mentioned that to Stan before he published a book wherein he
accused me of character assassination, and generally
misrepresented and/or ignored what Brad and I have said over the
years.

<snip>

>If so, that's fair enough,
>but I've always called them like I see them, and I won't stop
>now.

>I'll only agree that you call them as it suits you. That said,
>your bitterness is plain and began with the publication of
>Friedman's latest book... which is seminal, Paul. Seminal.

You can call it what you like, but it's not bitterness, Alfred,
and it's hardly new. You should watch Stanton T. Friedman is Real
again, for example, with a more critical eye. The critiques are
there, subtle, nuanced, perhaps, but still plain for the eye to
see, to anyone who bothers to look.

Best regards,

Paul Kimball

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>Call me a nut again.

To call you a nut "again", I'd need to have called you a nut the first time. Which I didn't.

I did think your accusation against Dick Hall was crazy - hardly my assessment alone - and my diagnosis was confined to that allegation of yours, not to you and all you represent. In fact, though you strike me as eccentric and perhaps a little too eager to believe stuff (and also witty and entertaining, I might add), I have no reason to believe you're a nut. Consequently, I would not write that you are, indeed, a nut since that does not happen to reflect my opinion and I tend not to express points of view I don't hold.

You really ought to read these things more closely. It would spare you distress and rhetorical overkill.

Jerry Clark

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>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

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>If spinning compasses are caused by UFOs - and there are quite a
>few reports - then I don't believe it can be caused by any static
>arrangement of magnetic domains. There has to be some switching
>or cyclical pumping of the system, possibly caused by rapid
>relative motions across magnetic field lines. This doesn't fit
>the circumstances described by Betty Hill, who said she placed
>the compass on the car and left it there whilst it continued to
>spin apparently of its own accord.

>There's an interesting reference to compass spinning in a paper
>by Richard Haines:

><http://www.nicap.org/papers/92apsiee.htm>

<snip>

Assuming the compass was stationary . . .

A compass will immediately find a point of stability within any complex arrangement of differently directed static magnetic field domains. Perhaps better questions could have been asked of Betty to determine the exact behavior of her compass needle. I would have included a question asking her why she had the presence of mind to place a magnetic compass on her car in the first place.

In so doing, perhaps she observed it's behavior in greater detail than what she'd reported. Maybe it rocked back and forth? Maybe it rotated one way then another? Maybe it lifted up and down too? I can only imagine that it stopped after a while?

Since the metal in the car is much more massive than that of the needle, a gradually decaying magnetic field trapped within the body of the car might possess enough energy, by way of a gradual shifting in the local field line gradients during that decay process, causing a compass to behave unusually. Speculating further, as this field decays dynamically, localized symmetries/asymmetries (fractures?) across the metallic grain boundary surface might eventually pin the field lines inducing a temporarily lived "vortex type" rotation. Also, an externally decaying group of electric field lines could also create a locally shifting magnetic field line...

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UFO Disclosure Needs Tighter And Stronger Networking - Or,
Project Squeaky Wheel

Posted by Larry Thacker at July 24, 2008 6:45 p.m.

The gift and curse of present day information production, distribution, and access presents both significant encouragement and obstacles between us and UFO disclosure. We are awash in information. Everything we need to know on the topic is probably available, however, we are so bombarded with so much to pick through it might be right in front of us. That's the message I get from Ed Mitchell's recent conversation on what we know. "Open your eyes," it says to me. For those who would desire disclosure to either never happen or happen along their economically-driven timeline, incredibly frustrating amounts of information couldn't be more convenient. It makes disinformation and cover up less necessary, since we confuse ourselves anyway. We're working harder and they may well be working less but smarter.

This particular column is yet another example. One additional informational mentioning of the UFO topic either added positively or negatively to our exponential glut of things we attempt to deem significant or insignificant (I do hope you find something in here worth taking with you, however).

A much tighter system of networking our one voice is needed. The voices of the dispersed soften greatly on those who know. An intensely combined voice may chip away at the cornerstone of this mystery. We inevitably concentrate our voices similarly but in pockets of beliefs and associations. A great mix of differing priorities and expectations. Again, this works to our disadvantage.

Just the availability of computer imaging alone is muddying the water. It was once pretty easy distinguishing a movie alien wrapped in foil from tall-eared goblin aliens attacking your cabin in the middle of the night. These days? Not so easy. Transfer that alien and UFO producing video ability to such widely democratizing tools as YouTube and our ability to sift through it all becomes daunting.

It is probable that only a significantly small number of people =96 and not those we might expect =96 are or ever have been in the know. A smartly run system of secrecy provides for dispersing pieces of the puzzle, making it virtually impossible to see the larger truth. Those holding those pieces may not even associate what they have with UFOs.

As for swimming through the labyrinth of possible clues deep within FOIA items, we are at a significant disadvantage. Even as unorganized and thousand-headed as the government seems most of the time, it is surely adept at burying hardcopy documentation of everything from Foo Fighters and Roswell to a "sighting of interest" occurring as recently as last week. Rest assured that items granting additional light upon real clues are beyond the average citizen's possession most of the time. We can, however, hope that in these trillions of pages of documents out there someone slipped up somewhere.

Those in the know will not willingly let go of that special place. Grassroots Disclosure organizations on a growing world scale may be the only potential avalanche of influence we can muster. We must keep it up. Governments are collections of individuals bent on maintaining influence. At least in the United States there is a semblance of associating re-election with addressing public outcry occasionally. How can we further amp up our presence in the eyes of those interested in continuing their political privilege of legislating on our behalf as well as those they appoint? Not that all politicians know any more than us, but with enough pressure perhaps they will realize that asking questions about UFOs doesn't have to be the assumed political dead end.

When will our demands for disclosure rival our political zealousness for that new bridge project, non-profit funding, alternative fuels, and other pick-and-choose priorities? When will we see organizations like Rotarians for Disclosure, Kiwanians Against the Cover Up, the Harvard Alumni Association of UFO Researchers, and in DC, the Disclosure Caucus?

The answer may be out of our human hands, however. The only undeniable event capable of breaking open the mental vaults of information may be a massive world event. A situation no one can deny or spin. Single, widespread multi-country sightings. More than a city or state sighting, but tens of thousands of reports of the same or similar event confusing the skies of our world.

So, what's next? One simple step is going to the Disclosure Project's list of presidential candidates (they've yet to narrow down the list so many of the contacts are conveniently in one place). Contact each and every one of these officials. Here's your congressional directory. And here are your state government contacts. Now let's be heard in one growing voice. It's squeaky wheel time.

Some of us might hesitate to send such a letter for fear of it being ignored or ridiculed. This is why a professional and sober approach is necessary. We can all learn from each other so comment back with your suggestions for correspondence wording, especially the ones you send to Obama and McCain.

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Paranormal Believer Erik Beckjord Dies At 69

Sam Whiting
Chronicle Staff Writer

Erik Beckjord, a paranormal investigator who tried to share his theories at his UFO, Bigfoot and Loch Ness Monster Museum in North Beach, has died at age 69.

Mr. Beckjord, who had prostate cancer, died June 22 near his home in Lafayette, where he was caretaker of the Crosses of Lafayette, a monument dedicated to the more than 4,000 American troops who have died in the war in Iraq.

According to his Beckjord Blog, he was in charge of updating the sign displaying the total death count at the monument, which includes thousands of small white burial crosses on a hillside overlooking Highway 24 and the Lafayette BART Station.

Jon-Erik Beckjord was born in 1939 in Duluth, Minn. His father was Col. Philip Beckjord, a physician who ran Army field hospitals in Germany during World War II.

Mr. Beckjord grew up overseas and in the Washington area. He came west to attend graduate school at UC Berkeley. Eventually he went to Hollywood, where he was living when the Malibu fires of 1993 tore through his first Bigfoot Museum. According to family friend Molly Hanson, he lost what he claimed were nine huge track castings of the footprints of the elusive Sasquatch and the only known existing hair and blood samples. But the Bigfoot Museum survived.

Mr. Beckjord surfaced in San Francisco three years later. He opened his Bigfoot, UFO and Loch Ness Monster Museum on Union Street just west of Washington Square on Halloween in 1996. An additional area of expertise was crop circles, which he documented on expeditions to the United Kingdom.

"I'm not going to waste a whole lot of time convincing the skeptics," he told a reporter a few days before opening, "because the skeptics are not going to pay even a dollar to get in here."

The non-skeptics were expected to pay \$3 (\$2 for children) to come in and see his science fair-style displays, but the main attraction was the oversize museum founder and curator, who sat at a desk willing to discuss at length any sightings or other documentation.

He trusted hunches and distrusted the government. One of his hunches was that clues to solve the Nicole Simpson murder were

buried in wet leaves at the scene. Under cover of night, Mr. Beckjord said, he went to the scene with a psychic to investigate. The evidence he collected was in a special "O.J. Room" at the museum.

"A lot of this weirdness is right under our noses," he said at the time. "We may belong to aliens. We may be experimental animals. But I can't prove it."

As it turned out, the lack of any substantial evidence was a detriment to paid admission at the museum. It didn't last long. He then operated Captain Neon, a repair company for electrical appliances.

Survivors include brothers Ross Beckjord of British Columbia, and Peter Beckjord of Maryland and sister Pam Forbes of Virginia. A private service and burial will be in Duluth in autumn.

Donations may be made to Hospice of the East Bay, 3470 Buskirk Ave., Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

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[Radar graphic]

Radar Expert Laments Media Apathy
By Billy Cox

Glen Schulze suspects the reason the military corrected its version of events over Stephenville, Texas, on Jan. 8 was that it knew his Freedom of Information Act requests for radar data from civilian authorities at the Federal Aviation Administration were going to expose the truth.

"Four days after our FOIAs hit the FAA, they knew we'd show they had planes all over the place that night," Schulze says from his home in Littleton, Colo. "They didn't have much choice. Fort Worth radar data shows the F-16s from takeoff to landing at Carswell Air Force Base. I don't think Carswell wanted to explain why they'd deny it."

At age 78, Schulze brought an impressive career to bear in the Mutual UFO Network's Special Research Report - released July 10 - on the UFO that surged toward restricted airspace over President Bush's Crawford ranch seven months ago.

In the 1950s, Schulze received a special Army commendation for upgrading missile-tracking antenna sites for the White Sands Proving Grounds. The following decade, he delivered a revelation to America's intelligence agencies by recording Soviet radar signals bouncing off the lunar surface into receivers on Antigua. Schulze went on to specialize in the radar-return analyses of air traffic accident investigations, and has been called as an expert witness by law firms handling aviation litigation.

Schulze, who co-wrote the MUFON report with Robert Powell, wasn't sure what to expect when he filed his FOIAs with military and civilian agencies in January. What he knew was that, two days after witnesses reported seeing a huge UFO and jet fighters over rural Texas, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at Carswell Field outside Fort Worth announced there weren't any warplanes in the area that night.

Almost two weeks later, Air Force Maj. Karl Lewis blamed an "internal communications error" for getting it wrong. The public affairs office has been mute on this affair ever since.

What came as "a fairly mild shock" to Schulze upon reviewing the FOIA data was how primary and secondary radar systems at Fort Worth tracked an aerial intruder - without a transponder - for more than an hour as it made a steady southeasterly course from the Stephenville area toward the Bush ranch.

With F-16s thundering about in the general vicinity, the thing apparently slipped below the radar coverage from 7:03 p.m. to 7:10 p.m., accelerated minutes later to 532 mph within a 30-second span, then skidded to 49 mph 10 seconds later. The narrative comes to an abrupt and tantalizing halt at 8 p.m., the end of the 4-8 p.m. data window requested by Schulze's FOIA. At that moment, the UFO was just 10 miles from Bush's home, and 4 miles from the edge of the no-fly zone.

"The data shows there was definitely something there that was going on a fairly straight line," Schulze says. "All the other planes in the air that night were turning and banking, but this was not. This was not on a chaotic path. It shows some intelligence for its ability for staying on a straight course."

Schulze wants to know why the flight logs for 10 military aircraft separate and apart from the F-16s were censored in his FOIA. He wants to know why the F-16s encroached into civilian airspace, creating a potential safety hazard. And, of course, he wants to know what defense radar was tracking.

None of that information has been released by the military. Schulze fears FAA data acquired after 8 p.m. was auto-purged months ago, although he hopes puzzled records-keepers were curious enough to have archived that material.

Perhaps most disappointing is the lack of media interest.

"Neither the Denver Post nor the Rocky Mountain News has shown any curiosity about this story, and I'm in their backyard," Schulze says. "There was one article about a guy who wants to form an E.T. welcoming committee that ran on Sunday, July 13, two days after we shared our research with Larry King."

Well, one ignores an E.T. welcoming committee at one's own risk.

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Astronaut Edgar Mitchell Sets Record Straight About E.T. Beliefs

Former man on the moon Dr. Edgar Mitchell found himself in the news today regarding remarks he made on the British radio program Kerrang! about believing in alien beings - and the long-rumored UFO crash in Roswell, New Mexico.

In the wake of that flap, the American astronaut set the record straight in an interview with Lisa Bonnice, host of BlogTalkRadio's ShapeShifting, saying that though there was indeed a cover-up at Rosewell, NASA knew nothing about it - at least not to his knowledge.

Here's the full transcript of Mitchell's discussion:

Lisa Bonnice: Dr. Mitchell, thank you for joining me today.

Edgar Mitchell: It's a pleasure. Thank you very much.

LB: As we were mentioning before the show started, you really stirred up a hornet's nest, strangely enough, and like you said, you've been saying this for years.

EM: I don't know what really got things stirred up, perhaps it was the Larry King show. I don't know.

LB: Could be. But basically people are freaking out that you were aware of several UFO visits.

EM: That's not quite right. You use that in the plural. I was talking about the Roswell incident, the Roswell visitation primarily, but there have been many others that have been reported that I have no personal awareness of but that was the one that I was really talking about.

LB: So the interview has been a little misquoted. But you actually have information about the Roswell incident?

EM: Yes and my information comes from what I call "the old timers," because I grew up in the Roswell area and when I went to the moon, some of the old timers from that period, some locals, and others military and intelligence people, who were under rather severe oaths to not reveal any of this and kind of wanted to get their conscience clear and off their chests before they passed on, selected me and said, independently - this wasn't a group effort - independently that maybe I might be a safe person to tell their story to. And all of them confirmed, and what I'm saying is they confirmed the Roswell incident was a real incident

and they in some way had some part in it that they wanted to talk about.

LB: What is it that they told you?

EM: Well, that the crash of an alien spacecraft in the Roswell area was a real event and much of the lore, I can't say all of the lore, but much of the fact that dead bodies were recovered and live ones were recovered, that they were not of this world, was the story. And of course it was reported in the Roswell Daily Record one day and promptly denied the next day and a cover story of a weather balloon, and that was pure nonsense. That was a cover-up.

LB: Why do you suppose, I mean there's all kinds of reasons over the years, but you're in the inner circle. Why do you actually think they did the cover-up? Do you think it's because they thought we're just not sophisticated enough yet? Maybe mankind wasn't ready?

EM: Well, the best story, I believe, is simply because this is right in the aftermath of World War II, the Cold War with the Soviet Union was starting to get under way, there was great suspicion of anything having to do with protecting the skies and advanced technology. Also, the U.S. Army Air Corps had just been separated to become an independent service called the Air Force. The intelligence service of World War II, the OSS, had disbanded to become the modern CIA, and so President Truman at that point really was on the horns of a dilemma.

Here the Air Force is charged with presumably protecting the skies and the advanced technologies of our nation and the intelligence services didn't really know what to do with an alien spacecraft and didn't know whether they were hostile or otherwise, and didn't want the Soviets to get involved with that, or know about it, so the easiest thing to do was lie about it, cover it up and have it classified and deny that it happened. And that's what has happened and unfortunately, or maybe fortunately, I don't know, that President Truman then elected a committee of very high level military and civilian academicians and people and formed the Military and Joint Intelligence Committee.

Abbreviated MAJIC or "Majic 12," that's what it was called, and gave them power to manage this so-called alien presence or crash or whatever they were going to do. And they passed a very secretive bill that gave authority, perhaps too much authority, and over the last 60 years since that incident, things have been continuously covered up, lied about, hidden, and people have not been able to get in to that - including Barry Goldwater when he was a presidential candidate - tried to crack into it and get the information out and was denied. President Ford later tried to get some information out and was denied.

President Carter, had his own experience and said he had seen UFOs and tried to find out more and couldn't get it and never mentioned it again. President Clinton, Ambassador Hubbell tried to get information and was denied. So this has been well covered up for years starting with the fact that perhaps here was an alien craft in our skies, not knowing whether it was hostile or friendly.

LB: So do you think that now, 60 years later, we're finally ready to start believing this? Because, my God, the skepticism, I don't know how anybody can think that we are the only life in this incredibly huge universe.

EM: Well that's a good place to start. Are we alone in the universe? And of course science has not been able to prove that we are or that we are not. But we've been looking, of course, for habitable planets throughout our galaxy and star systems close enough to be observable and coming slowly to the conclusion that yes there are inhabitable planets out there. But that's a long way from saying we've been visited. It's only this type of incident with some very serious research people that have been doing this for years, and I'm not one of them, I'm kind of a Johnny Come Lately to it, that know the answers well or better than I do.

LB: The interviews are quoted as saying that you say sources at NASA who had contact with aliens=85

EM: That is totally false.

LB: Then let's clear that up.

EM: Yes, please do. That is not correct. Because I have talked with government people about it, and military people about it, that was a misquote.

LB: Good. I'm glad to clear that one up. Have you seen the reports? The articles that are going around?

EM: I've seen some of them. They've been floating into my computer all day long.

LB: Is there anything else in these articles that you would like to use as an opportunity to say "OK, they misquoted me"?

EM: I would have to look at them individually, but that's one that, to my knowledge, has nothing to do with NASA.

LB: One of these quotes said that whoever did describe these beings said they resembled "little people who look strange to us."

EM: Well, we've all seen the pictures of the so-called aliens - "little grays". I have no first-hand evidence that that's true, but I do accept the fact that those seem to be the prevalent story.

LB: That does seem to be what the majority of people who say they've seen them agree upon. Now another one, this one I can see makes so much sense that our technology is not nearly as sophisticated and if they had been hostile we would have been gone by now.

EM: Well, if they proved to be hostile, and wanted to do so, they probably could. But there's utterly no evidence that they really are hostile.

LB: Like you said, if they were, and they were more sophisticated than we are, then what are we doing still sitting here?

EM: The craft they they've seen are basically are smaller crafts, they're not warships or anything. And most of the UFO sightings, you know hundreds of military pilots were told to shut up about it, and airline pilots and police officers at night and people who have seen real crafts and I'm not talking about Venus or Mars or a star or planet but who have seen a real craft, they're generally not described as anything like any of ours.

LB: You mentioned in the beginning that they actually found in the Roswell case live beings. Did anyone tell you what happened with that?

EM: That's what I understand. Apparently that individual did survive for some time, as far as I know. But I can't go further than that because I don't know any more.

LB: What do you think of NASA's statement that "Dr. Mitchell is a great American but we don't share his opinions"?

EM: I can understand if they think I was attributing anything to the NASA organization, or deriving anything from the NASA organization, they can certainly say that. And it's true because none of my experience or what I said relates to NASA at all.

LB: You were only in the astronaut program for a fairly short period of time.

EM: For seven years, that's true.

LB: This is just fascinating information and I'm really glad that it's really kind of bubbling up even though it might be making your life a little crazy right now. I really do believe mankind has reached a point in its evolution to where finding out this is real isn't going to make us all freak out.

EM: I totally agree with that. It's about time and if indeed, as we now believe, we're not alone in the universe and there are other species and intelligent species throughout the universe, and the universe is much bigger than we thought it was, this is

good knowledge. It's important knowledge.

LB: It really is. We're out of time so quickly, it went so fast. Are there any last statements you'd like to make that we haven't talked about?

EM: Well, I think the only thing that people should understand is that our star system has a finite lifetime and we've got to continue our space exploration. We only have a couple more billion years to be on the planet. We don't have to rush it but eventually we have to be off this planet if we want to survive as a species.

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UFO Controversy Coming To A Radio Near You
by Renee Bookout
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If you've lived in Northwest Florida for 20 or more years, you have my permission to skip this column. That's because the topic is the Gulf Breeze UFO controversy and, based on everything I've read about it, folks around at that time probably would be happy not to discuss UFOs or aliens again until we land on Mars.

If, however, you are like me and didn't live in Northwest Florida in the late 1980s, then I've got a book for you. It's War Of The Words: The True But Strange Story Of The Gulf Breeze UFO.

Written by former Pensacola News Journal reporter Craig R. Myers, the book chronicles the events from his point of view that put Gulf Breeze on the map - at least maps belonging to ufologists. If you have no idea what I am talking about, in a nutshell here it is.

On Nov. 11, 1987, then-Gulf Breeze resident/builder/developer Ed Walters (aka Ed Hanson) claims to have sighted and photographed from his home on Silverthorn Road in downtown Gulf Breeze an unidentified flying object. Upon sharing the Polaroid photos with The Gulf Breeze Sentinel (which later was bought by Gannett and is likely a predecessor to the Pelican), a "private war" broke out. On one side were the Walters (Ed and his wife), the believers and Sentinel. On the other side were then Gulf Breeze Mayor Ed Gray (now School Board Member) and then Gulf Breeze Police Chief Jerry Brown (later Santa Rosa County Sheriff), the debunkers and most other local and some national media sources.

Over the next several weeks and years, hundreds of sightings were reported by local residents, including 37 more by Walters. Conspiracy theories and counter-conspiracy theories and counter-counter conspiracy theories raged throughout the community, the state, and even the nation. Gulf Breeze's UFOs became a hotbed of controversy - something enjoyed by some and hated by others.

Throughout Meyers' book, names and places remain familiar today. Although you'll probably find the book in the autobiography section of the library, I think there should be a copy in the history section as well, and every local resident should be encouraged to read it to better understand how and why so many people have heard of our tiny slice of paradise. (During the height of the controversy, Walters surprised no one with a book, for which he made millions, titled The Gulf Breeze Sightings).

In addition to being informative, Meyers' book is funny too, which makes it an easy read for your summer list. Without giving

up too much of the story, Myers describes in War Of The Words how his quest to find the truth ended with him finding a spaceship.

If you're new to the area and want to learn more about what was going on at that time, or if you were here then but don't hold to the "let sleeping dogs lie" idiom, tune in next Monday, July 28, at 4 p.m. when Myers joins me to discuss the book and controversy on "Your Turn" on 1330 WEBY-AM, Northwest Florida's Talk Radio.

Remember, it's a call-in show (623-1330). So, hopefully it will get a little heated as the debate between the believers and debunkers takes to sky again (this time via the airwaves).

Although I've never seen a UFO myself, I wouldn't be surprised to know that lots of folks legitimately saw unidentified flying objects, and still do, particularly considering our close proximity to Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field. One is a testing and development site for (sometimes aircraft weapons systems), and one is home to the Air Force Special Operations, which trains in and around our area for covert missions.

What I learned from reading Myers' book and visiting numerous Web sites on the Gulf Breeze sightings is that this was and remains a sensitive subject that warrants an open mind, which is what I will have next Monday as I host the radio interview. Who knows, maybe some extraterrestrial being will tune in and beam me up. Should that happen, hopefully I'll be permitted to bring my computer along so I can continue writing my column and you can continue lining your bird cage with it.

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Apology From Global TV Anchor

From: Mark Herod <mherod.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 08:41:37 -0400
Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 10:04:00 -0400
Subject: Apology From Global TV Anchor

I wanted to give everybody an update on the Toronto news story regarding Edgar Mitchell. I received a formal apology from the news anchor that laughed during the newscast.

This doesn't discount that they made a joke of the news story, and they did not say they were going to do any type of follow up. But it's clear that we need to focus our work not only on the release of information, but the media needs to be educated to understand that this is not a joke.

The government is getting exactly what they want. They do not need to cover-up when the media makes a side-show out of it whenever it gets any type of publicity. We need this to change... Just not sure how?!

Please see the e-mail below:

From: Carter, Alan (CIII)
Sent: Thursday, July 24, 2008 5:26 PM
To: Mark Herod
Subject: Mr. Mitchell

Hi Mark,

I'm the anchor responsible for making light of the NASA-Mitchell story this morning. You make excellent points about our joibs being to report the facts, and I'll take better care in the future to let people at home draw their own conclusions. As NASA itself said, Mr. Mitchel is a great American and I should have looked at the story more closely before making light of it.

Thanks for your e-mail, it's always great to hear from our viewers - even when it's to say we've gone too far. Hope you keep watching.

Alan Carter

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To UFO Or Not To UFO

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Archived: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 11:05:00 -0400
Subject: To UFO Or Not To UFO

Source: The Newton Kansan - Kansas, USA

<http://tinyurl.com/6dhvx7>

Jul 23, 2008

To UFO Or Not To UFO
By Mike Morton
Newton Kansan

Do I believe in UFOs? Of course I do - as long as we stick with the literal definition.

In the strict sense of the term, UFOs are unidentified flying objects, and I'm willing to let it go at that.

Unidentified - unknown - Flying - moving, and up in the air - Objects - things which we can't accurately describe or specify precisely.

And that will have to do until much more proof turns up. No otherworldly connections, no alien beings, no advanced science.

Nothing.

Just UFOs.

Until we have physical proof of spaceships, until we can prove beyond the shadow of a doubt UFOs truly come from somewhere else than our planet, I'll just keep watching what's going on from the sidelines.

At the very least, it's entertaining.

I can't help but get amused when another "expert" comes out of the bushes and describes himself as a "ufologist".

In the first place, adding the "ologist" suffix is, at the very least, misleading.

Why? Because an "ology" is defined as "a school of thought," and there are no schools teaching that "ology".

And I bet all the legitimate "ologists" who worked so hard to attain that degree of expertise in their legitimate academic fields resent those upstarts who decided to anoint themselves with a fancy title just because they are interested in something for which there is no hard proof - UFOs.

(One self-proclaimed ufologist who figures prominently in the television series, turns out to be the owner/publisher of a UFO magazine, which immediately made him suspect. After all, his magazine depends upon UFO existence, and here he was, helping his own cause and selling more magazines by purporting to be an expert on UFOs on television!)

Outside of word of mouth, we have no physical proof that they exist.

No footprints, no wreckage, no bodies, except those which mysteriously "disappeared" or are being hidden by "the government".

Theories, yes; proof, no.

The ufologists neatly explain the lack of proof by blaming "them" for a coverup in the interests of national security, or some other such vague excuse.

And "them" is usually 'the government' or some other super-secret organization that is concealing things from people who don't need to know these things.

How convenient!

Photographs? Oh yes. There are plenty of those, including lots and lots of things obviously or not-so-obviously suspended from strings, flattened or scorched "landing sites," and whatnot, but - putting the blatant fakes aside - why are the photos so fuzzy?

Can't the photographers focus? Why can't people hold a camera steady enough to produce clear pictures? And why do those who see them think they have to be some sort of intelligent life from another planet?

Have they been watching too many movies? Are they smoking some of that "funny stuff"?

I need answers.

How did these alleged aliens get here? Why aren't they communicating with us?

And here's the question that appeals to me the most: If they're clever enough to master interstellar or intergalactic travel, why are they bothering with us beginners, who in these days of our own advanced knowledge will have to take something like seven years to reach our nearest planet? If aliens even exist, are we too dumb for them to waste their time on us?

Probably.

Personally, I'd love to see at least one UFO, but the only time I thought I was even coming close was late one very dark night, when I was driving along a lonely stretch of road.

Suddenly I was aware of three mysterious small lights appearing almost at the top left hand corner of the windshield, looking as if they were traveling alongside my car, but off in the distance, and at about a 30 degree angle above.

I watched them as best I could for at least two minutes, and when they didn't disappear, I finally pulled off to the side of the road to get a better look.

After a minute or so, I realized that when I moved my head, the lights moved, and when I held still, so did the lights; two medium-sized reds and above them, one slightly larger white one.

There was no blinking or flashing, and no shimmering. Just three distinct lights that I couldn't explain.

I looked around, trying to pick up some clues, but that didn't help.

There were plenty of stars visible, but these three didn't look like stars, or planets, or anything else that should be in the sky.

Now they weren't moving at all, so that eliminated airplanes of any kind, and I simply couldn't come up with a solution, so I decided to experiment a little.

Without moving my head, I raised my arm and moved it around, and the lights disappeared!

Move my arm again, and they're ba-a-a-ack!

Twilight Zone? Spooky? Nope.

They turned out to be the reflection of my own dashboard lights, blocked when I moved my arm.

At the proper angle, the lights reflected off my rear window, off my side window, and appeared at the top of my windshield, and when I dimmed the dashboard lights, the UFOs disappeared, too.

Close, but no cigar.

Not even an alien.

Mike Morton writes each Wednesday for the Kansan. He can be reached at m4r4f4m4.nul Mike's book, "On The Loose Collection, Volume One," is on sale in Newton at the Kansan, 121 W. Sixth St.; Anderson's Book and Office Supply, 627 N. Main St.; and Morse Studio, 715 N. Plum St.

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X-File Odysseys And UFO Adventures

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Subject: X-File Odysseys And UFO Adventures

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

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Travel

X-File Odysseys And UFO Adventures

By Stephen Regenold

The UFO stories started out simply enough. A craft hovering at high altitude. Strange lights. Lasers. A disc glowing far above in the Nevada sky.

Then DeWayne Davis, a retired Air Force engineer, dished dirt on a particularly revealing saucer sighting. According to him, "It emitted an orange sodium-vapour colour, not the xenon glow you'd usually see."

I was sitting at a bar in Rachel, Nevada, a trailer park town two hours north of Las Vegas. Outside, past the big sign featuring an alien face, Nevada State Route 375 - aka the Extraterrestrial Highway - traced north to cross an expanse as desolate as the dark side of the moon.

In the inky night sky above Rachel, where stars pack dense on a black dome, more UFOs are sighted than at any other place on the planet. Or so says the Nevada Commission on Tourism.

Extraterrestrial tourism is a minor force in the travel industry, with gift shops, tours and alien-themed establishments bringing visitors to dusty towns like Rachel or Roswell, in the US state of New Mexico.

It's a trade built on government deceptions and glowing discs, with layperson testimonials, small-budget museums and self-published pamphlets directed at suckers and truth-seekers - depending on your view.

But travelling to see a saucer crash site or an alien-themed attraction is also an excuse to visit some of the strangest places on the planet. And, in some cases, speak with some of the strangest people.

Take Wyoming's Devils Tower National Monument, for example. This 305metre-high monolith has been associated with aliens since its cameo in Steven Spielberg's 1977 movie Close Encounters of the Third Kind. It is indeed an otherworldly formation: a sheer-sided geologic wonder sacred to Native Americans for centuries.

"There's a power to the Tower," says Frank Sanders, owner of Devils Tower Lodge, a resort adjacent to the park. Standing eerily alone in the ranchland of Crook County, Devils Tower indeed could play the part as a waypoint in an alien rendezvous.

Not surprisingly, Close Encounters references run rampant with guests at Sanders' lodge. He once rented rooms to three friends from California who watched the Spielberg film several times, a window shade open to view the formation looming above. "They got a big kick out it."

Travel to the high desert of West Texas and you might stop to see the town of Marfa and its namesake "Marfa Lights". The unexplained phenomenon features dancing orbs and glowing balls that are purported to appear in pairs or groups against the night sky.

With sightings recorded as early as the mid-1800s, Marfa brings tourists to gape after dark at the scrubby flats around town. The city has clearly taken an interest: There's a viewing platform off Highway 90 near Marfa and a plaque that outlines some theories on the lights' origins.

T-shirts, alien trinkets and the International UFO Museum and Research Center are attractions in Roswell, a town long famous for its association with aliens.

In July, 1947, military workers from a base in Roswell recovered material from a site purported to be the scene of a flying saucer crash. The military has long maintained the downed object to be a weather balloon. But conspiracy theories on alien autopsies and covert military operations in Roswell are among the strongest of all American alien tales.

Roswell today benefits from thousands of annual visitors who patron gift shops and events like the annual "Roswalien Experience" festival.

My trip last spring to Nevada's Extraterrestrial Highway, a two-day visit to hike in the desert and snoop for saucers at night, did not net a substantiated sighting. I did climb a hill near Area 51, the top-secret military base adjacent to the town of Rachel, and saw fighter jets breaking the sound barrier.

After dark, I drove alone on the highway, pulling over and shutting off the car on a mountain pass south of town. Military planes continued to trace in the sky, red lights and blinking dots dipping behind desert hills. I stood and looked up at the stars, hoping for the "orange sodium-vapour colour" the Air Force engineer had foretold.

The truth was out there, somewhere, maybe, unseen and high above. But that night on the Extraterrestrial Highway I wasn't yet seeing it.

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Chopper 'Chase' Joins UFO Files

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Subject: Chopper 'Chase' Joins UFO Files

Source: Northern Territory News - Darwin, NT, Australia

http://www.ntnews.com.au/article/2008/07/24/4791_ntnews.html

July 24th, 2008

Chopper 'Chase' Joins UFO Files

by Matt Cunningham

Mystery surrounds the reported sighting of helicopters that appeared to be chasing strange flashing lights through the sky south of Darwin this week.

Paul Noaks, 45, of Berry Springs, said that he saw two choppers chasing the lights above his home at about 10.30pm on Monday.

"I walked outside and there were two helicopters with a light about 50m in front of them.," he said.

"It was changing from red to a greeny-blue colour.

"I don't know what it was, I have got no idea.

"All I know is that his thing was silent.

"It was heading off over the horizon and then coming back again and the two helicopters were chasing it," Mr Noaks said.

There have been several reported UFO sightings in Darwin's rural area in recent weeks.

Acacia Hills resident Alan Ferguson photographed what he believed to be a UFO hovering above his home earlier this month.

The photos, run on the front page of the Northern Territory News, sparked a series of calls from readers also claiming to have spotted UFOs in the area.

One caller, Independent MLA for Nelson Gerry Wood, said he saw a strange grey object fly through the sky over Howard Springs.

Mr Noaks said he thought the choppers belonged to the Defence force because they were far bigger than the local helicopters he sometimes sees flying around his home.

But Defence spokeswoman Kelly Cooper said there had been no Defence aircraft flying above Berry Springs last night.

"Defence is not chasing or investigating any UFO activity," she said. "Helicopters don't chase lights in the sky - it's unsafe."

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Re: UFOs & Compasses

From: **Martin Shough** <parcellular.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 13:46:38 +0100
Archived: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 06:41:30 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Compasses

>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 22:03:42 EDT
>Subject: UFOs & Compasses [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:55:44 +0100
>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 18:29:01 +0100
>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

><snip>

>>If spinning compasses are caused by UFOs - and there are quite a
>>few reports - then I don't believe it can be caused by any static
>>arrangement of magnetic domains. There has to be some switching
>>or cyclical pumping of the system, possibly caused by rapid
>>relative motions across magnetic field lines. This doesn't fit
>>the circumstances described by Betty Hill, who said she placed
>>the compass on the car and left it there whilst it continued to
>>spin apparently of its own accord.

>>There's an interesting reference to compass spinning in a paper
>>by Richard Haines:

>><http://www.nicap.org/papers/92apsiee.htm>

><snip>

>Assuming the compass was stationary . . .

Of course. That's what I just said. But that is what was reported, and is the reason we are discussing this:

"I placed the compass over [the spots] and it began spinning and spinning. I thought it must be the way I was balancing the compass so I placed it on the car and took my hand away. The compass was really spinning and continued to do this."

Maybe, as you imply, this diary entry is not accurate or is open to misinterpretation?

>A compass will immediately find a point of stability within any
>complex arrangement of differently directed static magnetic
>field domains. Perhaps better questions could have been asked of
>Betty to determine the exact behavior of her compass needle. I would
>have included a question asking her why she had the presence of
>mind to place a magnetic compass on her car in the first place.

That's a very good question Viktor. It isn't something you would tend to discover accidentally and suggests that she was "primed" with some expectation of finding compass anomalies. That's the sort of thing likely to have come from ufologists or their literature. Maybe Stan can throw light on Betty's thinking when doing this?

>In so doing, perhaps she observed it's behavior in greater
>detail than what she'd reported. Maybe it rocked back and forth?
>Maybe it rotated one way then another? Maybe it lifted up and
>down too? I can only imagine that it stopped after a while?

Yes, you're right. As I said at the beginning of this, it's a
very mysterious thing "if it happened as stated". It would be
desirable to have the claim clarified with more detail.

Martin Shough

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Do Aircraft Magnetos Fail In Presence Of UFOs?

From: **Eleanor White** <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 17:50:18 -0400
Archived: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 07:41:19 -0400
Subject: Do Aircraft Magnetos Fail In Presence Of UFOs?

I've heard some UFO cases, can't recall specifics not actually studying the subject, where aircraft instruments and radios failed to work normally or, I believe, stopped working.

What happens to magneto ignition systems when the instruments are severely interfered with? Do the engine/s stop?

* Point of curiosity for Alfred Lehmborg: Do gas turbine helicopters usually have continuous ignition systems? Or systems that detect flameout and automatically start sparking if that happens?

Eleanor White

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Re: UFOs & Compasses [was: Roswell Rock Raises

From: **Steve Sawyer** <stevesaw.nul>
Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 03:01:09 -0700
Archived: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 07:45:19 -0400
Subject: Re: UFOs & Compasses [was: Roswell Rock Raises

Hi, Martin, Ray, List,

I've been following the 'Roswell Rock' thread for awhile now, and aside from my enjoyment of the usual rhetorical debate, and some of the academic and scientific issues regarding magnetism and related field effects thereof, I wanted to ask a rather pointed question:

Is there any credible evidence whatsoever that either the 'Roswell Rock', or anything Betty Hill claimed to have observed when placing a compass on the shiny spots of her car trunk lid, been independently and scientifically proven to have driven a compass in a way that is unexplainable? In other words, where's real proof or evidence, in either case, of a truly anomalous magnetic field that would have given rise to supposed, alleged, or observed compass spinning? Anything? I'd really like to know, and would appreciate some pointers to same, if any such data does exist.

Steve

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A Seeming Inadvertancy That Is Not

From: James Horak <jchorak7441.nul>
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Archived: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 07:45:00 -0400
Subject: A Seeming Inadvertancy That Is Not

Do any subscribers play Go or have studied the game? If so have you a logic mounted philosophical context for its possible derivation and/or any idea of a mathematical base to its construct?

Please don't respond if your familiarity is based purely on what you've just Googled or on impressions solely taken from the poorly contrived examples found in such movies as, Faith In Chaos or, A Beautiful Mind.

JCH

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Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

From: **Vicktor Golubic** <Diverge247.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 09:41:43 EDT
Archived: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 07:47:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

>From: Jay Nelson <jnelson.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:00:43 -0600
>Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

>>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 09:30:35 -0300
>>Subject: Re: Edgar Mitchell "Aliens Have Made Contact"

>><snip>

>>>Officials from NASA, however, were quick to play the comments
>>>down.

>>>In a statement, a spokesman said: "NASA does not track UFOs. NASA
>>>is not involved in any sort of cover up about alien life on this
>>>planet or anywhere in the universe.

>>>'Dr Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his
>>>opinions on this issue.'

>>The interviewer was totally shocked by what Ed said. He shouldn't
>>have been. Ed wrote an enthusiastic foreword for my Flying
>>Saucers And Science which has been out about 2 months and also
>>appeared on a Larry King UFO show a few weeks back.

>>Wonder what the basis is for NASA's party line?

>I find it very interesting how this statement from NASA is
>constructed. It sounds so definitive but it's what it doesn't say
>that may be the most important part.

>Why should NASA track UFOs? Not their job. Must be some other
>agency that handles that.

>Alien life on this planet? Mitchell didn't say a word about that.
>Alien life elsewhere in the universe? As long as they deny the
>evidence of life on Mars or anywhere, there's no proof and hence,
>nothing worth mentioning.

>NASA is not involved in any cover-up as an organization perhaps,
>but what about individual employees or sections, like the
>astronaut corps?

>So NASA does not share his opinions. Not a word about factual
>knowledge.

>These public relations spin doctors are even worse than

Jay,

Here's an important link explaining some of our capabilities.
It also provides a contact. I've quoted the entire first page of
their web page further below to establish a permanent record
here. There is much for an enthusiastic researcher to delve
into. There are many resources available.

[Begin Excerpt]

East and West Coast launch bases provide services, facilities and range safety control for the conduct of DOD, NASA and commercial launches.

Point of Contact

Air Force Space Command, Public Affairs Office; 150 Vandenberg St., Suite 1105; Peterson AFB, CO 80914-4500; DSN 692-3731, or 719-554-3731.

[End Excerpt]

AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND LINK:

http://www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet_print.asp?fsID=155&page=1

Best,

Viktor

[Begin Quote]

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The Space Innovation and Development Center at Schriever AFB, Colo., is responsible for integrating space systems into the operational Air Force.

AFSPC bases include: Schriever, Peterson and Buckley, Colo.; Los

Angeles and Vandenberg, Calif., Patrick, Fla.; F.E. Warren, Wyo.; Malmstrom, Mont.; and one wing is located at Minot, N.D., an Air Combat Command base. In addition, many geographically separated units span the globe.

Space Capabilities

Spacelift operations at the East and West Coast launch bases provide services, facilities and range safety control for the conduct of DOD, NASA and commercial launches. Through the command and control of all DOD satellites, satellite operators provide force-multiplying effects -- continuous global coverage, low vulnerability and autonomous operations. Satellites provide essential in-theater secure communications, weather and navigational data for ground, air and fleet operations and threat warning. Ground-based radar and Defense Support Program satellites monitor ballistic missile launches around the world to guard against a surprise missile attack on North America. Space surveillance radars provide vital information on the location of satellites and space debris for the nation and the world. Maintaining space superiority is an emerging capability required to protect our space assets. With a readiness rate above 99 percent, America's ICBM team plays a critical role in maintaining world peace and ensuring the nation's safety and security.

Resources

AFSPC acquires, operates and supports the Global Positioning System, Defense Satellite Communications Systems, Defense Meteorological Satellite Program, Defense Support Program, Wideband Global SATCOM Satellite systems and the Space-Based Infrared System Program. AFSPC currently operates the Delta II, Delta IV and Atlas V launch vehicles. The Atlas V and Delta IV launch vehicles comprise the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle program, which is the future of assured access to space. AFSPC's launch operations include the Eastern and Western ranges and range support for all launches, including the space shuttle on the Eastern Range. The command maintains and operates a worldwide network of satellite tracking stations, called the Air Force Satellite Control Network, to provide communications links to satellites.

Ground-based radars used primarily for ballistic missile warning include the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, PAVE Phased Array Warning System and Perimeter Acquisition Radar Attack radars. The Maui Optical Tracking Identification Facility, Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance System, Passive Space Surveillance System, phased-array and mechanical radars provide primary space surveillance coverage. New transformational space programs are continuously being researched and developed to enable AFSPC to stay on the leading-edge of technology.

The ICBM force consists of Minuteman III missiles that provide the critical component of America's on-alert strategic forces. As the nation's "silent sentinels," ICBMs, and the people who operate them, have remained on continuous around-the-clock alert since 1959 -- longer than any other U.S. strategic force. More than about 450 ICBMs are currently on alert in reinforced concrete launch facilities beneath the Great Plains.

AFSPC is the Air Force's is the lead command and largest operator of UH-1N Huey helicopters. The command uses helicopters to support ICBM operations at F.E. Warren, Malmstrom, and Minot.

History

In 1982, the Air Force established Air Force Space Command, with space operations as its primary mission. During the Cold War, space operations focused on missile warning, space surveillance and command and control for national leadership. In 1991, Operation Desert Storm provided emphasis for the command's new focus on support to the war-fighter. The Space Warfare Center, now named the Space Innovation and Development Center, was created to ensure space capabilities reach the people who need it. ICBM forces joined AFSPC in 1993.

In 2001, upon the recommendation of the Space Commission, the Space and Missile Systems Center joined the command. It previously belonged to Air Force Materiel Command. AFSPC is currently the only Air Force command to have its acquisition arm within the command. In 2002, also on a recommendation from the Space Commission, AFSPC was assigned its own four-star commander after previously sharing a commander with U.S. Space Command and

NORAD.

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Busting The No-Fly Zone Myth

By Billy Cox

The no-fly zone around President Bush's 1,600-acre home in Crawford, Texas, can extend to whatever the Secret Service deems necessary, but here's the general rule: When the prez is on the ranch, restricted airspace usually covers a 20-mile radius; otherwise, it retracts to 6 miles. The only time this makes news is if something goes wrong.

Such as: When a light airplane piloted by Richard Armeen of Houston strayed to within 30 miles of the place while Bush was on-site in 2005, it was intercepted by F-16s and escorted to a nearby airfield. Armeen was descended upon and grilled by sheriff's deputies and Secret Service agents, who presumably reminded him he was subject to hefty fines from the Federal Aviation Administration and license revocation.

A resident of Wales made the BBC ticker when he landed his Cessna seven miles away from the Bush ranch in April (Bush wasn't home). Maurice Kirk was handcuffed by authorities and sent off to a psychiatric unit for observation. In what was quite possibly a major understatement, an e-mail from his wife stated that Kirk was "very rattled".

In January 2007, another prop job venturing into the Bush ranch territory was turned back and forced down by F-16s. The wire story informed readers that the flight had been monitored by NORAD and that the offender had been interrogated by the Secret Service.

What these stories and others too numerous to list here have in common is the droll fiction that the skies above the chief executive's compound are inviolate, and that those with enough brass to push the envelope are inevitably held accountable.

That's why Robert Powell of Austin, Texas, is stunned by the MSM's disinterest in The One That Got Away, the large UFO that passed over Stephenville, Texas, on Jan. 8 and made a collision-course beeline for Bush's ranch. Powell says he got a call from Geraldo Rivera's people at Fox News not long after his July 11 appearance on Larry King Live, but that's the extent of it.

Powell studied the FAA radar returns on that incident and matched them up with sightings by multiple eyewitnesses on the ground. The results are detailed in a Mutual UFO Network report he co-wrote with Glen Schulze.

As MUFON's research director, the 54-year-old flash-memory card

pioneer for Advanced Micro Devices knows a few things about algorithms. He spent 28 years in the semiconductor biz and supervised a failure analysis team working on circuitry scales in the 45-90 nanometer range.

"My goal with this report was to be as scientific as possible", Powell says. "What was most disturbing about it was the way we were denied everything we asked for from the military. At one point they had jets within one mile of this object. So I can't believe they didn't pick it up on radar or couldn't see it. For all we know, it could've been a terrorist plane full of explosives."

If that were the case, Bush's ranch would be a crater today, considering how FAA radar indicates the military jets were out of position to deter the object, which may have achieved speeds of up to 2,100 mph over the course of its hourlong trek.

So what was it?

"I'm unaware of any vehicle that measures a thousand feet across that can sit in a stationary position and accelerate to a high rate of speed within seconds", Powell says. "We had two witnesses who talked about watching this object pivot into a vertical position, not from the center, but off the edge. Going from horizontal to a vertical position. That's so odd."

As is the idea that a huge bogey without a transponder could sweep to within 10 miles of a presidential enclave without being jumped by jet fighters. And the MSM doesn't question it.

Powell thinks he knows why the military isn't talking about it. But his confusion over the lack of press coverage comes down to a single word: "Perplexing".

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Believers Gather In San Jose For UFO Conference
Allen Martin Reporting

San Jose (CBS 5) -- Believers in UFOs are gathering in San Jose for the nation's largest conference on the phenomena, on the same weekend the new X-Files movie hits theatres.

The Mutual UFO Network or MUFON is holding its 39th annual symposium. Organizers say at least 600 people have shown up at the Doubletree Hotel to hear speakers and talk about their experiences. The conference lasts through Sunday.

Our video report has more.

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>I wanted to give everybody an update on the Toronto news story
>regarding Edgar Mitchell. I received a formal apology from the
>news anchor that laughed during the newscast.

<snip>

Right on there Mark Herod! That's the kind of proactive courage
UFOlogy needs and both the U.S. and Canada and every other
country where people are seeking the truth.

If more people like you stood up to the press we'd really have a
press that does what it's supposed to do.

Errol Bruce-Knapp ought to have his own awards ceremony for UFO
bravery or something and Mark Herod's name should be up there.

Best,

Greg
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Discovery Channel Interview With Edgar Mitchell

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Apollo Astronaut Chats About UFO, Alien Belief by Irene Klotz

Apollo astronaut Edgar Mitchell returned from his mission to the moon a changed man. He has spent the last 35 years trying to use the tools of science to figure out what happened. Along the way, he says that people knowledgeable about an alleged crash of an alien spaceship in Roswell, N.M., shared the information with him.

He's been speaking out ever since, most recently on a radio talk show that tripped off an unexpected wave of media attention. In a telephone interview with Irene Klotz, Mitchell sets the record straight - as he sees it.

Irene Klotz: Hi Dr. Mitchell

Edgar Mitchell: Just a minute ... I'm sorry. My dog jumped in my lap and knocked over my coffee cup. It's OK. Go ahead.

IK: What's your dog's name?

EM: Oh, that's Cutie (Q.T.?)

IK: Cutie?

EM: Yup, I've got two of them and right now they're telling me that it's their supptime and I must come in and fix their supper ... at least that's what they want.

IK: Well first of all thanks very much for making a little time. I wanted to ask you if there was anything about the radio interview you did that was different from what you've said in the past.

EM: No, there's nothing different. Several of (the reports of the interview) that I've seen come around have some flaws in them. Some of the reports pushed it or spun it incorrectly. NASA had nothing to do with anything I've done. I wasn't briefed by NASA. There haven't been any sightings as a result of my flight service there, so if that part of it comes out on anything you've seen it is just totally wrong.

IK: Yes, I did want to clarify that.

EM: My major knowledge comes from what I call the old-timers, people who were at Roswell and subsequent who wanted to clear the things up and tell somebody credible even though they were under severe threats and things - this was back in the Roswell days. Having gone to the moon and being a local citizen out in the Roswell area some of them thought I would be a safe choice to tell their story to, which they did. Even though the government put real clamps on everybody, it got out anyhow.

Subsequent to that, I did take my story to the Pentagon - not

NASA, but the Pentagon - and asked for a meeting with the Intelligence Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and got it. And told them my story and what I know and eventually had that confirmed by the admiral that I spoke with, that indeed what I was saying was true.

IK: You mean what had been told to you was true?

EM: Yup, in other words. There was a UFO crash. There was an alien spacecraft. This gentleman tried his damndest to get me in and like so many others in the administration over the last 60 years, since JFK's time, was unable to. He was told 'Admiral, you don't have a need to know, and therefore go get lost,' essentially.

IK: Have you ever come out and said who this person was who briefed you?

EM: No, I have not.

IK: Would you at some point?

EM: No, it is out and around but I don't feel like I have the liberty to do that.

IK: When did you have your meeting at the Pentagon?

EM: It was in the late '90s in Washington when I was there working with The Disclosure Project, trying to get all those opened up with another Naval officer by the name of Will Miller and Steven Greer, who you probably heard of. Steven and I don't really work on this anymore together, but we did at that point and getting to the Pentagon and seeing what we could do there to try to get this opened up.

IK: Why do you think the government hasn't acknowledged that there is life outside of Earth? I thought that was sort of the point of NASA.

EM: Well most people in government don't know. The government is highly compartmentalized. You could work next door to somebody for 30 years not knowing what they're doing in certain areas. The whole point of all of this ... goes back to World War II. This Roswell incident took place right at the aftermath of World War II when the U.S. Army Air Corps was split off and became the Air Force and the OSS (Office of Strategic Services), which was the intelligence service of World War II, was disbanded and eventually became the CIA. At that point the Cold War was just starting to move under way and we were at odds with the Soviets.

The Air Force was brand new and supposedly in control of the skies and didn't know what they were doing, and the CIA didn't know what they were doing, so Pres. Truman was in a big problem here: Here people were telling him there were aliens around and nobody knew if they were hostile or what they were and what was he going to do about it?

So he formed a committee, a very high-level military and academic and intelligent people - politically powerful people - and said 'You guys work on this.' And that was called ... the MAJIC 12. And they did pass a National Security Act, or so I'm told, under highly classified auspices, that gave this committee virtually unlimited power to deal with this issue, which they have done for the last 60 years, slowly excluding everybody - including presidents.

You may remember that Pres. Clinton tried to send (Webster) Hubbell to find out about this at Wright Patterson. He got rejected. And Barry Goldwater, back in the '60s when he was getting ready to run for the presidency and who was a brigadier general in the Air Force Reserve tried to get information about it. He got rejected. And I'm told that Gerry Ford tried to do some finding out and he got rejected.

Jimmy Carter announced his observation of UFOs, but that never went anywhere so obviously he made no progress. Only in recent years has the public interest become acute enough and enough stories leaked out so that people are starting to believe that it's all real. And the fact of the matter is, it is.

They're still around and there's a lot of stuff going on.

Are you aware of the so-called Phoenix Lights Incident? That wasn't our stuff.

IK: I'm sorry. Can you say that again?

EM: Lights. Just a few years ago. Three humongous craft flew over Phoenix, very slowly in the middle of the night that clearly were not - I happened to be on the phone with people out there when that happened and have had pictures of it - clearly those were not, to those of us who know aviation and spacecraft, clearly those were not local stuff, home-grown stuff.

IK: So you're saying the incidences are becoming more prevalent among the general public? People are having their own sightings?

EM: Just several weeks ago, this so-called incident at Stephenville, in Stephenville, Texas. Another one. And naturally a lot of discounting and unfortunately the press, the giggle factor got up and the press tended to ignore it, but the fact of the matter is this is the real stuff we're dealing with. We're not alone in the universe. And it has nothing to do with NASA. As far as I know it has to do with what's going on and has been going on for a long time.

IK: As a man of science and engineering, how did you make this leap from doing what you needed to do to be an astronaut to what you're doing today?

EM: Because I was told by people who were utterly sworn to secrecy under severe penalty if they talked and because I'd been to the moon, because I was a local resident of Roswell when the so-called Roswell incident took place, some of them thought I was a safe person to tell before they passed on so that the knowledge didn't die. There are others like me, people out here who have done an enormous amount of investigation who have seen through the facade and seen through the cover-up and can talk chapter and verse, better than I can. We know it's real.

IK: Can you describe what changed you after you were in space? How did that happen?

EM: Well I've got a research foundation that has been working on that problem for 37 years.

I was coming back from the moon after completing a successful mission on the moon. My job was being responsible for the lunar spacecraft for the lunar surface activities. So on the way home, my successful job had been mostly completed and we were just coming home. We still had experiments and work to do, but the big stuff was done.

We were orientated such and rotating in order to keep the thermal balance of the spacecraft so that every two minutes you could see the Earth, the moon, the sun and a 360-degree panorama of the heavens came through the window every two minutes. That's powerful stuff, particularly since it's space. Without the atmosphere to block, the stars don't twinkle, and there's 10 times as many as you could possibly see on Earth because of the lack of interference and it's much closer to what you could see through the Hubble Telescope these days, with those pictures and I hope you've looked at some of those: it's overwhelming - and I realized as that happened, because I do have a PhD from MIT and I studied astronomy at Harvard and MIT and knew that molecules of matter in my body and in the spacecraft and in my partners' bodies were made in some ancient generation of stars. That's where matter is created.

Suddenly I realized that the molecules in my body were created in an ancient generation of stars and suddenly that became personal and visceral, not intellectual and I had never had this experience. It was accompanied by bliss, an ecstasy I had never experienced.

Later - and I'm making this long story short - with some discovery and some help from scientists at Rice University in Houston, I discovered in ancient transcripts that this type of experience - a transformational, transcendental experience where you see things as you perceive them but experience them viscerally and emotionally as one, as a part of it - is called samadhi. In doing more research, I found that it has taken place

in every culture on Earth. The political and cultural expression of that turns out to be religion.

The experience is the same - a heady, overwhelming experience. But when it gets politicized, put into the culture, those things get lost on the people who had the experience and it becomes something else. So that's what it was: a deep, deep cultural experience that is in the culture of our civilization in hundreds of places.

IK: Is that what the Noetic Institute is for? To bring this consciousness ...

EM: I'm trying to use the tools of science to understand precisely these types of knowledge.

IK: Wow, that's quite a calling.

EM: That's exactly what I've spent the last 35 years doing.

IK: What's the tie-in between this pursuit and your experiences with understanding that there are other life forms that have come to Earth?

EM: Well it's just an extension of the cosmology of what's this whole universe about and what are we about and coming to the conclusion that we are not alone. That's some of the most important knowledge that we could discover.

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Camera-Hogging UFOs?

By Billy Cox

In an effort to minimize the odds of CGI manipulation, Alfred Rosberg of Norway has started a blog with a self-explanatory title: UFOs Found In Real TV Broadcasts. Grabbing footage from newscasts, documentaries and NASA missions that ostensibly have nothing to do with UFOs, then posting them at:

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

Rosberg showcases enigmatic images he insists are tamper-proof.

"It's impossible that these videos are UFO hoaxes", Rosberg states in an e-mail to De Void. "Each real TV UFO footage video can be corroborated by the corresponding TV channel footage!"

In other words, the images are legit; interpretation is the key. So let's take a look at a few and apply the most conventional interpretation.

OK, there's a background UFO caught on cell-phone video and broadcast on Pro TV out of Romania for a story about horse handling. Hmm. A balloon.

Scenes of chaos captured by Poland's TVP-2 in the aftermath of a bombing in Kirkuk - but what's that flashing overhead behind the ambulance? Helicopter.

Bryant Gumbel is doing the play-by-play of the World Trade Center disaster for CBS. There's something snooping around the burning towers. Helicopter.

There's a Discovery Channel documentary called "Billion \$ Secret," with footage of a B-2 Stealth bomber soaring at a high altitude. A white orb skirts across its path. Seagull.

A cylindrical-looking object just flashed in midair behind columnist Michelle Malkin as she was being interviewed on Fox News. Rocket Man.

BBC footage of the now-decommissioned Concorde jetliner: There's a little white blip dipping and rising off the plane's port side. Looks like a yo-yo.

More BBC footage, this time from a camera mounted on an Israeli jet fighter. It tracks a wingman going into a sharp bank, and catches not one but two elliptically shaped UFOs. Frisbees at 30,000 feet.

NASA's Mission Control in Houston tracks a UFO from an exterior camera on the International Space Station. The narrator suggests the pulsating object is a flake of paint debris. But then, said object takes a zig and a zag. Umm. Uhh. Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic prototype space tourism vehicle, SpaceShipTwo.

Just how long Rosberg can keep 'em coming remains to be seen. His eye for minutiae apparently knows no limits and isn't confined to television. He's even detected what appears to be a UFO trying to steal a scene from John Wayne in the 1950 Western "Rio Grande." Which does make you wonder:

If a UFO tried to crash the set of a sci-fi flick, how would we know?

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They Really, Really Want To Believe In UFOs

SAN JOSE -- People who believe in UFOs are in San Jose this weekend, trying to be sensible about the whole thing.

Flying saucers are a serious matter and believers are not kidding around. There is too much at stake, considering that some of the aliens are trying to take over the world by breeding human clones and others aliens are kidnapping innocent Maine fishermen who never did them any harm.

That's the word at the big UFO convention this weekend at the Double Tree hotel, where 600 believers have come for four days to talk about new flying saucer sightings and to get away from all the people who refuse to stop laughing.

It's not funny, said Mary Margaret Zimmer, a hypnotherapist from Miami who has personally hypnotized dozens of people abducted by aliens. Many of those unfortunate folks have had alien clones implanted in their bodies, she says.

"My job is to break through the trance that the aliens have put these people in," Zimmer said, very sweetly, over lunch on Friday in the hotel lobby. "I know people who have had implants from aliens. Gynecological implants. The aliens are trying to produce a hybrid race.

"They have an agenda, you know. They're not coming to Earth just to have a look around."

All these things can be proved, say the members of the Mutual UFO Network, and they brought the proof with them and displayed it on a large screen in a hotel meeting room.

The proof is unmistakable. There's a photograph of four white smudges that could very well be an alien spacecraft that flew over Belgium in 1989 and which surely proves the existence of four white smudges.

And there's the chart full of purple dots and black arrows that may indicate aliens flew over President Bush's Texas ranch in January. The dots and arrows on the chart are plain as day.

"I don't see how the government can ignore something like this," said Robert Powell, director of research for the group, pointing at the dots and arrows. "I'm trying to be as scientific as I can."

The attendees have paid \$229 to attend meetings with titles such as "Flying disc creates hole in the cloud at O'Hare" and "Current UFO cases in Turkey" and "Abduction investigations."

At the convention gift store, members were snapping up tools of the trade, such as \$18 "field investigator" T-shirts and \$8 compasses. Field investigators are what the network calls its army of skygazers, who use the compasses to check which way the saucers flew after abducting fellow earthlings.

Jacquelyn Bockius, a member of the network who was selling the T-shirts and compasses, said she has seen just three UFOs in her life, which is a lot fewer than other members. She hasn't seen any in quite a while, she lamented.

"Now that I'm menopausal and not reproducing, they may not be interested in me any longer," she said.

Also for sale were laser pointers and flashlights, but Mutual UFO Network spokesman Alejandro Rojas said it may not be a good idea to shine a flashlight directly at a flying saucer. That's what the Maine fishermen did in 1976, he said, and it made the aliens mad enough that they abducted the fishermen, who haven't been heard from since.

"We don't recommend that you use the flashlight to initiate alien contact," Rojas said. "You could be in trouble."

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Local UFO Sightings More Common Than You Think
By Keely Grasser

A circular object with flashing lights. An orange fireball. A slow-moving, nearly-transparent object.

These strange sights in York Region skies are among seven UFO sightings in the newly released 2007 Canadian UFO Report.

The annual report, written by ufologists Chris Rutkowski and Geoff Dittman, collects information on UFO sightings.

Mr. Rutkowski, who hails from Manitoba, said the study's purpose is "to document what actually is being observed by Canadians in terms of UFO sightings and gain a better understanding of the phenomenon".

He added that data can also be used in scientific studies of UFOs.

Mr. Rutkowski said everyone from stay-at-home parents to pilots report sightings. The report includes information about each of 2007's 836 cases' date, time, what was observed and how many witnesses saw it.

Each case is also given a "strangeness" and a reliability rating on a scale from one to 10. No case in York Region scored above a five on the strangeness scale this year, but three were classified a seven on the reliability scale.

Information is mainly gathered from a series of UFO reporting agencies, including those on the web, Mr. Rutkowski said.

A July 7, 2007 case in Keswick was brought to ufology researchers' attention by the Department of National Defence. Only 3 per cent of cases are reported through government agencies.

Mr. Rutkowski said the government and armed forces don't investigate reports of UFOs.

Last year marked a significant increase in sightings across Canada. This may be because there's a reduction in the stigma surrounding UFO sightings, he said, or that people are watching the skies more. This year, the Toronto area - suburbs are included in the statistics - boasted the most reports.

"UFO sightings are related to population, so a greater number of observers translates into a greater number of reports."

He added this is not always the case, since some reports come from sparsely populated areas.

Errol Bruce-Knapp is one of the GTA's UFO authorities. He's the webmaster of virtuallystrange.net and an mailing list called UFO UpDates.

He compiles reports from all over the world and said he gets "the occasional" report from the GTA.

However, that doesn't mean interest in UFOs doesn't exist in southern Ontario.

"I could possibly name 30 or 40 (people very interested in UFOs)," Mr. Bruce-Knapp said. "And then there's all the others who don't like to make a big fuss about their interests."

But true research into UFOs is becoming a dying art, he said, adding Mr. Rutkowski's report "is exceedingly useful in that no one else is doing it."

Mr. Rutkowski's report suggests that one-tenth of North Americans have seen a UFO.

But does that mean all of these are sightings of extraterrestrial activity? Likely not.

The report indicates if cases are explained, have a probable explanation or are unexplained.

Mr. Rutkowski said he judges them based on if there is sufficient information to prove the object seen was a star, planet, fireball or aircraft.

Only two of seven of York Region's cases are considered unexplained. Both have higher-than-average reliability and strangeness ratings and more than the average number of witnesses.

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UFO Ballot Foes To Rally Saturday
By Joey Bunch
The Denver Post

Opposition to a proposed Denver ballot measure to form an Extraterrestrial Affairs Commission to deal with alien encounters will take shape at a meeting Saturday.

The Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society will put on the "Alien Agenda! A UFO Debriefing" from 1 to 5 p.m. at John Collins United Methodist Church at 2320 South Bannock St. in Denver.

The group aims to show that evidence used to support the initiative - purported video of an alien looking in the window of a home owned by former Lakewood resident and UFO enthusiast Stan Romanek - proves nothing.

Jeff Peckman, the chief proponent of the proposed ballot measure, unveiled the video to Denver media and has since made national TV appearances to promote the initiative.

He needs needs 4,000 signatures to put the issue on a May 2009 ballot. He has said he would make the announcement of the vote to national and international media during the Democratic National Convention next month.

Denver paranormal investigator Bryan Bonner, founder of the Rocky Mountain Paranormal Research Society, said the public vote based on the alien video would make Denver a national laughingstock.

"Look, they can believe in UFOs or anything else if they want to," Bonner said of ET commission supporters. "But when you start talking about holding elections and using public money and staff time, somebody needs to say 'get real.'"

Bonner said he did not discount the possibility of alien life. "All that we are saying is that the 'evidence' that is being used to promote the commission is not proof of anything."

Peckman has responded to the Paranormal Research Society previously by questioning their credentials as researchers.

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Greetings UpDates List. While it has been some time since I've posted I thought I would make you all aware that I have indexed and listed my entire UFO/Conspiracy Library, and to offer them to interested readers/researchers.

This post includes General UFO books. Next will be my Rare list, Conspiracy and then Abductions - OddsEnds.

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27. (hb-vg-1st edition-signed copy) The GULF Breeze sightings: The Most Astounding Multiple Sightings of UFOs in U.S. History by Ed & Franes Walters 1990
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29. (pb-vg-1st edition-2 copies) NIGHT SIEGE: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings By Dr. J.Allen Hynek-Philip Imbrogno with Bob Pratt 1987
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Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises]

From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
Archived: Sun, 27 Jul 2008 08:38:21 -0400
Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises]

>Here's the things I meant:

><http://tinyurl.com/66neoy>

Hello List,

While those compasses may be useful for checking traces or after effects, what's needed is a cheap way of detecting an anomaly immediately.

What I thought of was monitoring the 'inertial field' - as described by this airline pilot and Dr Richard Haines, at 6:00 mins until 10:00 mins on the video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0>

And a bit of searching found that some modern and relatively cheap DRMs (dead reckoning modules), which can be in your vehicle or on your belt, use an inbuilt gyro checker when GPS isn't available.

They have an 'event' switch and, even better, can download their logfiles to your computer. (Just be sure the clock was correctly set - if using it for evidence purposes that is.)

So, if your vehicle is parked, or your belt device is stationary and its GPS is switched off, then the only influence sensed by the DRM should be changes in the inertial field affecting the gyro.

Maybe we have a cheap and efficient UFO detector?

Cheers

Ray D

Note: the relative movement of large mass, like a ship or an aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

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Re: UFOs & Compasses

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>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>Subject: Re: UFOs & Compasses

>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
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>>Subject: UFOs & Compasses [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

>>>From: Martin Shough <parcellular.nul>
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>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 18:29:01 +0100
>>>>Subject: Re: Roswell Rock Raises Questions

>><snip>

>>>If spinning compasses are caused by UFOs - and there are quite a
>>>few reports - then I don't believe it can be caused by any static
>>>arrangement of magnetic domains. There has to be some switching
>>>or cyclical pumping of the system, possibly caused by rapid
>>>relative motions across magnetic field lines. This doesn't fit
>>>the circumstances described by Betty Hill, who said she placed
>>>the compass on the car and left it there whilst it continued to
>>>spin apparently of its own accord.

>>>There's an interesting reference to compass spinning in a paper
>>>by Richard Haines:

>>><http://www.nicap.org/papers/92apsiee.htm>

>><snip>

>>Assuming the compass was stationary . . .

>>Of course. That's what I just said. But that is what was
>>reported, and is the reason we are discussing this:

<snip>

Hi Martin, Ray,

Well, the Roswell Rock was the original scenario presented and whether it or the compass was stationary is perhaps another matter? (In other words, I would have to see this for myself since that rock is evidently available). But, please correct me if I'm mistaken... I'm just drawing careful distinction from this original pos of Eleanor's and where the discussion has since lead us; Careful not to leap to conclusions concerning how the Roswell Rock or a compass was handled in either case since we all know how important accurate observation is.

I only emphasized this to distinguish it from my earliest responses in which I implied that there could have been a

conspiracy of hand movement over the 'Roswell Rock' (nearly point source) and the compass needle held by a hand: That movement of the type described could (perhaps) be more easily explained through the incidental pumping action of a hand and/or a rotation of the rock holding the compass over a single dipole or, that if multiple dipole moments existed, this could switch the compass over in new directions with much less complex or rhythmical hand movement, giving over to higher order behavior in both the compass needle and their 'surprise' response: It is not very often we have experience with magnets possessing more than the simple 'North and South' dipole. And, even when we do have more than one magnet in close proximity, they usually stick together (least energy arrangement) to preserve that originally directed dipole. So, a rock with multiple directed dipoles (impossible for someone to know without careful observation) could likely induce a flip and rotation in the compass needle with "much much less" hand movement effort (compass and/or rock being held by moving hands).

I've further added (see my other posts) that if the compass needle was indeed stationary that stored electric or magnetic field energy (within a more massive car body) in a decay mode (flux after EM bath) could likely generate movement of a very small needle in the way described (Hill case not Roswell Rock case) without adding too much more additional mystery (that it would be also be competing with the earth's magnetic field at the same time - implied). Still very exciting and unusual but not necessarily too 'far out' and away from our current scientific understanding (minus the UFO). Not, that I wouldn't relish a more bizarre circumstance.

I would love to explore this further if more observation of it's true behavior was possible and over a larger surface area of the car. Perhaps Stan asked Betty these questions or knows more, as you might suggest?

In hindsight, I think we would all have made more elaborate observations and conducted many more types of mini experiments when presented with the same scenario. I'm sure that compasses are standard issue MUFON field equipment. Perhaps, there is more written on this subject in addition to what you've so far been able to locate?

I think until then, there is much less to grab hold of and showcase. So, I appreciate you having located the additional literature.

Enough said,

Viktor

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Kingdom Of Lies Will Crack Only After...

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Listers,

Yes, it is true that, Ed Mitchell's recent remarks are important, even historic. A brave soldier of truth, enlisted by conscience, standing largely isolated, almost casually, calmly hurling artillery shells of truth over the wicked secrecy walls, into this dark realm.

Even now, however, I can hear the weak of resolution, and timid with truth, saying "you don't have any proof of what is in those shells hurled into this imperious domain. are truths."

This plaintive bleating is for those who cannot tell a hawk from a handsaw, or from some citizens of this nation or the land to the north, who still are so unimaginably lacking in due diligence that they don't think there is any real cover up, of UFO reality, that the powers that be don't know much more than we do, and have the ignorantchutzpah to say governments are not that interested.

"Good Morning" to those. It is long past time for these debates. Those who doubt there is massive cover up will never get it, until the day, when these giant dungeon doors, that hide so much, open into a vista of staggering profusion, that many will shout, weep, leap into the air, be astonished, and demand sanction for a crime of this magnitude.

A tally of total visitor activity since the 1940's, might easily show a million sorties since then. How many intercepts? How much: pilot testimony, radar data, and miles and miles of recon pod video footage that will some day leave many in bewilderment, is there.? How many planes and pilots lost? How many citizens with no official recourse or answers, have endured anguish and lonely suffering with almost no recognition but ridicule by the society at large., either as observers or taken aboard such vehicles?

How many crash/retrievals have occurred? How giant a tower of facts have to stack up, before it is understood what a treasure trove has been obtained? May the doubters go through the consistent repeating drumbeat of data that indicates a technological wonderland has fallen into human hands. .

The minds of much media and academic elites, targeted successfully, into an abandonment of investigative critical thinking, lost in a trance of authority figure worship, and proving Goebbel's dictum still works, tell a lie big enough, long enough, loud enough, and any nonsense can be planted and flowered in some who will not think independently.

These cognitive cripples, lulled into sleep by the repeated bromide that "There are no conspiracies", "Big secrets cannot be kept" ad nauseam are a first defensive perimeter, that discourages most minds and they go no further.

Yes, something is loosening behind the scenes, signs of division. We should be of courage and encouraged. This dark archipelago will fall to truths armies, implode with the contradictions that are now of mountainous proportions, this battle is still largely invisible to the public.

But it will take, in the public arena, via some providence or fortune, a 100 Ed Mitchell's, and perhaps even dark shadows, bright lights of great numbers of alien ships swiftly arcing across our skies, to bring us to the day a giant crack echoes from heavens to earth ..

This observer speaking to reporting staff of a local paper, found most were not aware of Ed Mitchell's statement, or attached any credibility, seemed uninterested, and labeled this news as "fringe" .

These wicked walls of lies will crack---but only after enormous pressure.

Vince White

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The Briton Facing 60 years In US Prison After Hacking Into Pentagon
Jamie Doward, home affairs editor
The Observer

On the eve of a Lords ruling over US demands for his extradition,
a British computer hacker claims that American prosecutors
threatened to haul him before a military tribunal

When he wakes up this morning, Gary McKinnon will be 72 hours
from learning whether he is on the fast track to a 60-year prison
sentence, thanks to his obsession with aliens.

McKinnon, 42, from Enfield in north London, is accused by
American prosecutors of illegally accessing top-secret computer
systems in what they claimed in one legal document was 'the
biggest military computer hack of all time'.

The self-taught IT expert insists he was simply looking for
information the US government had on UFOs and is adamant that he
never damaged any of its computer systems. This argument,
however, cuts little ice with the Americans, who are trying to
extradite him. Five years after being told by British police that
he would probably get a six-month community service order for his
exploits, McKinnon finds himself still wanted by the US
authorities. A 2006 High Court ruling granted the extradition
request, and on Wednesday the House of Lords will decide on
McKinnon's appeal against that ruling.

That it should come to this is little short of outrageous, say
his supporters. Soon after he was arrested in 2002, US
prosecutors appeared to offer McKinnon a deal: if he agreed to
extradition and admitted his guilt, he would get a sentence of
three to four years, most of which could be served in the UK.
When McKinnon rejected the offer - made in confidential meetings
at the US embassy - his lawyers were told 'all bets were off'.
They claim the US prosecutors upped the stakes, suggesting he
would be 'treated like a terrorist' if he did not agree to face
trial and plead guilty in the US.

McKinnon claims that at one stage there were suggestions that he
would face a military tribunal, possibly at Guant=Elnamo Bay. 'They
said they wanted to see me fry,' he said.

McKinnon's lawyers claim that attempts to force him to accept a
plea bargain constituted 'an unlawful abuse of the court
process'.

A Lords ruling in favour of McKinnon, who has become a cause
celebre for UFO enthusiasts, computer users and civil liberties

groups, would force US prosecutors to restart their extradition process in the magistrates' courts, a major setback that could have ramifications for other Britons resisting removal to the US. A ruling against him would mean an appeal to the European Court of Human Rights and leave him in legal limbo, banned from travelling abroad, forced to report to police every Friday, and barred from accessing the internet.

In a further twist, it has emerged that a crucial file containing details of the early meetings with the US prosecutors, at which the offers were apparently made, has gone missing from the office of McKinnon's solicitor. A laptop holding details of the same meetings was stolen from the car of one of his barristers.

The revelations have prompted febrile speculation among McKinnon's supporters, who fear that events have taken a sinister turn. McKinnon believes his phone has been bugged and claims to have been followed. As a result of his exploits, no IT company will now offer McKinnon a job. 'I think it's bloody ridiculous,' he said. 'They should employ me to bust paedophile rings or credit card frauds rather than stick me in jail for the rest of my life.'

These days he earns a living driving a fork-lift truck. It seems a mundane job for a man who between 1999 and 2002 broke into the most secure computer systems in the world from his north London flat. Using a computer language called Perl and a cheap PC, McKinnon linked a number of computer systems to search for US databases that were not protected by a password. 'I could scan 65,000 machines in less than nine minutes,' McKinnon said.

McKinnon unearthed unprotected computer systems operated by the US army, the navy, the Pentagon and NASA. On every system he hacked, he left messages. 'It was frightening because they had little or no security,' he said. 'I was always leaving messages on the desktop saying, "your security is really crap".'

One message has come back to haunt him. 'I said US foreign policy was akin to government-sponsored terrorism and I believed 9/11 was an inside job. It was a political diatribe,' he admitted.

In the end, the ease with which he could hack the systems became his undoing. 'I got sloppy. I went to places directly rather than jump through systems. NASA tracked back my IP address.'

McKinnon's interest in aliens was started by an internet-based group of UFO enthusiasts called The Disclosure Project. The group had collected more than 200 testimonies - some from people who have served in the US military - that 'confirm' that extra-terrestrials exist. Not only that but, according to McKinnon, some of the testimonies offered proof that 'certain parts of Western intelligence had acquired and reverse-engineered their technology, mainly weaponry and free energy'.

Intrigued, McKinnon used the testimonies to help him search top-secret US databases for information about free energy. 'I felt if it existed it should be publicly available,' he said. He says he came across many other hackers in the supposedly secure systems, many with Chinese and Russian internet addresses. Since his exploits were exposed, consecutive government reports have confirmed that the US military's computer systems remain poorly protected.

McKinnon was caught before he could find any confidential information on 'free energy', but he saw enough to believe the US authorities are suppressing what they know about aliens. He says he came across a document written by a NASA official who claimed the agency has to airbrush UFOs out of satellite photos because 'there are so many of them'.

With only a 56k modem, he found that downloading the huge volume of documents was too time-consuming. But McKinnon claims that he managed to capture almost two-thirds of an image of what he believes was either a UFO or a top-secret US craft operating in space.

The picture was confiscated, along with all the other material McKinnon downloaded. The material included an Excel spreadsheet entitled 'non-terrestrial officers' and a list of names. 'It was a really weird phrase,' McKinnon said. 'Maybe it was the secret development of a space force. Space is the next frontier and it's

already being weaponised.'

His hacking career came to an abrupt end one morning in March 2002. The National High Tech Crime Unit searched his flat and arrested McKinnon and his then girlfriend. 'They said "you'll probably get six months' community service",' McKinnon claimed.

In the end the Crown Prosecution Service decided not to prosecute, but two years later, after crime unit officials visited Washington, apparently taking McKinnon's hard drive, the US government began extradition proceedings. 'Now I'm facing 60 years in prison,' McKinnon said. 'I believe my case is being treated so seriously because they're scared of what I've seen. I'm living in a surreal, nutter's film.'

The greatest hackers

Jonathan James At 16 he was the first juvenile to be jailed (for six months) for hacking in 2000. He targeted high-profile organisations including NASA, stealing more than \$1.7m worth of software.

Adrian Lamo Broke into organisations such as the New York Times and Microsoft between 2002-2003 using internet connections at coffee shops and libraries. He had to pay \$65,000, serve six months of home confinement and two years' probation.

Kevin Mitnick The Department of Justice called him 'the most wanted computer criminal in United States history' for his hacking activities between 1982 and 1992. He served five years, eight months in solitary confinement.

Kevin Poulsen Known as Dark Dante, he hacked into LA radio's KIIS-FM phone lines, earning himself a Porsche. Called 'Hannibal Lecter of computer crime' for his hacking activities between 1985 and 1991, he served five years in prison.

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Mike Conley's Tales of the Weird:

60th Anniversary Of Pilots' Close Encounter
By Mike Conley
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It was 60 years ago Thursday that two well-respected commercial pilots found themselves on a collision course with a torpedo-shaped unidentified flying object. And that extraordinary encounter would influence the Air Force's early investigation of the whole UFO phenomenon.

During the early morning hours of July 24, 1948, pilot Clarence Chiles and co-pilot John Whitted were flying an Eastern Airlines Douglas DC-3 over the city of Montgomery, Ala. Their airliner was cruising at an altitude of about 5,000 feet and the nighttime flight was pretty much uneventful.

But at about 2:45 a.m., Chiles spotted a hazy red cloud, which looked like aircraft exhaust. It was slightly above them and to the front of the DC-3 by about half a mile. Chiles next saw some kind of aircraft and suspected that it was one of the new jet planes being used by the Army. However, the two pilots quickly realized that this object was not a jet plane and it was coming right at them very fast. The strange object barely missed the DC-3 and passed by them on their starboard side at a distance of about 1,000 feet, according to Chiles's report.

As the UFO bore down on them, Chiles took the DC-3 into a tight left turn. As the UFO passed them by, the DC-3 hit some turbulent air. Whitted was able to look back just as the weird object pulled up into a steep climb.

Both men had seen the object for about 10 to 15 seconds but that was enough for them to get a good look at it. Both described it as cigar- or torpedo-shaped and about 100 feet long. It was about three times the diameter of a B-29 bomber used in World War II. The object's surface was entirely smooth with no wings. The rear section of the UFO gave off a bright red-orange exhaust that got redder when it rose in altitude. Chiles and Whitted reported hearing no sound at all as the UFO passed by their plane, according to a Web site.

Both pilots also stated that the UFO had two rows of rectangular windows. Chiles later wrote that the two rows indicated an upper and lower deck inside the UFO. A very bright light seemed to be glowing from inside the windows. And underneath the object, a blue glow could be seen.

Because it was early morning, most of the plane's passengers were

asleep. But one of them, Clarence L. McKelvie, would later testify that he too saw something similar to what Chiles and Whitted saw. He stated he saw a very bright light from his window seat in the DC-3. He told investigators that the light seemed to move parallel to the plane, but at a higher altitude.

Right after the close encounter, Chiles radioed Eastern Airlines flight controllers and asked them if any known experimental aircraft were being flown in the region at that time. There were none, according to a Web site.

The flight landed at Birmingham, Ala. shortly before 4 a.m. The pilots went to a hotel for some rest but it wasn't long before their sighting attracted media interest. Within a few hours, they were interviewed by both a radio station and a newspaper reporter.

This sighting would be significant because it was reported by two experienced and respected pilots with Eastern Airlines. Both men had been decorated for their service in World War II.

At first, investigators suggested the object was a meteor but both Chiles and Whitted rejected this. They asserted that it was a "manmade thing."

Not long afterwards, another witness stepped forward. Walter Massey, a ground-crew chief at nearby Robins Air Force Base in Georgia, claimed to have seen something very similar about an hour before Chiles' and Whitted's encounter. Like the two pilots, he said it was a torpedo-shaped object that looked to be two or three times larger than a B-29 and had "a long stream of fire coming out the tail end."

And of course, officials with the Pentagon floated the ever-popular weather balloon theory. Just a year before, the military tried to explain what happened at Roswell, N.M. with that same old tired weather balloon theory. But the explanation was quickly withdrawn with the Chiles-Whitted encounter. An Air Force spokesman admitted their sighting was credible, according to a Web site.

So based on this and other sightings, Air Force investigators began to take more seriously the idea that UFOs might come from other worlds.

It seems that my Tales of the Weird column has attracted The History Channel's interest. On Tuesday, I received a phone call from an associate producer of the channel's show "UFO Hunters." It turns out that the show wants to use a column that I wrote back in December about the Cash-Landrum sighting that happened in Texas.

In that 1980 case, Betty Cash, and her friend, Vickie Landrum saw a UFO and that encounter might have made them very ill. Eighteen years later, Cash died on the anniversary of the sighting and some investigators believe she was killed by the UFO experience.

The associate producer said her show will take another look at the event and wanted to use my column. I don't know when it will be aired on the History Channel but I'll keep you posted.

Contact Mike Conley at 652-3313, ext. 3422 or e-mail mconley.nul

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for the lead]

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Re: Anomaly Sensors

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Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
>Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

>>Here's the things I meant:

>><http://tinyurl.com/66neoy>

>Hello List,

>While those compasses may be useful for checking traces or after
>effects, what's needed is a cheap way of detecting an anomaly
>immediately.

>What I thought of was monitoring the 'inertial field' - as
>described by this airline pilot and Dr Richard Haines, at 6:00
>mins until 10:00 mins on the video.

><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0>

>And a bit of searching found that some modern and relatively
>cheap DRMs (dead reckoning modules), which can be in your vehicle
>or on your belt, use an inbuilt gyro checker when GPS isn't
>available.

>They have an 'event' switch and, even better, can download their
>logfiles to your computer. (Just be sure the clock was correctly
>set - if using it for evidence purposes that is.)

>So, if your vehicle is parked, or your belt device is stationary
>_and_ its GPS is switched off, then the only influence sensed by
>the DRM should be changes in the inertial field affecting the
>gyro.

>Maybe we have a cheap and efficient UFO detector?

>Cheers

>Ray D

>Note: the relative movement of large mass, like a ship or an
>aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

Thanks Ray,

These are good ideas... having both gyro and magnetic compasses
is a huge advantage... nice if they can record an interaction for
later review...

I'm very interested in the Haines pilot report which affected the
three gyro compasses... this is purely an inertial interaction
which goes along with my views.

Curious about the position of the UFO as a function of the three
gyro compass attitudes which all moved to independent positions
(apparently?). Not sure if each gyro compass was originally
pointing in three separate directions which might explain their
independent shift within a constantly directed 'single action'

inertial gradient. But, if they were all pointing to the same original direction (redundant systems), this would be more likely to suggest some kind of dynamic field with a harmonic or complex wave form.

Perhaps, EM affects are a natural outcome of these inertial shifts in some kind of sum total conservation principle - symmetry breaking and correcting implied.

I will be investigating this further.

Cool stuff... now I'm excited...

Best,

Viktor

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Re: Friedman On MJ-12

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>From: Stanton T Friedman <fsphys.nul>
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>Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 17:12:19 -0300
>Subject: Re: Friedman On MJ-12

>>From: Kevin Randle <Randle993.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Wed, 23 Jul 2008 21:00:15 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Friedman On MJ-12 [was: An Opinion On Jacques Vallee]

<snip>

I originally had a much different post in mind. I was going to respond to each of the points, but that really becomes just another of those which side do you wish to come down on type posts... There is one point that I'll make later because it is an important one but first...

I was writing a column for my blog:

www.kevinrandle.blogspot.com

on Edgar Mitchell's recent revelations when I had a thought about how nice it would have been if we could have gotten General Exon's revelations, and then Edgar Mitchell's revelations without having to deal with MJ-12. Instead of a history that would repel the various media, we would have two highly placed individuals who were talking about an oversight committee that controls UFO information.

Then I thought that Exon provided us with some names of men he knew had been on the committee, but most of them have been ignored as we chased MJ-12. Some of the names he gave were also named by MJ-12 and it struck me that rather than limit our searches, we should be expanding them based on all this very good information.

It also struck me that these battles about MJ-12 weren't really advancing our cause, but had us caught up in turf wars that probably pleased those at the top, but did us no good. So, rather than reject MJ-12, I thought of embracing it, as I would embrace the information supplied by Exon and see where that might lead.

What this really means is that we should be looking at the men who were at the top in their various fields in 1947 and not rejecting anyone simply because he wasn't on one list or the other...

And I thought that I was never going to convince Stan that MJ-12 was a myth, anymore than he was going to convince me that it was real (unless, of course, we found some sort of paper trail that lead there which hasn't happened in more than twenty years).

So rather than waste resources on verifying MJ-12, or verifying what Exon said, we should all work on verifying the oversight committee whatever name it might operate under. The minutia of this might not be important, but the overall verification of an oversight committee will be, and with that, we might be able to verify some of the Roswell crash case.

The ultimate goal is not to be right, but to get to the answers. So, rather than continue this fight, I think I'll use my energy and resources to learn more about the oversight and forget about these little side skirmishes.

However, because of the implied insults in these last couple of paragraphs, I will note a couple of things.

>>Remember what you told me about Bill Moore... he was thinking of >>creating a Roswell-type document and all of the sudden MJ-12 >>appears... not to mention the novel that he, Richard Doty and >>Bob Pratt were writing in 1980 that contained references to MJ->>12.

>Kevin, this is more fiction, sorry but I never told you that any >more than Frank Kaufman had told you he watched the radar screen >at Alamogordo from the rest room using a mirror. That was fiction >as are a host of your specific claims. Please look at what I >wrote, not what you wish I had written.

That's right Stan, Kaufmann never told me that he watched the radar screen from the rest room... would this be fiction of your invention. What he said was that they signaled, using a mirror on the wall, if something happened.

Just like the fiction you created when you claimed that Bill Brazel talked of a black sergeant visiting him... Your insertion of the word in front of black, into an interview that I conducted, was an attempt to prop up the faltering Gerald Anderson story.

You sat in the car, in southern California while we waited for our host to return from an errand, and told me, as you have told others, that Bill Moore had said he had run into a brick wall on Roswell and was thinking of creating a document to shake things loose. I was surprised by this revelation because of what it suggested about MJ-12.

This is why I rarely respond to these things. We end up in a great debater's technique of diverting the conversation into areas that are irrelevant... and into name calling, which does not to advance our knowledge, but does maintain the status quo. Same arguments dressed in different clothes, but the same arguments that do nothing to show MJ-12 is authentic... no real response to the criticisms of it, just tired cliches whipped out as if they have real meaning, along with the "debunker's rules" to show that we haven't thought all this through. But, when we get to the end, there is still no evidence that MJ-12 is real, only the same unproven arguments for it.

And you know Stan, being a writer of science fiction and other such works is not a disqualification for UFO research. I certainly understand the difference. Do you?

KRandle

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Re: Kingdom Of Lies Will Crack Only After...

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>From: Vince White <Vinceomni.nul>
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>Date: Sat, 26 Jul 2008 16:40:37 EDT
>Subject: Kingdom Of Lies Will Crack Only After...

>Listers,

>Yes, it is true that, Ed Mitchell's recent remarks are important,
>even historic. A brave soldier of truth, enlisted by conscience,
>standing largely isolated, almost casually, calmly hurling
>artillery shells of truth over the wicked secrecy walls, into
>this dark realm.

Hi Vince, Everyone!

It is important to note that although Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell does not claim to have seen spacecraft that did not originate from this world or their non-human occupants, but like Canada's ex-Minister of Defense, Paul Hellyer, he did share information about UFOs that he has learned from very credible insiders such as high ranking military sources and people he can trust such as the "old timers" of Roswell where he grew up.

It is also important not to forget that there are other NASA astronauts, past and present, that have actually seen UFOs who have reported their important encounters but which for some reason did not get the same media coverage or even the attention of ufologists that they should. For example, how many of you have read Astronaut (Mercury 9 and Gemini 5) Gordon Cooper's book 'Leap of Faith: An Astronaut's Journey in the Unknown'? Cooper's book, which I managed to get many unsold copies at clearance prices for friends, is probably one of the best books on the subject of UFOs that does not present only anecdotal evidence or compelling arguments but first-hand accounts that UFOs are indeed real and that their existence continues to be covered-up from the public. Fellow Apollo 11 astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin is another one that has gone public with the UFO he and fellow astronauts Neil Armstrong and Micheal Collins encountered on their historic flight to the Moon 40 years ago this month.

Like Mitchell, Space Shuttle astronaut, Story Musgrave, veteran of 6 NASA space missions also made the news not too long ago when he talked about his own UFO encounters in space, some of which he even captured on video! As for those ETs that everyone believes are out there, Musgrave was quoted as saying that "These guys are real... I guarantee it!".

When NASA refuses to acknowledge the existence of UFO-like phenomena seen and recorded by astronauts in space and the grave danger it presents to them and their spacecraft, they continue to put astronaut's lives at risk. Their silence may have resulted in the destruction of the Space Shuttle Columbia and the death of its 7 astronaut crew, including Israeli astronaut Ilan Ramon, who's task was to study this UFO-like phenomena from space and who had managed to take many pictures of the very thing that may have killed them all. There are many menaces in low Earth orbit such as Red Jets and Blue Sprites - Nature's own highly energetic charged particle beams

that have potential use as space weapons - that although reported by pilots, farmers and other observers of the sky for many decades, only recently has the scientific community acknowledged them as being real.

Of course, UFOs do not have one explanation but many. The ET hypothesis (both artificial and natural) is just one of them. Others include newly discovered upper atmospheric electrical phenomena such as that which was observed and documented by Ramon on Columbia. From my own anonymous but also very credible sources, there is also a secret U.S. manned space program that operates independently of NASA and flies spacecraft that are based on exotic technology which make some Space Shuttle pilots green with envy.

For this reason, I don't see the UFO cover-up being lifted up anytime soon. If it was, I believe Columbia and its crew would have been spared. Recall that on Columbia's maiden flight in 1981, NASA expressed concern that the orbitor and its two man crew would be lost on re-entry if too many tiles had fallen off, especially at critical points around the spacecraft where they could not examine. Thanks to the secret U.S. manned space program, they were able to take close-up pictures of Columbia which allowed NASA to actually count the total number of individual missing tiles and their locations...

Nick Balaskas

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New Element Discovered

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New Element

Lawrence Livermore Laboratories has discovered the heaviest element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium (Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons, and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of 312.

These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons, which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles called peons.

Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it comes into contact. A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a reaction that would normally take less than a second, to take from four days to four years to complete.

Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2- 6 years; It does not decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time, since each reorganization will cause more morons to become neutrons, forming isodopes.

This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to as critical morass.

When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium, an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

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UFOs: The Unacceptable Reality

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UFOs: The Unacceptable Reality

"Unidentified flying objects are as real as airplanes which fly over our heads=85" Paul Hellyer, Canadian Minister of Defence 1963 =96 1967

By Dhyan Abeyagoonasekera

This article is for readers with open minds

Many people treat UFOs or extraterrestrial (ET) life as 'ridiculous nonsense'. It is a case of an endless expanse of wide open skies and - narrow closed minds. It is common knowledge that 'space' is full of other suns, galaxies and planets with potential in nurturing life. The Hubble Telescope confirms the scientific idea that space is boundless - immeasurable. Hence it is reasonable to assume that apart from us there is a strong possibility of the existence of other forms of life 'out there'. The mounting evidence of UFOs and extraterrestrial beings through individual sightings, group sightings and photographs of UFOs and less frequently, encounters with aliens confirmed as genuine, lend credence to this idea. However, despite the subject being covered by newspapers UFO magazines and as recently as 2004 by CNN, Fox Video, up to now - even to the broad-minded, UFOs and aliens remain a subject - deep, sinister and as mysterious as ever.

But, among those who have seen UFOs or who have had extraordinary, frequently petrifying contacts with aliens and experiences of abductions by aliens there is a tendency towards tight lips - to avoid ridicule and embarrassing official probes. Such people live with their ordeals as they believe in what they witnessed or endured.

The birth of Ufology

'Ufology' attained age, when on 24th June 1947, an American pilot, Kenneth Arnold, spotted nine objects flying in formation. In Arnold's estimate, these objects were racing across the sky at speeds in excess of 1000 miles per hour! Arnold reported, "They flew like a saucer would, if you skipped it across the water." Arnold's sighting was never confirmed as there were no other witnesses. But the name 'Flying Saucer' stuck. In the years that followed, there were hundreds of reports of 'Flying Saucers' which defied identification and proper explanation - hence the term 'Unidentified Flying Objects' - UFOs.

The Roswell Incident

The subject of UFOs and ETs commanded more public attention after

the famous 'Roswell Incident,' only eight days after Arnold's sighting. A rancher found a large area strewn with wreckage he could not recognize in the desert in Roswell, a small town in New Mexico. The crashed object suspected to be a flying 'saucer' was about 30 feet in diameter and contained four dead humanoid creatures, the size of children. They had out sized heads and small eyes and had no hair and wore some type of clothing of a one piece type without buttons, belts, or zippers. No one would have or even could have believed the rancher if not for a team of archaeological students of the University of Pennsylvania who were carrying out a dig in that area who were also witnesses to the find. Later an Army Detachment removed the mysterious debris and the dead bodies to Fort Worth in Texas.

The next day the papers were full of the incident involving the crashed UFO. However, a strange thing which took place concurrently was an official announcement made by the army that the debris found was not of a UFO, but that of a weather balloon! This was certainly not the recollection of those who found the crash.

After the crash, a local undertaker received an order for four child-sized coffins. There were also reports of autopsies having been conducted on the alien bodies and of photographers who had filmed the surgical procedure. But the government staunchly maintained their denials and subsequently a wall of silence fell not only on the Roswell incident, but also over the other occasions when reliable witnesses - police officers, pilots, scientists and well-known politicians reported spotting UFOs.

The 'Roswell Incident' has been made into a documentary film.

The history of UFOs and extra-terrestrial visits

As narrated in historical writings, UFOs have made their appearances centuries ago - long before Roswell. Consequently, UFOs and alien beings are not a new concern. Lord Buddha, taught that there are 31 planes of existence in the universe and that other 'beings' lived in other countless worlds. The Book of Ezekiel in the Bible relates detailed visits to Earth in the seventh century B.C., by what sounds like spacecraft and spacemen (extraterrestrials). Ezekiel also says that he himself was a passenger in one of these spaceships which supports the narration that Elijah, travelled to the heavens in a 'fiery chariot' never to return. The Mahabharata, of India, supposed to have been written over 3500 years ago, refers to events which took place thousands of years before that. "Two storeyed sky chariots with many windows ejecting red flame that race up to the sky until they look like comets."

In 329 B.C. Alexander the Great, likened UFO's to 'great shining silvery shields' which had interfered with the passage of the Greek army to India. Aristotle, in 384 B.C. described the objects he saw in the sky as 'heavenly discs'. The Pharos of Egypt ordered special prayers to their deities whenever UFO's were sighted in that era of history. Ancient history is full of such descriptions which have extended to modern times as well.

On 13th March 1997, over Phoenix, Arizona, over 10,000 people saw a UFO which was one mile across in size. 'The Phoenix Lights' are seen in the night skies even today

The movie, 'Night Lights' was based on this mass sighting.

In 1980, in Canada, many people in their homes got an urge to go outside to look at the night sky. And 12,000 people saw a massive pink spiral several miles high in the sky, which the Government attempted to explain away as a Chinese rocket!

Hundreds of sightings of UFOs and other 'close encounters' continue unabated without apparent explanation - all over the world. Governments are better informed, but keep the information they have gathered under close wraps through what appears to be an 'International Collective Agreement'.

History, archeological findings, religious writings, the more recent study of the universe and science indicate that we are not alone in this universe. The establishment of special departments by governments such as 'Project Blue Book' of America, 'The UFO desk' of England and similar institutions in other countries to examine the UFO phenomenon confirm the disquiet over the UFO

phenomenon. The Chinese Government spent 20 million dollars in 2005 on UFO research.

In the present day, reports of UFO sightings, encounters with aliens, alien abductions from all parts of the world continue unabated. It is claimed that 3.7 million Americans have been victims of alien abductions. In Sri Lanka a few years ago, there was a report of a UFO and aliens having landed in a playing field at Anuradhapura. More recently, unidentified and unexplained lights were reported from Kalutara and Horana. There was also a report of a sighting of 'beings' thought to be children on their way to school. Though the incidents were given media coverage, many ridiculed the reports. A few weeks ago, there was a report of a UFO attacking a helicopter over Cardiff in England.

UFOs and their passengers

UFOs have been described as saucer shaped, oval shaped, diamond shaped, rectangular, triangular, single tiered, two tiered etc. They also come in various sizes. Some craft are said to be as large as several football pitches while others are smaller. According to reports, UFOs are bright and 'fly' silently. In addition, people have seen alien beings also of various sizes and shapes. Some have been described as small - about four feet in height - like the 'Greys' encountered in the Roswell Incident. Others have been in 'space gear,' still others were described as tall, grotesque, frightening but human-like. Female aliens, who look like humans have been described as being very beautiful.

'Area 51'

While the public is wondering what UFOs are and what they and their alien occupants signify, certain governments, notably the USA, are surreptitiously researching into UFOs. It is claimed that the most secret and controversial of such research takes place at the in-famous 'Area 51' hidden away somewhere in the Nevada desert in America. 'Area 51' is said to be hiding crashed UFOs and also extra-terrestrials - both alive and dead. It is also claimed that the US Government is experimenting with 'Reverse Engineering' of UFOs which are powered by unknown sources of energy and that the manufacture of the B-2 'Stealth Bomber' and other super fast aircraft of the US Air Force is based on UFO technology. Sometime ago, in the USA, George Bush Snr. as a presidential candidate promised to reveal the truth of UFOs and aliens after his election as President. But after he was elected, he refrained from revealing the truth on the grounds of 'national security'. Later however, in response to public pressure, some reports on UFOs were released by the US Government but many others were not. Why were some reports held back from publicity? Consequently, it only worsened the aura of mystery, secrecy and the questions surrounding the subject.

We are helpless

The popular belief among UFOlogists is that extraterrestrials are far more intelligent and technologically thousands of years old and if the age of the universe is considered, they may even be millions of years ahead of us. Extraterrestrials in their spacecraft are still visiting Earth as and when they please and there is absolutely nothing we, as humans, can do about such violations of our skies of our home, Earth, and the infringement of the freedom we enjoy as a right. This is the most terrifying part. How do we counter such a scenario?

UFOs are said to be super fast and their manoeuvrability is astonishing. They can fly at high speeds and come to a dead stop and remain silent, invisible at times and motionless in the sky. They are also capable of avoiding detection by radar. Our fastest planes cannot get anywhere near a UFO in the event of a confrontation or chase. Extra terrestrials are also said to have telepathic capacities to influence human minds, 'weapons' against which man has no answer, and other capabilities that make 'man' a puppet in their hands. Consequently, if the people yell, "Tell us the truth about UFOs and aliens. This is a free country, a Democracy. We deserve to know the truth," or words to that effect, what is the government (of any country) expected to tell the plainly vulnerable people?

"Yes, UFOs and aliens are real. UFOs are faster than any of our planes. They also carry various armaments which we do not understand and cannot match in a war situation. They are manned

by intelligent extra-terrestrial beings who are far superior to us in every way. They appear to be benign, but they could be hostile. If they attack us, we will be helpless and that may well be the end of mankind. We are in the process of formulating defence plans in case of an attack. And God save us all?"

In fact, confronted with millions of credible reports of UFO sightings by Americans and a demand for an explanation, Congress, in 1950 commissioned the 'Brookings Institution' which reported: "If the existence of UFOs were to be revealed to the American population, they would not be able to handle it. They would defy the authority of the church, the police, military and governmental authority. They will refuse to go to work and would want to talk to these 'alien 'beings'. The Government won't have a chance."

We may be on the doorstep to the
reality of UFOs and Extraterrestrials

Why is it that UFOs and their occupants do not come out openly and tell us, "Here we are, you fellows, come and meet us for a chat," sort of thing? A popular explanation is that man is not yet ready to accept the existence of UFOs and Extraterrestrial beings from other worlds. Perhaps, in their eyes we are yet kindergarten kids to be nursed - implying that we are juniors lying at the bottom of a universal scale of knowledge, technological development, social and moral behaviour. They may have also considered us as biological specimens in a 'Cosmic Zoo' for experimentation.

The apparent benevolence of Extraterrestrials may be genuine, or a ploy to gain our confidence before some drastic strategy is put into motion. Simply put - they could mean well or cunningly calculating. We simply do not know. However, optimistic UFOlogists opine that the time for aliens to announce their existence in their numbers is just a minute away from mid-night. If and when this happens, we on Earth will finally be in a position to accept that UFOs and Extraterrestrials are real. We will also realise with understandable trepidation, that we are not alone after all.

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Who Are The People Who Have Seen A UFO?

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Who Are The People Who Have Seen A UFO?
By Daniel Collins
Scripps Howard News Service

Helen Rhine was 16 when she saw a UFO in Amarillo.

She had just finished watching a lunar eclipse at 2 a.m. one day in 1958. Suddenly, she saw three lights traveling swiftly and silently in a V shape across the sky.

"I was instantly terrified," said Rhine, now 66 and a retired software engineer in Wylie.

Rhine's story is hardly unique.

A survey conducted by the Scripps Howard News Service and the University of Ohio found that about eight percent of Americans say they have seen a mysterious object in the sky that might have been a visitor from another world.

Earlier this year, Marshall Franks of Gulf Breeze, Fla. was at a neighbor's house when he took pictures of an unusual rain cloud passing overhead. When Franks, a 52-year-old musician, uploaded pictures of the clouds to his computer, he noticed three orange, pill-shaped objects in a V formation.

Survey respondents said they saw objects in the shape of lighted orbs, hovering without making any noise, either alone or in V formations.

"I just know I got a picture of something strange," Franks said. "I'm not going to say it's anything, but I'd like to have some professional's opinion."

Franks said he believes the government has withheld information about mysterious incidents.

He sent his photos to the Pensacola News Journal, but otherwise only told a few close friends about his experience.

Some respondents, like 53-year-old Mai-Janne Merklein, feel uncomfortable sharing their stories with others, fearing they'll think they're crazy.

The school bus driver from Springfield, Mass. said she twice saw floating orbs, the first in 1980 outside Dover, Del. when she and three friends pulled their car over to switch drivers. They noticed a vaguely spherical orb of light moving overhead; it hovered silently then quickly flew away.

"When I told my father, he said it was probably a military something or other. I didn't argue," she said.

On another occasion, while hiking with a friend in Holyoke, Mass., Merklein saw a similar object.

Rhine said she didn't tell anyone her story until nearly forty years later, when her half-brother said he also had an experience he believes was extraterrestrial.

He was in Amarillo when an extremely bright white light began pouring into his friend's home. Peering out a picture window to investigate, Rhine's half-brother and his friend saw the silhouette of a humanoid creature, just over four feet tall with a large cranium out of proportion with its small frame. Before summoning enough courage to open the door, Rhine said, the light had disappeared.

Rhine said she is no longer afraid to tell her story.

"I don't have any reservations now; I'm old," she said.

The survey revealed that people living in rural areas of the country or in suburbs were twice as likely than urban dwellers to report UFOs. Some respondents said this might be due to light pollution in urban centers blocking the night sky.

Still, seeing isn't necessarily believing.

Respondents like 69-year-old Lindsey Ivey of Ellijay, Ga. aren't convinced their sightings are actually extraterrestrial.

Ivey said on two occasions he saw four mysterious lights hovering in a T shape near his former home in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Despite this, Ivey does not believe intelligent life exists beyond earth, partly because of his Christian faith and also since he believes there are too many circumstances needed for a planet to support life.

"If God had made another planet, it would have to have the right amount of oxygen and things like that," Ivey said. "Could there be life out there? There could, but that would have to be proven to me."

The survey revealed that people who have attended church recently are also about a third less likely to report having seen a UFO.

Ivey said he believes students at nearby Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University caused the lights.

Robert Garner, a 62-year-old safety-training supervisor in Nesbit, Miss., isn't sure if his experience was extraterrestrial or divine.

He was deer hunting before sunrise one December morning in 1995 when the wooded area around him suddenly became brightly illuminated for about seven seconds before returning to normal. He said he never saw any object or source of the light.

"There was no sound, no shaking, no movement; all of a sudden, it was as if someone just turned on a light, this beautiful green, golden color," he said. "It was either an angel, or a UFO came down and took a picture of us."

Garner said for weeks after the incident he no longer needed his glasses to see.

Not all encounters with UFOs are so isolated.

On March 13, 1997, Fran Chodacki, a 62-year-old Page, Ariz. resident was one of thousands who witnessed the "Phoenix Lights," a mile-wide V-shaped formation of lights visible over Phoenix. The lights reportedly moved slowly across the city's skyline for about three hours. Chodacki was living in nearby Scottsdale, Ariz. at the time.

She said she does believe aliens exist and have visited the Earth. But she's not sure if her sighting was extraterrestrial.

"Maybe it was a military thing; I don't know. Everything is mysterious in this world," she said. "It's a possibility."

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Although, Goddard died in 1945. there is a interesting connection between Wernher von Braun and Goddard in this Wikipedia entry:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Goddard_\(scientist\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Goddard_(scientist))

<snip>

"With new financial backing, Goddard eventually relocated to Roswell, New Mexico in 1930, where he worked in near isolation and secrecy for a dozen years."

<snip>

"In Nazi Germany, however, Wernher von Braun took Goddard's plans from various journals and incorporated them into building the early 1930s A-1 and A2 prototypes of the Aggregate series that later, designated A4 or V-2, constantly struck at Europe in the last two years of World War II.[2] In 1963, von Braun, reflecting on the history of rocketry, said of Goddard: "His rockets ... may have been rather crude by present-day standards, but they blazed the trail and incorporated many features used in our most modern rockets and space vehicles" [3]."

<snip>

I have extracted and uploaded the relevant clip of C2C show -
you can download it here:

<http://tinyurl.com/5zk3m6>

My previous story on Mitchell and compilation of interviews:

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

Giuliano Marinkovic

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Subject: So Now We Know What Makes The News

As UFO aficionados are aware of, over the past week the most startling of disclosures occurred when Apollo 14 astronaut and sixth man to walk on the surface of the Moon, Dr. Edgar Mitchell revealed that the UFO phenomenon is a reality and that extraterrestrials have indeed been visiting Earth and interacting with our governments.

Dr. Mitchell is a well respected scientist of the highest calibre and one of the bravest men in human history. To have the wherewithal to travel to another planet, or moon, our Moon in this respect took more than just guts. Only few men, all Americans have achieved this feat with equipment that by today's standards was hazardous to say the least. Therefore if one were to question Dr. Mitchell's character one would best in my book be ready to step outside to the alleyway. I'd be the first one waiting for you.

Dr. Mitchell's disclosure travelled around the news circles worldwide. Yet one would think with his celebrity and irrefutable scientific achievements and stature that his story would have been at the top of the headlines for weeks on end. Daily and nightly news coverage, a cascade of talk shows, heads-of-state in shoulder to shoulder briefings, but you know what? Dr. Mitchell's disclosure took a back seat to such important headlines regarding Miley Cyrus, Angelina Jolie, Barack Obama's trip overseas, several other celebrities and their reputed matrimonial dilemmas, and of course that ever present newsworthy item regarding actress Kirstie Alley's weight problems.

As you can see, even if a man of Dr. Edgar Mitchell's stature can make a statement before the press of such magnitude and it not be addressed by the top news sources of our country with ruffles and flourishes, it shows what the true agenda of our press is. It's about face time with celebrities and a press room popularity contest. Never mind last week a new amazing treatment for prostate cancer was announced. That made some headlines but not as many as the latest celebrity gossip! You have to have that gossip to make the world go round or you can't sell newspapers. Nowadays you can't sell newspapers anyway unless you stoop to a Murdochian level of slap happy journalism. (Murdochian, I like that, kind of goes up there with Machiavellian)

In this follow up to his radio broadcast disclosure Dr. Mitchell elaborates on his story at this website:

<http://dsc.discovery.com/space/ga/alien-ufo-edgar-mitchell.html>

Now skeptics and debunkers don't know what to do with themselves nowadays after this disclosure about UFOs. They're chomping at the bit to declare Dr. Mitchell mentally unstable but even they know they tread on holy ground here. The debunkers and skeptics would like to next declare that Dr. Mitchell's memory is affected by old age, but they can't because the good doctor isn't stating any UFO encounters of his own, only sources of highest credibility that he himself investigated. The skeptics and debunkers are probably pulling out their hair trying to figure out some way to invalidate a tried and true hero but they know they're facing an impassable force and more than likely an army of knuckles should they insult a man who is a bona fide hero to

millions of people. I dare the first skeptic or debunker to attack Dr. Mitchell's character on this issue. We'll probably run them out of town on a rail after the tar and feathering!

Our press, or should I say the Controlled Press, is a vicious and vindictive mechanism. At present one of their own, Dan Rather is in a battle with his former employers at CBS after Rather had accused them of the same things as we so-called "conspiracy theorists" have claimed for close to 100 years. Notice how it's a "conspiracy theory" when it goes against an oppressive grain. It was a "conspiracy theory" that oil prices would shoot up during President G.W. Bush's watch. It was a "conspiracy theory" when we predicted the housing market and credit crisis. It was a "conspiracy theory" when people noticed psychiatric medication was behind a massive rise in suicides and mass killings. The press has become a prostitute of communications and the people deserve better. It's not that the press is worse, it's always been horrid at this since the early part of the 20th Century when advertising flourished. During the Cold War more intrusions by intelligence agencies whose vision was clouded by industrialists and their hidden social agendas. Now, with the spread of the internet people are getting their news from a different source, a more reliable and tangible source, the people themselves. Sure we're not all trained journalists and for certain many of the internet writers have their own personal agendas but the difference is with the web we can team up and cross check references and counter the data presented. In short, this is the age of validation. Lies are falling faster than new ones can be formed and it's only a matter of time before the end of the Age of Lies comes to. Perhaps that's what the Mayan Calendar year of 2012 is all about. Not an end of the world but the end of the nonsense, the lies about who and what we really are.

Maybe Neil Armstrong took one small step for man and a giant leap for mankind, but Dr. Edgar Mitchell may have taken the biggest step for man and mankind.

Best,

Greg
www.ufomafia.com/blog

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We aren't getting a very clear picture of when all of the meetings and conversations took place, and since Mitchell was born in Hereford, Texas in 1930, he was about 17 at the time of the Roswell incident and his tenure as an astronaut began in 1966, about 18 years after the AFF began its cover-up of what had happened near Corona in July of '47. When did his conversation with "locals" take place? He said that he was approached by these people because of his involvement as an astronaut and thought he would understand, but this would have likely happened in the late 60's or 70's. If these statements were made in the 80's, there is a problem of information contamination that we have to take into account that I'd prefer to eliminate.

With all this being said, I believe that Mitchell's comments and statements could open the door to Congressional inquiries to clarify them; but, this is a difficult time to try and get the attention of the media with the War and the Election currently underway. Hearings on excessive Government secrecy have been

discussed with some Congressional staff that are sympathetic to the cause, but the events of the day seem to prevail at keeping the Government and media running in circles. I have to add that, for a number of long-standing UFO researchers, Mitchell's information was questionable because of involvement in the past with Dr. Greer (one of those lightning rods in our genre). But, with additional names and other items that could be checked, there probably new interest in following up on them.

I'm not sure of the reason behind Larry King's four programs on UFO related subjects this month, but I was not aware of most of them and didn't record them as a result. Even the interest on UFO Lists appears to have been limited, with little discussion about the programs before they occur and disappointed comments after the fact because we haven't been discussing the revelations that were brought out. Most of us appear to be relegated to watching and archive of the programs on their computer or reading the transcripts on line. I rarely watch Larry King, and his programs are often decided too late to add keywords to a search that will bring them up before the fact, so I was somewhat surprised to hear about the programs after the fact. I guess that even among those in the genre, the Larry King format has perhaps run its course.

Steve

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Re: New Element Discovered

From: Steve Sawyer <stevesaw.nul>
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Archived: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 15:54:13 -0400
Subject: Re: New Element Discovered

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2008 10:02:06 -0700
>Subject: New Element Discovered

>New Element

>Lawrence Livermore Laboratories has discovered the heaviest
>element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium
>(Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons,
>and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of
>312.

>These 312 particles are held together by forces called morons,
>which are surrounded by vast quantities of lepton-like particles
>called peons.

>Since Governmentium has no electrons, it is inert; however, it
>can be detected, because it impedes every reaction with which it
>comes into contact. A tiny amount of Governmentium can cause a
>reaction that would normally take less than a second, to take
>from four days to four years to complete.

>Governmentium has a normal half-life of 2- 6 years; It does not
>decay, but instead undergoes a reorganization in which a portion
>of the assistant neutrons and deputy neutrons exchange places.

>In fact, Governmentium's mass will actually increase over time,
>since each reorganization will cause more morons to become
>neutrons, forming isodopes.

>This characteristic of moron promotion leads some scientists to
>believe that Governmentium is formed whenever morons reach a
>critical concentration. This hypothetical quantity is referred to
>as critical morass.

>When catalysed with money, Governmentium becomes Administratium,
>an element that radiates just as much energy as Governmentium
>since it has half as many peons but twice as many morons.

Hi, Ed/List---

Ha! Pretty funny. Considering hypothetical elements, and the
gravity well of government, perhaps someone should quickly inform
Bob Lazar and George Bush of this crucial new discovery! I'm sure
they could have even more fun spinning 'yarns' (and compasses?)
for each other. 8^}

Steve

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>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
>Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

>>Here's the things I meant:

>><http://tinyurl.com/66neoy>

>Hello List,

>While those compasses may be useful for checking traces or after
>effects, what's needed is a cheap way of detecting an anomaly
>immediately.

>What I thought of was monitoring the 'inertial field' - as
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>And a bit of searching found that some modern and relatively
>cheap DRMs (dead reckoning modules), which can be in your vehicle
>or on your belt, use an inbuilt gyro checker when GPS isn't
>available.

>They have an 'event' switch and, even better, can download their
>logfiles to your computer. (Just be sure the clock was correctly
>set - if using it for evidence purposes that is.)

>So, if your vehicle is parked, or your belt device is stationary
>_and_ its GPS is switched off, then the only influence sensed by
>the DRM should be changes in the inertial field affecting the
>gyro.

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>aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

I should have added previously that there is a possibility that
EM affects alone could have caused the gyrocompass to redirect:
One being that the speed of gyro motors may have been impeded -
causing some precession type movement of the gyro mechanism? I
would need to investigate their exact physical construction,
circuit control, and realize how their rotation axes are actually
oriented: the plane automatically turned in the direction of the
UFO by 20 degrees - this could give us the direction of the force
vector acting on the gyrocompasses (inertial only) once we know
their true moments. Perhaps that force vector would than favor
the activity of the UFO in agreement with their lift direction
and movement - nicely confirming the incident and propulsion
scheme.

That the gyrocompasses apparently returned to normal is an
indication that the affect was just inertial... but, we are not
sure if they had to re calibrate them just after the incident

either?

Also, that there was evidently just two gyro compasses and not three as I previously stated (?).

Viktor

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>I'm very interested in the Haines pilot report which affected
>the
>three gyro compasses... this is purely an inertial interaction
>which goes along with my views.

Hello Viktor,

Thanks, although I got the impression that at least one of the
three compasses was a magnetic one - however you'll notice the
pilot wasn't aware of the gyro/inertial field thing, he thought
it was an 'electro-magnetic' problem.

>Perhaps, EM affects are a natural outcome of these inertial
>shifts in some kind of sum total conservation principle -
>symmetry breaking and correcting implied.

Yes, that seems very likely to be true - and, as the field must
affect all E.M (including the brain's operation and color
perception etc.), we can maybe see the reason for 'high
strangeness' and physiological and psychological after-effects on
folk who'd been caught in a local inertial field.

Cheers

Ray D

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>detector too?

Hi Eleanor

Hadn't thought of that. Now you mention it, seem to recall some stories of strange effects that might be explained by a local change of 'inertial field'. It's likely that the 'fine structure constant' and all EM are dependent on it - so organic matter would be liable to weird changes in a strong field.

Cheers

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Op-Ed Contributor

Unidentified Flying Threats
By Nick Pope

London

On the afternoon of Nov. 7, 2006, pilots and airport employees at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago saw a disc-like object hovering over the tarmac for several minutes. Because nothing was tracked on radar, the Federal Aviation Administration did not investigate. Yet radar is not a reliable detector of all aircraft. Stealth planes are designed to be invisible to radar, and many radar systems filter out signals not matching the normal characteristics of aircraft. Did it really make sense to entirely ignore the observations of several witnesses?

A healthy skepticism about extraterrestrial space travelers leads people to disregard U.F.O. sightings without a moment's thought. But in the United States, this translates into overdependence on radar data and indifference to all kinds of unidentified aircraft =97 a weakness that could be exploited by terrorists or anyone seeking to engage in espionage against the United States.

The American government has not investigated U.F.O. sightings since 1969, when the Air Force ended Project Blue Book, an effort to scientifically analyze all sightings to see if any posed a threat to national security. Britain and France, in contrast, continue to investigate U.F.O. sightings, because of concerns that some sightings might be attributable to foreign military aircraft breaching their airspace, or to foreign space-based systems of interest to the intelligence community.

Most of the incidents investigated in Britain have been easily explained as misidentifications of stars and planets, aircraft lights, satellites and meteors, but some cases have raised national security or air safety issues.

On Dec. 26, 1980, for instance, several witnesses at two American Air Force bases in England reported seeing a U.F.O. land. An examination of the site turned up indentations in the ground and a level of radiation in the area that was significantly higher than ordinary. More witnesses at the same base reported the U.F.O. again on subsequent nights. The deputy base commander reported that the aircraft aimed light beams into the most highly sensitive area of the base =97 a clear security breach.

On March 30 and 31, 1993, there was a wave of U.F.O. sightings over Britain. One witness described a triangular-shaped craft that flew slowly over an air force base before accelerating away to the horizon in an instant, many times faster than a jet. The

British military reported, =93There would seem to be some evidence on this occasion that an unidentified object (or objects) of unknown origin was operating over the U.K.=94

On April 23, 2007, a commercial airline pilot and some of his passengers reported a huge cigar-shaped U.F.O. =97 the pilot estimated it to be a mile wide =97 near the Channel Islands. At the time, air traffic controllers reported to the pilot that radar picked up something, but that it was =93unknown traffic.=94

In addition, there have been several incidents of near misses between U.F.O.s and known aircraft =97 enough to prompt the Ministry of Defense and the British Civil Aviation Authority to advise pilots, if they encounter anything, =93not to maneuver, other than to place the object astern, if possible.=94

The United States is no less vulnerable than Britain and France to threats to security and air safety. The United States Air Force or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration should reopen investigations of U.F.O. phenomena. It would not imply that the country has suddenly started believing in little green men. It would simply recognize the possibility that radar alone cannot always tell us what's out there.

Nick Pope, the author of *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, was in charge of U.F.O. investigations for the British Ministry of Defense from 1991 to 1994.

[Thanks to George Knapp for the lead]

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>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2008 10:02:06 -0700
>Subject: New Element Discovered

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>Lawrence Livermore Laboratories has discovered the heaviest
>element yet known to science. The new element, Governmentium
>(Gv), has one neutron, 25 assistant neutrons, 88 deputy neutrons,
>and 198 assistant deputy neutrons, giving it an atomic mass of
>312.

Dang it Ed! I'll get you for this! I saw this early in the
morning whilst rubbing the sleep from my eyes and before the ol'
processor kicked in.

Good one!

Best,

Greg
ufomafia.com

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Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 19:32:06 +0100
>Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>>From: Viktor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>>To: ufoupdates.nul
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2008 11:37:51 EDT
>>Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

<snip>

>>>as described by this airline pilot and Dr Richard Haines, at
>>>6:00 mins until 10:00 mins on the video.

>>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0>

>>>And a bit of searching found that some modern and relatively
>>>cheap DRMs (dead reckoning modules), which can be in your
>>>vehicle or on your belt, use an inbuilt gyro checker when GPS
>>>isn't available.
>>>Maybe we have a cheap and efficient UFO detector?

>>>Note: the relative movement of large mass, like a ship or an
>>>aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

><snip>

>>I'm very interested in the Haines pilot report which affected
>>the three gyro compasses... this is purely an inertial interaction
>>which goes along with my views.

>Hello Viktor,

>Thanks, although I got the impression that at least one of the
>three compasses was a magnetic one - however you'll notice the
>pilot wasn't aware of the gyro/inertial field thing, he thought
>it was an `electro-magnetic' problem.
Yes, agreed. Haines jumped in afterward and explained that
portion since the pilot referred to only magnetic affects. Evidently,
not aware of the operating principles of a gyrocompass ? They
would have to recalibrate to a magnetic compass at some point
(I made an indirect reference to that, but thanks for making it
more clear). I would have liked to have asked many more
questions.

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That's another can of worms:) But, I would guess pulsed EM affects would have a much greater psychological impact.

Viktor

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comparing investigators who entered a crop glyph with some
who stayed with their vehicle.

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I-Team: New UFO Mystery Surfaces
George Knapp
Chief Investigative Reporter
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A large object with a turquoise hue plummeted out of the sky earlier this summer and plowed into the earth south of Las Vegas near Needles, California.

Eyewitnesses say this was no meteorite, especially since a bunch of helicopters came looking for it and then hauled it away.

The object was seen in the early morning hours of May 14. It appeared to crash into the ground just west of the Colorado River. And that's when things got interesting for residents of the area.

Somewhere in the rough terrain just west of the Colorado River and south of Needles is a point of impact, maybe some burn marks, created by something that fell from the sky. Frank Costigan saw it because he got up at 3 a.m. to let his cat out - a fiery object that flashed across the sky, but it wasn't a meteor he says.

"It was bright, bright enough that it illuminated the ground", he said.

For seven years, Costigan worked as the chief of airport security at L.A.X. He says the mystery object flew out of the north east, heading southwest, traveling very fast, but at one point it slowed down, then sped up again.

"It went behind a hill, and I waited to see if I could hear it crash because as big as it was, it was bound to make noise," he said.

But he didn't hear a crash. Hours later, David Hayes, the owner of KTOX Radio in Needles, was coming to work when he spotted an odd formation of dark vehicles getting off the highway. He drew a picture of the lead vehicle, a large truck with a dome on top and a black structure that reminded him of a stealth fighter.

"It seemed like it was some kind of surveillance vehicle - four-wheel drive. It had government plates, U.S. government plates and behind it were a couple of vans that looked like support vehicles," said Hayes.

The men inside had a military bearing, Hayes said, but weren't in uniform. He made eye contact with one of the drivers and the guy followed him. Later in the day, one of the vehicles was parked

outside the station, seemingly conducting a surveillance of the place.

"These guys staring you down had a 'Men in Black' feel to it?" asks Knapp.

"Absolutely. Very serious, serious as a heart attack," said Hayes.

Coincidentally, Costigan, the ex-cop, works on investigations for Hayes. When he came in to the radio station, he told Hayes about the thing he had seen in the sky, and Hayes told him about the Men in Black.

Then they got another piece of the puzzle - a call from a man who lives in a houseboat on the river, who said he saw the fiery object - that it had crashed about 100 yards west of the river, that it landed with a thump. Hayes says he's known the witness for years by the name Bob on the river. Bob thought a plane had crashed and tried to call 911 but his cell wouldn't work, so he moved his boat out into the river, and then heard the helicopters.

In an interview with journalist Linda Howe, Bob says he saw at least five helicopters flying in formation, including a large sky crane. The crane picked up the oval-shaped object, still glowing, and flew away, heading in the direction of Las Vegas. One odd detail, the choppers arrived only 17 minutes after the object crashed. He described it to Hayes.

"It was about the size of a semi-trailer, he says, oblong shaped thing," said Hayes.

Out of the blue, the station got a call from a friend in Laughlin who said the Laughlin Airport had been inundated on the night of the crash with so-called Janet planes. That's the airline that flies workers to top secret Area 51. Costigan says the airport could not confirm this because no one is on duty after 6 p.m. at night, not even in the tower.

The black vehicles have left Needles. Bob the houseboat guy can't be found either.

"The fact that there were people here the next day, it was almost like they were doing some sort of cleanup or whatever. The point is, something definitely happened.

The I-Team phoned nearly every agency we could think of to see if they had received any report or knew anything. We were not surprised to learn that no one knew anything.

Here's the list - police agencies in three states, the Laughlin Airport, the weather service, the FAA and several military bases.

A military watchdog group found a public record showing there was at least one army helicopter in the air in that area at that time. The helicopter, oddly enough, is listed as being attached to a U.S. base in Europe.

We are filing freedom of information requests and will report back when we get responses.

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CIA X-Files Support Astronaut Edgar Mitchell UFO Tale

Gary S. Bekkum

The past few days have seen a viral explosion of stories about statements made by Apollo astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, who walked on the moon in 1971.

The entire affair, which began with an interview at Kerrang! Radio, appears to be building a small mountain of momentum, with headlines like:

"Ex-Astronaut: Aliens Are Real and NASA Knows It"

"Aliens are out there, says former NASA astronaut"

"Astronaut reveals that aliens have better technology than humans"

"Ex-NASA astronaut 'sure' aliens exist"

Even Reuters has posted a video news report on-line.

A quick search of Google News pulled up more than 300 articles.

Curiously, the most important aspect of Dr. Mitchell's testimony to the "Spies, Lies, and Polygraph Tape" UFO affair has received little attention from most of the media outlets.

During the Kerrang! interview, Mitchell stated:

"But I've also been in military circles, and intelligence circles, that know that beneath the surface of what has been public knowledge, that yes, we have been visited."

It appears that Dr. Mitchell is referring to the so-called UFO "Core Story" of extraterrestrial visitation.

For a quick review of some of the Intelligence Community interest in all things out-of-this-world, I recommend Gus Russo's article, "The REAL X-files," posted at the STARpod.org website.

According to the Russo article, a well-placed source Russo calls 'Jim' (not his real name), who remains close to high-ranking former U.S. officials told him:

"I believe there's a 'core story'," Jim explained, "but I don't know what it is. I have been told by people more senior than me that there is some truth to it, but they told me time and time again to stop pursuing it with CIA people and other intel types."

Two very senior officials told me they saw briefing books, [however] the only ones who would be cleared to know the story are the most senior Pentagon career officers." Jim refuses to divulge his sources, but when pressed, he reiterates what they told him: look to the Pentagon and the private sector's aerospace and weapons labs, etc. US intelligence "doesn't have labs capable of dealing with something this profound." He also notes that over the years he has received thousands of UFO-related government documents in unmarked envelopes. Although some are obvious fakes, others, according to Jim, contain information that correlates with known, but still classified, scientific studies. In an intriguing footnote, Jim adds, "I have spoken to three former Presidents and the subject always comes up, not as a briefing, but they also want to know the truth. But apparently they aren't cleared for it."

UFOs and the Intelligence Community

In an email STARstream Research received from a Senior Intelligence Official (SIO), on March 1st, 2007, concerning the content and comments provided about leaked email messages the SIO passed on through a small network into the hands of members of a UFO-focused Internet forum, the SIO wrote:

"I can see you understand the importance of not revealing sources. It is even more important not to reveal methods as these potentially can be applied to multiple sources."

Clearly the SIO's concerns indicated that the leaked messages were at the very least about a sensitive issue, and the dissemination of the messages suggested a method involving intelligence collection and analysis.

The central mystery of Spies, Lies and Polygraph Tape remains: why would senior persons involved in official U.S. government intelligence activities get involved with Internet forums and personalities interested in an esoteric subject like UFOs?

This leads to the topic of flies and flypaper.

The Intelligence Community isn't only interested in persons interacting over the Internet via various forums, web sites and email distribution groups.

They are also interested in who is watching the activities, and why.

The Intelligence Community monitors open-source material, ranging from mainstream media outlets to items of interest in blogs and other sources on line.

Where alternative science is concerned, the Internet acts as a sticky-web of flypaper for an entire international community of interested persons, including scientists in various nations, with different degrees of national loyalty.

It is relatively simple to tweak the flypaper by interacting with some of the players (the term "useful idiot" comes to mind) and then remain like a fly on the wall, observing the result.

Perhaps someday, perhaps in twenty or so years, we will be able to use the Freedom of Information Act to read about how the U.S.

Intelligence Community worked the Internet for intelligence collection by getting involved with the UFO community, as explained by author Gus Russo, in his article "The REAL X-Files: Is Uncle Same a Closet UFOlogist?"

If so, we may finally learn who was really behind the flies on the wall.

Spies Revealed?

The public version of our investigation has been subjected to criticism on both sides of the government secrecy debate.

On the one hand, we have been accused of being overly ambiguous in our sourcing for articles published by STARpod.org, the website run by STARstream Research. On the other, we have also been subjected to requests to redact information from some of our articles prior to publication, and to withhold the names of

sources and persons involved in intelligence activities over the Internet.

Over the past year or two we have revealed some of the persons involved in the UFO spy-games played out over the Internet by past and present members of the Intelligence Community.

In a press release issued last year, STARstream Research revealed the names of some of the sources behind investigative author Gus Russo's article on the Real X-Files:

According to Russo, "... there is certainly a very small percentage government officials with intelligence clearance - some active, some retired - who are interested in the UFO research community, if not UFOs themselves. Some of these men are of the impression, rightly or wrongly, that a very few individuals in government and the private sector are keeping the big secret even from them."

Russo has refrained from releasing names of the parties involved in his story. STARstream Research has confirmed sources include former CIA DS&T analyst Dr. Ron Pandolfi, Dr. Christopher Kit Green, a forensic scientist recently featured for his past work with the CIA on the PBS series "Secrets of the Dead," and Dr. Paul Murad of the DIA.

And we have blogged about other connections between the curious characters connecting clandestine interests and the UFO alternative energy community.

UFOs Over London: The MoD Disclosure

Recently the UK Ministry of Defence (MoD) created a page dedicated to their studies of Unusual Aerial Phenomenon (UAP), littered with tantalizing clues to the backdrop behind the Spies, Lies, and Polygraph Tape fiasco:

"During a policy review in 1996 into the handling of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena sighting reports received by the Ministry of Defence, a study was undertaken to determine the potential value, if any, of such reports to Defence Intelligence. Consistent with Ministry of Defence policy, the available data was studied principally to ascertain whether there is any evidence of a threat to the UK, and secondly, should the opportunity arise, to identify any potential military technologies of interest."

Much of the MoD material discusses unexplained plasma physics and their interaction with radar systems and visual observers.

"The phenomena occur on a daily, world-wide basis ... that UAP [UFO] exist is indisputable."

One of the more interesting items in the summary notes that "Attempts by other nations to intercept the unexplained objects, which can clearly change position faster than an aircraft, have reportedly caused fatalities."

In addition to suggesting an exotic and poorly understood natural phenomena to explain the anomalous sightings and radar events, the report examines more exotic possibilities. One section examines exotic theoretical possibilities, including evidence of MoD interest in Russian and American researchers investigating hypothetical torsion spin fields. Torsion fields are mentioned as one possible anomalous mental signal transmission mechanism in the CIA STAR GATE psychic-spy files.

As for the spies, and the cover-up of years of covert examination of a phenomena typically laughed off by the mainstream media?

"The aim of this investigation has been to determine the potential value, if any, of UAP sighting reports to Defence Intelligence. Consistent with MoD policy, the available data has therefore been studied principally to ascertain whether there is any evidence of a threat to the UK, and secondly, should the opportunity arise, to identify any potential military technologies of interest."

It is the present opinion of this author that the UK interest in the UAP phenomena, with the close connection to radar and other forms of MASINT detection, was behind a rumored warning that a UK-based STARstream Research contributing writer might have been

an agent of the British Secret Intelligence Service, aka MI6.

Spies, UFOs, and Psychics

One interesting connection worthy of future exploration comes from the American Government's chief psychic spy consultant of the 1970s and 1980s, Ingo Swann.

Swann, who was given Top Secret security clearance according to a STAR GATE hand-written memo, recounted being taken to observe a triangular-diamond shaped UFO "grow" in place over a lake. The UFO then proceeded to attack the observing party using a "laser-like" beam that "blasted" the trees around them.

The Measurement and Signature of a UFO

It appears that the Information Age is a double edged sword, especially for those with careers in the Intelligence Community.

Consider the situation faced by 'Ron', a name which has been floating upon the unidentified seas of conspiracy for a while.

'Ron' is often mentioned by the "usual suspects" working UFO cases.

In the early 1990s, a controversial British researcher using an alias managed to record a telephone conversation with 'Ron' about government interest in flying saucers and extraterrestrial beings.

During the recorded conversation 'Ron' discusses the "UFO Working Group" made famous by former New York Times journalist Howard Blum in his book Out There.

British author and humorist Jon Ronson even went on a search for 'Ron' based upon a clue provided by world-famous psychic Uri Geller, as told in his book, The Men Who Stare At Goats.

One source, a civilian who actually knows the real Ron, informed us that the former CIA analyst, who was 'outed' in several articles, including a series by the New York Times in the 1990s, had moved on to work under the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

It now appears that Ron's 'official work' for the United States Government may in fact be related to UFOs.

The most general definition of UFO - Unidentified Flying Object - does have serious national security significance. Consider the problem faced by anyone who has been on the receiving end of an attack by a stealth fighter, for example. When conventional radar fails, alternative methods are mandatory, such as passive radar systems, where there may be "Capabilities against stealth aircraft due to the frequency bands and multistatic geometries employed."

It would appear that Ron's civilian source was correct. His mission, according to a MITRE document, is related to the detection of UFOs and reporting to the Office of the Director of National Intelligence via the National Intelligence Council.

Now, as for Ron's other purported interest in persons involved with alternative UFO physics propulsion claims ... including persons identified with RAM - aka Replicate Alien Machine, we are less certain.

And why did another government source go silent following the revelation of Ron's UFO working group audio recording?

Gary S. Bekkum is an independent 'occasional' rogue journalist & web author, and researcher of material that blurs the distinction between fiction and reality.

In 2004 Bekkum initiated Starstream Research, as an informal survey of exotic physics and consciousness concepts related to the survival or otherwise of the human race. Building from an international network of contacts in science and the defense industry, some of the Starstream Research material is available to the public at STARpod.org.

As a result of his efforts, Bekkum has reported numerous contacts with past and present intelligence officials interested in the application of exotic phenomena, ranging from antigravity to mind-to-mind communication.

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Re: Anomaly Sensors

From: Eleanor White <ewraven1.nul>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 17:46:14 -0400
Archived: Tue, 29 Jul 2008 17:24:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 19:32:29 +0100
>Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

<snip>

>>Maybe a cheap and efficient crop glyph anomaly
>>detector too?

>Hi Eleanor

>Hadn't thought of that. Now you mention it, seem to recall some
>stories of strange effects that might be explained by a local
>change of 'inertial field'. It's likely that the 'fine structure
>constant' and all EM are dependent on it - so organic matter
>would be liable to weird changes in a strong field.

I had time differences between people (and their watches) inside
a crop glyph vs. people remaining outside in mind.

Also I remember one helicopter which flew over a crop glyph to
video it from above suddenly lost power when it was under 500
feet above the ground. That was one of the cases I had in mind
when I asked recently if Alfred Lehmborg knows if helicopter
turbine engines use continuous ignition or not. That particular
helo looked like it was turbine powered to me.

A corollary question would be is continuous ignition required to
keep the engine running, if used, or is it simply a backup safety
feature?

That helicopter engine failure was doubly interesting in that
when the pilot autorotated a short way beyond the glyph, the
engine restarted before he actually touched down.

This was all on a crop glyph documentary and the helo was black
with white trim, a 2-place aircraft.

In addition to the engine failure, the video recorder image began
to break up, and changed from colour to black and white, when the
helo was within about 500 feet above ground level.

I'm not sure where the glyph was, but I believe the investigators
were from the U.S. There may have been both British and American
glyphs featured in that documentary.

Eleanor White

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Re: Wernher von Braun A Mitchell Source

From: Nick Balaskas <nikolaos.nul>
Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 23:40:04 -0400
Archived: Tue, 29 Jul 2008 18:25:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Wernher von Braun A Mitchell Source

>From: Steven Kaeser <steve.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 11:21:15 -0400
>Subject: Re: Wernher von Braun A Mitchell Source

>>From: Giuliano Marinkovic <giuliano.marinkovic.nul>
>>To: UFO UpDates - Toronto <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Sun, 27 Jul 2008 23:45:24 +0000 (GMT)
>>Subject: Wernher von Braun A Mitchell Source

<snip>

>>That interview was done at September 12, 2007. for the Coast To
>>Coast radio show. Mitchell stated that he knew von Braun quite
>>well and they become very close. Mitchell stated that von Braun
>>dropped a few hints on UFOs. He didn't discuss with Mitchell in
>>great depth but also he didn't hold it back. The Paperclip
>>scientists transferred from Germany to the USA were at Fort Bliss
>>"at the time all this happened" - Roswell. Mitchell added that
>>von Braun was apparently there and was asked to investigate that
>>incident because of his rocketry knowledge. Mitchell also said
>>that he knew at that point from multiple sources that it was all
>>>true - the phenomena was real. He concluded that von Braun was a
>>brilliant thinker and his goal was to explore the universe.

>>Also another interesting Mitchell reference was about rocket
>>scientist Robert Goddard. On the Larry King show July 4, Mitchell
>>stated "the farm of Robert Goddard, the father of American
>>rocketry, was right down the road from ours, near Roswell". "And
>>I walked past his home every day going there. So I feel fairly
>>well-informed on all of this", Mitchell said.

>We aren't getting a very clear picture of when all of the
>meetings and conversations took place, and since Mitchell was
>born in Hereford, Texas in 1930, he was about 17 at the time of
>the Roswell incident and his tenure as an astronaut began in
>1966, about 18 years after the AFF began it's cover-up of what
>had happened near Corona in July of '47. When did his
>conversation with "locals" take place? He said that he was
>approached by these people because of his involvement as an
>astronaut and thought he would understand, but this would have
>likely happened in the late 60's or 70's. If these statements
>were made in the 80's, there a problem of information
>contamination that we have to take into account that I'd prefer
>to eliminate.

<snip>

>for a number of long-standing UFO researchers, Mitchell's
>information was questionable because of involvement in the past
>with Dr. Greer (one of those lightning rods in our genre). But,
>with additional names and other items that could be checked,
>there probably new interest in following up on them.

Hi Steven,

'The Roswell Incident' by Charles Berlitz and William Moore
(researched by Stanton Friedman) came out in 1981. Prior to

this date few people knew or talked about the crash(s) that happened in July(?) 1947 in New Mexico. Was Edgar Mitchell one of the exceptions or did he come to the conclusion that an ET craft did crash there after the book came out which seemed to connect together and make sense of what he recalled while growing up in Roswell?

As someone who has never claimed to have seen a UFO and one that has been briefed on the "truth" about UFOs by Steven Greer, Mitchell's opinions on this subject (unlike other astronauts like Buzz Aldrin, Gordon Cooper or Story Musgrave who have seen or had close encounters with UFOs in space) are just that, opinions. As for Mitchell's close friendship with von Braun, we know that Nazi scientists and engineers together with their space hardware (including a V-2 captured in the closing days of WWII that was being prepared to launch the first human in space) were eventually allowed into the U.S. under Project Paperclip (some of their hardware was first examined and tested here during their brief stay in Canada, including Toronto) to continue their secret research near Roswell. Maybe Mitchell read too much into those few secret hints von Braun shared with him.

Ex-Minister of National Defense Paul Hellyer has been told about the reality of UFOs and their ET origin by some highly credible sources (no, not Greer) and in 1967 revealed the Canadian Government's Top Secret plans to make direct contact with the occupants of these UFOs at a restricted research/military base in Alberta in the early 1950s, but he has since been denied access to these still classified UFO documents. Unless Mitchell can identify his credible sources (no, not Greer) and get them to speak or provide us with new details or previously secret UFO documents, then Mitchell is no different than the hundreds of other highly admired personalities that believe in UFOs but cannot prove it.

Robert Godwin, publisher of the highly acclaimed books about space (including a series of technical books on Apollo 11 with NASA provided information about the UFO astronauts Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins encountered on their way to the Moon 39 years ago this month and the soon to be released book 'The Saucer Fleet') forwarded my e-mails about the Global TV News story to Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell.

Below are the contents of the two e-mail replies from Godwin with comments by Mitchell himself. In earlier e-mail, if NASA had nothing to do with his UFO related activities and von Braun was NASA's top space scientist, then what von Braun told him had nothing to do with UFOs.

Date: Thu, 24 Jul 2008 15:53:05 -0400
From: Rob Godwin <snip>

Thanks, Rob, that one is being sent around. It does have a flaw in the part about NASA, None of my activity has had anything to do with NASA.

Edgar

Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 11:18:02 -0400
From: Rob Godwin <snip>

Hi Nick,

Just got another email from Ed. FYI. I'm not going to send the whole thing verbatim but thought you should know that the general gist of it is that he grew up near Roswell and some "old timers" told him their story, but he had no first-hand knowledge of anything.

<snip>

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Extraterrestrial Unidentified Flying Object Known As ET UFO
Theresa J. Thurmond Morris

Extraterrestrial Unidentified Flying Objects are 4 words that should be revealed and uncovered.

Extraterrestrial according to the New American Webster Handy College Dictionary is defined as an adjective meaning beyond the limits of the earth.

UFO is considered an abbreviation for unidentified flying object. Ufology is considered a noun and is defined as the study of UFOs according to The New American Webster Handy College Dictionary Fourth Edition.

UFO stands for unidentified flying objects whether it is from another galaxy or simply someone throwing an object across the room and asking someone else to identify it.

UFOs are not a joking matter any longer.

Monday, July 28, 2008 can be a date that will be remembered or at least be used in game shows as a date of an enigma. A day when people in the future will ask why we care about a Monday, July 28 being a holiday.

We could all share this date on earth as a date to go out and watch the sky for ET UFOs. Why not ask everyone on earth to remember this day as ET UFO day and give everyone a mental carry on smartly badge with the abbreviation ET UFO on a badge of honor. Maybe we could all use this day to say, that was the day of the global epiphany about UFO phenomena.

A day when the truth of an extra terrestrial UFO undercover was uncovered. For the record, I am asking all sentient intelligent beings to mark this day in history as the official day that an extraterrestrial UFO was defined in English words together to serve a purpose for writers.

The purpose is to define extraterrestrial unidentified flying object with an abbreviation of ET UFO. This abbreviation of ET and UFO together will have a particular meaning. This abbreviation is for the convenience of writers and to offer clear definition to readers.

UFOs are simply another name for flying saucers or spacecraft not of this world. There will be some people on earth who will look back in history and not believe anything or anyone who speak of UFOs. UFO is an acronym that has been used for so long it can

mean just about anything.

But, in the art of creating something scientific, there are always beings who like to mark time and mark dates on a calendar. For this reason, it should be remembered that this article was the one that admitted that UFOs are real and that extra terrestrials are real.

This article will be the one that lays out in detail all the main ingredients needed to compare one UFO to another. This information that can be used as a reference guide is given to all laypersons and novices who are not familiar with the term UFO.

Therefore, an Extraterrestrial UFO is hereby defined as ET UFO from this day forward for all writers and scholars to define what is also known as a flying saucer from space and not of earth origin. Some skeptics and unbelievers in reality will possibly try to debunk the news that has been found to be the truth about alien civilizations and the fact that extraterrestrial unidentified flying objects exist.

Being an author, freelance journalist, writer, and specializing in the paranormal, supernatural, psychic and UFO phenomena, I feel that there needs to be some rules set down in English as the universal language and that ET UFO should be an abbreviation recognized among all sentient intelligent beings whether of earth or of some other planet in another galaxy in the universe.

I personally believe that this day of Monday, July 28, 2008, not being recognized as any other important date on the Internet and on this earth, should be categorized as the day that was recognized among the media publications, and also by those of The National Lexicographic Board and the editors Albert and Loy Morehead, Editors and the Staff for the New American Handy College Dictionary.

I also request that this abbreviation be recognized by the British and Canadians, as well as, any and all other countries around the world. I shall place this notice to the public for syndication by whoever desires to share this knowledge with readers and sentient intelligent beings whether of earth or other planets and galaxies in this universe.

Let it now be known that as of this day, we on earth recognize that ET UFO is the abbreviation for extraterrestrial unidentified flying objects as opposed to any other typical UFO created on earth.

The reason I am requesting this be accepted is because I personally have been a witness to ET UFOs. I also swear that I know the existence of ET UFOs to be real and the truth so help me God. It is my desire to do this now as opposed to posthumous. This request is made by a born American female named Theresa Janette Thurmond Morris, a simple writer with extraordinary DNA.

Avatar of a virtual reality world may be a thing of the future but for now, we are dealing with reality in space as real and tangible. We may want to consider words as authors in the Internet virtual reality worlds and who will be responsible for making sure that the Internet Virtual Reality World in General Purpose worlds and not game worlds has a platform for people such as writers, and linguists. Personally I foresee the future of virtual reality as just another place to exist on the Internet. For now, real people have to make a living in the real world. In the future, people may want to spend some of their business hours in conference in their virtual business world. This I would consider as a possibility in my future if others desire to go riding on my virtual ET UFO.

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Leaked UFO Documents Reveal Security Concerns

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The Majestic Documents Newsletter

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"The attachments describe extreme security measures," he noted, "including authorization to 'detain and interrogate any and all targets.' It cites biological warfare, or contamination concerns, to be met by 'HOUSE CLEANING operations in major population centers,' along with potential use of MK-ULTRA and ARTICHOKE, notorious human control projects that surfaced in Church Committee hearings about the CIA before the Senate in 1975."

Greetings!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 26, 2008, Boulder, CO - At least two documents from a large trove of leaked UFO materials have appeared in original ink and paper with contents showing extensive official security concerns about Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO), according to Dr. Robert M. Wood speaking during and after the annual meeting of the Society for Scientific Exploration (SSE).

"Forensic testing equivalent to what a judge could order in a court case indicates that these two documents have paper, ink, watermark, handwriting and other indications consistent with their claimed dates and contents," reported Dr. Wood. The tests were conducted by Speckin Forensic Laboratories.

Wood, a retired aerospace physicist with 43 years as a research executive at McDonnell Douglas Corporation, joins acclaimed astronaut Dr. Edgar Mitchell, physicist Dr. Peter Sturrock of Stanford University and other respected scientists who have called for serious public study of UFOs despite chronic official denials of their importance.

"We stand on the shoulders of earlier scientists with the courage and credentials to address this issue," noted Wood. "Men like the late NASA scientist Dr. Paul Hill, the late atmospheric physicist Dr. James McDonald, and the former Air Force consultant Dr. J. Allen Hynek who came to believe so-called Project Blue Book led the public astray."

Speaking at the Society's annual meeting in Boulder, CO, to an

audience whose principal members possess doctoral degrees, Wood discussed in detail the "Bowen manuscript," an authentic draft of a book entitled "An Encyclopedia of Flying Saucers," which the author Vernon Bowen submitted to the Air Force for pre-publication review.

According to handwritten annotations on the manuscript, it was "submitted to Project Blue Book in 1961" and subsequently passed to those who stamped some pages in red ink - tested to be of appropriate age and kind - with the classification "TOP SECRET/MAJIC" and "FOR US 'EYES ONLY'."

"Bowen's extensive public research may have put the pieces of the jigsaw together and come too close for comfort," said Dr. Wood. "The draft manuscript never did find its way to publication but was leaked to researchers among other UFO documents in 1999. Those who leaked these materials clearly had access to a document that had been in custody of an admitted Air Force UFO project."

Dr. Wood discussed a second document - known as the "burned memo" - delivered in the original and now subjected to forensic testing without public fanfare in order to ensure careful analysis.

"Forensic dating and analysis of paper, ink, watermarks, annotations and other details all comport with the source's statement that this document was one of the those meant to be burned from the private safe of CIA counterintelligence director James Jesus Angleton, who died in 1987, but snatched from destruction at the last minute," stated Wood.

"This remarkable document with scorch marks on paper of the period is stamped in red ink with the classification 'TOP SECRET/MJ-12,' " said Wood. "It is a carbon draft from the Director of Central Intelligence referred to as 'MJ-1.' The memo and its attachments, whose paper and ink have been validated by forensic testing, lay out extreme concern to keep UFO matters even from President Kennedy, referred to as 'Lancer,' his then-classified Secret Service codename."

Attachments to the memo discuss keeping UFO data largely outside normal defense channels; using the Air Force's admitted Blue Book UFO project for counterintelligence; and purging files prior to responding to freedom of information requests, a well known concept even before the Freedom of Information Act was passed a few years later.

"We know this original document was leaked from a source who mailed it along with a cover note and copies of other UFO files in an envelope stamped with a postage meter traced to CIA Headquarters," stated Wood.

"The attachments describe extreme security measures," he noted, "including authorization to 'detain and interrogate any and all targets.' It cites biological warfare, or contamination concerns, to be met by 'HOUSE CLEANING operations in major population centers,' along with potential use of MK-ULTRA and ARTICHOKE, notorious human control projects that surfaced in Church Committee hearings about the CIA before the Senate in 1975."

Perhaps most intriguing, Wood reported, is the final attachment. It states that if "Washington" is "non-conducive" to these activities and "cannot be influenced any further" (would this mean 'Lancer,' mentioned earlier, or other uncooperative officials?), the environment should be made "wet." Unknown until years later - except to intelligence insiders - "wet affairs" was intelligence jargon for assassination.

"It will be extremely difficult or perhaps impossible to find archival files to corroborate this memo fully," said Wood. "By the source's own account, it was uniquely snatched from destruction at the last moment. But forensic tests validate the physical document. There are little-known citations in the content that we have verified by research. And, again, our investigations reveal documents were mailed from CIA Headquarters."

"It is certainly possible someone with access to CIA Headquarters has the counterfeiting expertise to forge documents with decades-old paper, ink and authentic watermarks; make complex, insider references to classified activities; and also possess a manuscript submitted to the Air Force's former UFO project."

"It is also possible these documents - not copies but originals - pose very serious questions about how far some would go to hide UFO information," said Wood. "Citizens deserve to know where these documents came from, who produced them or marked them classified, and why."

The "Bowen manuscript" in part and the entire "burned memo" are available online at the web address: www.majesticdocuments.com. High-resolution scans of the "burned memo" are available to researchers.

A recording of Dr. Wood's formal presentation can be obtained from the Society for Scientific Exploration

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Speeding Object Leaves UFO Experts Puzzled
By Daily Mail Reporter

As a budding photographer, John Farley is used to capturing some extraordinary scenes and images.

But nothing could prepare him for the shock of a speeding UFO which he caught on camera while taking pictures of a famous British beauty spot.

Mr Farley was snapping away at Berry Head in Brixham, Devon, when he captured the unusual image of sunny Torbay.

But it wasn't until he got home and glanced through the images on his computer that he noticed a mysterious round object in the background.

'I don't know what it is,' said the retired bus driver from Kingskerswell near Newton Abbot.

The strange object has left even photographic experts scratching their heads as to what it could possibly be.

'The picture was taken at a thousandth of a second at f4 which would normally make any moving object pin-sharp,' one expert said.

'The fact that John's object is blurred is a bit baffling. I'm afraid we can't identify what's there except to say it's moving pretty damn quickly.'

The sighting was just one of a series of mysterious lights flitted across the night sky on Saturday - which saw a record number of such sightings in the UK.

A Devon couple also claim to have witnessed some 'unusual activity' near their home in Barnsey Gardens, Ashburton.

Wayne and Jo Taylor were treated to a spectacular light show as they sat outside their home on Saturday night.

Mr, 40, said: 'I just couldn't believe it. I've never seen anything like it in my life before.'

He counted about a dozen, slow-moving circular lights in formation heading towards Dartmoor at 10.20pm.

'The whole of Ashburton is now talking about it. I have absolutely no rational explanation for what I saw. The lights

moved at one stage at a 90 degree angle.

'They were not these lanterns that people keep reporting. There was no way of telling how far or close they were. It's very difficult to explain them. They were quite random.'

At the same time other star-gazers across the country were being similarly gob-smacked by the apparitions with 200 seen at various points between the South West and Yorkshire.

A spokesman for UFO Investigations UK confirmed it received more than 200 reported sightings.

He called for a Government inquiry to explain the deluge of reports from Sussex and Bedfordshire and from Devon to Lancashire and beyond.

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July 28, 2008

Out of Space Or Out of Mind?
Do Astronauts Change After Going Into Space?
By Emily Friedman

Of the more than 6 billion people in the world, only 12 have ever set foot on the moon, providing them the unique opportunity to peer at the Earth from hundreds of thousands of miles away.

For many, the experience appears to have changed them. The select group has returned to regular life and dispersed into a wide array of careers, spiritual and philosophical leanings, and apparent perceptions of the world they temporarily gazed at from space.

Most recently, NASA astronaut Edgar Mitchell, a member of the Apollo 14 mission that landed on the moon in 1971, elaborated on his own fluid thoughts on the universe, arguing that alien visits to Earth have been covered up by governments for more than 60 years.

"I happen to be privileged enough to be in on the fact that we have been visited on this planet and the UFO phenomenon is real," Mitchell said on Britain's Kerrang Radio last week.

"It has been covered up by governments for quite some time now," added Mitchell, who grew up in Roswell, N.M., the location of the controversial 1947 incident in which some believe the U.S. military covered up the crash scene of an alien spacecraft.

Other moon-walkers have admitted to changing after being launched into outer space - some becoming more open-minded about the possibility of extraterrestrial life, others more spiritual, and some choosing to change career paths all together.

Alan Bean, who flew the second moon landing on Apollo 12 in 1967, became a painter after returning to Earth.

Speaking in British filmmaker David Signton's 2007 documentary "In the Shadow of the Moon," astronaut Gene Cernan, who made the last moon-landing in 1972, said he became a believer in the idea of a greater power after traveling to outer space.

"I felt that the world was just too beautiful to have happened by accident. There has to be something bigger than you and bigger than me," said Cernan in the documentary.

"And I mean this in a spiritual sense, not a religious sense," said Cernan. "There has to be a creator of the universe who stands above the religions that we ourselves create to govern our lives."

Perhaps the saddest transformation was that of Buzz Aldrin, who made the first moon landing with Neil Armstrong in 1969, and later suffered from severe depression and alcoholism, both of which he wrote about extensively in his memoir "Return to Earth."

Space historians and other former astronauts told ABCNews.com that while Mitchell's case may be extreme, those who travel into the galaxy sometimes return with an altered view of the universe - and perhaps even about its inhabitants.

Do Space Travels Change Astronauts?

"There is some evidence that astronauts are changed by going into space," said Mike Neufeld, the chair of the space history division at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

Neufeld noted that while Mitchell's beliefs in extra-terrestrial life have certainly come to light over the years, the former moon-walker had always been interested in the paranormal.

"He was interested in ESP before he was ever launched - he conducted an ESP experiment on Apollo 14," said Neufeld.

Calls and e-mails sent to Mitchell by ABCNews.com were not immediately returned.

"There's nothing negative you can say about Mitchell or his Apollo 14 mission," said Neufeld. "But his involvement with ESP and his work since has always made him some sort of an outsider." NASA's response to Mitchell's claims have been limited.

"NASA is not involved in any sort of cover-up about alien life on this planet or anywhere else in the universe," NASA Headquarters spokesman David Steitz said today. "Dr. Mitchell is a great American, but we do not share his opinions on this issue."

'Things Pale in Comparison'

Former astronaut John Herrington, who made three space walks in 2002 on the last space shuttle mission before the Columbia accident, told ABCNews.com that his experience as an astronaut definitely affected his perspective on the universe.

"You see the world from a different perspective - you have a much grander view," said Herrington. "It does fundamentally change the way you look at the world."

Herrington said that he can also understand the depression that some encounter upon arriving back on earth.

"In anything that you put an incredible amount of effort into, a lot of times you come back from it and things pale in comparison," said Herrington. "There's a little depression, a little let-down."

"You worked hard and now the experience is over," added Herrington.

For Mitchell, the four decades back on Earth have done nothing to sway his belief in extraterrestrial life among the stars.

"There's not much question at all that there's life throughout the universe - we're not alone in the universe at all," he said last week. "It is a real phenomenon."

[Thanks to 'The Norm' for th lead]

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Idaho Woman Spreads Word After Years Of Silence

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

Monday, July 28, 2008

After Years Of Silence, Idaho Woman Determined To Spread Word About UFOs
By Leslie Slape

Joy French is fully aware that it sounds a little far-fetched to say that she might have been abducted by an alien near Mount St. Helens more than two decades ago.

But since she began hosting UFO meetings in April 2007, she has seen and heard so much evidence of extraterrestrial encounters that she wishes she had spoken up earlier. Now the energetic octogenarian devotes her life to opening closed minds.

=93We are the only country trying not to tell the truth about UFOs,=94 she said. =93The government is not being honest with people.=94

French, 84, of Coeur d=92Alene, Idaho, will host a meeting for believers in UFO sightings =97 and those who want to believe =97 at 7 p.m. Friday in the Cowlitz County PUD meeting room.

French lived in Longview from 1965 to =9167. In the early 1980s she was staying in a small trailer on Lake Merwin. A friend camping in the area, Don McMann, called her on the CB radio and invited her to watch a video with him.

Most of that night is a blank. She remembers starting to drive downhill to his trailer, and the next thing she remembers is being a passenger in her car, with him driving.

=93I=92m an independent person,=94 she said, so being a passenger made no sense to her. =93I usually drive my own car.=94

She doesn=92t recall watching the movie. She said neither of them drank.

This took place around 10 or 11 p.m., in the thick darkness of a mountain forest. Suddenly the sky lit up as bright as daylight, and her 1966 Cadillac stopped dead.

McMann, a mechanic, hopped out and lifted the hood. He checked the engine and shrugged.

=93There=92s nothing wrong with your car,=94 he said. He slammed the hood, and the car started.

=93That=92s the last thing I remember until the next day,=94 French said.

In the morning, she called McMann on the CB and arranged to meet at the community kitchen.

=93I told him, =91What happened last night, that=92s what happens when a UFO=92s around,=92 =94 she said. =93He said, =91I thought of that, too.=92=

=94

They never spoke of it again, nor did they mention it to the other campers at Merwin because they were afraid of ridicule.

=93Now I wonder if the others saw and didn=92t tell,=94 she said.

She believes the light came from a spaceship, and that she and McMann were taken into the craft and examined. Their memories of the incident were erased before they were returned to her car, she believes.

McMann died in 1998. A couple of years ago, French, now living in Idaho, discussed the incident with a childhood friend =97 and discovered the friend once saw a UFO when she was picking huckleberries.

=93The government told her never to speak of it,=94 French said.

She has read numerous books about extraterrestrials, met investigators and scientists and heard many people share their experiences, including Gloria Hawker, author of =93Morning Glory,=94 an account of being impregnated by an alien.

=93Some of this stuff blows my mind,=94 French said. =93It=92s kind of hard to swallow.=94

She=92s positive she didn=92t have the same experience as Hawker.

=93If they took me and checked me out, they probably threw me back because I had a complete hysterectomy and I=92m no good to them,=94 she said.

French believes extraterrestrials have been visiting Earth for centuries, citing the Egyptian pyramids as one example of their work. She also believes aliens can be credited with the world=92s rapid advancements in technology during her own lifetime.

=93I can=92t believe the government is still covering up,=94 she said.

She thinks extraterrestrials want to save our world.

=93I don=92t think they want to hurt us. I think they want to save us from destroying our planet,=94 she said. =93Or pick us up after we destroy it.=94

She understands that many people are afraid to come forward and admit they believe in UFOs. She offers her meetings as a safe place to learn more.

=93People with closed minds never learn a thing.=94

Check it out

What: UFO meeting; open to anyone who has had an experience with extraterrestrials or who wishes to meet those who have

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: Cowlitz County PUD meeting room

Cost: Donation

Information: Joy French, (208) 755-8942

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Tens Of People Witnessed UFO In Kaliningrad

On the 27th of June tens of citizens of the Russian city of Kaliningrad witnessed an UFO. For nearly an hour the unknown silver object hung over the local Blue Lakes. According to the witnesses, the discus-shaped UFO attracted attention of the locals who had a rest at the lakes and they started waving their hands as a sign of greeting to the object. Some people started making shots of the object and shooting video with their mobile phones.

Despite the fact that tens of people witnessed the phenomenon, neither Baltic Navy nor the Ministry of Emergency Situations have officially commented the incident saying that they have not registered any unknown flying objects on that day.

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Re: Busting The No-Fly Zone Myth

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jul 2008 15:59:50 -0500
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 08:30:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Busting The No-Fly Zone Myth

Errol:

I wanted to know if you could re-post this?

<http://tinyurl.com/5a9p54>

I didn't see any responses or comments and I thought it was an excellent article.

Laura Bush is said to be looking for a home in the Dallas area now because she no longer wants to live in Crawford. I wonder if this has anything to do with the events surrounding January 8, 2008?

Strange that they have lived there for so long and her daughter was married there and now she wants to leave. One would think they would enjoy the privacy their ranch in Crawford affords them and not what they will have to contend with living in a suburb of Dallas.

It could be a coincidence, but I'm really wondering about this. My apologies if I missed the responses to this post. You may include my comments for the List if you wish.

Thanks for all you do -

Katharina

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Re: New Element Discovered

From: **Steven Kaeser** <steve.nul>
Date: Tue, 29 Jul 2008 17:14:04 -0400
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 08:31:00 -0400
Subject: Re: New Element Discovered

>From: Ed Gehrman <egehrman.nul> <egehrman.nul>
>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 15:17:31 -0700
>Subject: Re: New Element Discovered

Hi Ed,

When I read the post I was amused, but my search found that it has a listing in Wikipedia and it was all over the Internet on various sites. I think the person you quoted is a bit harsh, and it shows that with the internet stories find it even easier to become urban stories that are repeated for many years.

The FCC once considered the question of whether religious broadcasts were a violation of the separation of Church and State, but even though the concept was quickly dismissed as lunacy by the Panel, I with letters from Constituents to a Congressman I worked for more than a decade later, demanding that the Congressman fight this Potential travesty of justice by the FCC. Of course, an FCC form response was quickly obtained and sent out, but it still makes for a good sermon and to help rally the faithful.

Steve

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Re: Anomaly Sensors

From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 03:07:40 -0300
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 08:32:00 -0400
Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>From: Vicltor Golubik <Diverge247.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Mon, 28 Jul 2008 13:09:39 EDT
>Subject: Anomaly Sensors

>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
>>Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

>>>Here's the things I meant:

>>><http://tinyurl.com/66neoy>

>>While those compasses may be useful for checking traces or after
>>effects, what's needed is a cheap way of detecting an anomaly
>>immediately.

>>What I thought of was monitoring the 'inertial field' - as
>>described by this airline pilot and Dr Richard Haines, at 6:00
>>mins until 10:00 mins on the video.

>><http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GMWri3WaLk0>

>>And a bit of searching found that some modern and relatively
>>cheap DRMs (dead reckoning modules), which can be in your vehicle
>>or on your belt, use an inbuilt gyro checker when GPS isn't
>>available.

>>They have an 'event' switch and, even better, can download their
>>logfiles to your computer. (Just be sure the clock was correctly
>>set - if using it for evidence purposes that is.)

>>So, if your vehicle is parked, or your belt device is stationary
>>_and_ its GPS is switched off, then the only influence sensed by
>>the DRM should be changes in the inertial field affecting the
>>gyro.

>>Maybe we have a cheap and efficient UFO detector?

>>Note: the relative movement of large mass, like a ship or an
>>aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

>I should have added previously that there is a possibility that
>EM affects alone could have caused the gyrocompass to redirect:
>One being that the speed of gyro motors may have been impeded -
>causing some precession type movement of the gyro mechanism?

Note: You should identify the aircraft.

Many thousands of propeller driven aircraft Heading Indicators
[HIs] [gyro compasses] which are pneumatically driven by suction
derived from a dry pump on the airplane's engine[s] or via a
veturiii tube affixed to the outside of the aircraft which also
creates suction. Air is drawn through a filter then through the
gyro [from which the air is evacuated] into a tiny jet stream
which strikes the flywheel [like a mini paddlewheel] causing it
to spin up to about 22,000 rpm.

There are, of course, many thousands of electrically driven HIs.
They spool up faster.

Don Ledger

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30th July, 2008

Hacker Loses US Extradition Appeal

A north London UFO enthusiast accused of the "biggest military hack of all time" has lost his appeal to the Law Lords against extradition to the United States.

Gary McKinnon, an unemployed 42-year-old, faces up to 70 years in prison if convicted in the US of sabotaging vital defence systems.

The House of Lords rejected a plea by McKinnon, who was never charged in Britain after admitting accessing 97 US military and Nasa computers, to quash an extradition request granted to the US authorities in 2006.

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<http://tinyurl.com/5hwn76>

30 July 2008

Our Garden Was Buzzed By A UFO!
[devon.editorial.nul](#)

Bob and Christine Bird were enjoying a lazy summer evening in their garden when they claim a UFO swooped low over their bungalow.

The astonished South Molton grandparents, their daughter and son-in-law and grandchildren, had been sitting in the back garden for about an hour before they spotted the "orange blob" slowly moving towards them at around 10pm on Saturday night.

"It started to slow down above us and it wasn't that high up, at least it didn't seem like it," Christine, 57, told the Gazette.

"As it began to move over the house, my husband went indoors to get his camera. My daughter and I went to the front door and suddenly this 'thing' started to move.

"It went up at about a 40-degree angle and shot straight into the sky so fast. It was still quite light and you could actually see the orange colour getting smaller before it disappeared among the stars.

"Even now, what we all witnessed is so hard to believe that we can't stop thinking and talking about it.

"It was absolutely amazing, something I will never forget.

"If anyone had told me the same thing, I probably wouldn't have believed them.

" But because there were four adults - perfectly sober, may I add - and two teenage grandsons who saw the tail end of it, we can't stop going on about it."

Husband Bob, 62, said that the object made no noise whatsoever.

"My dogs bark like mad at anything that flies over the house but they didn't make a sound," he said.

"I'm not a person who believes in aliens, but I am absolutely flabbergasted by what I saw.

"The colour was unbelievable - it had an orange glow around it like the flame of an electric fire. I've never seen anything like it."

He said he took three pictures of the object from the front steps of his house but mysteriously, when he got the pictures developed

on Monday, there were no pictures - or even negatives -of the strange sighting.

"It's an old camera but it's never let me down before," he said. "We had taken pictures on the camera during the day and used up the rest of the film afterwards so that we could take it in to be developed.

"We couldn't wait to pick up the pictures and are so disappointed. People may call me mad or whatever but I know what I saw."

UFO website ufologia.net reported a sighting of two round objects above the sky above St George's Road in Barnstaple last Wednesday evening.

n Have you see any strange objects in the sky lately?

If so, contact the Gazette news desk on (01271) 345056.

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Source: The Sun - London, UK

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29 Jul 2008

If UFO Go Down To The Woods Today
By Caroline Iggulden
c.iggulden.nul-sun.co.uk

It was a cold December night in 1980 and military policemen John Burroughs and Bud Steffans were guarding a US Air Force base near Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk. Suddenly they spotted a group of blue and green lights piercing through the fog.

Fearing an aircraft had crashed, they radioed in for permission to investigate and were soon joined by several colleagues.

But what they discovered was not a downed plane.

Instead, they stumbled on what has been cited as perhaps the best piece of evidence that Earth has been visited by extra-terrestrials.

In a week when an exclusive Sun survey revealed nearly half of us believe in UFOs - and nearly one in ten claims to have seen one - here we recall the chilling tale of that infamous close encounter in those Suffolk woods nearly 30 years ago.

It was in the early hours of Boxing Day that the airmen reported seeing a strange glowing object that appeared to be metallic and triangular.

It lit up a large part of the forest with white light and was hovering or on legs, they said.

And as the airmen approached, it manoeuvred through the trees before disappearing.

One of the group, Jim Penniston, says he got close enough to the craft to spot markings on the side which he likened to Egyptian hieroglyphs.

Three indentations forming a triangle were left in the clearing, which lay between two US air bases, Bentwaters and Woodbridge.

The next day, word of the strange goings on in the forest got back to the deputy base commander, Lieut Col Charles Halt.

Halt, who retired from the military with the rank of colonel and now lives in Woodbridge, Virginia, told The Sun: "I thought something must have happened but I didn't think it was a UFO.

"The following night we were having an evening function at the base. A lieutenant came rushing in, white as a sheet, and said, 'It's back'.

"I knew I needed to put an end to this because everyone at the base was becoming obsessed with it so I gathered a team to go into the forest.

"First we headed to the site where the craft had apparently landed the previous evening. As we went deeper into the forest our radios and motorised lights kept cutting out.

"I tested the indentations in the clearing with a Geiger counter and found readings between eight and 16 times higher than normal background radiation.

"As we were standing in the clearing, we saw a bright oval object bobbing around the trees.

"We followed it through the forest and out to a farmer's field. It burned bright as fire and seemed to be dripping some kind of molten metal.

"It then broke into five separate white objects and disappeared.

"Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky.

"Some of them were sending beams of light down towards the base's weapons storage areas.

"Other personnel stationed there claim to have seen the beams of light, as did local residents."

Several weeks later, Col Halt wrote a memo to Britain's Ministry of Defence about what had happened.

To this day he remains one of the highest-ranking military officers to go on record about a UFO sighting.

Col Halt said: "That night I went into the forest thinking I would debunk the idea there was a UFO. I don't know what I saw but all I know is that I couldn't explain it."

Col Halt's historic memo contains chilling details such as the fact "the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy" when the object was seen.

In the early 1990s, civil servant Nick Pope was heading the unit responsible for investigating UFO sightings in UK air space. He decided to reopen the Rendlesham file and conduct a cold-case review.

He said: "Rendlesham was the UFO holy grail - it was the one case we really couldn't explain.

"It is given added credibility by the fact that it involves expert military witnesses. However, all I managed to uncover was a botched investigation."

Nick reckons the incident remains a mystery because of a mixture of human error and delayed reaction. He said: "Because it was Christmas, information was not passed quickly enough between the MoD and the American Air Force.

"Also, the clearing where the craft was supposed to have landed should have been cordoned off to prevent contamination and metal detectors should have been used to test it.

"Examining radar tapes is a crucial part of any UFO investigation, but for some reason Charles Halt's memo gave incorrect dates for the incident, so when the MoD checked the radar tapes they found nothing.

"But years later I spoke to a former RAF radar operator who had received a call to check the radar from someone at the base at the time. For three or four sweeps something did show up above the base. But no official report was made.

"It is a great shame because the Rendlesham Forest incident represents the best opportunity we have had in this country to resolve the UFO phenomenon."

The fascinating secret files on the incident were released by the

MoD in 2002 under the Freedom Of Information Act.

But their failure to provide definite proof as to what was in that clearing in Suffolk has led UFO buffs the world over to claim the Government is covering up the existence of aliens.

Nick said: "The release of the MoD's files both satisfied and dissatisfied. While they provided some very interesting material, there is no smoking gun proving that UFOs exist. Those expecting to find evidence of a wrecked alien spaceship being kept in an aircraft hangar were disappointed.

"Of course, plenty of ufologists will claim real evidence proving the existence of extra-terrestrials is being held back."

In 2001, 21 years after the Rendlesham sighting, the mystery became even more intriguing when an entirely different explanation was offered.

Former US security police officer Kevin Conde heard about the incident and came forward to claim it had all been a hoax.

He said it was a practical joke he played on a security specialist who was a gate guard at the base.

Conde claims he used the bright white spotlight of his patrol vehicle, along with his red and blue emergency lights and green and blue military flashlights, to fool the guard into thinking he saw a UFO.

But many have dismissed Conde's claims as an attempt to write himself into the story to cash in.

Sceptics have also argued that the lights could have come from the nearby Orford Ness lighthouse.

But Col Halt says he and other witnesses were familiar with the lighthouse.

Indeed, he reckons the beam was visible as an entirely separate object for some time during the UFO sighting.

And he added: "A lighthouse doesn't move through the forest, doesn't go up and down, it doesn't explode, doesn't change shape, size - doesn't send down beams of light from the sky."

The Rendlesham Forest incident has now become part of modern British folklore.

Alien-hunters still flock to the forest to conduct UFO watches, and the Forestry Commission even set up an official "UFO trail" dedicated to the mystery.

Cover-up or hoax, we are no nearer knowing what really happened. But the truth is out there - somewhere.

[Thanks to Nick Pope for the lead]

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Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 16:45:55 +0100
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 15:25:45 -0400
Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

>From: Don Ledger <dledger.nul>
>To: ufoupdates.nul
>Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 03:07:40 -0300
>Subject: Re: Anomaly Sensors

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Hello Don,

A NASA guy, Dr Noever based at MSFC (I think, at the time) made a comment in an email chat: that most commercial (electrical - electronic?) gyros are 'governed' in some way - probably meaning they're set not to exceed certain amounts or rates of swing, depending on their intended use.

Maybe that's why the literature says that aircraft gyro-compasses might have to be re-set after turbulence or aerobatics?

Cheers

Ray D

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>>Subject: Anomaly Sensors

>>>From: Ray Dickenson <r.dickenson.nul>
>>>To: <ufoupdates.nul>
>>>Date: Fri, 25 Jul 2008 23:06:45 +0100
>>>Subject: Anomaly Sensors [was: Roswell Rock Raises Questions]

<snip>

>>>Note: the relative movement of large mass, like a ship or an
>>>aircraft, around a gyro can affect it slightly without a UFO.

>>I should have added previously that there is a possibility that
>>EM affects alone could have caused the gyrocompass to redirect:
>>One being that the speed of gyro motors may have been impeded -
>>causing some precession type movement of the gyro mechanism?

>Note: You should identify the aircraft.

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>derived from a dry pump on the airplane's engine[s] or via a
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>which strikes the flywheel [like a mini paddlewheel] causing it
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(model?). I was just being as brief as possible. But, agreed, it
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higher speed Internet which could make that more difficult
anyway.

I'm working on this as time permits and your input is
appreciated. I've already tried calling the interviewer several
times. But, as you know, picking up on a stale case is always
problematic. But, I believe some of the information we could
have gleaned from the pilot, with the addition of new questions
(may have been asked already too), will reveal themselves with a
closer look at the specifics of the gyro compasses. They appear
to be motor driven . . .

Appreciate the insights...

Best,
Viktor

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YouTube Alien Abduction

From: Katharina Wilson <K.Wilson.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 11:23:18 -0500
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 15:30:00 -0400
Subject: YouTube Alien Abduction

Dear List:

I don't know about anyone else, but I really needed a good laugh today, and this did it for me.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=newDRrBEO_M

Thanks to Tom Boyle for the lead.

Enjoy!

Katharina

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Precisely my problem Viktor, I'm on a snail's crawl dial-up right
now. I don't event try to download audio, or large JPEGs and
forget about video. I hope to have that solved in a week or so.

Don

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April 2007 Channel Islands Report Posted

From: Joe McGonagle <joe.mcgonagle.nul>
Date: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 22:33:27 +0100
Archived: Wed, 30 Jul 2008 18:43:02 -0400
Subject: April 2007 Channel Islands Report Posted

The final report for this interesting case is now available at:

<http://www.guernsey.uk-ufo.org/>

Congratulations to Jean-Francois Baure, David Clarke, Paul Fuller and Martin Shough.

Joe

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Source: NASA - Phoenix Mission - Tucson, Arizona

http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/phoenix/news/phoenix-20080731.html

07.31.08

NASA Spacecraft Confirms Martian Water, Mission Extended

TUCSON, Arizona -- Laboratory tests aboard NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander have identified water in a soil sample. The lander's robotic arm delivered the sample Wednesday to an instrument that identifies vapors produced by the heating of samples.

"We have water," said William Boynton of the University of Arizona, lead scientist for the Thermal and Evolved-Gas Analyzer, or TEGA. "We've seen evidence for this water ice before in observations by the Mars Odyssey orbiter and in disappearing chunks observed by Phoenix last month, but this is the first time Martian water has been touched and tasted."

With enticing results so far and the spacecraft in good shape, NASA also announced operational funding for the mission will extend through Sept. 30. The original prime mission of three months ends in late August. The mission extension adds five weeks to the 90 days of the prime mission.

"Phoenix is healthy and the projections for solar power look good, so we want to take full advantage of having this resource in one of the most interesting locations on Mars," said Michael Meyer, chief scientist for the Mars Exploration Program at NASA Headquarters in Washington.

The soil sample came from a trench approximately 2 inches deep. When the robotic arm first reached that depth, it hit a hard layer of frozen soil. Two attempts to deliver samples of icy soil on days when fresh material was exposed were foiled when the samples became stuck inside the scoop. Most of the material in Wednesday's sample had been exposed to the air for two days, letting some of the water in the sample vaporize away and making the soil easier to handle.

"Mars is giving us some surprises," said Phoenix principal investigator Peter Smith of the University of Arizona. "We're excited because surprises are where discoveries come from. One surprise is how the soil is behaving. The ice-rich layers stick to the scoop when poised in the sun above the deck, different from what we expected from all the Mars simulation testing we've done. That has presented challenges for delivering samples, but we're finding ways to work with it and we're gathering lots of information to help us understand this soil."

Since landing on May 25, Phoenix has been studying soil with a chemistry lab, TEGA, a microscope, a conductivity probe and cameras. Besides confirming the 2002 finding from orbit of water ice near the surface and deciphering the newly observed stickiness, the science team is trying to determine whether the

water ice ever thaws enough to be available for biology and if carbon-containing chemicals and other raw materials for life are present.

The mission is examining the sky as well as the ground. A Canadian instrument is using a laser beam to study dust and clouds overhead.

"It's a 30-watt light bulb giving us a laser show on Mars," said Victoria Hipkin of the Canadian Space Agency.

A full-circle, color panorama of Phoenix's surroundings also has been completed by the spacecraft.

"The details and patterns we see in the ground show an ice-dominated terrain as far as the eye can see," said Mark Lemmon of Texas A&M University, lead scientist for Phoenix's Surface Stereo Imager camera. "They help us plan measurements we're making within reach of the robotic arm and interpret those measurements on a wider scale."

The Phoenix mission is led by Smith at the University of Arizona with project management at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., and development partnership at Lockheed Martin in Denver. International contributions come from the Canadian Space Agency; the University of Neuchatel, Switzerland; the universities of Copenhagen and Aarhus in Denmark; the Max Planck Institute in Germany; and the Finnish Meteorological Institute.

For more about Phoenix, visit:

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UFO Fleet Over Rosario Argentina

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Subject: UFO Fleet Over Rosario Argentina

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July 31, 2008

Source: Planeta UFO
Date: 30 July 2008

Argentina: A UFO Fleet Over Rosario

Date of Sighting: July 27, 2008
Time: 12:12
Location: Rosario
Place: 3 de Febrero and Cafferata Streets

[A report from witness Roberto Horacio]:

I was driving in my car along Calle 3 de Febrero in a westbound direction, paying attention to the traffic, when something in the sky drew my attention. Upon looking upward, I saw several objects floating some 60 degrees over the horizon. They seemed very distant and very high in the air.

The most outstanding thing was a "sort of dirigible balloon suspended in the air" - it was shiny, white, did not make any erratic movements and remained static. To its right, and beneath it, was a lens-shaped object; above this one, was another lens-shaped object, and still another one to the right of the "balloon" - it was clear that these were parallel to the surface, all of them reflecting the sun's light on their surfaces, as if metallic. To the far right of this cluster of objects were six objects, keeping distance between each other. No apparent movement was discernible among these either.

I continued to drive, asking one of my daughters to notice what a strange display this was. She was able to see it clearly.

Time went by. When I turned on Calle Constitucion, the objects remained in sight; I headed toward Calle Zaballos, where we met my other daughter, who was also able to observe them.

All of the objects were in the same position. The three of us kept watching this display of objects suspended in the air. When we made a turn on Castellanos and Zaballos, I pulled over at the corner (we had an excellent view) and the three of us were able to see that the group of objects was vanishing into the cloudless blue sky. We remained a few minutes until we saw them all disappear, with the balloon-shaped object being the last to do so. All of them seemed to be far away, much farther than the city limits of Rosario, perhaps hundreds of kilometers away and very high up, yet below the [air corridors] used by international aviation as they come in from the north or west, when they use Rosario as a vector to follow the Parana River toward Ezeiza International Airport in Buenos Aires.

The phenomenon was visible between 5 and 8 minutes from its start at 12:12 to its very end.

If someone else saw this phenomenon please contact me.

(signed)
Horacio Roberto

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The Cost Of Curiosity

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Subject: The Cost Of Curiosity

Source: The Guardian - London, UK

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/jul/31/hacking.usa>

Thursday July 31 2008

The Cost Of Curiosity

Gary McKinnon is no terrorist =96 he's a UFO nerd. And the US would be wise to give him a job.

Duncan Campbell
guardian.co.uk,

So Gary McKinnon, the hacker who cracked the computer systems of the Pentagon and Nasa from his bedroom in north London more than seven years ago, is to be extradited to stand trial in the US. That was the ruling this week of the law lords as they departed on their summer holidays.

They brushed aside the arguments of McKinnon's distinguished legal team that he could not be guaranteed a fair trial there. "The difference between the American system and our own is not perhaps so stark as the appellant's argument suggests," said Lord Brown of Eaton-under-Heywood, in his ruling. "It is difficult to think of anything other than the threat of unlawful action which could fairly be said so to imperil the integrity of the extradition process as to require the accused to be discharged irrespective of the case against him."

Well, who knows what news gets through to Eaton-under-Heywood these days, but if Lord Brown and his four colleagues had done some cursory research on the current state of the US criminal justice system they would know there is a very stark difference between the way he could be treated by the US courts and how he would be treated here

There may be much wrong with the British criminal justice system but, compared to the lottery that is the American judicial process, there are a number of sober differences. For a start, here you would not find yourself in jail for 50 years for stealing \$160 worth of video tapes, or for 25 years for smoking marijuana. Nor does the UK operate a Guantanamo Bay where the most basic legal principles have been abandoned as part of a post-9/11 panic. And there is no guarantee that, if tried in the US, McKinnon would not be confronted by some grandstanding, publicity-seeking judge deeply offended that a chap in a flat in north London can leave a message saying "your security is really crap" on the Pentagon computer, as McKinnon did. After all, one American official in this case has already said that he would like to see him "fry"

Gary McKinnon started his hacking long before the events of September 11 and his offence has nothing to do with terrorism. In fact, much of his exploration was in pursuit of information about UFOs. But, because of the embarrassment he has caused the Pentagon, he is being pursued as if his offence was in some way

connected to US national security. He will not, in reality, face 60 years in jail, but he could well receive a grossly disproportionate sentence for an offence that would be dealt with in this country with a fine and community service. Maybe he would have to pay some compensation, although the real financial cost to the Pentagon and Nasa systems is small, certainly nothing like the fanciful, inflated claim of \$700,000 being made by the US authorities. The real loss is one of face

What McKinnon did was expose a faulty security system in a mischievous fashion. Previous hackers in this country who have transgressed in this way, out of curiosity rather than for financial gain, have been rewarded with jobs as security consultants by the very firms whose systems they cracked. McKinnon himself has been congratulated by some members of the US military for showing up the failings of their system. If the US authorities had been smart, they would have invited McKinnon into the embassy and asked him for advice rather than seeking to make him a scapegoat for their own inadequacies.

This week, the law lords had a wonderful opportunity to assert our independence from the US and to make a point about the abandonment of legal principles there since September 11. They have failed to do so. We must now hope that the European court of human rights will step in to prevent a great injustice to a man whose real offence was to tell the Pentagon a blunt truth.

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